



**SOUTH AFRICA**

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1. Hamilton Island Worlds

The next 505 World Championships in Hamilton Island, Australia, are now only 1.5 months away, March 20th to April 1st, 2011.

The Hamilton Worlds website is <http://www.505worlds.com/>

Unfortunately due to financial and leave constraints no one from the South African fleet has committed to competing in the Hamilton Island Worlds. If you are still interested in competing and want to arrange things, let one of the Exco members know and we will put you in touch with the organisers.

2. Charity Regatta Results

The annual Charity regatta in aid of NSRI, was held at PSC on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2011. The event was quite well attended with 99 boats entered, the wind was very light and fluky but in spite of this the race committee did well to get 4 races in. There were 6 505's taking part and the winners were Kyle Klaas and Robert von Gruenewaldt, with Andrew and Dru Connold taking part in their first 505 Regatta, bringing up the rear. The full results are on the website [www.rsa505.org.za](http://www.rsa505.org.za)

The next regatta on the calendar is BP Trophy from the 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> March at PYC in Durban.

3. Training Camp

In last months newsletter we asked "Who is game for a training camp at Sterkies in February?" We got plenty of interest and the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February was selected. Please let one of the Exco members know if you are interested in attending and make camping bookings with Sterkfontein Nature Reserve early to avoid disappointment. The training will start early on Saturday morning and will focus on boat setup and boatspeed tuning. We will be doing some long distance sailing on both the Saturday and probably a "Round the Island Race" on the Sunday. This should be excellent preparation for the planned offshore events at PYC, Saldanha and PE, in preparation for the Nationals in Richards Bay.

4. Upcoming events:

The 505 Exco is happy to announce that the BP Trophy event planned for the 19-21<sup>st</sup> March will be going ahead at one of the best sailing venues in the country, Offshore Durban! The event will be hosted by PYC, who have invited

us to join their multi class "Easter Regatta" with the 505's launching from the Beach site at Vetchies Pier. We strongly encourage you all to make every effort to attend especially as the Durban boats have had a major resurgence since Gregg Hurter put his New Waterat on the water. Rumour has it that at least 4 Durban 505's are training every weekend for this event.

These are the remaining events on the calendar for the rest of this season:  
RTIR, LDYC, Vaal Dam, Deneysville, 4-6 February 2011. **505 BP Trophy, PYC Beach site, Durban, 19-21st March 2011.**

505 Worlds, Hamilton Island, Australia, 20 March-1 April 2011.

WC Champs, Saldanha, 22-24 April 2011.

505 Duffin Trophy, ABYC, Port Elizabeth, 30 April-1 May 2011.

505 National Championships, Richards Bay, 16-19 June 2011.

Please make an effort to attend, each and every one of these events. If you want to improve you have to sail!

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