



Point Yacht Club

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HELP NEEDED

Our sport remains firmly in the category of being “Amateur”, despite many of our fellow sailors being competent enough to rank as professionals. The result is that not only do we participate as volunteers, enthusiasts and amateurs, but our Clubs, Class Associations and even our governing body, South African Sailing are also run by volunteers, enthusiasts and amateurs.

In my wildest dreams I had never pictured myself as Commodore of PYC, and even serving on the General Committee had not been something on my radar. But I have come to realise that just as I benefited for so many years as a result of the efforts of others, so it has become my time to give back to our sport and our Club.

So it is with this background that I ask for all members, including you, to consider the following critical roles that require being filled:

1. The PYC General Committee needs a Scribe. That person’s role would be to attend Gencom Meetings in order to record what was said and done, and to then transpose those records into a written format to serve as official Minutes. The General Committee meets just once a month, so the role is not onerous.

The ideal candidate would be someone with good powers of concentration and an excellent grasp of the English language, both verbal and written. Basic computer literacy with word processing and e-mail would also be a necessity.

I would appreciate hearing from you if you are willing to consider this role. My cell number is 083 661 7668, and my e-mail address is myles@holburn.co.za

2. The South African Sailing KZN committee requires the skills and services of a Treasurer. Struan Campbell has very capably fulfilled this role for the past 3 years so it is time for a change of guard. Being an accomplished accountant is NOT a requirement, but a good head for numbers, communication and liaison skills, and discipline for keeping up to date are essential characteristics.

Such a role would be ideal for someone who is either retired or semi-retired, but a gainfully employed person could prove equally suitable.

I ask that interested parties contact the SAS KZN Chairman, Steve Hegerstrom on either cell 082 555 4533 or e-mail steveh@sailing.org.za

I would like to thank the many PYC members who serve on the several committees that currently look after our sports and interests at various levels. While focussing on SAS KZN it must be mentioned that in addition to Struan we have 4 other PYC members currently contributing on that committee, and they are: Sean Jones; Ron Pet; Ed de Lange and Rudi Fokkens. Thank you guys for all that you do for Sailing in our fair Province.

Thank you also to the many members who have responded enthusiastically with payment of their subs, as well as to those who have generously donated money to PYC to assist in these tough times. Our short term cash-flow needs have been addressed, but we will still need to pace ourselves carefully over the next 12 months. I see many comments on the various Whatsapp groups and it is heartening to know how much enthusiasm there is to get back out on the water once Lock Down permits. While we all have some extra time for circumspection I trust that more and more members will come to terms with the reality that it is US who make Point Yacht Club what it is, and that what WE put in to our Club will dictate what it gives back to us. I hope to receive a number of enquiries about these vacancies!

Regards

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