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The endless fight between the sea and man!

Behold the sea!

Through wind and storm the foaming breakers roar  
What of the man who waits upon the shore?  
What of the man you hold forevermore?

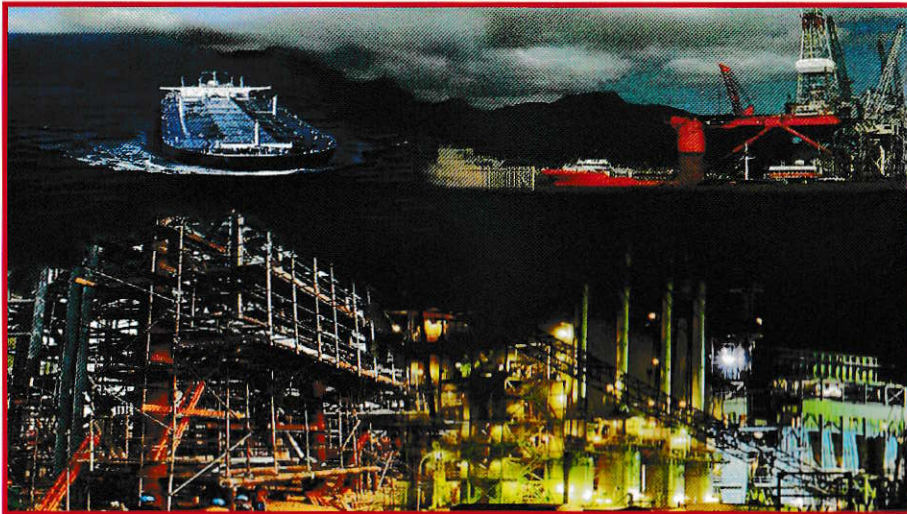
Behold the sea!

Rolling along in the starlight  
Restless, plentiful and strong  
Rolling along in the moonlight  
Surf and spray shining in the sun

Behold the sea, the mighty restless sea!  
Behold the strand of battered rock and sand!  
The endless fight between the sea and man!

Behold the sea!

Jerry Caldwell



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# Message

from  
**The Mayor of Walvis Bay  
Derek Klazen**

## FOREWORD

On behalf of the Council and staff of the Municipality, as well as residents of Walvis Bay, I wish to congratulate the Walvis Bay Yacht Club on celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

An anniversary like this is an opportunity for all in the sailing and yachting industry to break from their hectic schedules and reflect on the achievements of the past 50 years, and plan for the future. Over the years you have achieved a lot, especially in attracting foreign sailors to make use of the club's services. You should be proud of these achievements because you have promoted Walvis Bay through hosting sailors from other parts of the world. Sending off the crew of Russian sailors to Brazil recently, albeit in nothing more than a custom built raft, is a clear demonstration of your unrelenting commitment to promoting yachting in Walvis Bay.

Walvis Bay Yacht Club has played a magnificent role in attracting tourists to our shores. Although Walvis Bay was traditionally known as a fishing town, this perception has gradually changed over the years as our economy has branched out into several sectors. Over the years we have seen many tourists visiting and making use of the services at the yacht club, including the services of boat-trip operators. All in all, this particular sector has contributed energetically to the local economy.

Despite challenges in the yachting industry the past 50 years, Walvis Bay Yacht Club has created direct and indirect employment for local people, thus expanding the local economy. Many of our young ones have also acquired skills in sailing and yachting which can be of great benefit to the industry in the future. For some youngsters, the yacht club has stimulated their desire to pursue professional careers in yachting and sailing.

With regular water sports events initiated by the Walvis Bay Yacht Club, we have seen international and local enthusiasts electing to come to this part of the world. This has resulted in Walvis Bay being recognized as a sought after yachting and sailing destination in Africa.

Thus, in celebrating this anniversary, it is fitting to give thanks to many men and women whose love for sailing and yachting and commitment since 1961 has made the Walvis Bay Yacht Club such a wonderful success. A special word of appreciation should be extended to both the past and present management teams for their contribution.

Wishing you another 50 years of fun, both on and off the water, and breathtaking exploration in yachting!

Derek Klazen  
**MAYOR**



“The pessimist complains about the wind;  
the optimist expects it to change; the  
realist adjusts the sails.” - William Arthur Ward



## Message

from  
**COMMODORE  
MICHAEL OOSTHUIZEN**

It is with pride that I announce the 50 year milestone of the Walvis Bay Yacht Club. Throughout hard times and mostly trouble-free times, members stood proudly together to make the Walvis Bay Yacht Club the success it is today.

Although I am a regular at the Club I was not actively involved in Sailing which made it hard for the older generation to immediately trust their valuable heritage in my hands. I am convinced that the past year and its accomplishments have changed all that and as clearly can be seen by the Club's growth and the spectacular new blue look, the Walvis Bay Yacht Club is the place to be. Bring the family and enjoy good times, times which are unforgettable due to *you* the members, *you* make it happen.

Residents of Walvis Bay, members and visitors of the Club can reflect on the past 50 years with satisfaction. You as members put your trust in the Committee, therefore we will rise to your expectations and ensure that the Club as you know it, will grow and always be a venue where your love for the sea and it's activities can be exercised fully.

The current Committee wants to take the opportunity to extend it's best wishes to the Club and to you as members, without you none of this would have been possible.

May prosperity over the next 50 years be memorable!

Michael Oosthuizen  
Commodore



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## Message from the Treasurer



Hi folks

I have been involved in the Walvis Bay Yacht Club for some 10 years now and have seen many incidences come and go. My involvement has mostly been with the sailing side as a competitor or the silly old racing officer who resides on a boat in the middle of the fleet drinking coffee or beer so some folk think, but lately have become very involved in the administration of the club as treasurer the man people love to hate.

During the previous years I have seen my kids grow up next to various sailing craft and we as a family have really grown to love our December holidays plus our visits during the year to the club, partaking in all the club has to offer during these times whether it be competitive sailing or just social sailing, or just having a beer, cool drink and just chatting, something which my family has become used to and cherish the great times we have had and many other families as well.

