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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2011

Sail Africa

Fast Track SAS Skippers Course

Sail Africa has identified that there are many experienced sailors within the club that have not had the time to do a long winded practical sailing course but would like to achieve certification. To help these members, we have designed a course to fast track to SAS Day Skipper certification.

The course will run over a few evenings, covering theory and navigation and then a day of sailing to cover exam practical requirements. This will be followed by the SAS Day Skipper Theory exam and then a practical examination.

To qualify for the fast track course, you need to have at least 200nm (offshore) logged, a night entry and VHF marine radio licence.

The theory can be arranged to be done over a weekend at LDYC although the practical and exam will need to be in Durban.



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For more information, please contact Karen on info@sailafrica.org or call her on 071 350 8403

MY IODA AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN HAMMANET, TUNISIA



I was part of the South African Optimist Sailing Team that took part in the IODA African Championships in Hammamet, Tunisia from 1 to 9 October 2011. The other team members were Henry Daniels, David Wilson, Dylan Long and Arin Long. Our coach was Ricky Robinson. We all received cool outfits and Quantum sponsored some nice sail bags.

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We left SA on 27 September to have a few extra days to do some training and get used to the sailing conditions in Hammamet. Two French sailors from Reunion had the same idea and we made friends and practised together for 2 days before the regatta. Ricky was serious about getting us fit and every morning until the end of the regatta we had to get up early to swim laps and play water polo in the hotel pool.

On Saturday 1 October it was time for measurement and registration. At the opening we had a parade, flag hoisting and I represented Team RSA in the "mixing of the waters". Other teams were from Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, Algeria and Reunion. There were 33 sailors in the fleet. We had a party aboard a pirate themed ship with live music.



"Mixing of the Waters"

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Sunday saw the first racing with the tune-up race. There was a fairly strong wind of about 10 knots. We did not have currents, but the water was quite choppy. The water in Tunisia was incredibly warm! Ricky and the Egyptian coach shared a coaching boat.

At last – time for racing on Monday. We finished 3 races in conditions similar to Sunday. It was just a little more switchy. South Africans did fairly well, with David Wilson consistently coming 1st. The rest of us managed to stay in the top half of the fleet. Tuesday had lighter wind and we sailed 2 more races. On Wednesday it was time for the team racing. It was done in a round robin format and a lot of races were sailed. It was very exciting and competition was tough. The winning team was Algeria, with Tunisia 2nd and RSA 3rd.

On Thursday it was lay-day. We travelled in an air-conditioned bus and took in some sights. We had lunch and did some shopping as well. The coolest thing we saw was an old colosseum where the gladiators used to fight long ago.

Friday it was back to fleet racing. We had some catching up to do so 4 races were sailed. There were terrible wind switches and gusts. These benefited some sailors like me who had my best result of the regatta at 9th, but our RSA leader David Wilson lost his 1st place. On Saturday we sailed the final 3 races with a heavy pin bias at the start. David sailed very hard, but was covered by the top Algerian sailor who managed to out sail David.

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Final results were David Wilson 2nd, Henry Daniels 4th, Dylan Long 9th, Dominic 15th and Arin Long 16th, as well as a bronze medal for Team RSA for the team racing. Ricky was proud of the team and said that the Northern African sailors are very good and it was a great result for all our sailors to have finished in the top half of the fleet.



Team RSA receives their Bronze Medals

Every day after sailing we stopped at an ice-cream shop where we had 2 or 3 scoops of lots of yummy flavours. At the hotel we spent most of the time in the pool.

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On Sunday we returned home. Even that was exciting because I got to fly in the huge Airbus A380 which can take up to 800 people.

I want to thank LDYC who helped me with generous financial support that helped make this great experience possible. THANK YOU!!!!!!!

Report by: Dominic van der Walt

Ed's Note: LDYC donated R10 000 towards the cost of Dominic's Tunisia expedition. Well done Dominic, we are proud of you.....

LADIES BATHROOM UPDATE

We are so nearly there ladies. It is the final finishing touches to do be done.



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Okay Ladies, now that I have grabbed your FULL attention. Please can we have some feedback from you, Do you think we should get blinds or put up pretty curtains on kirsch rails? Now is your chance to have a say. Please email me at teresawolmarans@live.co.za with your views.

Mirrors are still to be put up. The soap dispensers and toilet roll holders to be mounted. Hand drier to be installed. A wooden cupboard to be custom made to fit in front of the geysers under the basins. Glass shower doors to go up as well as the Wooden doors for each alcove. We need to install a glass panel on the side of each bath to cordon the shower off so that water doesn't mess all over the floors.

