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**September 2009 – Newsletter No: 5**

September has been quite a busy month at the dam.

Our congratulations to Alan Stuart who married a gorgeous girl, Samantha on 12 September 2009. He had a website designed to show family and friends the whole event in a photograph format. The address is [www.stuartwedding.co.za](http://www.stuartwedding.co.za).



LDYC would like to thank Jack Wiid from **Pioneer Plastics** who donated a **Jetty gangway and pontoon** which has already been installed in our harbour. Those wishing to purchase a walk-on, please contact Geoff at (083) 273-9542. The prices are being finalised and will be put onto the website shortly.

We wish to thank **Dr Edward Wium** who **donated** a **caravan** to the club. He will not recognise it once the renovation team has finished with it. This team has been given a budget and the task of re-vamping the caravans down at the sea cadet's area. We would like to restore these old ladies to their former glory for use by our members.

One of our brand new member's, **Alistair Johnstone**, donated **40 sailing hats** to the club, 20 cream and 20 navy ones. Thank you, we will sell them to our sailors this summer. They are available at a nominal price of R50 each.

Just a reminder to our members that we have sorted through all the regalia, taken stock and drastically reduced the prices. Come on guys and gals, pop into the office and check out the merchandise.....

**Marian Williams** has been literally and figuratively working "her fingers to the bone". She has donated the material and **re-covered our 40 bar stools**. They look beautiful. John has stabilised the bar stools with longer nails as well. Thank you to both of you for all your hard work and dedication.

The **Power Boat Skippers Course** on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009 was attended by 16 people and all passed with flying colours.

The **installation and certification of buoyancy foam** by Wayne Button has also been well supported by our members.

Vicky Fenny held a **kidz bin painting** event on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The event was well supported, the kids had an absolute ball and we now have quite a few nicely painted bins on the property. Thank you, Vicky.

We held our annual Potjiekos Competition on the same day. It was well supported with more than 13 entries. This year, we had multiple judges who had to rate each pot and at the end of the judging, the score cards were tallied by Alet, Sharron and Eleanor. The winner was Alistair Johnstone and Kayleigh Buchler. The runners-up was Kei Ackerman and Vicky Fenny.

### **Rear Commodore's Report**

Big Boat Regatta Results - 13 LDYC boats out of 36 competitors entered and Keith Vennell helmed a 14<sup>th</sup> boat.

1st Racing	Agattu - JS9000	SIN700	Tielman & Alet, Brian Lion-Cachet.
3rd Racing	Trilonium - Twiggy Tri	58	Geoff Teasdale & Family
6th Racing	Madame Pizzazz - Farr 40	RSA761	Roy & Lynda Spurdle & Comrades
7th Racing	The Big Monster - Sea Cart	30RSA2	Mark Hammick, Alex Schon, Barry Hundley & Friends
8th Racing	Grand Cruz - Nimbus	23	Johnny & Hilda Smit, the Heyns Family
10th Racing	Sofia - Nimbus	18	Tyronne Morris & Kids, Jay d' Engle
17th Racing	Soteria - Farr 38	RSA808	Rodney & Sharron Beresford, Kei & Vicky Ackerman Johan, Lourette & Thanda Slaghuis, Chantel & Ivan
19th Racing	Kinetics - Muira Furler	RSA1759	Eleanor & Arnold Spies with friends
20th Cruising	Moonshiner - Stadt 34	RSA1197	Tommy Redmond, Sabina, Elaine (the class of 98)
21st Racing	Stratus - Nimbus	13	Eddie & Alba Swart & Family (New Sails ? Alex, Keith)
25th Racing	Barefoot Dancer - Peterson	33	Neil Hamilton - Single handed (Personality problems)
29th Racing	Nessie - Fantasia 28	5	John Gaukrodger, John Brownhill, (Party Boat)
32nd Cruising	Bryana - Dudley Dix 38	RSA3641	Luke Fisher & Family (thought it was a cruise)

I have only mentioned a few of the crew members.

Racing started off with very little wind on Saturday, with some boats battling to get off the line. The Mount Gay 30 "Sticky Fingers" (UTAX) lead the way, followed by the Fast 42 "Baleka" and the JS9000 "Agattu" chasing. That was the order at the first mark. Mark Hammick with the Sea Cart 30 Trimaran "The Big Monster" soon overtook all of us. With big holes appearing, we (Agattu) took the rumpline to the muster mark followed by "Baleka" whilst the Sea Cart 30, "Sticky Fingers", "Madame Pizzaz", and "Ladybird" Trimaran Andrew Holloway (Farrier 28 from Durban and regular visitors) went out to the East towards Rosebay. Rounding Muster Mark 1<sup>st</sup> The Sea Cart 30, "Ladybird", "Agattu", "Sticky Fingers". The run to the DAC mark was straight downwind "Sticky Fingers" passed us and pulled away as we can't run as deep downwind.

We gybed over at the DAC mark and carried our spinnaker all the way to LDYC sticking to the North Western shore. We caught and passed "Sticky Fingers" and "Ladybird" with Mark Hammick on the Sea Cart 30 within shouting distance, as they aimed for the wrong mark, apparently navigated by Alex Schon.

