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*DECEMBER 2003*

*CHRISTMAS EDITION*



We wish all of our new members a warm welcome.

Our Christmas and New Year celebrations are well under way, with thanks to Susan for her many hours of planning and then the biggie, the Round The Island Race 2004. This promises to be a mammoth event, with many changes planned. We have sponsors as per our esteemed commodores (Bathroom Bizarre) and past commodore re Celtics. A huge amount of planning is required for this event with volunteers being requested to man the gates and ticket sales, this becomes quite scary when we expect this year's number of visitors to far exceed past regattas. Hence the need for more volunteers to put their names forward, we encourage our new members to take part in making this a successful and memorable event.

Unsung hero this season has to be... Arnold Spies, your efforts have not gone unnoticed Arnold for the many hours in keeping our Website up to date with race winners and forthcoming events. all of these **small** issues take up precious time , and you are appreciated.

We have more than a few committee members who just quietly get on with the job.

With the ultimate of safety in mind on and off the water, LDYC committee wishes all our members old and new a very happy Christmas with all you wish for yourselves in the New Year.

Christine Durrant  
Editor  
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## **Commodores Report** **Rob Barrett**

The year has flown passed very quickly and the festive season is upon us. For the members who will be travelling to the coast and other resorts have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I wish you all a safe journey to your destination and back. For those members who have not planned to go away, hope to see you at the club.

The RTIR 2004 committee has spent an enormous amount of time and energy in planning an all-new Round the Island and have managed to obtain a major sponsor in **Bathroom Bizarre** who has sponsored R100000.00, together with a sponsor for R10000.00. from Caltex The committee is planning to make this the biggest event of its kind in the world and to this end still require volunteers to assist on this festive weekend.

At the recent Northvaal Sailing Association and South African Sailing honours evening LDYC sailors did our club proud

**Alex Schon** was presented with the **Gordon Burnwood Trophy** for winning the recent Cape to Rio Race on handicap.

Northvaal Sailing Association Colours was awarded to **Mark Malherbe and Rob Samways – Stadt 23**. Merit awards was made to **Chris Phillips, Dale Hamman and Glen Whitney** for Formula One Nationals: **Rob Samways, Mark Malherbe and Ken O’ Reily** for Stadt 23 Provincials. Congratulations Guys you did your club proud.

As it is the time of year that the clubs finances starts taking strain, I urge all members who have not paid their dues to do so as a matter of urgency.

I wish all our members and readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a safe journey to where ever it may be.

Yours in Sailing and Boating  
Rob Barrett  
**Commodore LDYC**

### **FOR SALE;**

**TWO WINDSURFERS    WHAT OFFERS???** (to boost the Junior Sailing section) **PETER COXALL 082 570 3403**

**ALSO**

**TRAPPER 28’ “Felicity” 2 cyl Volvo Penta Diesel, Inboard sail drive, VHF radio. Log. Depth Sounder, 4 berth.**

**Excellent Condition To view; Sealpoint Yacht Club or phone: 083 928 1214**

**THEFT: Please ensure caravans and vehicles are locked when not in use. Theft happens!**  
**Also, lock away your motors, they are on the hit list at the moment.**



**VICE COMMODORES REPORT**

**Mick Tuck**

Hello once again, it's unbelievable how this year has flown by and to think that all you scholars and workers only have about six weeks to your hard earned Christmas break. Since our last edition the majority of your committee's efforts have been expended in finding a sponsor and setting in motion arrangements for this years New Look Round The Island Race, however I'm pleased to report positively on a number of on-going activities.

A special thanks is due to Susan for all her efforts in providing a number of entertaining evenings for members. Work on the men's toilets is also now completed. Thanks to Rita our Commodores wife we now have new curtains in our hall, and I must say that they add more ambience to this facility. Ladies- "For Your Convenience", you will be pleased to hear that your request for a toilet facility near to the shore will be in place as soon as I have completed a few running repairs to a Porta Potty kindly donated by Wes.

As you are aware club facilities such as ladders, extension leads, cement mixer, and on special occasions hand tools are available for use by members on site, however, due to recent occurrences where equipment was not returned timeously it was considered necessary to institute more stringent controls. In this regard club equipment will only be allowed out against a formal request to your club manager.

Another unsung hero is Arnold Spies (Arnie) who is responsible for providing and maintaining LDYC's web site. All members are urged to use this valuable tool, as it is one sure way of keeping up to date with what is happening in your club. Arnie thanks for all your efforts.