Mancom, the members and John Williams would like to **thank Dudley Turner from Bathroom Bizarre in Boksburg** whose advice has been invaluable to our project. Being a former member of our club and a previous Round the Island sponsor, he came to the club and sent us a quote of all the items required for the project

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as well as the costs. He then generously informed us that he would give us everything at cost. Thank you Dudley, we really appreciate your generosity.

The reason that our bathrooms have taken so long to complete is the fact that we had a serious labour problem. Workers would come in, work a morning and then just leave. They would tell you they are a tiler and didn't know how to tile and so on. There seems to be serious lack of experienced workers in Deneysville.

Another member who we need to thank for going the extra mile for his club is **James Peyper**. He generously supplied us with a qualified crew of plumber, tilers and general workers that knew what they were doing and got the job done. He also subsidised their hourly rate to make it affordable for us. Thank you, James.

OUTSTANDING BATHROOM LEVIES

Unfortunately, it seems that we will be unable to do the men's ablutions until we receive some more funds in on the bathroom levies.

Please come into the office and make your payment as soon as possible.

CREDIT CARD MACHINE

We are happy to say that we now have a new credit card machine from another Bank which is more reasonable with the charges and that actually works. Please visit the office to pay your dues.

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OUTSTANDING SUBSCRIPTION FEES

Although some members have approached the club with special arrangements regarding their fees, there are still far too many members that have still not settled their membership fees for this year. We realise that times are really hard and Mancom are willing to review any reasonable offer of payment of fees.

DEFAULTER'S LIST

Members that have not paid their fees in full by end of November, or come and made payment arrangements, will have their names put up on the notice board as a defaulter.

Please remember that we use those fees for the smooth and efficient running of the Club. All members with outstanding fees will receive a letter from the club giving them notice to resign. Those members with sites will be given notice to vacate these sites,

The treasurer will be issuing invoices for the 2012/2013 year on 30 November 2011. Members can make use of this golden opportunity to pay their annual fees at a substantial 10 % discount if paid by the end of December 2011. Let's put those Christmas bonuses to good use.



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SITES AVAILABLE

Site 2	R45 000
Site 50	R23 000
Site 118	R35 000
Site 128	R50 000

2011 ORIGINAL COCKTAILS MISTRAL NATIONALS, DENEYSVILLE AQUATIC CLUB, 22 - 23 OCTOBER AND 29 - 30 OCTOBER

The Mistral Class awarded the trophy 'Most dedication to the Mistral Class' to Daphne Kasselmann,

The 'Most Improved Skipper' went to our very own junior, Dominique van der Walt.

First Lady skipper trophy (donated by Daphne Kasselmann), went to Jenny Smith skippering "Moonraker"

"WIZARD" SINKS

"Wizard" the boat that was being brought back to Durban, sank South of Madagascar after it heavily took on water in rough seas. Rodney Beresford and John Brownhill were on Board. Everybody is safe the EPIRB was activated @ 04H30. They abandoned to a life raft and were picked up by a passing ship at 13H30 the following day. They are now on their way to Singapore ETA 17 Nov 2011.



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Update from Tielman Burger



Rodney Beresford “A sad end to such a wonderful yacht.”

2011 HOBIE 14 NORTHERN REGION PROVINCIALS

The Hobie 14 Provincials were held at LDYC on the Vaal Dam over the weekend of 15-16 October. There were 12 entries, with ages ranging from 12 year old Douglas White to Hobie veteran Julius Joubert who is 68 years old and still very crafty in the lighter winds!

Well done to the three newcomers to the fleet who had to learn how to tack a H14, which is no easy task! Dave Rickson, who sails a H18, showed some entertaining capsizing techniques!

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Colin Norton, a H16 sailor and Geoff Teasdale took a step down from his 30 foot Trimaran called "Trilonium" to racing a H14 for the first time; don't get me wrong he was a brilliant H16 sailor in the early eighties. Kobus Van Huyssten made an appearance despite recovering from glandular fever. Saturday's westerly wind created some awesome racing and good spectator value. The average wind speed was 10 knots gusting up to 25 knots at times. While the Hobies were battling it out on the race course a 26ft Dragonfly Trimaran managed to capsize while racing another event on Vaal.



Racing got under way around 12h30. Race 1 was very close between Charles Girard and Simon Bonarius up until the last lap when Charles, not realising it was the finish, went on to sail an extra leg, still managed to scrounge an eighth place. Simon sailed straight for the finish getting a first with Rob Handley in second place. The guys who have mastered trapezing the H14 definitely dominated the upwind legs, but were no match for Julius Joubert and Geoff Teasdale, who seemed to pass everyone on the downwind legs.

