



February 2017

TCC TATTLER

TCC Security Update – Rolf Eggers

With the fantastic turnout at our 11 Feb 2017 work party, we managed to get as far as we possibly can with the equipment we have. Consequently, Cilliers now needs to test-use the system and once he is happy we can finalise the power supply installation.

Zones NE and EN should be fully functional and Zones ES, WN and WS partly. The grass between the beams now needs to be trimmed. Once Cilliers has the current installation functional and our budget allows it, we can progress with buying and installing the balance of the beams.

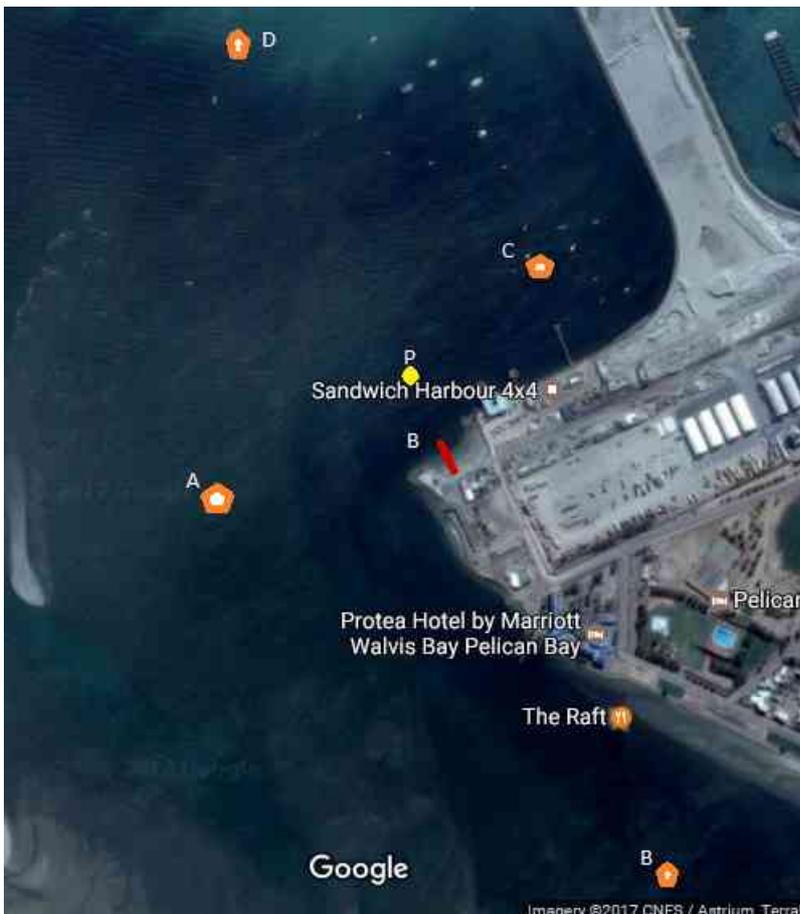
Thanks to Cecil, Chris, Rob, Mike, Allan, Greg and Pierre for their valuable support.

Namibian H16 Nationals – Rolf Eggers

December 27, 28 and 29 2016, I had the privilege of taking part in the Namibian Hobie 16 Nationals. These took place at the Walvis Bay Yacht club. Like always, sailing in Walvis Bay is any sailors dream with good constant wind, flat clean water, and surprisingly warm.

As can be expected for a sparsely populated country such as Namibia, there were only 9 entries. The Race Officer was Jan Bührman with Helmut Gladis assisting. Arno, the Rear Commodore was on rescue. They used the jetty as

the bridge and set a very unusual, but effective and challenging course. In the Google picture below, there are marks A, B, C and D with the start and finish line being between the Pin P and the Jetty B (Red line). We had to sail two laps rounding the marks as follows: A to port; B to port; C to port; D to port; C to starboard and then the next lap A to port etc. The finish would be coming round C to starboard and then finish between the Pin and the Jetty.



Competitors had to contend with, besides each other, rising and lowering tides, rudders being kicked up and alternating in-going and out-going Lagoon currents. Sometimes, although on a “moving tack” the Hobie would literally be standing still. Bear in mind, sailing this course is not like driving a car, but taking into account prevailing wind which started out northerly, that would be coming from mark D, and changing to

westerly, coming from mark A, during the course of the day. Rounding Mark C on starboard, one needed to be careful not to end up in the corner having to tack a few times in order to come out again. That hole is called “Sara se Gat”, because there is a pub on the shore with that name. It is literally a “Gat” if one is not careful.

On the first day the wind started out at about 8 knots and increased to about 15. At 15 knots things happened a lot faster (for my new crew) and the racing

more exciting. We sailed 6 races the first day and 4 the next. On the 3rd day the wind was just to light, so only 10 races in total were sailed.

Competition was good with fleet positions changing during the course of the race. My crew was a young, local Indian lady, who had just completed a gap year in Germany. She had also competed in the Namibian Laser Nationals where she did very well. She had not taken part in a Hobie 16 regatta before, meaning coaching and sailing as we went along. The first day with the wind picking up, trapezing was new to her and I noticed a bit of fear. However, by the end of the day we were double trapezing.