Work on providing a more substantial entrance to our harbour is progressing, once complete markers will be erected to give good visibility on the course to be taken on entering this facility.

On a negative note during the last six weeks there has been a spate of thefts around the dam unfortunately this included LDYC. Approximately fourteen outboard engines were stolen from boats on swing moorings, this figure may not be the final figure as some members may not yet have visited the club since this happened. If any member only now finds his engine missing he should report this to Chris who has a SAP case number linked to this incident.

For upcoming events refer either to our web site or the back of this editorial.

To each and everyone I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. If you are going away over this period please Take care of yourselves – Remember to drive carefully.

**One Liners**

If Work is so terrific, how come they have to pay you to do it???

**Vice Commodore - Mick Tuck.**

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**Be warned of unacceptable behaviour, offenders are to be held accountable**

Once again the issue of parents not controlling their children/teenagers in the ablutions and main club house hall. Some time ago Ken Barrett kindly installed brand new basins in the ladies loo's. The following week, on a Sunday morning, it was reported that one of the basins had been ripped off the wall.

The artificial flowers that Rita Barrett brought down for the ladies loo's had also been "plucked". I eventually found the culprits, two young girls aged +- 8 years old. Their mother was found (not a club member) and I spoke to her about what had happened. She did not give a toss !

Recently a plastic overlay and tablecloth were burnt in the main clubhouse hall, somebody had vomited on the carpet and outside on the stoep. The entire hall was in a shambles on Monday morning

**Harbour Master** – (Concrete Block Brigade).

Well there is the saying - never a dull moment and this has certainly been one of those periods.

I get up in the morning look out the window see its nice and calm, jump in my trusty steed and travel to the club. After a welcome cup of coffee I'm now raring to go only to find the wind has picked up. UN-seasonal winds, what a pain in the \*\*\* - another wasted journey.

On a serious side during the last few weeks we have had terrific wind storms which has tested how well our moorings stand up to these conditions and secondly and probably more importantly how well members have secured their vessels. Over a period of three days three boats dropped their moorings and were blown to the shore. Luckily we have a muddy shoreline and most of the visible damage was limited to scratched hulls. However, its often the innocent that suffer in this case Kenny Ritchie whose boat had the rudder ripped off by a drifting vessel causing it to take on large volumes of water (A-la "sinking"). In all of these instances the shackle connecting the vessel to its mooring had under the continual movement worked loose. In one instance an inadequate safety chain had been connected but in all others there was no evidence of such a facility having been used. I think a valuable lesson can be learned from this event, firstly never under-estimate extreme weather conditions on the dam. During these particular winds large waves were generated and boats were being tossed about like corks. Secondly, always prepare for the worst case scenario and ensure your boat is attached to its mooring with a shackle man enough to do the job (do not use snap shackles). Where possible (bow eyes in particular) also ensure you have a safety chain in position and that both shackles have been correctly tightened (finger tight is not enough).

One week later we experienced a storm, which was accompanied by heavy lightning. During this storm Hunter – "Schatzi ", owned by Bobby Attwell was struck by lightning causing it to sink. Bobby we all feel for you especially knowing the pride you have in owning this your first keelboat.

Water levels still continue to fall (52%) making it necessary to move boats over the bar that extends from in front of our old bridge across the dam.

From information given me by Kies, once water levels fall below 50% it becomes difficult to get boats over this bar and into the greater dam. So please be tolerant if you should arrive and find your boat is not in its usual position.

**Same Guy – Same wishes for the future.**

**Mick Tuck**

**Harbour Master**

Horsing around!!

A man is sitting reading his newspaper when his wife sneaks up behind him and whacks him on the head with a frying pan.

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"What was that for?" He asks

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"That was for the piece of paper in your trouser pocket with the name of Mary Ellen written on it" she replies.

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"Don't be silly " he says "Two weeks ago when I went to the races Mary Ellen was the name of one of the horses I bet on".

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She seems satisfied at this and apologises.

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Three days later he's again sitting in his chair reading when she nails him with an even bigger frying pan, knocking him out cold.

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When he comes around he asks "What was that for?"

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His wife said, "Your horse phoned"

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**REAR COMMODORES REPORT**  
**Tielman Burger**

LDYC are still enjoying good interclub results as the results in the DAC Keelboat week proved.

