

Karachi Yacht Club Newsletter



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Dear Members,

These are exciting times at the Yacht Club. I am blessed with an active managing committee, who is determined to make the club a second home for the members. With the advent of spring, the club is humming with a lot of new activities and members are frequenting it with their guests in greater numbers.

The traditional *Coast Guard Trophy* attracted a record number of sailors and after a heated contest, the trophy was awarded by the D.G. Coast Guards to Dilara Qureshi.

More than 15 students from the International School are attending sailing classes from our master instructor Dinshaw Avari and we do hope they join our sailing community there after. Races for children are being held every Sunday at 4 pm and we hope to have many participants at this fun filled event.

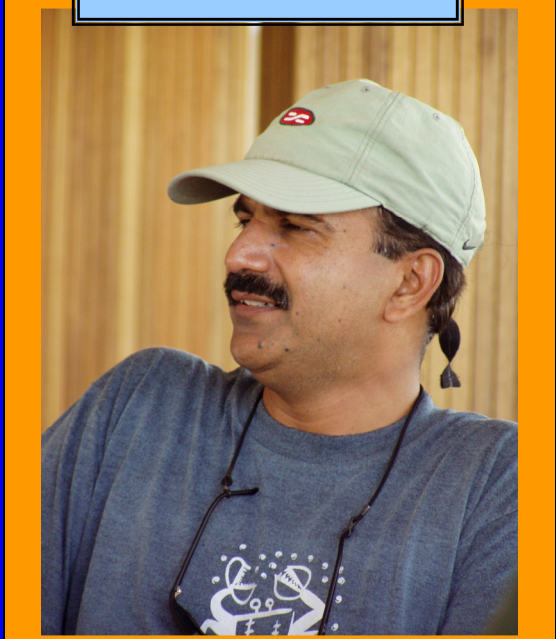
Live music evenings were a great hit with members, their families and friends, who were captivated by the enthralling performance of Capt Akeel Akhtar and his band. Long awaited demand from members for a better jetty has also been fulfilled.

The club has extended reciprocal arrangements with more international clubs. On your future trips to Hong Kong, Toronto, Colombo, Mumbai and Pattaya, you may use the facilities of Yacht Clubs there.

A regular newsletter will be available on the net to keep club members updated on the activities at the club.

Nadeem Khalid (Commodore)

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**Khalid Mahmood
Honorary Secretary**

Dear Members,

The Managing Committee of Karachi Yacht Club is pleased to inform all members that Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club has entered into a reciprocal arrangement with Karachi Yacht Club and now members of both clubs may avail facilities at each others clubs.

As of today Karachi Yacht Club has reciprocal arrangements with the following clubs:

1. Royal Bombay Yacht Club, Mumbai, India
2. Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Toronto, Canada
3. Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Hong Kong
4. Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Pattaya, Thailand
5. Ceylon Motor and Yacht Club, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Managing Committee is striving hard to enter into similar arrangements with other clubs world over so that members visiting other countries may avail sailing facilities in these countries and members of other clubs may enjoy the facilities at our club during their visits to Karachi.

Members intending to visit any of the above countries and use the yacht clubs facilities may please obtain a letter of introduction from the undersigned. Links to the reciprocal clubs websites will be updated on our website soon

Many thanks to Dinshaw Avari for his effort and success in achieving reciprocal arrangements with the different yacht clubs; great Job Dinshaw!

Happy Sailing,

Khalid Mahmood (Honorary Secretary)



Sailing Classes Participants

Kolachi Pier

I am delighted to inform you that club goers may now use the Kolachi Pier.

On behalf of the Managing Committee and all members, I thank Mr. Byram Avari, who persevered and managed to get this permission against heavy odds.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the new Chairperson of KPT, who has very kindly granted our request.

Nadeem Khalid (Commodore)



Byram Avari

Winners for March

- March 1 Punnett Challenge Cup
- March 8 Hummerston Cup
- March 15 Mary Mudie Cup
- March 22 False Alarm Trophy
- March 23 Coast Guards Trophy
- March 29 Colin Maud Trophy

- Cyrus N. Cowasjee
- Nader Cowasjee
- Cyrus N. Cowasjee
- Faisal Khan
- Dilara Quraishi
- Faisal Khan



Sailing Ahoy!

Sailing Classes for Non-Sailors and Beginners

KYC organized classes, two hours weekly every Saturday, for a period of six weeks. Fourteen students from the International School (courtesy of Mr. Taymur Mirza, Principal) participated.

Students were taught how to handle a boat and to sail and were given hands on experience by sailing a boat themselves accompanied by their Dinshaw Avari.

Instruction also included the survival skill of righting a capsized boat. Dinshaw Avari superbly managed to capsize his trainee's boat on the last Saturday of instruction to enable a live demonstration of righting the boat! The KYC team of trainers include: Dinshaw B. Avari, Nadeem Khalid, Xerxes B. Avari, Nader Cowasjee, Salim Hosein, and senior tindals.

