



## **MBYBC News:**

## **Issue No 1 DECEMBER 2015**

### **From the Commodore:**

We come to the end of yet another year. 2015 has had its ups and downs but all in all; the club is in a good state. The new committee is enthusiastic to help put the club in a better place. I would like to thank Johan van Rooyen for all the time and effort he put into the club as commodore for the past season and wish him well in his new venture in America. We must also thank Chris Naude who was acting commodore during the interim period before the SGM this was a tough time for the club and Chris did a good job.

There have been a number of changes in the club especially with staff but every organisation needs to move on and build new things. I would like to thank Liesl and Tania for all the work they did to keep the club on the go.

We now welcome Anton as club Manager and Antoinette the new club secretary and look forward to the efficient running of the club during the next period. These two people have all the skills needed to make sure there is good management and smooth running of the club. Already we have seen changes and the club is starting to look really nice. We have also appointed Belinda an external bookkeeper who will be ensuring that the bookkeeping is done properly and all checks and balances are in place.

The 2014/2015 season was a good season with the club maintaining its financial position and growing hugely in stature with the development programs that are being run from the club. The sailing Development is now going very well with close to 100 children sailing at the club each week. I would

like to thank Elfie for her commitment to this project which is sometimes very challenging. A highlight for the sailing school and the club and proof of the importance and impact being made was a personal visit from the Western Cape minister of sport to the club. The minister was hugely impressed with what is being done for these kids.

Due to the long changeover period with the main committee there were a few things that went backwards a bit but these have all been pulled together and I thank all the people that have made this happen. I specifically noticed Mike Huber removing rubbish from the grounds with his own vehicle. We again must thank Martin for all the work he does with the computers and electrics at the club and it must be mentioned that he maintains the website which is a top website.

There are many members that do things behind the scene and I thank them for their time and commitment to the club. Remember the club belongs to us as members so if you can help to make it a better place with your skills or donation of things like paint etc please contact the manager or a committee member.

We are going into a time of securing a new lease with the Port and a lot of work has been done by the past committee to ensure that we get the best rate possible. Even though the lease will go out to public tender we are fortunate to have a very strong case because of the work that has been done by the sailing school and the long history the club has on the premises. We can be reasonably confident that we will get a renewal on the lease as long as we continue to show good management and our importance in the community. Please be assured that the committee will do all in their power to get a favourable lease from National Ports.

We are going into silly season where all areas of Mossel Bay are stretched to the limit. The club will be no different but we will do everything in our power to ensure a good time for all paid up club members. Please also note that a

strict closed gate policy is now in place to ensure that you get the benefit for what you pay so if you have not yet paid your fees pay them as soon as possible or you will not have access to the members facilities.

I wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a prosperous new year. If you are travelling, travel safe but most of all do not overdo anything but enjoy everything.



Rob Holden; Commodore MBYBC

## **From the President:**

I would like to thank each- and everyone who has put their faith in me by electing me again as President of this Club. Being in this position is not about me or the members of the Committee. It is about the wellbeing of the club and its members and serving them to the best of our ability.

We recently had to appoint a new Club Manager, Secretary and Accountant who are hard at work updating and getting our systems back in place in order for us to operate in a more effective and cost efficient manner. I would like to see the members happy at all times. If there is something that is not working then please let us know so that we can make an effort to rectify it.

We cannot guarantee that it will be done immediately but it will certainly be given priority. Please however, bear in mind that Rome was not built in a day! But we will certainly try our level best. I am a firm believer in open channels of communication. If you have any problems or suggestions, please come and discuss them with anyone of the Committee members so that solutions can be found.

As members we need to take collective ownership of our club and I would like to thank those members who recently assisted in giving our premises a clean-up, repaired the pot holes etc and made themselves available to serve on the various sub-committees.

We have a challenging year ahead as we have to negotiate a new sustainable lease for the Club with our Landlords the National Ports Authority. We are confident of concluding a successful agreement as the Club is now registered as a Non Profit and Public Benefit Organization. In this regard our Junior Sailing development program has been of enormous benefit in obtaining the necessary documentation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Committee members who are doing such a fantastic job at the Club this year. They are serving the Club with integrity and energy and in the process sacrificing their own personal and valuable family time.

With everyone's support, we can all help this Club get going again and make it the best Yacht and Boat Club on the South African coast.

My best wishes to all for the New Year and may you have a restful and relaxing time at our Club over the festive season.

Club Greetings,

Wilhelm von Schütz



Wilhelm von Schütz

President MBYBC

## From the Office:

Hallo all Members,

Thank you for the considerate way in which you welcomed Antoinette (Secretary) and I into the fold....