**LDYC retained the interclub Admirals Trophy.**

**Congratulations to the following Skippers & Crew.**

Alex Schon winner of the Distance Race.  
Keith Vennel winner in the Silver Class.  
Geoff & Kelly Teasdale and the Spies family winners Formula 1 class  
Lester Johnstone & Chris Pappas winners in the Stadt 23 class.  
Tielman Burger 4<sup>th</sup> Gold Class and 3<sup>rd</sup> L26.

The Spring Series was well supported in light conditions with the Haddock family on J22 “Je Suis” the overall winners (lost their foredeck overboard) From the 2 Formula 1 youngsters Dirk Manten and Sleigh Haynes Jnr.

Sleigh Haynes Jnr won the LDYC Nocturnal Challenge Night Race on his father’s Astove “CRUX.” Well done!

Taking advantage of the water being low, we have completed a new and deeper channel to the Harbour.

The distance series need more support so get a crew together and get on the water.

The Holiday Season is loaded with activities please watch the notice boards and Web site. Take the opportunities and join in the fun.

Late entry : The L26 TATOOSH with yours truly on the helm with EJ van Niekerk and Arnold Spies came a close second in the DAC pursuit race.

Congratulations to our members who were awarded Colours at the NKA, NSA and SAS awards evening. We’re proud of you all.

**Tielman Burger**  
**Rear Commodore**

**Will the following members please collect their LDYC Round The Island Certificates from the Clubhouse.**

ACKERMAN KEI  
ADAMS DANNY  
ANTUNES FRANS  
BARTRAM RON  
BERESFORD RODNEY  
BONIFACE ALAN  
CHANTLER ANDRE  
CUTTS DAVID  
ELK B  
FYFE S  
GIRARD CHARLES  
HADDOCK B  
HEIMANN GRANT  
HEYDENRYCH BILL  
JAUCOT GUY

JOHNSON HILTON  
LINER GERITARDT  
LION-CACHET A  
McIVOR KEITH  
McLACHLAN IAN  
NEL FELIX  
NEL GARTH  
PEDRONCELLI MARCO  
PLUNKETT ACTON  
PORTER ROB  
SMITH J  
SMITH ROLAND  
STEPHEN R  
TSAUTALAS TASSO  
VAN DER HEEVER DANIEL

**Cruise to Pennant Nine**  
**Simon Fisher**

Date: 26 \ 27 September 2003

Destination: Pennant Nine Yacht club

Yachts attending: Shel Za Ve (Eddie & Linda, Faan & Elna), She's boss (Luke & Robyn), Freewheeler (Derek), Clewless (Dave), no yacht (John & Christine), Tulloch (Simon, Sheryl, Spencer & Todd).

Weather: Clear & warm.

Wind: Strong NW, +- 20knots.

**Outward Journey**

Due to the recent theft of most of our motors, many of the regular cruising fleet decided not to risk the long journey to Pennant Nine lest the wind die & without motors not be able to reach the moorings. However on Saturday morning, the wind was well on our side as we were blown to Pennant Nine in strong winds with no concern for bobbing along. We took 3 hours to reach Pennant Nine instead of our usual 5-6 hours - a great sail was had by all. Both Dave & Derek sailed single handed & impressed us with their mooring pick up techniques in the strong winds! PJ at Pennant Nine met & welcomed us at the harbour entrance & helpfully showed us to our moorings - thanks! Most of us relaxed on our yachts for the rest of the afternoon & then met in the newly revamped clubhouse for drinks, sailing chat & braai. members of Pennant Nine & Manten Marina that we met there were interested to hear of our cruising ventures & hope to join us in the future.

Supper: As mentioned we had a braai supper thanks to PJ's efficient fire. John & Christine joined us for the braai although they had driven from LDYC due to problems on their yacht - thanks for making the effort!

Breakfast: Catered breakfast by Hannelie was great & appreciated by all.

Journey home: In total contrast to the journey to Pennant Nine, we all drifted, motored or were towed home to LDYC due to little or no wind.

Thanks: To all who joined us on the cruise, to PNYC for hosting us & LDYC for promoting the cruise.

Next cruise: Cruisers' round the island - 29\30 November 2003. We will cruise from around the island and back to LDYC for the evening & breakfast.



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Simon and Sheryl Fisher  
Cruise Captains

## ROUND THE ISLAND CRUISE

Join us on a cruise from LDYC around the island & back to LDYC.

Date: 29 \ 30 November 2003

Time: 9am on jetty

Catering: Lunch on island (if weather permits), bring & braai dinner, catered breakfast.

