

Director’s Report: Quarter 1 Update

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Introduction

The ZVSC has broken the year into four quarters. The first quarter is focussed on aligning itself with local schools where regular visits are seen to introduce students to sailing. It is positive to note that the program has grown from 2017, where the school participation has grown from five schools to seven. This has enabled the centre to introduce sailing to many more students.

1. Schools programme



The introduction to sailing started on the 22nd of January. During this week the head coach and manager Mornay Harding, conducted visits to all the schools in the Grassy Park Region. As a result 7 schools have shown interest and joined the ZVSC program. To improve the demographics of the school, a stronger focus was placed on attracting students under the age of 13 and more female sailors. We were able to achieve this as in total 67 students formed part of the program and of which 49% were under the age of 13 and 30% are female which further surpassed our expectations.

The table below provides further details of our achievements:

<u>SCHOOLS 2018</u>	<u>NUMBER OF LESSONS</u>	<u>TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>UNDER 13</u>	<u>UNDER 18</u>	<u>OVER 18</u>
SIR G RULE PRIMARY	9	12	5	7	12		
CAFDA SCHOOL OF SKILLS	9	10	8	2		9	1
YESHUA PRIMARY	6	14	7	7	14		
GRASSY PARK HIGH	9	11	10	1		11	
PLUMSTEAD HIGH	2	3	3			3	
LOTUS HIGH	9	10	7	3		10	
DESMOND TUTU FONDATION	9	7	7		7		
TOTAL		67	47	20	33	33	1

As a result of the draught at the Zeekoe Vlei, the water level has dropped faster than expected and has become too low to sail safely. As of 12 March the school has made a decision to split the program to coincide with our winter program. We have therefore agreed with Imperial Yacht Club (Sand Vlei) and Hout Bay Yacht Club to move our junior (under 13) and senior (over 13) to their respective waters. Fortunately the junior sailors are now able to take part in the dingy program that IYC during the week and over weekends the senior sailors have access to sail on larger keel boats such as the L26.



2. Sailing Events

Approximately 14 of the senior sailors have taken part if four major dingy sailing event since the start of the year. Our best finish was at the recent MAC 24 hour challenge where we finish the 2nd highest number of laps and a 1st in the sonnet class.

<u>PLACES</u>	<u>TYPES OF BOATS</u>	<u>CREW</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
THEEWATERS Championships	420	MORNAY HARDING & DEAN TOPASS	3RD
	420	AMIR YAGIYAH & LANCE CURTIS	2ND
	420	LUKE TOPASS & NICHOLAS SNYDERS	4TH
HERMANUS Championships	SONNET	SIRAAJ JACOBS & LUKE TOPASS	2ND
	SONNET	MORNAY HARDING & LARA TOMLINSON	9TH
	420	AMIR YAGIYAH & SHANE JOSEPH	2ND
	SONNET	THEO YON & LUKE TOPASS	8TH
	SONNET	LANE CURTIS & ZARRIE	12TH
MAC 24 Hours	SONNET	LUKE TOPASS & JEMAIN , MORNAY HARDING & DEAN TOPASS AMIR YAGIYAH & LANCE CURTIS	1 ST

The photo below was taken at the MAC 24 hour challenge where the team finished first in the Sonnet Class and second in the number of laps completed.

With the Western Province Champs taking place from the 6th to the 8th of April, we look forward to having as many ZVSC sailors on the water.



Kind Regards,

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