Our mission, along with all the other MBYBC Personnel, is to cultivate a friendly and relaxing atmosphere during your visit to the Club so that you will want to visit us again...and remember that the more you visit the Club the friendlier and more attractive the personnel appear...

The Holiday Season is upon us and a very busy time lies ahead for us all. Our patience is going to be sorely tried and tested. Fortunately, our Personnel have great potential and we know they will rise with ease to the occasion and once the holiday season is over we can all still look each other in the eye with pride.

The following rules, dates and times must please be adhered to, to allow for efficient running of the Season:

- Please be friendly and tolerant towards the guards at the gate, remember they are just doing their job and work long hours to protect your interests and property.
- Yes Sir, the Barman knows you are there and will help you just as soon as he is finished with the customer in front of you...give him/her a smile, then both of you will feel good. Remember they also work long, tiring hours.
- Paid-up members will each receive a sticker which must be displayed on the front windscreen of their vehicle helping to ensure good control over entry into the club...also please remember to sign your visitors in and make sure you have your **membership card** with you...
- Members who do not have stickers and whose membership fees are a little "behind" with their fees will be permitted entrance...but only through the pedestrian gate so that they can have a friendly chat with the office administration to get their fees up to date.
- Arm bands will be issued to the general public visiting the restaurant which they must keep on their arms at all times.

- As everyone is aware parking is very limited so please try to only use one car where at all possible. We would really appreciate your consideration with this problem.
- The Boat-Washing-Area will be closed from the **14 December 2015 till 10 January 2016**...sorry ladies and gents but we will all have to wash and rinse our own boats at home...
- From the **14 December 2015 up to and including 14 January 2016** the guards will be on duty from **05h30 to 20h00 at both gates.**
- The trailer parking...please be so kind as to unhook your trailer and try to push them as close together as possible so as to make maximum use of the parking...and please be so kind not to park your cars and trailers in the same parking...thank you for that!!
- The Jet-Ski trailers must be parked outside, behind the Club Building.
- And then to a small consideration...every now and then we hear people using crude language...please let us keep ourselves from using crude language...there are always children and other people around and children pick things up very quickly...we would like our Club to portray wholesome, family values...

With friendliness, patience and obedience to the rules we will create a very enjoyable holiday season for ourselves and all visitors.

Special greetings and good wishes to you and your families. May you all enjoy a peaceful and blessed Holiday Season...and may the New Year bring you only the best that you wish for others...very special things!

Anton F du Plessis and all of the MBYBC Personnel

#### **DATES TO PUT IN YOUR FESTIVE CALENDER:**

- 16 December 2015- Children's Christmas Party.
- 19 December – Cob Derby The wash bay is closed from the 14December to 14 January 2016

We appeal to all members that there will be no parking available at the Club on this day. For more info see Boating report

- 24 December the bar will close at 21:00
- 25 December- Christmas lunch, booking essential only one session. The bar will be closing at 17:00

- Sailing is hosting races on the 16 and 26 December. For more info watch the notice boards
- Old Year's Eve Party till late, book your space at the office

### **Committee and staff Photo's**



Front Row: Marius Opperman( Boating) Rob Holden(Commodore) Wilhelm von Schutz( President)Mike Keet(Diving)  
Back Row: Kobus Maritz (Kayak) Jan Bosch ( Social), Jean du Plessis ( Sailing)



Anton du Plessis – Manager MBYBC



Antoinette our secretary with Ground and Gate Security staff consisting of Nicolas, Francois, Antoinette and Rasta.



Bar staff consisting of Bennie, Ruan and Ruan

## **Sailing Section:**

The new sailing season has started and sailors from all the different classes have embraced the sailing with enthusiasm. During the past months members from the Mossel Bay yachting section attended several regattas both locally and at different venues in the Western and Eastern Cape. Notably was the clubs participation in the Bart's Bash event which was run on the 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Bart's Bash is a worldwide sailing event that aims to transform the lives of young people and is supported by clubs around the world. The event is run in honour Andrew "Bart" Simpson who tragically lost his life in an accident on board the yacht Artemis in San Francisco Bay in 2013. The race in Mossel Bay attracted 91 local sailors which was a record entry for any similar event at the club. Light conditions often made it difficult to maintain boat speed and the times recorded were not comparable with those achieved at clubs where the wind was more favourable.

