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Hallo again. The temperatures are up in the high twenties once again. Spring is here. Let's see more of you at the dam and on the water.

We sent out an opinion poll on 31st July 2009 to all our members, to get the feel of what you think about smoking in the bar. As you are aware, it is legislation that smoking in public is only allowed in certain designated areas. Due to the fact that we do not have smoking and non-smoking facilities at our club, many members avoid the bar because they feel that it is too smoky.

We received unanimous feedback from many of our members (even those that smoke) stating that they all felt that it was a good idea to ban smoking in the bar. As one member stated, he doesn't mind stepping out of the bar, onto the veranda to have his cigarette and come back inside once he is finished. After discussion, the Management Committee have decided that with immediate effect, **no smoking will be allowed in the bar, club house, ablutions or office.** Members wishing to smoke may only do so on the veranda.

A very big **Thank you to Eddie Swart** who collected and transported the steel for the floor of the old bridge building. Eddie informed us that he was donating the steel to the club. Dankie Eddie, Jy is 'n ster.

On **22nd August 2009**, **Vicky** our kid's club officer, **held a kite flying afternoon.** For once the wind played along and quite a few children had great fun with their kites. Needless to say quite a few of the kites landed up in the tall trees.

Arnold and Eleanor Spies hosted our first **Bingo Evening**. Arnold manned the computer and Eleanor called out the numbers. Members purchased a booklet of 10 games at R2 each. Unfortunately, we had an overwhelming response and latecomers did not get a booklet. Sorry guys, we do apologise and we will definitely cater for more people next time.

Rory Greig generously **donated** some **prizes**. Prizes were given for the line prize, then for the first person to get a Bingo and lastly everyone's names were put into a lucky draw, at the end of each round. Thank you Arnold and Eleanor for a most entertaining evening.....

Alet Smith once again **outdid herself in the kitchen** and everyone could order "chicken" or "beef" curry and rice at R40 per plate for adults and half price for children. One word, three syllables - Delicious!!!

The Prize giving of the **Basset Bodies Winter Series** was held for the radio controlled boats. Sleigh Haynes earned 1st place with "No crux". 2nd went to Arnold Spies with "Rigby" and 3rd was Johnny Smith with "T Bone". Well done guys.....

A big **thank you to Andre Kapp** who stood in for John and Marian Williams while they were on leave for three weeks. Andre, you did an excellent job!!!

Unfortunately, **Marian developed Pneumonia** while they were on holiday and they had to cut their road trip short. Marian chose to stay at home in bed, rather than go into hospital and assures me that John played a very dependable Florence Nightingale role. Marian you must look after yourself....

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that Dylan Emmett and Tielman Burger Junior have jointly been chosen to attend the **Spice Course donated by Offshore Sailing Academy**. Our thanks to the Academy for affording our juniors this wonderful opportunity.

We are once again hosting a **Power Boat Skippers Course** on Saturday 12th September 2009 from 08h00 till 15h00. If there is enough time the exam will be written the same day, otherwise it will be written on Sunday Morning at 9h00. We have requested that Jan Nienaber also be available to do **Certificates of Fitness (COF)** on boats. Members wishing to attend the course or have a COF done, are requested to contact Marian to book so that we can get an idea of numbers.

We have had quite a good response from members regarding the **Group Boat Insurance Scheme**. Approximately 32 members (over 60 boats) have responded and provided that competitive rates are offered, we hope to go ahead with the Scheme very soon. Tielman Burger will be doing the necessary enquiries with various insurance companies.

Members are reminded that our Stephen Bester sent out an email regarding the **installation and certification of buoyancy foam** at a cost of R1 500 per 10kg of foam. If we can book 5 boats at a time, Wayne Button is prepared to reduce the cost to R1 300 per 10kg of foam. Anyone interested please contact Stephen Bester at besters@mweb.co.za.

Due to popular demand, we have looked at the menu in the kitchen and made some exciting changes. Members are invited to come down to the dam and try the additional dishes.

Rear Commodore's Report

August? Should be the wind month, but no wind at the **Grand Slam** event over the weekend of the 8th 9th and 10th August 2009. In short, for South African Sailing - Northern Region Combined Provincial one design Championships, the event will be re-sailed again later in the year.

MOD interclub keelboat racing saw Johnny Smit on JEM, Stadt 23 getting a third place. Johnny sailed very well. First place went to Rob Willcox on the L26, "Streetcar" and Jessica Lenz, second on the J22.