Thank you Dinshaw for taking out invaluable time to train these students; they have learnt fast and will make excellent future sailors.

The next training course shall be in the Fall of 2009, when winds are not as strong.

CRUISE TO CAPE MONZE

by Zain Mustafa (Age 10)

One day after a long peaceful night, we had a plan to sail to the cliffs which came after the French Beach. We set sail at 10 o'clock. It was tough going as the waves were very high and there were 5 people on board. The waves were sparkling blue and clouds covered the peak of the cliff like candy floss. When we were reached the shore, the waves became angry and we had no option but to turn back disappointed.

On the way back we realized that the rescue boats weren't there. Our boat was getting heavier as we were taking in a lot of water and it became very hard to sail. At last, we saw the rescue boat arrive with a sigh of relief. I could feel the power of the waves pushing the boat. After some time the waves became more furious making sailing almost impossible. My father gave up and asked the rescue boat to tow us back. It was a relief to be taken to safety.

As the situation was now under control, we set our hearts on appreciating nature around us. The first sight that caught our attention was the clean beach with different shades of sand tinted with brown and a bit of purple. Then we went by Paradise Point where the rock wall had been eroded by water pounding it for centuries.

We had a sigh of relief when we anchored next to the French Beach. What I learned from this adventure is that you can never predict nature and its elements.

The End.

Captain's Log

Date: December 13, 2008
Cruise: French Beach Cruise
Helms: Nadeem Khalid, Faisal Khan, Khalid Mahmood, Mervyn Hosein, Akeel Akhtar, Johnny Sadiq, Mustafa Aziz, Almas Bana, Nader Cowasjee, Sehr Isa, Taymur Baadat
Destination: French Beach
Date: December 14, 2008
Destination: Onwards to Cape Montz Cove
Helms: Junaid Marvi & Sohail Thobani joined in
Entertainment: Dinner & Dance with live music!
Hosts: Naila and Khalid Mahmood
Inbound: December 14th at 5 pm



Thank You

Thank you Dinshaw Avari for your time and dedication in making the sailing lessons such a success! The kids loved it! Your dedication is unparallel and is reflected in the reciprocal arrangement with other clubs and the updating website project.

Commodore's Ball

The Commodore's ball at the Yacht Club this year was loads of fun and a great success. 220 people enjoyed gourmet cuisine, tasteful music and exceptional company!

The Managing Committee thanks Hina and Faisal Khan for their unwavering dedication and creative decorative touches. It made the evening a visual delight.

Cruises

Three cruises were organized during the period of November to February; two day cruises to Hawks Bay and one overnight cruise to the French Beach.

Thank you Simon Williams for arranging the British High Commission hut for two of the cruises. It was great fun! Your hospitality is special.

Thank you Khalid Mahmood for hosting the overnight stay at your hut at the French Beach with such panache! The live band you organized was a singular touch!

Repair and Maintenance and New Additions

- polishing of the floor and bar
- cleaning and painting of club pier,
- new flags and life rings in the rescue boats
- new cane furniture,

Thank you Nader Cowasjee for your keen interest in the repair and maintenance activities!

Weekly Races for Children

Races for children are held every Sunday at 4 pm. The Dosc for the month is in charge of coordinating and organizing the races. In the absence of the DOSC, any other senior member of the committee will ensure the continuation of this event.

Two short races are organized back to back. Winners (first place) in both races receive awards.

Join

Winning Photo of the Quarter



We will encourage member participation. Please email us your favorite yachting snap with your name and where it's from and we will put the best ones in the newsletter.

Here's one of Nader Cowasjee, which you have to admit is pretty good.

Send us your Articles

We'd love you to send us tales of your adventures or any sailing related article of interest and we will print them here. Try to restrict them to 400 words or less and again provide us your name and location (or you may use a nom de plume).

We have included an article by Zain Mustafa (age 10). Great writing Zain!

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Managing Committee

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Hon Secretary Newsletter:	Capt. Akeel Akhtar

MUSICAL EVENINGS



Sunday Sundowners

Two consecutive "Sunday Sundowner" live music evenings were held at the club on the 1st and 8th of March, featuring our in house minstrel, Capt Akeel Akhtar and his band of jolly musicians. This was designed to coincide with another landmark event; permission by KPT to let the club members use the new VIP jetty.

It was a roaring success by all standards. 120 strong on the first and 140 on the second evening as everyone got into the groove while the sun set and the harbor lights shimmered with Santana, Black Magic Woman, played live.

Oldies and goldies of the 60's and 70's was an instant hit among all age groups as they created an instant dance floor on the main deck. Members danced and sang along to 1 1/2 hours of non stop music including Beatles, Dire Straits, Eagles, Hollies, CCR, Ventures, etc. Great fun!

Akeel Akhtar (Hon Secretary Newsletter)



Thanks

Thank you Captain Akeel Akhtar. Having musical evenings is a brilliant idea, and its execution was a rollicking success. You are a fantastic lead player and we enjoyed the choice of music.

Nadeem Khalid
(Commodore)