The yachting section supported the Mossel Bay Sports Festival by running a regatta on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October. In total two fleets of single handed dinghies, one fleet of double handed dinghies and one fleet of catamarans participated. The Municipality recognised the participation of the sailors and presented medals to the winners from each fleet.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> October George Lakes Yacht club ran an inter-club regatta which was attended by sailors from Mossel Bay and Knysna. The Mossel Bay contingent included 15 development sailors for which most this would be their first formal regatta. The fleet included Tera, Optimist, Dabchick, QBa, Topaz and Pico dinghies while the senior fleet consisted of 420's, 29érs, Bahia and Argo sailing boats. The exposure to regatta sailing proved to be valuable to all who attended and will serve the interests of especially the development sailors in future sailing events.

The Sailing School also was visited by Minister of Culture Affairs and Sport, Mrs Anroux Marais on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. During the visit she showed a keen interest the development work taking place at the Club and the young sailors had an opportunity to show off their skills on different dinghies. The Minister

was offered a sail on a Bahia and experienced firsthand the thrills and challenges of the sport.

The interest in keelboats has shown resurgence and an increasing number of boats are participating in the Sunday series which includes races around the Island or long haul event that sail around the Rig and the Island. The arrival of new boats and skippers at the club has contributed to this revival and it is expected that the enthusiasm will contribute to the continued growth in this section.

The club runs a number of regattas during the season and these are categorised as the spring, summer or Holiday series. These events are open to all the sailors at the club and races are run on a handicap system with participant accumulating points for each event in which he/she participates. Then Spring series was completed in October while the Summer series will have its final race at the end of November. These results are available on the MBYBC website. The Holiday series will commence in December and it is anticipated that these races will attract many of the visitors who bring boats to our shores for the festive season.

There will be club racing on the 16 December and 26 December 2015 and several races are planned for the holiday season during December and January. Information about these fun races will be displayed on the notice board at the Club and interested sailors are encouraged to participate.

We would like to take the opportunity to wish our club members and visitors to our sunny shores, a safe festive season and our sailors “fair winds and following seas”.



Jean du Plessis Rear Commodore Sailing



Our top girls that went to qualifications to get into the SA team. Both teams worked so hard we are so proud of them.



Bart Bash sailors



Bart Bash taking place



Prize giving at MBYBC



The Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Mrs Anroux Marais on the 16<sup>th</sup> November enjoying sailing at the MBYBC. During the visit she showed a keen interest in the development work taking place at the Club



Jean du Plessis

Rear Commodore Sailing giving the salute at the Season Opening Regatta with Transnet Port Captain Vania Cloete

## **Kayaking Section:**

The kayak section of the HPC has been very active, especially during the summer season and it is good to see big groups going out early morning for a paddle. The surfski section was surprisingly more active in the winter. The reason for that is that we use the surf-ski paddling to build base fitness for the long distance river canoe racing. In September the following members participated in the two day (78km) Breede River K2 (doubles) race: Charl van der Walt and Theo Pauw, Jan-Hendrik Barnard and Piet Smit, Kobus Maritz and Jacques Maritz.

Once again we would like to pay homage to the late Danie Smit who made it possible to get this section going, rest in peace dear friend.

## **HPC – Lennis van Sckalwyk sees face book page**

Lennis started this as well as the kayak Whatts App group, please use these aids to keep motivated this coming summer .Please join and add your amazing photo's and share with your Face Book friends  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100005487316865&fref=ts>

In order to organise the craft rack this year and prevent free riders filling our rack, every one that pays for a craft place this year will have to complete an application per ski. I would like to ask all members to please contact me or the office if you are using the rack.

**Kayak fishing** Contact Jackie if you are looking for angling buddies 083 262 2307

<http://www.kayakfishmag.com/>

**Morning recreational sea kayaking** We paddle every morning 05:00 and again with the second group at 06:00 on Monday Wednesday and Friday mornings, join us , its free fun and good exercise contact Lennis at 079 3988567



Morning group returning on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.



Kayak group helping each other with cleaning up session.



Nick Krone busy showcasing his sculling skills.



Kobus Maritz

Rear Commodore

HPC (Kayak)

MBYBC

## **Boating Section.**

South Cape Deep Sea Angling (SCDSAA) recently sent a team to compete in the annual Rumbly Bay Interprovincial Tuna competition hosted by the Cape Ski Boat Club. The format of the competition is interesting because two competitions run concurrently, i.e., an interprovincial competition and a club competition. The distinction between the two competitions is that the provincial teams are only allowed to fish with 10kg breaking strain line while the club anglers may use up to 15kg. 42 anglers and 17 teams participated in the event. The three anglers who represented the SWD region were Marius Opperman, Jacko Meyer and Ewald Crause (captain).

After 2 days of fishing and two weather days (i.e., competition called off due to poor weather conditions) the team from SWD placed first for the interprovincial competition and won gold. A total of 25 long fin tuna were landed by the team who edged out second placed Western Province by 125 points. This equated to a single fish making the difference.

