



Regional News

PYC Youth Programme

Point Yacht Club has been very active in building up their youth sailing programme. We offer a free service for kids ranging from 8 -18 years old and all

levels of sailing experience. The main focus is to build confidence on the water, learn new skills, practice skills you have already learnt and, of course, to have fun while doing it. Sailing is every Saturday morning from 8am-12pm all year round and we do have club boats to use free of charge. We encourage novice kids who haven't sailed before to do a course through Sail Africa first before coming to us, to gain the basics but this is not mandatory as we do have places for kids to start out as crew to see if they like it.

At PYC Youth we like to also encourage team building and is not uncommon to jump on the rubber duck and go for an ice cream and a hot dog

or sail to the sand banks and catch cracker shrimp. We have lots of new and exciting activities lined up for the year to come. Throughout the year we also host a variety of sailing camps. Once the youth member enjoys the sailing theme they have to become a youth member from PYC.

PYC Youth will also be hosting an unofficial fun regatta over the Easter weekend at Island Sailing Club. Open to all boats and is set out to be a lot of fun with loads of prizes to be won. Camping is available at no extra cost. Sailing instructions will be posted in due course.

If you would like to get involved in our PYC Youth Sailing Programme please contact Cornell Pretorius (PYC Rear Commodore for Youth) on 0795281771.

PLEASE NOTE: All Covid 19 protocols need to be followed and adhered to when entering Point Yacht Club premises.



Sailing “in the doldrums” – a reflection on 2020

It has been disheartening that only 1/10 SA Sailing-sanctioned event occurred over the last 12 months, namely the Laser and Halcat Regionals in November 2020

The following were cancelled due to Covid lockdown restrictions

- Grandslam – March 2020 HMYC
- Hobie 14,16, 505 Regionals PYC Easter Offshore Easter
- J22 Worlds June PYC
- TSL Winter league April – August PYC
- TSL Summer League September to December HMYC
- L26 Regionals July PYC
- MSC Week June PYC
- Grandslam September ZYC
- SA Masters December HMYC
- Opi Nationals Jan21 ZYC
- Terra Nationals Jan 21 ZYC
- Closing of sailing and all water activity by Ezenvelo at Midmar dam during December 2020 and January 2021

It goes without saying the vast number of hours spent on organising these (non) events but of more consequences the potential revenue losses to the respective clubs.

We also acknowledge our sailing fraternity members that have been adversely affected both health and financially wise.

On a positive note, we would like to thank the efforts of both Jerome and Cornell in organising youth sailing and training camps with the Lasers and Opis respectively.

Going forward:

The Hunter Nationals and Grandslam are provisionally planned for March 21 – HMYC. Details to follow.

It is perhaps time to RETHINK the structure our respective SA Sailing KZN Regional Championships to the WP model by having all classes at one venue over a long weekend. This could be rotated between PYC/RNYC, ZYC and HMYC. The respective clubs and classes will be consulted for ideas and inputs to create “critical mass” at events, as well as inputs from the yachties.

In conclusion, we wait with bated breath for the lifting of Covid regulations to allow yachting to get back to normal and to hold successful events at all our respective clubs. We wish good health and prosperity to our sailors and a better year ahead and urge you to continue supporting your clubs.