

## POINT YACHT CLUB – DINGHY SAILING

The two largest fleets which race out of Point Yacht Club are the two crew Flying Fifteen, and the single handed Laser. PYC has a proud record of having produced a number of national champions in the ultra-competitive Laser fleet, including the current champion Rudy Macneil.

A growing Halcat fleet from our neighbours Royal Natal Yacht Club joins in for Saturday afternoon racing, and the two clubs co-operate closely to ensure an organised sailing season for all competitors. Where less than 5 boats of any particular design join in for the racing, they compete in the Open Class where a handicap system levels the playing fields. The regular competitors include Mirrors, 29er skiffs, 505s, and 49ers. We are hoping for a revival in the Sprog fleet in 2015/2016.

The majority of our Club racing takes place in Durban Harbour, with starts scheduled for 2pm on Saturday afternoons. We are also blessed to have offshore sailing facilities at Vetchies Pier, and these are renowned for being amongst the best sailing waters in the World. In addition to being a regular host to Provincial and National Championship regattas, this venue has also hosted a number of World Championship events. Presently PYC boasts the biggest and most active fleet of Hobie 14 catamarans in the World, and these festive sailors are based at our beach site.

We are always keen to welcome new sailors onto the water, and dinghy sailing represents one of the most affordable avenues to join the sport. There are enough second hand boats that can be sourced for interested “newbies”, so if you find yourself wanting to get a boat but don’t know where to start, have a chat to Lucy de Freitas in the PYC Sailing Office, and e-mail the Rear Commodore for Dinghies, Myles White on [myles@holburn.co.za](mailto:myles@holburn.co.za)