

DAC-A-TAC



December 2024

Dear Members,

As the festive season approaches, I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on a vibrant year at DAC.

This year, DAC proudly hosted two major events, both of which showcased the club's dynamic spirit and dedication to sailing.

The Keelboat Week (KBW) proved to be an exciting challenge, featuring surprise snowfall across the country and extreme temperatures at the Vaal. Despite these unpredictable conditions, the event captured the true essence of sailing, with a fantastic weekend enjoyed by all. Our first Sip and Paint event was a huge success, with a great turnout and impressive artistic talent on display. Our next Sip and Paint is coming soon!



The second major event was the Formula One Nationals, which celebrated the South African Association's 40th Anniversary and served as a heartfelt tribute to the late Dicky Manten. The evening was a resounding success, doubling as a fundraiser for the NSRI, and brought together the sailing community for a meaningful and memorable occasion.



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This past weekend, we hosted a fun Dinghy Dash and Toy Drive. Our sincere thanks to everyone who participated, volunteered, and helped make it such a great event. You'll find the full report below.

Behind the scenes, we've been working hard to spruce up the club facilities. Thanks to Tersha and the team, sections of the kitchen have been cleaned, painted, and re-tiled. It's already looking fantastic! Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

We also bid farewell to Sharon, wishing her the very best in her future endeavours. Additionally, a big thank you to Geoff "Caretaker" and the DAC team for keeping the club and its surroundings in great shape, as we continue the search for a new club manager. Interviews for the position are ongoing, and we look forward to announcing a suitable candidate soon.

On the security front, upgrades have been made, including the installation of donated floodlights and a CCTV system. Thank you to the members who supported this initiative, your contributions make a big difference.

Looking ahead, don't miss our upcoming events. Be sure to mark your calendars and check the updated calendar included in this newsletter for details as we gear up for another great year on the water.

As we close out the year, I want to remind everyone of the importance of community. DAC thrives when all members actively participate in its growth and success. Whether it's volunteering at events, helping with projects, or sharing ideas, your involvement ensures the club remains a welcoming space for all. Let's embrace the teamwork and inclusivity that make DAC so special.

I look forward to seeing you at the club soon whether on the water or at one of our many upcoming events.

Wishing you all a Joyous Festive Season and a Happy New Year.

Pierre



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DINGHY DASH



Start Line being drawn by Trevor



Skippers Briefing on Start Line



The Race to DAC Mark



Leg One - Race heating up



Bridge boat handing out penalties



Regroup after penalties



Finish Line

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Dinghy Dash

Dinghy Dash Winner



1st Place - Keira

THPVR Handicapping



Nico, Paeschel & Dirk

Placing
sailors a
little further
down the
field after
THPVR
Handicap
Rules

What a weekend we had at DAC! The Dinghy Dash was a fun filled event, camaraderie, and a touch of chaos that only a Le Mans start can provide. With entries from PNYC, SPYC, and DAC, the energy was electric, and the competition fierce but all in good spirits.

A Big Thanks to Rear Commodore Trevor Hulleman for his organisation of the event. Trevor's efforts ensured that sailors and spectators alike had a fantastic day. A Le Mans-style start on the beach, as competitors dashed to their dinghies to launch into the water. The route then took sailors around the DAC mark and back, with the finishing line marked out on the beach where it all began.

With friendly rivalries and plenty of banter between crews the day truly encapsulated the spirit of sailing and community. This year's Dinghy Dash also included a meaningful initiative: each entry came with the donation of a toy for underprivileged children.

Thanks to everyone who participated, helped, or came to cheer.

The Dinghy Dash was a great success, and we can't wait for more events like this in the future.

Here's to more laughter, teamwork, and thrilling sailing adventures!

Stay tuned for upcoming events and see you all on the water!

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Toy Drive



This past Saturday, DAC hosted a heartwarming Toy Drive as part of the Dinghy Dash event. Due to the low water levels, the usual Toy Run had to be adapted into a Toy Drive, with Ryan and Celia kindly collecting gifts from other clubs around the Vaal. These donations, contributed as part of the Dinghy Dash entry, will be delivered to the Catherine Robson Children's Home, bringing joy to the children this festive season. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported this meaningful initiative your generosity is truly appreciated!

For more information on the children's home -
<https://www.crchildren.co.za>



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Upcoming events - subject to changes

- 01/01/25 LDYC - New Years Single Hand RTIR
- 25-26/01/25 DAC - King of The Vaal / J22 Rockstar / MOD on Sunday
- 7-9/02/25 LDYC - RTIR weekend - RTIR on Sun.
- 15-16/02/25 LDYC - 100 miler
- 02/03/25 PNYC - MOD - Summer 5
- 8-9/03/25 TBA - Stadt 23 Highvelds
- 15-16/03/25 VCA - Margo Mckay - GP 9
- 15-16/03/25 WYAC - (Witbank) - Hunter Provincials
- 20-23/04/25 WYAC - Hunter Nationals
- 05/04/25 LDYC - Ancient Mariners
- 06/04/25 LDYC - MOD Summer 4
- 18-21/04/25 LDYC - Easter Regatta - Including Round the Clubs
- 19/04/2025 GP10