Looking at the above I think I speak for many families and other folk as over time I have always said the club needs to relax its stringent rules regarding kids and older folk alike. I must give credit where it is due and I would say that the club has become far more lenient to folk as regards dress code plus the general welcome the club exudes as an institution and I would say the proof is in that we have had a large amount of applications for membership over the past year whether they be sailing families or just social. I have witnessed many folk say that they just enjoy great value for money when it comes to food and love to just relax at the club as a family.

I must also pay tribute to the previous leaders of the club during the 50 years that the club has been around and I would say that the club has survived the tenure is due to great leaders. A special word of thanks must go to Oom Rudi Allers one of the first members of the club who still is involved as a trustee of the club.

I have dwelt on what has happened in the past but what of the future and I would like to use the opportunity to thank our sponsors who have helped us out of financial difficulties in recent times and to my fellow committee members who have been a huge inspiration in the recent revival both financially and social. The club has just recently formed an association with the Walvis Bay International school in the sailing department in that they will use the club facility plus some of the boats and expertise to enhance sailing for kids. The association with the school is what the club needs to ensure our future in sailing which I feel over the years has been lacking but certainly look forward to this new venture. I certainly would say that the present committees motto to encourage folk to join and get the Walvis Bay yacht club the place to be in the coastal area from one month old to whatever age you as the members choose to be.

Last but not least I would like to thank the catering staff over the past year in their contribution to the success of the club in recent times and I am sure with the demand for the use of the club as a function facility we will continue to be successful as a restaurant and bar facility.

Yours in the next 50 years

Peter Davidson





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It is the first time for me to have served on the committee of the yacht club, a challenging and sometimes stressful year, but I think I can say, a successful one for the committee and the club.

I would like to extend my gratitude to my fellow committee members, the respect and support was amazing, I am so pleased to have been part of a great team.



Also many thanks to members for their e-mails and calls which were always courteous, encouraging and appreciative.

Last but not least, thank you to Linda and the entire staff for all their hard work, it surely is appreciated.

Many happy returns on your 50th birthday yacht club, may we enjoy your company for many more years to come.



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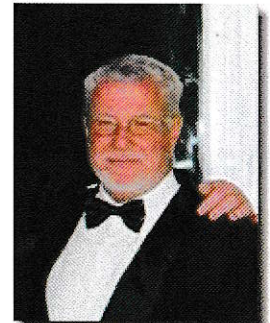
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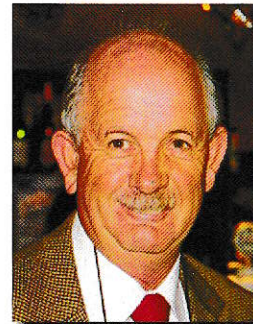
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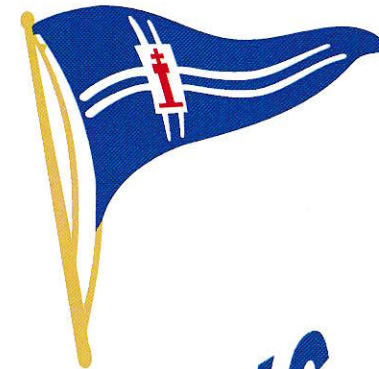
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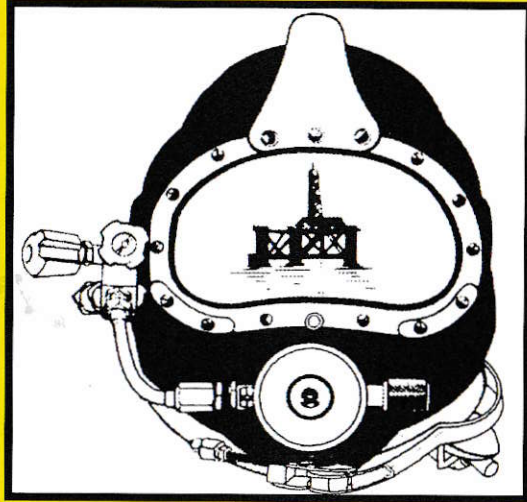


