



Regional News

Upcoming Events

Western Cape Provincial Champs 2021 takes on a adapted format

Given the conditions we currently find ourselves living in. The organising committee have reviewed all the impacting factors and regulations and have decided that this years Western Cape Champs will not take on its usual multiclass format.

Classes are free to decide on the venue and suitable dates within this year that they would like to host their WC provincials. Hermanus Yacht club, the earmarked host venue for this year's event, have confirmed that they are available for Individual class applications. This adaptation is to better ensure the likelihood of events meeting regulation requirements and minimise the risk of virus spread that may be perceived or result into a "super spreader" event.

Any questions or queries from classes can be address via Wendy Adams saswc@sailing.org.za

Mykonos Offshore 2021 date change

Just a reminder to all those competitors who have already entered and booked your accommodation with Club Mykonos Langebaan to please send them an email requesting your accommodation be transferred to the April dates.



George Lakes Yacht Club – Dabchick Nationals

George Lakes Yacht Club traditionally has a New Year Regatta around 1 January every year. This year, the club offered to host the Dabchick class National Championships in conjunction with its club regatta. This offer was accepted and all arrangements were in place. Then, subsequent to the imposition of lockdown level 3 late in December, it appeared that the regatta was in jeopardy. However, authority was obtained to proceed with the Dabchick Nationals, but the GLYC regatta had to be cancelled. The regatta was proudly sponsored by Lew Geffen Sotheby's International Realty, Raubenheimers Attorneys and ooba Home Loans.



Seventeen Dabchicks participated in this regatta, with GLYC fielding seven and two were from Knysna Yacht Club. Six came from Cape Town and two were from Johannesburg. Proceedings commenced on Wednesday with registration, sail measuring and two practice races. The first races for the Championship commenced on Thursday, with four races completed in a light south westerly.

Four more races were also completed on New Year's Day, in a light, switchy southerly wind. Then on Saturday, a strong south-easter set in, building up to 27 knots in the afternoon. While the lighter or more inexperienced sailors opted out of the races in the afternoon, the conditions were ideal for the top sailors and the Dabchick came into its element. The final two races were held on Sunday, with the wind back to a light southerly.

Hamilton Slater (ZVYC) dominated the regatta, winning all but one race. It was only young Ayden Geting (KYC) who was able to take a race off Slater, when he left the whole fleet behind in the third race. It was left to Karl Hofmeyer (MAC), Thomas Slater (ZVYC) and Bryan Carstens (ZVYC) to fight for the remaining

podium positions. Carstens strung a series of second places to secure the silver medal. Then it was Thomas Slater who did enough in the final races to keep out the fast-charging Karl Hofmeyer.

At the prize-giving, the SA Sailing Gold Medal and Dabchick Champion trophy was presented to Hamilton Slater and the silver medal went to Bryan Carstens. Thomas Slater was in third place. All three were representing Zeekoevlei Yacht Club. There were three girls competing, with Jordyn Soldin fifth overall and George Lakes Yacht Club's best-placed sailor. She was presented with the Dabchick Girls Trophy.



Jordan Soldin (GLYC) was 1st girl, in 5th place



Coach Matthew de Villiers presenting the Dabchick Nationals trophy to Hamilton Slater



Cape 31

Champagne conditions got the 2021 season, supported by Ullman Sails & Yanmar Marine International under way with the South Westerly blowing 15-20 knots. The wind direction meant sailing took place at Granger Bay, pushing the boats up the left side of the course.

Boat speed was key along with getting a decent start. Well done to Orion DYP who took three bullets as well as all the other boats who took part and made it such a great day.

Special thanks to Cape Town Yacht Services who helped make the event possible.

Check out the video here:

 $\underline{https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR3ucXjV5w3JVdhXNawDAeLKAt8N6wsg3a50p3gyn4iPc8aRft}\\ \underline{PHbPAwJnU\&v=6v_lp6hujkU\&feature=youtu.be}$

Team Sailing League Racing at Milnerton Aquatic Club

SA Sailing WC Team Sailing League Racing took place on 16 December 2020. Hosted by Milnerton Aquatic Club. A wonderful day was had by all. Royal Cape Sailing Teams came first and second and a MAC team came third. We look forward to hosting more of the MAC Events in 2021.