Andrew Kirk (Sponsor - Forte), John Haynes, Hilda and Johnny Smit and Sleigh Haynes

The **Brass Monkey series sponsored by Forte** finished on the 23rd August. Racing class 1st - Johnny Smit - Stadt 23, "JEM", 2nd - Deon van der Walt - Mistral, "Noumea", 3rd - Tyronne Morris - Stadt 23, "Flashpoint". Cruising or non spinnaker class 1st Trish, Mistral "Joyride", 2nd Ronnie Hamlet, Fantasia 28 "Tequila Sunrise" and 3rd Ian Vivacity 19 "Dream One". A special word of thanks must go to Andrew Kirk and Forte for sponsoring this series.

On the 22nd August, Tielman Burger, Rodney Beresford and Steve Thyse from TYC (Transvaal Yacht Club – Hartebeespoort) on Agattu the JS9000 competed in the **Ron Roseveare Night Race** hosted by Pennant Nine Yacht Club, with the support of Anchor Creek Marina. The race started at the DAC Mark then to the following marks LDYC, Rose Bay, North Bay, Tombstones, Big Bend, finishing at Pennant Nine in the Bay, all marked by Yachts at anchor with flashing lights, Red for a port rounding and Green for starboard rounding and the finish boat with a flashing Blue light.

We started at 16H30 with 17 other boats with Baleka the Fast 42 immediately taking the lead, with spinnakers up in a 6-8 knot wind and us chasing. Approaching the LDYC mark we had to drop the spinnakers and beat the last few hundred meters. They were about 2 minutes ahead at the mark. It was spinnakers up again and we reached for most of the way fairly tight and we held them. From Rose Bay it was a beat to North Bay with big holes appearing. Herbie on Baleka went up into the Bay then across to the Island whilst we

stayed in Rose Bay, then tacked twice to the Chicken tree then to the end of the Island and up the Shore off Government Farm. Baleka pulled away on this leg as they are faster on the beat, more so in the light conditions. It was dark by now. Our lights were giving problems but Mc Gyver, Biltong Bertie Beresford was crawling around fixing successfully. After rounding the North Bay Mark we were becalmed, spinnaker up heading for Stilbaai. After what felt like hours, we could hear the chasing boats coming into North Bay on Fresh wind on the Government farm shores. We gybed over to the fresh breeze and found it, but did not have the courage to round the Island on the Deneysville side of the Island. Something Peter Watts mentioned the next morning worked for him. We gybed at the top end off the Island all the way to Commorant Bay. This shoreline was fully lit. The wind was still about 6 – 8 knots and we could see Baleka's mast running light and they were not pulling away. We gybed on the shore and crossed the South End of the Island to the Peninsula shoreline. Another gybe through the Confluence, then a gybe into Tombstones. We could see Baleka ahead and chased. Baleka rounded Tombstones and tacked up into the bay. We wondered what they were doing and found out afterwards that they were having a braai and lost it a little. We rounded Tombstones, chuffed that we had caught Baleka with their move but it wasn't meant to be. We hit the putty as we were too close to the Southern Shore out of Tompstones. We sat for a while and had to loosen the keel and hoist it up, letting Baleka pass us and reclaim their advantage. Once loose we sailed with keel half up through Big Bend where the wind got very light and then tacked several times, afraid of the depth around Big Bend, crossing the finish line at about 22h20. Baleka beat us by about 30 minutes with the next boat in about an hour later. Final results - Cayachtic a Charger 33 with the Coetzee family on board in 1st, Baleka 2nd, Agattu 3rd. We enjoyed the race and the concept. There was hot soup at Pennant Nine with the ferry available and the bar open all night. The last boats finished at about 4 O' Clock the next morning.

Lipton Cup - our team claimed an excellent 6th place in the most competitive regatta in South Africa. Whilst in second at one time, only three races were sailed, as the weather did not play its part. Brandon and his team asked me to relay their thanks to everyone for the sponsorship and support.

It will be a busy September with 4 major regattas Big Boat, Laser Nationals, Hobie 14 Provincials and Keelboat Week. We also have our sail past and the beginning of our Spring Series sponsored by Star Marine.

See you on the water...

Tielman Burger

Forthcoming Events for September 2009

5 September	Sail Past and blessing of waters	13h00
6 September	MOD Summer 1 – VCA	10h00
12-13 September	Big Boat Regatta – SPYC	Notice
19 September	Management Committee Meeting	10h00
	Arbor Day and Kidz bin painting	13h00
	Saturday Series Fun Race	14h00
	Spring Regatta radio controlled boats	16h00
	Potjiekos Competition	18h00
20 September	Star Marine Spring Series 1	10h00
23-27 September	Laser Nationals	Notice
	Hobie 14 Provincials	Notice
24-27 September	Keelboat Week	Notice
24 September	<i>Public Holiday – Heritage Day</i>	



“Wisdom is divided into two parts: (a) having a great deal to say, and (b) not saying it.”

Unknown

Teresa Wolmarans
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

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Treasurer: C Harvey PRO/Signal: T Wolmarans Secretary: A Smith
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