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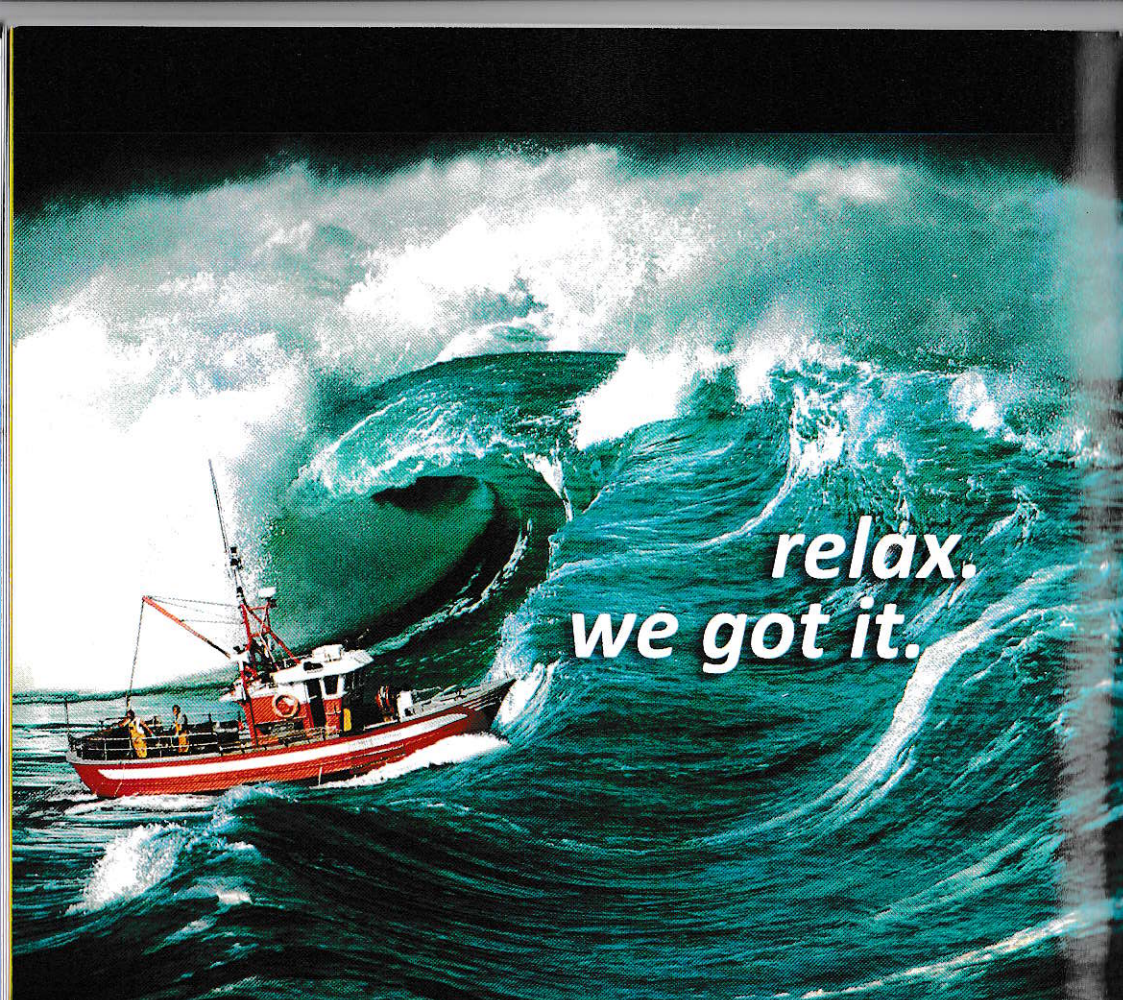
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## EARLY HISTORY OF THE CLUB

### Foreword

The reflection of what happened since the establishment of the club is taken from the 25 year booklet and it is our sincere wish that it is a true and correct. These facts were made up from the minute books of the club and are thus accepted by the writer at face value. Any corrections, especially from our older readers will be appreciated and acknowledged in future revisions.

How did it all start? It appears that a couple of enthusiasts had the idea of forming a yacht club. They met for the first time on the 21st November 1960 after Wulf Lösch had placed an advert in the Namib Times inviting all those interested in sailing and in forming a yacht club. One of them, Viggo Lund, had some contact in the Royal Cape Yacht Club which enabled him to obtain a copy of their constitution. This constitution was then edited to suite our purpose and the next thing we know is that an inaugural meeting was held on the 24th of April 1961 at the Mermaid Hotel. The meeting was chaired by Mr Lund and seems to have run smoothly. The proposed constitution was accepted with minor amendments by all those present. They were:

\*F.W.K.P. Albrecht  
R. Allers  
\*E.E. Bergner  
E.D. Dahl  
K. Fölscher  
\*H Hansen  
\*F.F. Horler  
\*O. Krauer  
W. Lösch  
\*V.J. Lund  
W. Müller  
G.F. Peary  
\*J. Sadie  
\*A Schomschor  
H.R. Stiger  
\*W. Woker

Although these persons were present not all of them became members immediately and did not become members at all or joined later. Those that, in fact, become members are marked thus\*.

These gentlemen then are the foundation members of the Walvis Bay Yacht Club. That they were true idealists and yachting enthusiasts can be deduced from the fact that they did not reserve to themselves any special rights, something that can be found frequently elsewhere.



At this Inaugural General Meeting the first General Committee was elected, consisting of the following members:

Commodore: F.W.K.P. Albrecht  
Vice Commodore: V.J. Lund  
Rear Commodore: J.H. Newman  
Treasurer: J. Sadie  
Secretary: W. Woker  
Committee Members: W.E. Bergner and J.F. Horler

10 Days later the new committee held its first meeting when it was decided to co-opt Mr B (Sonny) Reynolds as Sailing Master.

Also it was agreed upon to invite Captain Aubrey Mason, the acting Port Captain, to become the first Honorary Member. All Port Captains thereafter were offered the same privilege. The next point of utmost importance was the building or hiring of premises to function as a club-house. The committee took into consideration Railway houses then available.

Finally it was decided to apply to the South African Yachting and Racing Association (SAYRA) for association. This was later granted and has been maintained ever since.

Already one meeting later it could be reported that Mr Edmund Lafrenz of Windhoek had donated two wooden houses. They were dismantled by V Lund and H Hansen and black helpers on the old Cold Storage site in the dock area. These structures were the beginning of the club-house as we know it today. Mr Lafrenz in return was offered the Honorary Life Membership in appreciation of this donation.

The first Annual General Meeting was held on 2nd November 1961, barely seven months after the Club's inauguration. At this meeting Mr Albrecht was elected the Club's first President but he declined to accept this office. Mr Lund was elected Commodore with Messrs Woker and Fölscher as Vice- and Rear-Commodore respectively.

A design (Nr 13 by the way) submitted by Mr Lund was accepted as the Club Flag. This emblem became the symbol of the Walvis Bay Yacht Club.

The number of paid-up members at that stage was 20.

At a meeting of the General Committee on 14th November 1961 details for a "Ceremonial Opening Cruise" on Sunday, the 3rd of December 1961, were finalized. It was a sail-past of all craft to honour the Commodore. This ceremonial cruise became traditional to be sailed during the first regatta following an AGM with the newly elected Commodore present.

The establishment of a permanent home for the Walvis Bay Yacht Club took a decisive step nearer realization when on the 29th of October 1962 Mr Lund was authorized to conclude as Commodore a lease agreement with the then South African Railways for a site measuring 250 feet by 500 feet as future site for the club-house. The initial lease was for 5 years. Erection of the club-house under the supervision of Mr Hansen could now begin. What had been achieved seemed little indeed but the amount of work done in order to get that far must have been tremendous. Incidentally, the rental for the site was set at R24,00 per year and it has never been increased.