Jürgen Gladis and his mother Doris came 3rd, me and my crew, Nabeelah Suleman, were 2nd and Stoney Bührman with his sister Jana were in first position.



The photo above shows two trophies. The Volvo Ocean trophy was awarded to Nabeelah for the best progress and the wooden Hobie trophy awarded to me and Nabeelah for “Outoppie and a blond”. This is a Namibia tradition that the oldest male participant with a blond crew gets this trophy. Well, I was the only “Outoppie” and she, although not blond, the young lady.

Below, a photo gallery.



Me and Nabeelah above and Arno on rescue below.





Above, driving through Windhoek with the renowned Christus Kirche in through the back window and below, a picnic & braai on the roadside in Botswana.





Above, boats launching and below, the seal colony at Pelican Point, following the Hobie.



Round the Island Race – Anton Tjabring

The Round the Island Regatta was held at Lake Deneyville Yacht Club over the weekend of 3-5 of February 2017. The event comprises six races, being the Commodore's race on Friday afternoon, three sprint races on Saturday morning, a tune up race on the Saturday afternoon and the big Round the Island race on Sunday morning. David and I drive down Saturday morning and raced the tune-up race and the Round the Island race.

TCC was well represented and I counted four H16's competing (Mike Herald, Kevin Allen, Gary Cundill and myself) and we even had Robin Padoa pop in on the Saturday to see what all the fuss was about and lend a helping hand.

Sunday dawned, and the campers where greeted with the sound of bagpipes drifting through the campsite. This theme continued to the foreshore, as the pipers helped us get motivated to get our boats ready for the race, as the weather looked a little ominous. At the start line a piper was seen playing on the bridge boat, before the start – nice touch.



The start was the typical start for Round the Island. Lots of jostling, and then once the flags have dropped, the wind dies too. Trying to keep your boat moving in very light wind and with the huge windshadows from some of those monster keelers can be quite challenging. We tacked early to find some clean air. For the next two hours it was a drifter and we made contact with Gary and Kevin up near Mantin Marina.

The drifting continued up to the bottom mark, as the wind slowly filled in and we saw Mike Herald coming up from the southern part of the dam, as we came down from the north. We rounded the mark and had a very slow downwind run to the top mark near Stilbaai. A dart with a spinnaker (Rob Samway – up from Durban) made his presence felt. Rounding the top mark was close; we had to give water to Mike, and were right up on Douglas White's rudders (who started ten minutes earlier in the Ultra class; and had a spinnaker). Gary was close behind, and Kevin not that far away, too.

It was then an upwind tacking battle and playing the windshifts home, regularly swapping positions with Gary. Gary had lifted his one rudder earlier in the race to clear it of some reeds, only to have his cam rotate and not be able to get it down properly.

TCC performed well, with Kevin Allen doing well overall, Mike Herald being the first H16 over the line on the Round the Island Race, and myself the second H16 and Gary in the top 5 in class.

Monthly Regatta – February 2017

"Eish, met ys ,ja" - It was one of those. The first race was started and the wind died. From memory, I crossed the line twice (drifting over it and then back), eventually starting my race 14 minutes later. The only consolation was that we all had the same challenging conditions. The wind started to fill in and even changed direction, resulting in the course being changed between races.

Thankfully, Gary laid a short windward leeward course, and the races were quite quick, allowing us to get five races in so we could all get that desperately needed discard.

Here are the results below:

TCC Monthly Regatta The Catamaran Club

A-FLEET Notes

Sailed: 5, Discards: 1, To count: 4, Rating system: SCHRS, Entries: 9, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Class	Sail No	Helm Name	Crew Name	SCHRS	<u>R1</u>	<u>R2</u>	<u>R3</u>	<u>R4</u>	<u>R5</u>	Total	Nett
1st	Dart 18 Cat Boat	3330	Iuan Gray		1.226	(2.0)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	4.0
2nd	Hobie 14 LE	47372	Rolf Eggers		1.381	3.0	(4.0)	2.0	2.0	2.0	13.0	9.0
3rd	Hobie 14 LE	60529	Herman Schutte		1.381	1.0	3.0	(4.0)	3.0	4.0	15.0	11.0
4th	Hobie 14 LE	60523	Mike Boman		1.381	(8.0)	2.0	6.0	5.0	3.0	24.0	16.0
5th	Dart 18 Cat Boat	7336	Greg Hart		1.226	4.0	(5.0)	3.0	4.0	5.0	21.0	16.0
6th	Hobie 16 LE (without spinnaker)	75831	Thinus Holtzhausen	Francois	1.191	7.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	(10.0 DSQ)	34.0	24.0
7th	Halcat (One Up)	649	Andrew Lawson		1.271	6.0	8.0	7.0	7.0	(10.0 DNF)	38.0	28.0
8th	Hobie 16 LE (without spinnaker)	73197	Anton Tjabring	Dylan	1.191	(9.0)	7.0	8.0	8.0	6.0	38.0	29.0
9th	Hobie 16 LE (without spinnaker)	29171	Ian Jackes	Kobie	1.191	5.0	9.0	(10.0 DNS)	10.0 DNS	10.0 DNS	44.0	34.0

B-FLEET Notes

Sailed: 5, Discards: 1, To count: 4, Rating system: SCHRS, Entries: 2, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Class	Sail No	Helm Name	Crew Name	SCHRS	<u>R1</u>	<u>R2</u>	<u>R3</u>	<u>R4</u>	<u>R5</u>	Total	Nett
1st	Windrider	Yellow/blue sail	Grant Fisher	David Tjabring	1.99	1.0	1.0	(2.0)	1.0	2.0	7.0	5.0
2nd	Halcat (One Up)	999	Ross Thompson		1.271	(2.0)	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	8.0	6.0

Thank-you to Gary and Leigh-Ann for manning bridge and Julian Field for running rescue.