Venue: LDYC clubhouse & sleep on yachts

RSVP: Simon (0825703367)



## BIG BIRD-COUNT, VAALDAM.

### INVITATION

THE BIG BIRD-COUNT WILL BE HELD ON VAALDAM OVER THE WEEKEND OF 17th AND 18th JANUARY 2004 AND PROMISES TO BE A REALLY GREAT EVENT WITH SOME 'BIG NAMES' IN THE BIRDING SCENE TAKING PART AND BETWEEN THIRTY AND FORTY BOATS ON THE WATER.

A BIG THANK YOU TO SASOL FROM WHOM WE HAVE RECEIVED SPONSORSHIP FOR THE COUNT, AS WELL AS TO ALL OF OUR OTHER SPONSORS AND TO ALL THOSE WHOSE PARTICIPATION WILL MAKE THE 2004 EVENT AN EVEN GREATER SUCCESS THAN BEFORE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN THE NEXT BIG BIRD-COUNT ON VAALDAM THEN PLEASE CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE INCLUDED IN THE ALLOCATION OF COUNT AREAS, BERTHS ON BOATS, CATERING ETC., AND THE MAILING LIST FOR FUTURE INFORMATION.

AT THIS STAGE WE NEED TO KNOW THE FOLLOWING:

- 1.YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS
- 2.HOW MANY FRIENDS/FAMILY WILL ACCOMPANY YOU
- 3.DO YOU HAVE YOUR OWN YACHT OR POWERBOAT
- 4.IF SO, DO YOU HAVE SPACE FOR VISITING BIRDERS.

CONTACT DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BIRDLIFE VAALDAM

TEL: EILEEN AT 016 371-1626 or MARY AT 016 371-1362

FAX: 011 318-8252

E-MAIL: [boatyard@mweb.co.za](mailto:boatyard@mweb.co.za)

WE CAN PROMISE YOU A FUN WEEKEND, WITH GOOD COMPANY AND A REWARDING COUNT. LAST TIME WE COUNTED NEARLY 8000 WATER BIRDS AND OVER 70 SPECIES. CONTACT BIRDLIFE VAALDAM NOW.

Regards

Dick & Kathy Manten

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> **Tommy O'Shaughnessy**

> Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose woman."

> The priest asks, "Is that you, little Tommy O'Shaughnessy?" "Yes, Father, it is."

> "And, who was the woman you were with?"

> "I can't be tellin' you, Father. I don't want to ruin her reputation."

> "Well, Tommy, I'm sure to find out sooner or later, so you may as well tell me now.

Was it Brenda O'Malley?" "I cannot say."

> "Was it Patricia Kelly?" "I'll never tell."

> "Was it Liz Shannon?" "I'm sorry, but I'll not name her."

> "Was it Cathy Morgan?" "My lips are sealed."

> "Was it Fiona McDonald, then?" "Please, Father, I cannot tell you."

The priest sighs in frustration. "You're a steadfast lad, Tommy O'Shaughnessy, and I admire that. But you've sinned, and you must atone. You cannot attend church for three months. Be off with you now." Tommy walks back to his pew. His friend Sean slides over and whispers, "What'd you get?"

> "Three month's vacation and five good leads," says Tommy.

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**MEMBERSHIP FEES**

01.04/2003 TO 31.03.2004

P O Box 40 Deneysville  
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CATEGORY	JOINING	ANNUAL	NOTES
	R1890.00	R1500.00	Husband and Wife plus children 0 - 11yrs
Single	R1890.00	R1250.00	Single member No children
Junior	R 170.00	R 180.00	Member's child 12 – 18 yrs
Outside Junior	R 185.00	R 270.00	Ages 12 – 18 yrs
Student	R 185.00	R 270.00	Full Time Scholars
Country	R 185.00	R 270.00	Outside 200km radius of club
Pensioner		R 295.00	Current members of more than 5 yrs standing
<b>CARAVAN SITE</b>  <b>CAMPING</b> <b>KEELBOAT STORAGE/</b> <b>MOORING MAINTENANCE</b> <b>POWER BOAT LAUNCH.</b> <b>CAT/DINGHY/ POWERBOAT</b> <b>STORAGE</b>		R1800.00 per annum R50.00 per day +R20.00 per person per day R25.00 site + R20.00 per person per day R 380.00 per annum  R40.00 Per day.  R 250.00 per annum	

**RENTAL OF: COTTAGE R85.00 per day PLUS R20.00 per person per day**

Own Linen required.