Further growth of the Club became evident when at a Special General Meeting on 17th June 1963, the Commodore reported that membership stood at 38 with 19 applications pending. At the meeting it was also agreed to raise membership from R6,00 to R20,00. This increase, members felt was justified to lighten the financial burden of the founder members who, up to now had contributed most moneys required.

With the new building under construction it became necessary to take out the first insurance with Old Mutual. The initial premium, covering fire, flood and storm risk amounted to R17,48. At the last renewal in 1986 the Club paid the same company an amount of something like R1700.00 albeit for the vastly more comprehensive cover.

On the 15th October 1963, the General Committee had its first monthly meeting in the new club-house. At this meeting it was disclosed that the Municipality had made available to the Club free of charge, electrical material valued at R220,00 one of the many acts of assistance by Council in the past and in the years to follow.

Mr. V. Webster donated two much appreciated radio transmitters worth approximately R500,00. As a token of thanks Mr Webster was made Honorary Life Member.

The AGM held in November 1963 already could boast with a membership of 66. It was the first AGM held in the new club-house. Members were informed that Admiral Biermann, Chief of the SA Navy, had agreed to accept patronship of the Club.

Mr Lund was elected Commodore of the Club for the 3rd successive term of office.

The official opening of the club-house took place on Sunday the 22nd March 1964. Reverend E.J. Wilson-Hughes, Chaplain to the Mission to Seamen, performed the blessing of the building and Mrs. Betsy Botma, the wife of the Mayor, Cllr M.C. (Boet) Bothma cut the ceremonial ribbon, thus bringing to a conclusion phase 1 of the Club's history in just under 3 years.

A very special place, loaded with atmosphere, was the bar. Right in the beginning, when there was hardly space enough to move between counter and seaward wall, it maintained a unique attraction. In spite of alterations and extensions this had remained so and the bar is famous beyond the boundaries of Walvis Bay. The decoration and finishes were done by Otto Krauer (a Foundation member). He dedicated time and expert workmanship. In appreciation of his achievement the bar was named the OK Bar in June 1964. The letters O and K were mounted together with an anchor on the entrance door to the bar. Anchor and letters were made by Alf Liessmann.

At a committee meeting in July 1964, which is recorded in the Minutes Book as "These minutes do not reflect the true picture of the meeting" the site for the proposed boat sheds was discussed. From the remarks in the Minutes Book one must assume that the meeting was quite "lively". Mr Hansen was again put in charge of the construction work.

At the following General Committee meeting in February 1965, a new Commodore, Mr R. Lowe. Chaired the meeting with Mr D. Ehrentraut the new Secretary, Mr R. Allers the Vice-Commodore, Mr J.M. Canner as Rear-Commodore, Mr T. Booth as Treasurer and Messrs A. Liessmann and J. Reynolds as members. This was a completely new committee, which apparently was established without a General Meeting or so one can assume because there are no minutes relating to such a meeting. In this connection Mr Lund assures us that no committee was ever voted in without a General Meeting and he suggests that the Secretary slipped up. The new Commodore did not serve out his term due to disagreement with other committee members.

The new committee soon became very active. Sailing became the major activity with the possibility of hosting the SWA championships. The first Easter Regatta was held in 1965 and all yacht clubs in SWA were invited. The driving forces behind the sporting side of the Club were Messrs Allers and Canner, the former still today being an active yachtsman. In his report to AGM on 28th April 1966, Mr Allers, the Commodore, summed it all up by saying: "We are a Yacht Club after all, even if only a few of us manage to sail and keep out of the water."

The 1966/67 General Committee with Mr E. Hopkins as Commodore expanded sailing by forming sailing and motor boat sub-committees. This was the period when sailing and motor boating really took off at the Club. A first attempt was made to host the Fireball Nationals at Walvis Bay. This attempt failed and so did many more. But in December 1974, the SA branch of Fireball International held its 6th National Regatta for the selection of a National team here. A total of 52 boats from all corners of South Africa took part in a series of 6 races. Unfortunately, in spite of general efficiency of club and racing officers this was the only national event held at the Walvis Bay Yacht Club.

That year's national regatta was preceded by another novelty. On Boxing Day 1973 an off-share race open to Fireballs only was sailed between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund. Early in 1973 Rudi Allers and Dieter Blakenburg has experimentally and in complete secrecy sailed from the Yacht Club to the other side of the Swakop river. Thereafter, at the Easter weekend on 1973 they had challenged the Fireball yachtsmen to the first race which proved to be very successful. The Mayors of the two towns exchanged letters on the beach at Swakopmund. From that tentative beginning developed the already traditional Boxing Day regatta. This always popular race is now open to all craft propelled by sails.

Apart from the annual open handicap championships and the annual class championships there are other regular regatta meetings for the Commodore's Cup, the Flying Spinnaker Trophy, the Bell Buoy Trophy and others. The Bell Buoy Trophy was first sailed for in 1975 when the ever growing catamaran fleet was to be acquiesced for the banning from the race to Swakopmund. This race now is also sailed by all classes, and has become an extremely popular event with all yachtsman.

Of the motor boat sports at the Club little can be said. The minutes of the 6th AGM in May 1967, refer to a fleet of all craft. There were apart from 25 sailing boats of all descriptions, 9 motor boats on the Club's register. Racing results were also recorded but while the yachts had sailed in 9 events in that year. The boats had had only one, the Easter Handicap Race which was won by Alf Liessmann in Heiki. No further records can be traced about this branch of the Club. However, the motor boats were playing a very important role as course mark bots, rescue bots and racing committee boats during the early years of sailing at the Walvis Bay Yacht Club. All the boat owners were always willing to help and to assist. But as things go, boats were sold and motor boat activities faded away.