The Westerly started to fill in at about 8-12 knots but stayed on the shore. The Seacart opened up from us whilst "Ladybird", "Sticky Fingers" and "Agattu" had a ding dong battle, running out of wind as the wind filled in slowly over the dam. The Sea Cart got stuck in a hole a few hundred metres from the finish and we all ended up there. The Sea Cart finished with "Sticky Fingers" 2<sup>nd</sup> and "Ladybird" 3<sup>rd</sup> they found a movement to the east and "Agattu" 4<sup>th</sup> third on handicap and second monohull after we sat in the hole for 17 minutes. Further back Johnny Smit sailed very well beating his long time rival Tyrone Morris on Sofia and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on handicap.

The Sunday started with a nice breeze and we were involved in an incident at the DAC mark, after some leading boats did not read the instructions and came with spinnakers up into a mark that required a tack. After we did a 720 turn penalty, we hoisted our spinnaker and reached away with our flattest cut spinnaker to the LDYC mark. We were able to carry our spinnaker all the way and rounded in second place behind the Sea Cart 30 in ideal conditions for the 3 Trimarans and the JS9000 "Agattu". We gybed at the mark and continued with the spinnaker whilst the other Monohulls found it too tight. The Sea Cart and "Ladybird" powered away from us whilst we kept the keelboat fleet behind us. We rounded Muster in 3<sup>rd</sup> with Geoff Teasdale on Trilonium the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimaran on our stern. Trilonium passed us on the leg to the DAC mark and finished close ahead of us. We kept the chasing bunch of Keelboats which included "Sticky Fingers", "Baleka", "Madame Pizzaz" behind us. We finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place and won the regatta.

Johnny Smit won the Nimbus battle on Grand Cruz. Johnny and Tyrone developed into two very competitive sailors battling it out on either the Stadt 23's or the Nimbus.

LDYC won the Inter-club trophy.

The Stadt 34 "Ice Breaker" from VCA finished a strong 2<sup>nd</sup> position, with "Sticky Fingers" in 4<sup>th</sup>. Both are very competitive every year.

If the breeze had been consistent the Big Monster would have controlled the event.

It was the second time we won the regatta after winning it on the RCOD Spray with Arnold Spies and young Tielies around 2001/2002 and sailing with Rodney Beresford for two years collecting a lot of silverware. We decided to import the JS9000 from Singapore for its speed, limited crew requirements and low maintenance, whilst finishing with the front runners. We still need to develop the sail plan for lighter and very heavy conditions.

Sail Past - The seasonal opening, blessing of the waters, flag hoisting ceremony and sail past was well attended on a perfect spring day and we got very wet on the water.

Spring Series - The spring series sponsored by Star Marine kicked off with 12 entries.

Keelboat Week - LDYC were not as well represented as we would like, but we managed a 4<sup>th</sup> in the Gold with Greg Plunkett on the J22 "Wild Card" and a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the silver class with Kyle Harvey on the Hunter "Out of control". SPYC took the inter-club trophy. We will concentrate on the event and MOD series for 2010.

Laser Nationals - 43 entries and the 8 races sailed went off well. Austin Daly did an excellent job on the bridge, using favourable conditions on Thursday and Friday to get 6 races in. Friday was too heavy for various competitors later in the day, so the clubhouse got busy.

Laser Full Rig Class – 1<sup>st</sup> Pete Shaw all the way from Cape Town (Zeekoevlei Yacht Club) winning all the races, David Leigh from Richardsbay (Zululand Yacht Club) in 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cambell Alexander From Durban (Point Yacht Club) 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Laser Radial - 1<sup>st</sup> Mathew Shaw, Cape Town (Zeekoevlei Yacht Club), 2<sup>nd</sup> Stefano Marcia, Benoni sailing Club.

Laser 4.7 - 1<sup>st</sup> James Leigh, Richardsbay (Zululand Yacht Club).

The Mozambiquan team from Clube Maritimo, Adriano, Miguel and Bartomeul presented our club and the other race officials with their club golf shirts.

Hobie Dragoon training under the leadership of the well known coach and world class hobie sailor, Belinda Hayward, went off very well with 12 young sailors at the camp. Chantel Hammick organised the event with the support of the new Hobie South African agent and principal Mike Goodyer. The Hobie Dragoon sailors are practising for the youth Nationals in December. The Hobie Dragoon is an exciting new boat on the South African scene for the younger sailors.

Skippers Ticket - As soon as the new Inland Skippers Yacht Skipper curriculum is released, we will be running an inland skippers qualification with a conversion to powerboat qualification under the South African Sailing Banner.

Junior Training - We are planning two junior sailing camps for the summer. Keep an eye out for details.

**Tielman Burger**

### **Forthcoming Events for October 2009**

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4 October	MOD Summer 2	10h00
10-11 October	Hobie 16 Spinnaker and Open Cats	Notice
17 October	6 Hour Endurance – PNYC	Notice
24 October	Management Committee Meeting	10h00
	Kiddies Treasure Hunt	Notice
	Saturday Series Fun Race	14h00
	Spring Regatta radio controlled boats	16h00
	Fancy Dress Party	19h00
25 October	Star Marine Spring Series 2	10h00

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