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NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2010

LDYC 100 MILER

Seven boats participated in the 100 Miler on 27-28th November 2010 but only 3 finished.

1 st	Faster	Multi 23
2 nd	Baleka	Fast 42
3 rd	Barefoot Dancer	Peterson 33



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SAILING CAMP – 5-8TH DECEMBER 2010

Our club house was transformed into a sea of bodies as 45 children and 5 adults arrived for registration on Sunday afternoon for the Sailing Camp that took place at our club in December.

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Our kitchen staff supplied the meals and Marian played mommy to lots of children giving them a hug and medication at the request of their parents. The boys set up their mattresses and stretchers in the main club house and the girls slept in the board room. It was a wee bit squashed but at least warm and dry.

A full itinerary, combining sailing, theory and practical was the order of the day. Fun, games, bedlam and adventure was experienced by all.



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Thanks to some kind members of our club, who sponsored their meals and the coaches who sponsored their course, Stewart and Sheenah Bremner were able to attend the course. The proviso was that they had to write what they thought of the course.

Stewart had the following to say:

It was fun doing my favorite sport. It was fun because I've sailed before. I'd like to thank Shellee for teaching me more than I've ever known. I'd like to do the next course.

Sheenah's comments were:

I liked that you all taught me how to gyb and to steer the boat and to sail about. And I had a lot of fun and I would like to do the next sailing course. (P.S. I hope that Shellee come to teach us again) Thanks, bye.

On Wednesday, a prize giving was held at 18h00 and all those that participated were given a report of their sailing abilities during the past three days.

Our club boats were used for the course and unfortunately, suffered some damage and will need to be repaired.

However, I can state that overall it was a resounding success which was enjoyed by adult and child alike.



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KIDDIES CHRISTMAS TREE



Vicky Fenny, our Kid's Club Officer sent an invitation to Father Christmas at the North Pole and he arrived a little early this year.

Contrary to popular belief, Father Christmas does like noisy machines. The children were playing games outside the club house when he arrived on the foreshore on – wait for it – a jet ski. What an excellent Father Christmas Rodney Beresford made...

Each child was given a gift from Father Christmas that had been delivered to the office earlier in the day by "Mother Christmas". There were some red buckets with goodies in them for those that Father Christmas forgot about.



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LDYC WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

We had a new member's meeting on 11 December 2010 and the following new members were signed on:

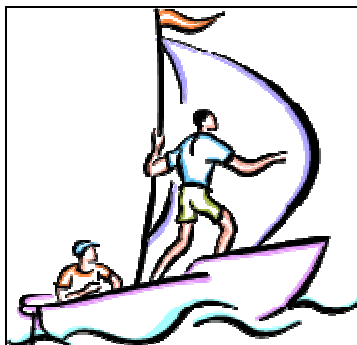
- 🚣 Con Botha - Ex Commodore of Boskop Yacht Club.
- 🚣 Thomas and Chantal Nefdt who are interested in sailing.
- 🚣 Ettienne and Charlene Viljoen with their two boys, Shawn (21) and Eugene (19). They act as crew for James Peyper.



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- ✚ Leon and Jane de Bruyn and their children Leeroy (20), Jenny (13) and Shanen (7). They own a powerboat.
- ✚ Terence and Calise Minter with their 6 year old son, Qwaid and 3 year old son, Kyne who own a Buccaneer powerboat.
- ✚ Clive and Jennifer Bruyns with their daughter, Natasha (21) and son, Bradley (19). They own a rubber duck.
- ✚ Pieter Botha and his wife Lynette with their two children, Samuel (13) and Chloe (5). They own their own business in Exotic Steel Design and will assist with functions at our club.
- ✚ Anthony Leach and Sharon Doubell who both sail a Halcat and are past members of Boskop Yacht Club.



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- ✚ Stefanie Leach, a student at University of Johannesburg who sails a Topper.
- ✚ Dr William Venter and his wife Helene and their two sons, Francois (19) and Jan-Hendrick (16) who owns a McGregor 26.
- ✚ Ryan Norton, a student from Wits who sails a hunter called "Sheba".
- ✚ Dayne Robins is a 21 year old student from University of Johannesburg and enjoys sailing.
- ✚ Mathew Rademan is a pilot with SAA who owns a power boat.
- ✚ Gareth Trent who enjoys sailing and is an Assistant Troop Scouter at First Victory View Sea Scouts.
- ✚ Nicholas and Maya Brown who sail a Hobie 16.
- ✚ Keith Brown and Christia Brown who sail on the Hobie 16 with his brother Nicholas. He owns a powerboat.
- ✚ Craig and Gwendolene Kemsley with their sons, Nicholas (16) and Tyler-Lee (13) who own a powerboat.

VAAL DAM LEVELS JUST CONTINUED TO RISE

Our thanks must go to Tielman Burger, Peter Coxall and Peter Pace who raced against time as the Vaal Dam



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water level started to rise, after all the excess rain that we had early in December 2010.