The Club experienced its hey-day when seniors and juniors were active on the water competing fiercely with one another. That was the time when the Böhlkes from Swakopmund attended in full force. Urs, Barbara and Sabine together with Erik Henrichsen, Bernhard (Peanut) and Chistel Kirchner, Peter and Corinna Lengner, Jannie and Detlef Klein, Claus Lange, Nicolai Allers, Hürgen Rubow to name just a few, were so keen and enthusiastic that they never seemed patient enough to wait for the next meeting to be held (mind you: that was every other weekend, winter and summer). That was also the time of Immo Böhlke being the never tiring racing officer who even acquired this own double engine boat for committee and rescue duties. The boat "Moby Dick" was acquired for the Club through negotiation by the present Commodore Güther Kock. It still serves faithfully in spite of meeting some mishaps – as the one on Boxing Day 1986. Luckily nothing happened to the crew and skipper Fritz Lange. Only material loss was registered.

Going back to 1967 the committee decided to accept an offer for the laying of foundations for 5 boat sheds for R100,00. This order was later extended to six sheds. Plans for the extension of the clubhouse were also in preparation. The extensions comprised the pavilion and changes to the bridge which was then part of the club-house. During a subsequent meeting the committee was told by Commodore Lund that "necessary gallery equipments had been purchased". The galley staff must have been very relieved for the committee was able to reduce the price of meals from 45c to 40c per portion.

The actual consent for the erection of the pavilion was given at a special General Meeting held on 24th January 1968. Mr Lund said if the Club would rely on its members the pavilion could be erected for R2700,00 while under contract this amount would rise to R6000,00. Today this is the price for something slightly bigger than a normal garage for one car.

At a further special General Meeting on 4th April 1968, R4500,00 were voted for the erection of a manager's residence. Brice Brothers offered to complete the job and to spread payment over 3 years. This offer was unanimously accepted by the meeting. The building was to be erected near the entrance to the Club site but never was. Instead part of the existing building was altered and converted into a manager's residence.

Then, on 30th April 1968, the General Committee decided to build another 10 boat sheds with a garage built of bricks in between as a firebreak. These sheds were all completed by August of that year when all sheds were allocated to members.

To talk of the good olden days. On the 31st August 1968 a dance was held. Admission was 50c per person. The dance was a success and bandleader Hennie Winterbach netted an amazing R45,00. Later dances in the years to follow became more costly. But it still amazes to hear of a double ticket for a New Year's dance for R10,00 including a band, food and a fireworks display.

Completion of the newly erected pavilion was celebrated by holding the 1968/69 New Year's Dance there. 100 couples attended but afterwards the committee decided to admit only 80 couples in future.

That the pavilion became a resounding success has been established beyond doubt. The man behind its conception and erection was Viggo Lind and the General Committee or somebody else must have thought of honouring Viggo by naming this room the "Viggo Hall" because, at a Committee meeting on 25th February 1969, the Committee took note that a regatta dance had been organized. Entrance fee including supper R1,50 single. Music Hennie Winterbach quartet at R90,00. Venue: Viggo Hall. It is regrettable that never again the pavilion was referred to as the Viggo Hall.

With all these extensions and additions to the club-house Commodore Thorton Booth mused in his annual report to the AGM on 2nd June 1969, "whether it is not the time to call a halt" to the indiscriminate election of new members to the Club. The Committee was of the opinion that the Club cannot cater for more than 250 members. This opinion never became policy, however, and today memberships stand at 350. In addition during the last 10 years or so various reciprocal membership arrangements were made with clubs around the South African coast, even with the yacht club in the Transvaal. The latest agreement of reciprocity was concluded with the Navy's Seven Seas Club of Simonstown, one of the more prestigious clubs. This increase in membership could only be tolerated because successive committees had not failed to enlarge existing facilities, including rebuilding and enlarging the galley. The completion thereof coincided with the 20th anniversary of the Club. Because the Municipality had donated R15000,00 and lent another R7500,00 at very favourable terms the inauguration of the new galley was celebrated together with the Town Council who were invited to a dinner prepared and served very delightfully.

A last episode is manifested when the bar needed new lampshades and curtains. The committee decided that they "were due for renewal at a cost of R6,00 plus material and subject to the approval of the President, Mr Lund". What the actual cost amounted to was never recorded but a Mrs Lester was later complimented on her handiwork. This episode is chronicled only to show the amount of respect and responsibility which was demonstrated by a committee towards the Club and its President. In years to come this was not always the case to that during the AGM of 1971 the outgoing committee had to answer to questions from the floor about debts totally R5500,00 and no money to pay them with. This unfortunate situation lasted until 1973/74 when by a concerted effort, all debts were settled and the foundation was laid for a sound financial policy of which the Club has benefited ever since.

## IMPORTANT DATES IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY

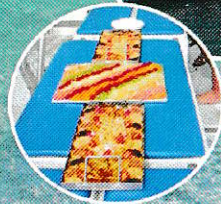
- 24.04.1961** Inaugural meeting in the Mermaid Hotel
- 04.05.1961** First Committee meeting
- 02.11.1961** First AGM of the WBYC  
(still in the Mermaid Hotel)
- 02.11.1961** First Club President voted - F.W.K.P. Alberts
- 13.01.1963** Position of the Club as it is today, confirmed.
- 15.10.1963** First Committee meeting in our own club house
- 07.11.1963** First AGM in our own club house
- 01.04.1964** First Membership cards were issued
- 21.03.1964** Official opening of the club house
- .05.1964** Bar is called the O.K. Bar in appreciation of Otto Krauer for all he had done. (no day date)
- 19.04.1973** First WB - SWK regatta
- 25/26.03.1977** First motor boat race of the speedboat division





