

Celebrating Sailing's Giving Spirit

Numerous clubs around the country are getting into the festive spirit and organising special Christmas regattas and arranging charity projects to benefit the communities around them. Here are just a few of them...

Northern Region Keelboat Sailing:

The Keelboat Working Committee at their last meeting proposed an event to collect for the underprivileged in the Vaal Dam area. It was decided to hold a bring and braai at a point on the dam. We have decided to hold this event on the shore at Hunter Bay. The event will be open to all clubs on the dam sail and power. Entry to the braai area will be either a toy or a shoe box of toiletries per person. We will meet at the spot designated on the map which is west of Hawaii Shoal. Please will you get this out to your members and on your notice boards and social media platforms.

Hope to see you there.

Ian Harvey

Chairman NKS





Royal Cape Yacht Club:

Royal Cape Yacht Club has donated Xmas gift packs for the pre-schoolers of Ysterplaat Community church/ Ysterplaat gemeente for their Christmas party. (1 of 5 charities we are supporting this Xmas due to the generous donations from our RCYC members. We thank Renier Schuld for linking us with Dominee Scherlize via BMD (Blouberg Maatskaplike Dienste), based at NG Kerk Bloubergstrand. We will be sharing some happy Xmas photos shortly on the RCYC official page.

For more details on the project, head to:

https://www.facebook.com/StoryGroundCT/videos/1386893581452193/UzpfSTE3NTYwMjYwNTgxMzg0NDo1MDA 2NTM1OTg5Mzg3MTI0/

Voelvlei Yacht Club:

Join us for the VYC Christmas Regatta, weekend 19th and 20th December. There will be fun for the whole family! For more information please contact Victoria - secretary@vyc.co.za



Zeekoevlei Sailing Centre

Zeekoevlei Sailing Centre was established in 2008 and operates from Zeekoevlei Yacht Club. Since its inception, the centre has employed graduates of the centre to be manager and coach.

The Centre operates within the Cape Flats and conducts sail training for schools within the area. Each day of the week is allocated to a school where up to 14 learners can be trained per day. On average the centre conducts the "learn to sail" programme with 80 learners per year. The schools forming part of the programme are as follows:

- Cafda School of Skills
- Hyacinth Primary
- Harmony Primary
- Grassy Park High

- Sid G Rule Primary
- Plumstead High
- DESMOND TUTU FONDATION from Masiphumelele

Students who would like to sail more competitively are invited to take part in the Sunday high performance training where they are introduced to fleet racing in multiple classes including Sonnets, 420s, RSTeras and Mirror classes.

The objective is simple, and is our motto, "Change lives through sailing".

Kids in the Cape Flats are exposed to elements such as gangsterism, racism, drug abuse and violence. The life skills that are learnt through sailing assist our students in navigating these challenges and it exposes them to a world where they can escape their fears.

We are proud that many of our graduates have found employment either within the sailing industry or through relationships made through sailing. Many of our graduates have gone on to becoming professional boat builders, sail makers, sail trainers and have formed part of major campaigns such as the Cape to Rio Yacht Race, America's Cup, Volvo Ocean Race and recently the Vendee Globe Race.

To get involved, you can contact Marco Tobin via email on tobinmarco17@gmail.com.