**CARAVANS R50.00 per day PLUS R20.00 per person per day**

**JOINING FEES ARE DUE ON APPLICATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

**MEMBERS VISITORS FEES: all visitors to be signed in at the gate by a member**

**BANKING DETAILS**

**MASTER CARD AND VISA CARD FACILITIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.**

**BANKING DETAILS FOR DIRECT DEPOSITS:-**

**STANDARD BANK VEREENIGING. BRANCH NO 04637. ACCOUNT NO 021820112**

**ACCOUNT NAME LAKE DENEYS YACHT CLUB.**

**THOMAS**

Will members please note that Thomas is contracted primarily as Ferryman and is only available for other needs of members when the use of the ferry is not required. Club Manager must be contacted re the availability of Thomas. Without fail.

LDYC CALENDAR 2003							
Month	Day	Event	Host Club	Place	Time	Bridge	
Dec 2003							
	Fri.05	Training	LDYC/DAC	DAC		Junior Sail Camp Weekend	
	Sat.06	L26, Hunter & Dinghy racing		MOD	Children's Christmas Party – 16h00		
	Sun.07	L26, & Hunter racing		MOD			
	Tue 16	Bathroom Bizarre & LDYC Ladies RTIR	LDYC	LDYC	10h00		
	Thur25	<i>Christmas Day Bring and Braai Family Day</i>					
	Fri 26	Boxing Day					
	Sat 27						
	Sun 28						
	Wed 31	<i>"Mask Party and Disco" – New Year's Eve See Posters</i>					
Jan 2004	Thurs 01	Bathroom Bizarre & LDYC Single Handed RTIR	LDYC	LDYC	09H00		
	Sun.11 <sup>th</sup>	Summer 2					
	Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	NKA King of the Vaal			14h00		
	Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	NKA King of the Vaal Summer 4			10h00		
	Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>		FULL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS. SEE ENTRY OR PRINTED PROGRAMME			RTIR WEEKEND	
	Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>						
Feb 2004	Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	RTIR					

Margo Mackay Night Race 27<sup>th</sup> March 2004

LDYC Autumn 3 10<sup>th</sup> May 2004

## Jingle bells, Jingle bells

Calling all children to join us for the LDYC Children's Christmas Party at 16h00 on 6<sup>th</sup> December



Adults can join us in a communal braai at the Clubhouse.

Message from the elves

# "Dad and Mom to bring labelled gifts not more than R50

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## **A BIT OF HISTORY**

Someone posted this on the Sussex List today and I thought I would pass it on to those who may appreciate the "historical significance"..... Here are some facts from the 1500s:

Most people got married in June, because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour..

Houses had thatched roofs (thick straw) piled high, with no wood beneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the dogs, cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof; hence the saying It's raining cats and dogs.

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could really mess up a bed. A bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection; hence canopy beds came into existence.

The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they kept adding more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entryway to hold the straw down; hence a threshold.

Sometimes the poor could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could bring home the bacon. They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

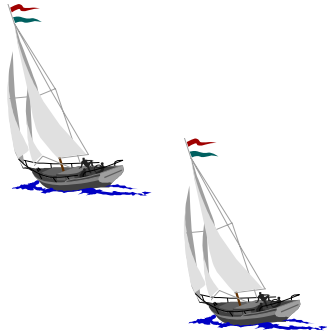
Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with a high acid content caused some of the lead to leak onto the food causing lead poisoning and death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top or the uppercrust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock them out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days, and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up; hence the custom of holding wake.

England is old and small, and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone house and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside, and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they thought they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin, up through the ground, and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be saved by the bell, or, was considered a dead ringer.

And that's the real truth...(Whoever said that History was boring?!)



**Yet another “Blast From The Past”**

Digging deeper into the dusty archives I discovered correspondence between Bob Walker (Commodore 1963-68) and various “elders of the Kirk” requesting information on the early history of the club. I subsequently spoke to past commodore John Randall who filled in some blanks and in so doing caused further confusion.

What is certain is that in 1957 Peter Siebert, Freddy Farrell, F. Fenik, G. Bellairs, L. Fatti, A. Jones, G. Cox, G. Pyburn, C.A Rist. R.C. Walker “after sailing around in the Dam at odd times” decided to form a club in Deneysville. The two “leading lights” Farrell & Siebert left South Africa and Bob Walker was “left holding the baby as Hon. Secretary” The original membership was 6 families and where there is reference to the club being founded in 1959. John Randall has proof of the inaugural meeting having taken place on 6 February 1958, however the silver jubilee was held in 1984 indicating that the club was founded in 1959 or that somebody couldn’t count.