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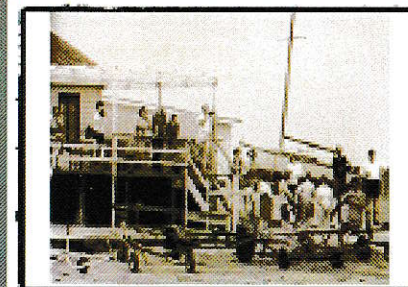
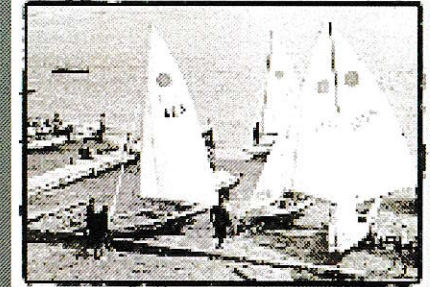
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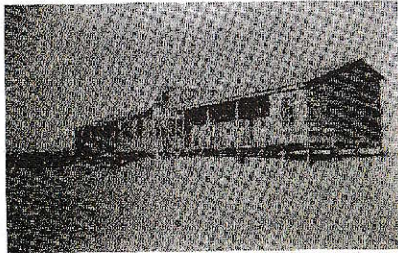
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# Memories



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The original building, donated by Mr E Lafrenz, dismantled and re-erected by Messrs V Lund and H Hansen at its present site.

Walvis Bay, 8.9.1961  
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Letter of thanks addressed to Mr E Lafrenz

E. Lafrenz, Esq.  
P.O.Box 1427  
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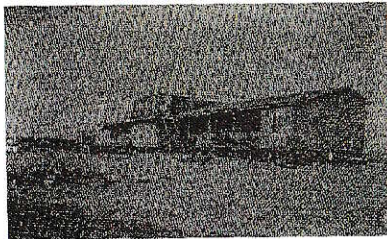
Dear Mr. Lafrenz,

On behalf of the Commodore of the Walvis Bay Yacht Club, Mr. F.W.K.P. Albrecht, as well as the Committee members I have been asked to thank you for your most generous gift of the two wooden Cold Storage houses.

It has been unanimously agreed to make you an Honorary Life Member of the Walvis Bay Yacht Club and it is hoped that you will visit our Club as often as possible, whenever you are in Walvis Bay.

Yours faithfully,  
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Kindly advise whether these terms are acceptable and if so, when you desire to take occupation of the site so that the necessary agreement may be prepared.

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*  
for / SYSTEM MANAGER.

The Commodore,  
Walvis Bay Yacht Club,  
P.O. Box 851,  
WALVIS BAY.

Friday, March 20, 1964

OFFICIAL COMMISSIONING OF THE WALVIS BAY YACHT CLUB

Over 600 people were present on Saturday evening at the Commissioning Ceremony of the new building of the Walvis Bay Yacht Club. The Commissioning was performed by the Mayor of Walvis Bay, Cr. M. C. Botma and after the Rev. E. J. Wilson-Hughes had blessed the building the Mayor, Mrs. Betty Botma cut the tape across the main door. The ceremony was followed by a sundowner party in the evening at a dance which was held.

After the Mayor and Mrs. Botma had been "spiced" by the Commodore of the Club, Mr. Vago Lund, welcomed all those present. The extended "spice" of thanks to those who had given in material and help to the erection and completion of the building.

The Mayor, Cr. M. C. Botma, said that it was in 1960 that the idea was first conceived of a Yacht Club at Walvis Bay. The Club was formed in 1961 with Mr. E. J. Wilson-Hughes as the first Commodore. In 1962 the Club succeeded in securing the site for the building. The building was completed in 1963. The Club had a membership of over 80 and was actively engaged with sailing, sitting and motor boating.

LOVE FOR SEA "I hope that this Club will be an incentive to youngsters to foster a love for the sea," the Mayor continued.

Speaking about the building he said that the Commodore of the Club, Mr. Vago Lund, was one of the old Old Storage Buildings. This building was demolished by the Club and saved with intention to be used for the new building. The building was completed in 1963.

"They have done a job of it and I must congratulate them," the Mayor said.

Water Purchases During February the Walvis Bay Municipality purchased 24 million gallons of water from the S.W.A. Administration at N\$17.50 per million gallons. This was a decrease of 10 per cent on the 1963 figure.

"The years of 1963 and 1964 are the years of the future," the Mayor said.

First S.W.A. Yachting Championships to be Held at Walvis

The first South West African Yachting Championships ever to be held will take place at Walvis Bay over the weekend of 4th to 6th of April. Three classes of racing yachts will be taking part and clubs from Windhoek, Otjiwarongo and Walvis Bay will be participating. It is expected that about 300 boats will be competing in the championships. The first race will be at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday (4th April). It is hoped that this occasion the S.W.A. Yachting Association will be formed and that the South West African Yachting Championships will then henceforth become an annual event. Over the past weekend yachting officials from Windhoek visited Walvis Bay to discuss the proposed championships for the following weekend. Full details of the championships will be published in the next issue of the Namib Times.

FIRST SWA YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE HELD AT WALVIS THIS WEEKEND

The first South West African Yachting Championships ever held will take place this weekend at the Walvis Bay Yacht Club. Some 30 yachts from Windhoek, Otjiwarongo and Walvis Bay will be competing in the Loch Fine Class, the Development Class and the Andy Class. The championships will officially start at 3 p.m. tomorrow afternoon.

The Yachting Championships are expected to draw considerable interest both locally and amongst visitors from up-country. During the week special preparations have been made at the Yacht Club to ensure the smooth running of the Championships.

The following is the full programme:

- SATURDAY: Race up starting at 10.30 a.m.
SUNDAY: Race up starting at 10.30 a.m.
MONDAY: Race up starting at 10.30 a.m.