These three took it in turns to supervise the casual laborers that were employed to pack the Gambian baskets with rocks to form a wall against the rising tide. Most of the time, these guys were working in the water.

It was imperative that something be done to save our crumbling break water and as we were watching the level was rising by the second. They worked long and hard until sundown each day and eventually won the battle. Our harbor was also widened using a back actor and the area around the old bridge building built up with stones. We can sleep easy knowing that our break water is relatively safe from now on.

Apparently it was the most rain that we have had at the dam in 23 years and the dam wall was inundated with visitors coming to see the spectacle of 18 sluice gates opened. What a magnificent sight it was too.....



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However, pretty as it was, the large amount of water travelling through the sluices meant doom and gloom for people down stream on the river, in Vereeniging, Orkney and various other places around the country which were flooded. Manten Marina was also under water once again.

The LDYC club house was safe even though the water level rose up to the road going along the foreshore.. The soccer posts and the braai areas were under water.



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LADIES ROUND THE ISLAND RACE



The day of Ladies Round the Island dawned, with heavy clouds and oodles of rain. The decision was eventually made to postpone the race until 26th December 2010.

We had 9 boats participating, seven of which were LDYC lady skippers. The prize of a beautiful 9ct gold sailing locket was a draw card.

The bridge was manned by Kei and little Amy Ackerman, Teresa Wolmarans, Peter and Denise Pace.

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Anxious moments ticked by as we watched “Mega Magic” battle to start their motor and drift closer and closer to the Old Bridge Building. At one stage, they seemed to be going around one of the trees. They tell us that this was when they carved their names onto the tree stating that “Vicky, Clair and Tan were here”. After their tree inspection, they moved towards the breakwater improvements and did a further inspection there. They then managed to sort themselves out and moved towards the start line.

Trish, Jos and Pascale on “Joyride” got into the Christmas spirit and sailed past wearing their jolly red hats and their life jackets.



The first boat home in a time of 2 hours 25 minutes and the winner on handicap was the JS9000 “Agattu” helmed by Alet Smith. She was awarded a beautiful 9ct gold sailing locket. Second was the Fast 42

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“Baleka” skippered by Jessica Lenz and Third position was the Muira “Kinetics” helmed by Eleanor Spies. The final boat came in at 4 hours 21 minutes.



Alet Smith (Skipper) and Tielman Burger (Crew) who won the gold sailing locket

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TWO DAY FIRST AID COURSE HELD AT LDYC DURING 18TH AND 19TH DECEMBER 2010

Neil Kelham from "First on Scene" came to our club and did a Level One first aid course over two days on 18th and 19th December 2010.

Twelve people attended the course and all agreed that it was a lot of fun. Neil makes it very interesting and constantly asked everyone questions as he progressed through the course. He explained everything slowly and explicitly.

The fun part was the practical side with the CPR and quite a few of the members killed a few babies in the process because they inflated the chest too much or too hard.

On Sunday, everyone wrote the exam and all passed with flying colors and were handed their first aid certificates. Well Done, Guys. I must say a big thank you to Neil for coming to do the course at our club. We intend to have him back again soon after Round the Island to do the Level 2 first aid course.



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STAFF BRAAI

Mancom hosted a braai for the staff members down on the foreshore to show their appreciation for the work that they have done throughout the year.

Each staff member was also given a Christmas Hamper at Christmas time.

THE GREAT TENDER RACE – 31 DECEMBER 2010

The response to our tender race was disappointing this year with only about 6 members racing.

The idea is to grab a tender, put a motor onto it and race around the course three times. This could be a fantastic race for father/son or mother/daughter teams as it is a great deal of good, clean fun.

The idea is to at least choose a tender that will make it around the course. I know of one competitor that barely made it around the course and back to shore. He drove over something in the water and the next minute water was rushing into the boat at a fast rate. No bailing bucket, so the hands had to work double quick time.



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BRING ON THE NEW YEAR

With each passing year, our Club seems to become the place to be for the New Years Eve Party and we just seem to have more and more people attending.

This year we hired some bouncers and instructions were given to security at the gate that only members were allowed to come in. This made for a pleasant evening. The vibe was totally different, but the floor and roof still got saturated with champagne at midnight.

This year our resident DJ, Kevin Buchler once again did us proud and kept young and old on the dance floor till the early hours. Thank you, Kevin. As usual you did a fantastic job. Kevin installed a revolving crystal ball and played "Vangelis" with the Olympic flames burning. Really special.....

Let's face it. LDYC is the place to be.



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GENERAL NEWS

Camera Blues

You may have noticed that the Paparazzi haven't been around with the camera lately. The reason was that the camera was faulty and was sent in for a service and repairs. You will be happy to hear that we (the camera and I) are now on track. So beware.....

Ship Shape

The tiling has finally been finished in the "Sailors" and "Maidens" in the club house. The walls were painted and the floors and walls tiled.

The walls in the bar have also been painted. The tiling was done a while ago. We once again have stainless steel rails to rest our weary feet on. Thank you to Eddie Swart from EJ Stainless Steel for your kind donation.