Should you attend an event and/or would like to write an article for the TCC Tattler, please e-mail me your content at atjabring@plasticomp.co.za.

From the desk of your Rear Commodore and his wife,

Anton and Rosanna Tjabring



COMMITTEE MEETING

16 January 2017

18H30

PRESENT:

Greg Hart – Commodore
Debra Hart - Secretary
Pieter Lambrechts – Vice Commodore
Anton Tjabring – Rear Commodore
Eugene De’Ath – Treasurer
Rolf Eggers – Committee Member
Robbie Grech– Committee Member
Mike Boman – Committee Member

APOLOGIES:

Peter Ball – Committee Member

WELCOME

Greg welcomed all

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES

Previous minutes Approved.

MINUTES

FINANCIALS

Eugene

- Bank Balance – R235068.91, Estimated balance end Feb R179056.99, Debtors – R215000, Petty Cash – R1984.96
 - Bakkie Transfer documents to be done by the end of the week – email Judi
 - Take Bakkie to Jurgen get the cost of the repair
 - Get through the roadworthy
 - Put in new bakkie in 2017 budget and decide when we can buy.
 - Look at new contract for Cell phone, do we need a data contract, look at Cell C pinnacle top up. Final decision to be made by the end of the week.
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STAFF

- Boma to be open on Saturday & Sunday including public holidays from 9:30 to 15:30
- New contracts to be drawn up and signed and keep a copy last day of the week staff can leave at 4pm.
- Staff to work a 45 hour 7am to 5pm, 1 hour lunch and 30minute tea, last day of the week, 7am to 4pm
- DH to look for the old contract from Tim, send to Pieter.
- Staff procedures to be part of eth Policy document.

Debra

MANAGERS REPORT

- Copy attached with comments from TCC Committee meeting

MEMBERS

- Rules to be focused on the Tattler
 - No boats on sites if not on slab
 - Dogs must be on a leash with a human at the other end
 - Letters to go to transgressors
- Visitors access control to be implemented by the end of the week. CdP
- HONESTY – Members need to pay for their guests, if you allow this to happen it will influence the % increase in the annual fees.
- Cloudbanc – get a price on two tablets and two SIMs
- Alarm system from the house as it is not working, get the SIM card back.
- Eskom – the continuity is not going to improve we need to look at getting a generator.
- Members that are overloading the system to be identified and addressed.
- Disabled bathroom to get a new gas geyser as the donated one was not functioning. Caroline Rule has received a donation of a disabled chair and handle for the bathroom, find out when they can be installed.
- Linen is required for the Wendy houses and overlays and table cloths for the club house.
- The Boma expansion project to be discussed at the Special General Meeting.
- We have had 11 motor boat membership enquiries, this to be discussed at the SGM

HOT WATER SYSTEM

- The galvanized pipes in the bathrooms are leaking in multiple places and is causing excessive heat loss and excessive energy usage.
 - 2 x new Gas geysers to be purchased for both the ladies and men's bathrooms, quotes to install, and re-pipe the bathrooms to be submitted.

SAILING

- RIB trailer to be licensed
- Eugene has a friend with two way radios, we need to get a price?
- The Kruger's boat to be sorted out by Peter.
- The dolly's to be sorted out by Pieter, small wheels
- Adventure sailing 21/03/2017
- Commodores Sail Past and prize giving on the 6/5/2017
- The next Regatta will be on the
 - 12/02/2017
 - 12/03/2017
 - 09/04/2017
 - 07/05/2017
- Iuan Training to go through the Club books and we TCC will pay him less a commission, Iuan to pay for fuel and oil.
- Blue RIB looked at as an option for training but won't be suitable. Look for other alternatives. Find out what is happening with the boat from Hugh – at Gus' resolve ownership.

ANTON

SECURITY

- Beam project to be finished by the W/E 11-12 Feb 2017

General

- Kids camp to be reviewed for 2017 Gabriel to plan the next camp.
- SGM Send
 - Questionnaire out by 18/01/2017
 - Questionnaire back by 23/01/2017
 - Send a letter out on the 17/01/2017 about the meeting on the 28/01/2017
- Sites for sale –
 - Pieter Vellon would like R30000 negotiable get a photo.
 - Site 95 for sale
 - Brett Webb site – confirm price DH to call him.

NEXT MEETING

- Date: 13 February 2017
- Time: 18h30
- Place: Hart's Residence
- **Closing: 22h55**