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1964

Stealing yachts at Walvis Bay

Stealing yachts moored at the yacht club basin has happened twice in the fifty years existence of the Namib Times Newspaper. In both cases the thieves failed to make a successful departure into the sunset. On 2 February 1984 a yacht was stolen at 10.30 p.m. from the Walvis Bay Yacht Club. The yacht was a 1934 18 footer. It was estimated it was worth about N\$500. The yacht was found in the 600 (Namib Times) on 3 February 1984. It was a 1934 18 footer. It was estimated it was worth about N\$500. The yacht was found in the 600 (Namib Times) on 3 February 1984. It was a 1934 18 footer. It was estimated it was worth about N\$500.

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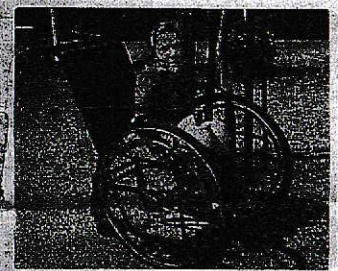
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Did You Know?

The inaugural meeting of the Walvis Bay yacht club took place on 21 November 1960. This meeting was held at the Memorial Hotel. Committee members elected: Mr. Hoeder, Mr. Bill Saiger, Mr. Vago Lund, Mr. Hansen, Mr. W. Wöcker and Mr. W. Loesch.



Easter Stamps will be on sale in the main hall of the Walvis Bay Post Office as from next week.

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Only Two Accidents On Friday The Thirteenth

Except for two motorcar accidents the traditional unlucky Friday the 13th paid off uneventfully last week. There were no births at the local hospital nor did anyone report any exceptional badluck.

One accident occurred at the intersection of 7th Street and 7th Road when a car driven by Mr. Peter Morgan was involved in an accident with a car driven by Mr. H. W. Otto. Mr. Morgan's car overturned and Mr. Morgan was the only occupant sustained minor injury to his head. Mr. Otto and his passenger, Mr. T. Chelworth, were uninjured. Both vehicles were extensively damaged.

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Announcement

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Aankondiging

Die firmas A. Blatt Shoe Store en Kessler Shoe Store sal op Saterdag die 28ste Maart gesluit wees.

Bekanntmachung

Blatt und Schuhhaus Kessler bleiben am Samstag, den 28. März geschlossen.

MORE CALLS?

The Union Castle Mail Steamship Co. hopes to commence operating the accelerated Mail Service between the United Kingdom and South Africa in mid-1965. The new service will provide an 11 day passage between Cape Town and Southampton instead of the 13 days average at present.

It is also rumored that the Union Castle Line will increase its service to and from Walvis Bay to provide at least monthly calls in both directions. At present there are only two calls a year in each direction.

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## Fashions At Wool Board Show Well Received

On Thursday and Friday evening the South African Wool Board showed its award-winning wools garments for the S.A. Academy of Fashion for Winter 1964 in the "Continental" Hotel hall. The fashion show included about 63 beautiful pieces which were shown by five Windhoek models.

The evening fashion show was held on Thursday evening at the A.M. (Mr. Wentzel du Preez) watched the development of the Wool Board since 1947.

The wool industry was stimulated through the years and woolen garments were at one time so scarce in South Africa, because of a heavy export demand that even the wool growers complained about the shortage.

In 1952 the Wool Board tackled the problem and founded the S.A. Academy of Fashion.

## Yachting Championships Prove Great Success At Walvis

(By "Pro")

The first ever South West African Yachting Championships at Walvis Bay last weekend, proved the growing popularity of this sport in the territory.

With a contingent of 10 yachts from Windhoek, Otjiveringo and Walvis Bay, the regatta became the biggest of its kind ever held in the territory. The entries were divided into three classes according to their types: "Audy", Schenk of the Kaibart Yacht Club, Walvis, who has proved his superiority in many a regatta on the coast of the territory, was able to do the same on the open sea. By using all his skill and experience he finished first in all four races, leaving the yachts of all the other classes far behind.

In the last race on Monday he looked as if he was going to be beaten by the "Albatross" (Schneider and Stern), but on the last lap he passed them to finish first.

The "Audy" class with 15

## Swaziland To Get Rail Link To Coast

Portugal and Britain have signed an agreement on the construction of a railway between Swaziland and Mozambique. It will enable Swaziland to use the port of Lourenco Marques for export and import traffic.

— Cape-Towner

## BUS SERVICE FOR WHITES IN WINDHOEK

A private bus service for Europeans is to be introduced in Windhoek by a group of three people and will probably operate from July 1. Timetables and routes are now being worked out.

The Windhoek branch of the National Council of Women had discussions with the three people and have successfully persuaded them to start a private bus service.

**MUNICIPALITY**  
The Windhoek Municipality has offered its support for the enterprise. The bus service operated by the municipality a few years ago ran into financial difficulties and had to be abandoned.

"We find that a bus service is really needed in Windhoek and we hope to get it underway in the year future — probably by July 1," Mrs. Rex Oberholzer, the council's president, told the "Advertiser".

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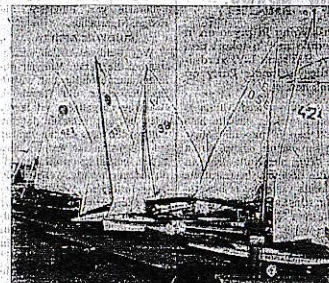
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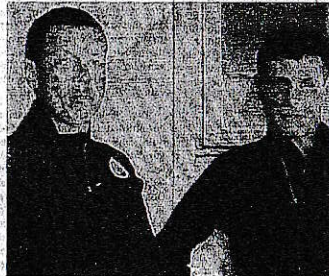
## Yachting Season Gets Underway



The yachting season got off to a good start in Walvis Bay last Sunday and above are the yachts lined up on the Yacht Club beach ready for the Commodore's salpica to mark the start of the yachting season.



Photographed above are the Commodore of the Walvis Bay Yacht Club, Mr. Viggo Lund (left) and Mr. Rudi Allers who was duty officer. After the competition the Commodore was according to tradition dunked in the sea.



