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Blue Flag proudly flying high again

Knysna is proudly flying the Blue Flag following the launch of the 2018/2019 season at Santos Beach in Mossel Bay on Friday October 12th.

Knysna's Executive Mayor Mark Willemse said they are extremely happy with the results. "Buffels Bay and Brenton-on-Sea beaches once again received Blue Flag status.

We also extend our congratulations to Thesen Islands Harbour Town and Thesen Islands Homeowners Associations for their Blue Flag marinas". Ocean Odyssey Whale Watching and Eco trips also maintained their Blue Flags for their boats Odysseus, Oyster Catcher and Sousa.

The programme offers many benefits: improved tourism facilities, enhanced management of coastal ecosystems, increased awareness of the coast and capacity building of coastal municipalities.

In South Africa the programme is implemented by the Wildlife Environmental Society of South Africa (WESSA).

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