



Sailing Report – Renier Cronje

This has been a challenging year due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Some races had to be cancelled due to the COVID 19 lockdown. The sailing calendar was adapted due to the pandemic. A breakdown of the sailing participation is as follows:

Jan x 8 boats

Feb x 9 boats

Mar x 10 boats

1st Aug cancelled – no wind

15th Aug x 6 boats

5th Sept x 5 boats

19th Sept x 6 boats

3rd Oct cancelled – no participants

17th Oct x 7 boats

31st Oct night race x 4 boats

14th November x 9 boats

Total 64 entries for the year.

There was an average of 7 boats per race this year. Thanks to all members who participated throughout the year. The ORC handicap system proved itself again this sailing season. The results proved that the system is making racing much more competitive. As the results will show, not one sailor won all the races as in the past. For all the multihulls, we will be making use of the MOCRA handicap System in 2021. “Multihull Offshore Cruising & Racing Association” I have spoken to a few other clubs of how to race Mono’s and Multihulls together. There is no definite answer. We will give this a try. Handicaps will be revised early in January for boats that does not have an official ORC certificate. Averages will be taken from the ORC website. More boats are sailing in sponsored regattas. The 2021 sailing calendar has more sponsors than the previous three years. Sponsored races require a minimum of 10 boats to participate in a race. Sponsorship means exposure for the sponsor. It is not worth the while to sponsor a race that has 5 participants. Our sponsors for the 2021 sailing season are: Tjailatyd – Wikus Wiese, SMS Technologies – Fanie Kruger, Vasco Regatta – Cois and his crew, CPI – Renier Cronje, BBS Developers – Rickus Burger, Allan Robb Jewellers - Allan and Grinters Butchery – Andy, Stellal Brewery – Anton Viljoen, The Moulding Company – Pieter. The average dam level this year was 75%. We are truly blessed having a dam with plenty of water. Most of the vessels above 9m were listed this year. COF’s were done on these vessels. Thanks to all for adhering to these rules.

This year we had our first night race. A truly memorable experience. Night racing will be part of our future sailing calendars. The 2021 night race will be a sponsored race.. Looking forward to this event. I encourage all members to participate in next year’s sailing events.

“When you sail for the first time, you have one of two experiences. It becomes a one-time, bucket-list thing you check off your list, or it becomes a part of your soul forever.”—Michelle Segrest