Somebody called Don (? McKay) wrote to Bob Walker from Knysna in 1983 saying all he could find was two cheque stubs, which were attached, the first dated 9 April 1959 which was for the joining fee for both himself and his wife plus the two subscriptions which were as follows

Joining member	5Pounds	5 Shillings	0 Pence
Joining wife	2	12	6
Subs member	3	3	0
Subs wife	1	11	6
Total	12	12	0

There was no increase in 1960 as Don paid 4/14/6 in subs. For those of you struggling with the maths the wife’s dues were half that of the member – there being 12 pence in a shilling and 20 shillings in a pound.

“We met up with the Water Bailiff who was a tin god and the Village Management Board, from whom we rented a cottage through Mr. Wolf Engelbrecht, next to the swimming pool next to the Hotel. We were there for some time until Dr. Radcliffe (DAC) decided to oust us.” The cottage was demolished when the Dam Wall was raised in the 80’s and what remained of the Hotel next door to DAC was demolished this year (2003) to make way for a beautiful house.

“Resulting on a meeting between the President of VLC and myself in 1959, we had a combined Transvaal inter-club Easter Regatta. With VLC running the bridge, but due to bad weather we did not have the first “Round the Island Race” only a there and back”

There was no activity in 1960 only “settling in and enjoying ourselves” Bob was the only official but the first commodore Don McKay was appointed in 1961 and the Round the Island was revived.

Therefore we can say with some certainty that the club was founded in 1958 and the first (almost) Round the Island was in Easter 1959.

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The club having been kicked out of the cottage “next to the swimming pool next to the hotel”, built a rondaval with the Summers next to the Castle and the club used the Castle’s harbour. This clubhouse, the foundations of which still exist was destroyed in a hurricane shortly after and the Management Board gave land “next to Fred Raas’ place (Finn Point) and decided to jointly to build a clubhouse/dining room etc.” This apparently is where Manten Marina is today and the arrangement did not last very long.

One final telling quote adds mystery “Our major problem was battling with the vagaries of the Village Management Board, the Summers and finally the combination plus Raas.” There is a story here and I shall endeavour to dig it out before the next issue of signal. If anyone knows anything please contact me on 083 294 1186.

The origins of the Speedbird emblem on our club burgee? The Deneysville Hotel was probably the first International Air Terminal in South Africa and British Imperial Airways flying boats used the Dam, which was built in 1932 as a terminal.

Crews stopped over to await the planes’ return and two dinghies were shipped from London for crew recreation. John Randall visited BOAC, successor to Imperial Airways, in London and was shown the shipping manifest for the dinghies. LDYC did not succeed the Air Crews’ sailing club as flying boats had long ceased to exist by the 50’s but the founding fathers recalled the association and the first cottage’s proximity to the Hotel and retained the emblem. There are drawings in the archives of many versions of the burgee including the one that was selected. BOAC continued to use the speedbird emblem but I am not sure if British Airways still do.

Austin Daly

Appreciate these articles Austin, absorbing recalls, keep it up, we need to know our club history. Thanks Editor

# L.D.Y.C.

ENTRANCE GATE DUTY ROSTER - R.T.I.R 2004

FRIDAY DUTIES		DUTY PERSONS	CELL NOS
13h00 until	16h00	Arnold/Eleanor Spies	0824546281
16h00 until`	19h00	Tom Redmond	0832812768
		Wolfie/Sabine Zarbock	0836787692
		Jim/Jean Haddock	011 678 5570
19h00 until	22h00	Tom/Linda Clark	0834616738
		Ken/Liz Ritchie	0829732118
		Stuart/Terrie Pratt	0834298698
SATURDAY DUTIES		DUTY PERSONS	CELL NOS
07h00 until	10h00`	Simon/Sheryl Fisher	0825703367/ 0833372173
		Bill/Anette Mathews	0832531053
10h00 until	13h00	Athol/Sonja Ritchie	072432361
		Wynand/Pierre	072432361
13h00 until	16h00	Faan/Elna Bothma	0722188277
16h00 until	19h00	Roland/Karen Smith	0824901041
		John/Joey Lee	0825654223
19h00 until	22h00	Peter Coxall/Marlyse	0825703403
SUNDAY DUTIES		DUTY PERSONS	CELL NOS
07h00 until	09h00	Wynand/Pierre	072432361
		Christine Durrant	0824367232
09h00 until	12h00	Christine Durrant	0824367232




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