Race 3 saw Simon Bonarius capsize on the last downwind leg. Amazingly Simon managed to right his boat without losing a position and win the race. Rudi Van Velzen, another up and coming youth, managed to win

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race 4, the last race of the day. Saturday evening's results, with 4 races sailed and no discard were as follows: Simon Bonarius in first followed by Rudi Van Velzen; Rob Handley; Charles Girard and Geoff Teasdale.

Sunday saw some light shifty wind creating some tactical sailing. Simon Bonarius won the regatta convincingly by winning race 5 and 6 followed by Rudi, who won the last race, making it two bullets for the regatta. Charles sailed very consistently with three second places, allowing him to discard his eighth position from Saturday's first race. This was not enough however to beat the two talented youth, putting Charles in third place. Youngster Douglas White finished the regatta on a high getting a third in the last race.

After the regatta, Kobus very generously donated his 1982 model Hobie 14 to Michael Muller to promote youth sailing. Kobus is taking delivery of a brand new French Hobie 14 to take his sailing to the next level in the build up to the 2012 Nationals which will be held in Knysna from 17-19 Feb 2012.



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The class is expecting 40 boats for this event with some stiff competition coming from Brad Stemmett who won the H14 Nationals and Western Cape Provincials, not to mention ex- world champions like Blaine Dodds and William Edwards and plenty other talented Hobie sailors.

If you want to take part in the Hobie 14 Nationals in Knysna next year contact Charles Girard at the Hobie shop as some of the yacht clubs and associations have boats available.

Report and Photos by Charles Girard

SAS NUMBER FOR LIFE

Has everyone registered on the South African Sailing website to get your SAS number for life? Please go to our website www.ldyc.co.za on the LDYC NEWS PAGE for more information or follow the following link: <http://sasms.sailing.co.za/>

Most of us have already paid our SAS fees and received our SAS cards from Daphne for this year.

Clair Harvey, the Treasurer, only makes payments to SAS on a monthly basis, once you have paid your SAS fees. She sends Daphne a list of the members that have made payment. Daphne then makes out your SAS card and sends it to LDYC to be handed to the paid members.

Next year all LDYC members will need to go directly to the SAS website on www.sasailing.org.za to print/download your SAS membership card.

Let's beat the rush and register beforehand. General details required are the following:

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Names and Identity Number

Boat and Class Information

If you wish you can download a photo of yourself to go onto your SAS card, you would need to have it handy on your desktop.

If you are classed as a family member, you are asked to download your wife's and children's details and they are also issued with a SAS number as an offshoot of your registration.

Once you have registered, you will receive a link to your email address, which you would need to activate. You are considered an inactive member until the final activation is done by the Treasurer/SAS Administrator who verifies with SAS that you have paid your SAS fees.

This card could be downloaded to your cell phone and used at regattas in this format.

Results of races put onto the SAS website will automatically be logged against your profile if you participated in an event, thereby noting your sailing history and career.

This allows SAS to keep a more accurate record of the number of sailors in South Africa. Class Associations will be able to establish which members belong to their Class.

Our vision is to be able to **sms or email sailors directly** with news. At this stage, it is sent to your Club and invariably never gets printed off the PC and put onto your notice board.

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies go out to Deon Pienaar, Warren and Charlene Bates and the grandchildren who lost their wife/mother/granny, Maureen.

She was hospitalised with Pneumonia and passed away suddenly on 6 October 2011.

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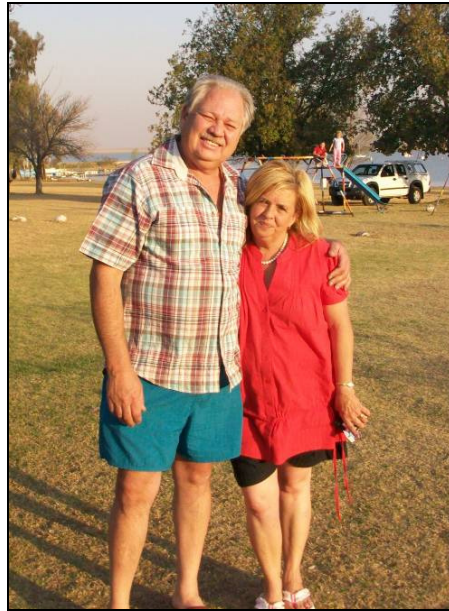


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Maureen was such a lovely person and she will be sorely missed.



Deon and Maureen Pienaar - Sep 2010

GET WELL SOON, AUSTIN

Austin Daly has been in hospital having open heart surgery towards the end of October 2011 and only came out of hospital on Saturday.

I spoke to his wife, Rita who tells me he is doing well but is extremely bored at home as he isn't allowed to drive for another 2 weeks.

This is an excellent opportunity for everyone to go and visit him.



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Austin Daly received his Admin Colours from Rob Willcox - April 2010

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laugh at yourself is maturity
-William Arthur Ward-**

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