



**POINT YACHT CLUB
NOTICE OF RACE**

**BAR ANNIVERSARY MUG
PURSUIT RACE**

Saturday 14 May 2016

Another successful season of dinghy sailing is now drawing to a close and we intend to close it as we started it, with an afternoon of great sailing. To make it even more special, we are also celebrating the Club's birthday, with a lamb on the spit on our new lawn after racing, where the prizegiving will take place.

The **Bar Anniversary Mug** pursuit race is a great way to end the season off. Boats and skippers are handicapped according to a very scientific system and the slowest set off first with the rest of the fleet following at various intervals according to their handicaps. The small youth boats will have their own course so that they can race fairly and squarely against similar craft. The "rock stars" have to wait until last before chasing down the competition. **Eric Atherstone** has agreed again to be Race Office, but he is not open to bribes for earlier starts!

The race ends after two hours and whoever is in the lead at the time is the winner. It's huge fun with lots of spectator appeal. If the handicaps work out, the weather plays the game, and everyone sails to their ability the fleet will converge en masse on the finish line.

Please join us; historically this is one of the highlights of the season.

Although registration will close at 1200 on the day, it would help hugely if you could confirm your entry online via www.windsail.co.za or to Amanda at members@pyc.co.za by Friday 13th May 2016 to make the handicappers' job easier. **Justin Butler** will be doing the honours as Handicapper this year so be nice to him (not that it helps much!).

Programme for the day:

- **1200: Registration closes.** Late entries cannot be accepted because the handicappers need time to work their magic.
- **1315: Briefing.** Start times will be announced the PYC dinghy park.
- **1400: First start.** Subsequent starts will be at the intervals determined by the handicaps.
- **1600: Finish.** The line is laid wherever the lead boat is two hours after the first start.
- **1700: Party and Prize Giving.** On the new lawn

The **Bar Anniversary Mug** is a trophy sailed for in honour of the Club Bar officially receiving its liquor licence back in 1953 and was so named "Charlie's" in honour of Charlie Allen, who had been the biggest opponent to the Club getting its liquor licence, but on the proposition immediately jumped in to get the bar going!... (More on this interesting story can be read on the clubs history page of the website)

Mark this event in your diary and come join in the fun!!