The team would like to thank SCDSAA for their support and for keeping deep sea angling an active sporting code in the region.



Ewald Crause (captain), Marius Opperman, Jacko Meyer.

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Cob Derby to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

We would like to appeal to all of our members to come and join us in this marvellous competition. We look forward to seeing you at the skippers meeting at 18:00 on the 18<sup>th</sup> December at the MBYBC.

MOSEL BAY YACHT & BOAT CLUB  
presents the 20th annual

**KOB**  
derby  
**2015**

19 December

**10 CASH PRIZES**  
FOR THE 10 BIGGEST FISH

**R10 000**  
**FIRST PRIZE**

Entry fee: R250 per angler (includes T-shirt)  
Entry Forms available from the MBYBC Office  
or from the website  
[www.mbybc.co.za](http://www.mbybc.co.za)  
Skippers Meeting - 18 December @ 18h00  
Competition - 19 December @ MBYBC

MBYBC OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION MARIUS  
044 690 7100 PLEASE CONTACT: 082 921 5730

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE



Marius Opperman Rear Commodore Boating

## **Diving Section**

It has not been a wonderful year for diving in that the conditions were once again poor. Besides this Daniel Rogers our Rear Commodore resigned in April, Daniel will be leaving Mossel Bay in December and he is moving to Knysna. We wish him every success in his new venture.

However when conditions were good, I had the good fortune to have one or two excellent dives at the Dollosse. This is still the best diving site in Mossel Bay, in my humble opinion & I would like to thank Ken of Electrodiver for maintaining and protecting this beautiful spot. Quite honestly it is in a much better state environmentally than when I started diving it 25 years ago. Well done guys.

The only diving that took place by club members this month was done by Gerrit Dekker who had the good fortune to go and do so fabulous diving at Sito Island in Mozambique.

One thing that was very positive was the start of our development with members of the Shell Museum and the MBYBC. From January they attended swimming lessons twice a week at the Hartenbos Hot pools and from not being able to swim one stroke, can now out-swim me. We started off with two participants, and we will finish off with four. We will be teaching them to scuba dive in the coming season and I cannot tell you what a joy this has been to all involved.

I would like to appeal to all dive section members , especially those who joined in the last 18 months to please get in touch with me or talk to the office, as there was a slip up from the office side, and I do not have contact details of a lot of our members, especially the latest ones. We have some exciting projects planned for the New Year and would like to get all our members together, especially our new members. Your assistance in this will be very much appreciated.

For those of you travelling down for the festive season, may you have safe journey and may you all have a joyous time surrounded by your loved ones.

Finally we wish Ian Hamilton a speedy recovery after his knee replacement. Hope to see you in the water soon.



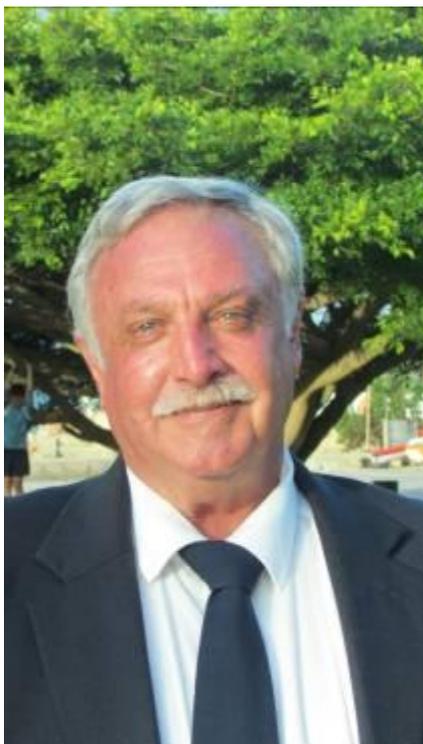
Ricky and Abu receiving their certificates from Frankie Frog Swimming School, proving that they could swim 50 meters non-stop.



Trainer getting a hiding by his pupils. !!!! Ricky and Abu so enjoy beating me to the finish line. It has brought so much joy & laughter and they are truly great young men.



Rasta, Ricky 7 Abu on the 3 December; during last training session for the year at Santos. The water is great 21 degrees and the visibility has also improved.

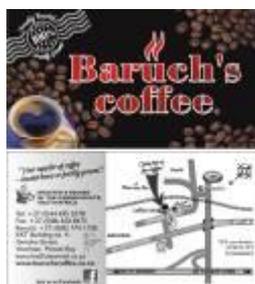


Mike Keet

Rear Commodore Diving

MBYBC

## Social:



We have had lots of successful bingo and lucky draw evenings through the year! Thank you to all our loyal sponsors!