Nine yachts took part in the race for the Flying Spinaker Trophy which was won by Christoff Krauer as skipper (right) and Joe Robb as crewman (left) in a Fibrotak. Second was Walter van Wijk with Ian Simpson as crew, also in a fibrotak. This year's Prostate Trophy was won by W. van Wijk and John Lund while last year it was won by G. Krauer and Max Malor.

The next race will take place on Sunday, 31st November.

## CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

Interesting themes have been chosen for the children's art competition sponsored by the Walvis Bay Business and Professional Women's Club. A public exhibition of their work will take place in the Town Hall. The date for this exhibition has been postponed and will now take place in the Town Hall on the 13th October and the 1st and 2nd of November. The diploma will be presented on the 2nd of November.

This exhibition has been sponsored with a view to encouraging and promoting art and a sense of colour. Subjects in this modelling and painting competition range from "My Family on a Sunday" to "Space Journey" in the one boys section and "Summer Fashions 1967" for girls. In the open section (age group 10-20 years) the theme is a still life on an illustrated poster for the film "The Wild Season".

Entries in the modelling competition, either in plasticine or clay, include themes like "A Character from a Nursery Rhyme" and "Prehistoric Monster".

There is no charge for competitors, and all entries are to be handed in to class teachers on or before Tuesday the 24th of October. Further details can be obtained by telephoning number 248.

The Cape Administration has called for tenders for South Africa's first modern concrete road on a section of the route between Cape Town and Port Elizabeth. It starts at Birchlands Quarry near Cape Town's Airport and goes on to the Strand suburb.

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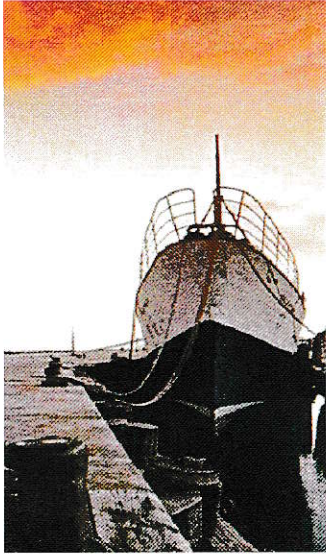
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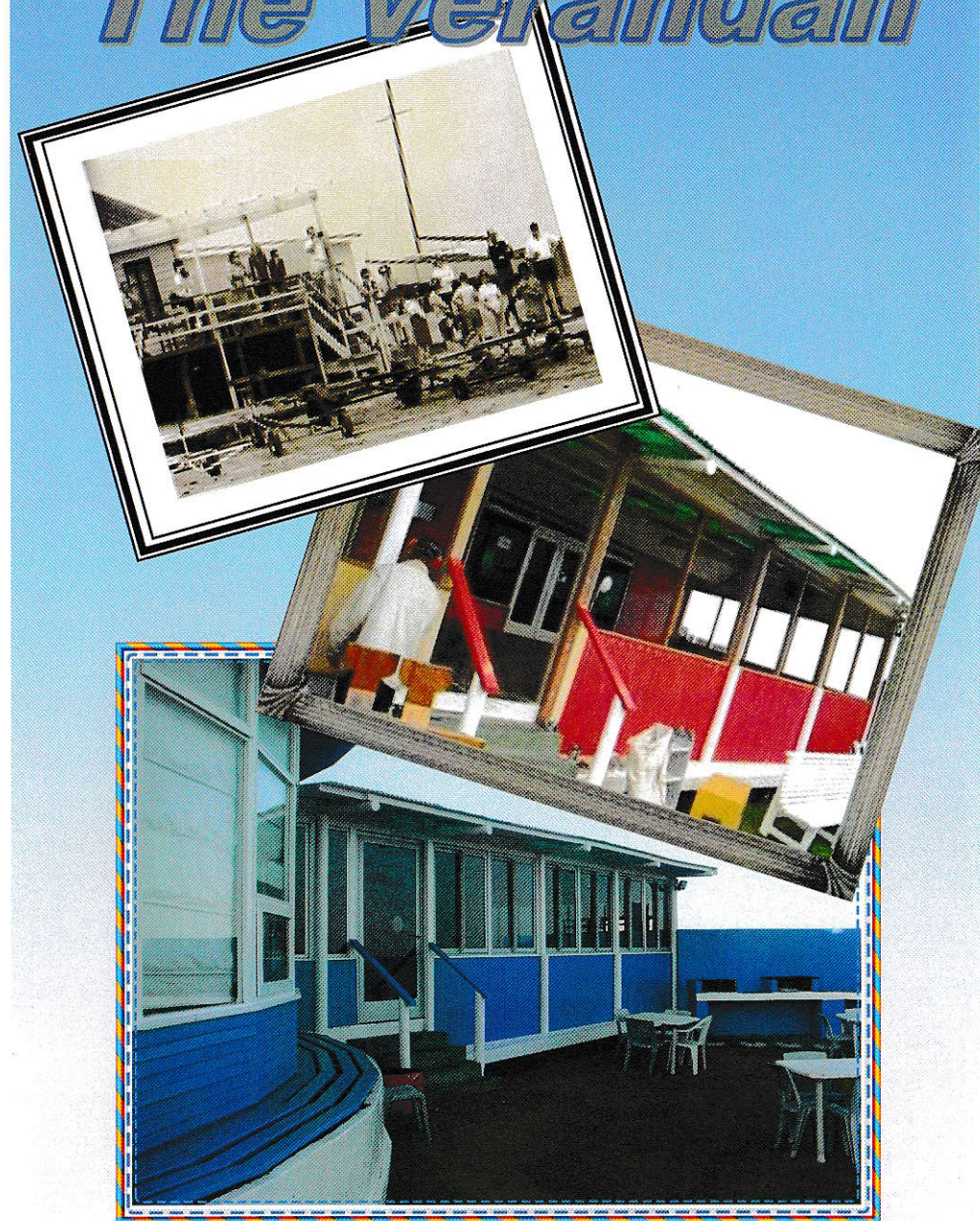
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