Also many thanks to all the musicians that have made the evenings a pleasure to attend. Special thanks to Dean and Ronald who played at no cost to the club.

The festive season is upon us. We will have the kiddies Christmas Party on the 16th December! It is going to be a fun filled day for the kids with and at the end the arrival of Father Christmas!!

For the New Year's function you can rent the parking spaces for your personal braai and party area.

The current musician will continue to play at the club on Fridays and Sundays as per the current agreement until the end of December.

There is currently a huge debate amongst the members around musicians at the club as most members want to have a quite drink and chat. We will therefore have to seriously reconsider the use of musicians in the New Year. I will appreciate any suggestion and/or recommendation in this regard. Kindly forward it to myself.

The lucky draw will continue as per normal. Many thanks to all the sponsors. We will be introducing one new addition to the lucky draw whereby a members membership number will be drawn and if he/she is not present the price will be carried over to the next draw until it reaches a R 1000.00 at this stage we will continue to draw until a attending member wins it. We will then restart the process. We currently have a very nice steak knife set with as well

as R 100.00 in cash sponsored by Ronald Philipson brokers in conjunction with Sanlam. The cash prize is sponsored by JB Electronics.

I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Please travel safely and enjoy the festive season!

Groetnis/Regards.

**Jan Bosch**



Jan Bosch

Social

MBYBC



Mike at start up of Bingo evening.



Members preparing to start bingo evening.



Members enjoying the Friday night session.



Members having a meal and drinks on the deck



**TOLLIES  
SLAGHUIS**  
Beste chers met net  
die beste vleis!

GERRIT, MARIE, DANIE & MARTIN  
Kaap de Goedehoop, Hartenbos  
Tel & Fax: 044 695 2618  
Kompanjiesstraat, Hartenbos  
Tel: 044 692 0149

## **Moorings:-**

Once again the Liners are arriving in Mossel Bay, which is a great boost to our Club as the liners ferry in their passengers who disembark on our walk on moorings which gives us a great cash injection.

South Africa's ports will enjoy a bumper cruise season as we are expecting at least 8 luxury cruise lines and over 10 passenger vessels of varying sizes set to ferry international and domestic tourists across the countries port cities between October 2015 and May 2016.

We look forward to our upcountry members who will arriving shortly. May you all have a safe journey and a great season.





## ***Cafe on the Bay***

We would like to inform our patrons that the restaurant will be open from 09:00 till late from the 14 December until the 10 January 2016.

Downstairs the “Burgers and Boerewors” stand will be operating from 09:00 until 17:00 from the 14 December to approximately 10 January 2016 to help with the restaurant overflow

With regard to our 3 Course Christmas Lunch, there will only be one serving starting at 12:00 on Christmas day at a cost of R250 per person. Bookings are essential.

On Thursday the 31 December which is New Years Eve for those who are not braaing, the Restaurant will be open until 23:30

Last but not least... here's to wishing you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Fantastic New Year for 2016!



***Chris Jovaras- Cafe on the Bay- Cell 082 713 50***

## **Improvements/ Trials/Happenings at MBYBC :-**

We have to thank Martin & Meike for the excellent work that they are doing on the Clubs web page for the MBYBC as well as the work that Martin is doing with regard to the electrical work at the Club. Thank you so much, very much appreciated.

Repairs are taking place on the road in the club.

Braai grids are being fixed for the season.



Martin & Meike enjoying supper on the deck.



Repairs to road being carried out.



Repairs to braai grids being undertaken.

## **From the Editor:-**

At this time of the year I started reflecting on those passed members who had made a major impact on our Club and I would like to take this opportunity to pay homage to this very special band of men.

On the Sailing side we had greats such as Natie Meyerson, who in my humble opinion was the greatest President that this Club ever had. There were also sailors like Johnny Schaefer, Dr Hannes Nel, and Fritz van Vuuren who epitomized everything that was wonderful in their sport.

Who can ever forget Ray Templeton whose whole life was dedicated to the Club, and who was one awesome angler and from the kayaking and diving side one will always remember Danie Smit who was so passionate about his sport and the love of the sea. What a man and I miss him very much.

In my humble opinion these men were shining examples of what it means to have had a hand in shaping our glorious club and they will always be remembered.

To all the spouses who have lost loved ones over the past couple of years our thoughts and prayers are with you.

To Jay De Moor, may all go well with your hip replacement on the 7<sup>th</sup> December and you are in our thoughts and prayers and here's to a speedy recovery.

Finally to all our upcountry members, travel safely and we look forward to getting together with you again.

Kindest regards,

Mike Keet

