

COMMODORE'S LETTER



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

1 April 2017

Dear Member,

Welcome to my second Commodore's Newsletter.

I am delighted to be able to report on a very full month of Club activities and look forward to the coming season with the optimism that comes with this time of year:

1. If you haven't yet booked for the Fitting Out Supper, it's too late. But if you have already booked don't forget to turn up. It's **TODAY!**
2. Thank you very much to **Matt Knowles** and **Vanessa Mahy** for a successful 'new-format' curry lunch on the 15th March. Almost all of the 14 attendees enjoyed the waiter service and all went pretty smoothly in spite of some intensive redecoration works taking place on the stairs at the time meaning that access and egress should have been the subject of a health and safety risk assessment and personal protective equipment worn.
3. The **Heritage** Frostbite Series reached a suitable climax on Saturday 18th March. This series is an unprecedented success and leads the way in terms of numbers of participants of any yacht racing series in the Channel Islands. The Clubhouse as always was abuzz after the event, great atmosphere. But for those of you put off by the endorphin fueled waffle of derring do and tidal anomalies never fear it is now safe to return to the Clubhouse of a Saturday lunchtime. The RCIYC racing now takes a break until the **St. Peters Trust** Dielette Race on the 13th May.
4. To put the cherry on top of that proverbial cake the **Heritage** Frostbite Crew Dinner was held on the 25th and turned out to be a rip roaring success. Thank you very much to all 30 skippers and their crew who attended and supported the Club in such fine style. Special thanks though to the **Knowles Family, Ellie** for an **AMAZING** vegetarian lasagne, **Matt** for sterling work in the build-up, behind the bar, and doing all the clearing up and **Derek** for getting stuck in on the night (it's only a matter of time before we get him to join). Thank you so much to **Martin Priest** for a

HUGE carnivorous lasagne and to **Jules** for generally organising the whole thing. Even the toad-in-the-hole didn't kill anyone as far as I've heard.

5. I would like to thank **John Squires** for coming along to the Club on Friday the 17th March (St. Patrick's Day) and providing some excellent background music on his accordions*. It really provided a most appropriate Celtic as well as nautical atmosphere to the evening. I hope that this will not be the last time that we can provide live music on a Friday evening in general and welcome John again in particular. We would heartily encourage any of our other members with talents to consider performing in the Clubhouse.

6. This Friday see the continuation of the successful series of our new 'happy hour' initiative. Come down for that drink on the way either on the way out of or into town between 1700 and 1800 and we can guarantee you will get more than you bargained for**. **We also propose to bring the meat draw forward to 1900 as it has been in the past with immediate effect.**

7. **Friday the 21st April is The Queen's Birthday.** To celebrate we feel that it appropriate to lay on a little something in the Clubhouse that evening. To that end we will be splicing the mainbrace and having cake at 1830.

8. As those of you who visit the Club will have noticed, and shame on you for those that don't, the entrance and stairs have been brought kicking and screaming into the 21st century with a very contemporary colour scheme. As you might know the repainting of the stairs has been on our agenda for a while and now, luckily, someone else has done it for us. We understand that they will also be revamping the shared facilities in the near future and we are confident, if the stairs are anything to go by, that this will be a huge improvement on the current situation. We have had a very positive and constructive meeting with the new proprietors of the restaurant to be housed on the first floor. The restaurant is to specialise in seafood, be called "The Catch", and is due to open in mid-April. We look forward to welcoming them and will continue to investigate ways in which they can benefit from the patronage of our members and how our members might be rewarded for using this new amenity. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to having a successful and vibrant restaurant on the floor below us.

9. Unfortunately Vanessa Mahy will be away next week. This means two things 1. There will be a limited food offering at lunchtimes in the Club next week and 2. The Flag Officer and Committee will be manfully manning the bar. Please see below the roster for the staffing and opening hours of the bar next week.

Bar Rota 3rd to 8th April

Hours \ Date	Monday 3.4.17	Tuesday 4.4.17	Wednesday 5.4.17	Thursday 6.4.17	Friday 7.4.17	Saturday 8.4.17
1200 - 1300	David Raines		Beth Chandler		Richard Storey	Jon Chandler
1300 - 1400	Julia Schaefer?	Richard Storey	Jon Chandler	Ellie Knowles	Matt Knowles	
1200 - 1400		David Raines		David Raines		David Aslett
1700 - 1900					Matt Knowles	
1900 - 2100					David Aslett	

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*I use the term accordion in ignorance, in fact there were a number of squeezeboxes involved in the performance the names and subtly of which were, I'm afraid, beyond me.

**The Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club LBG encourages responsible alcohol consumption.

Jersey Cruise – Easter Bank Holiday Weekend



HW St Peter Port Good Friday 0917 (BST)

HW St Peter Port Easter Monday 1044/2257 (BST)

The first cruise of the season and hopefully the sun will be shining.

Early indications of interest would be appreciated and please click [HERE](#) to email me.

Once I have an indication of likely numbers we can plan the social arrangements.

David Raines
Vice Commodore

Racing



For a Report on the last race of a highly successful Heritage Frostbite Series please click [HERE](#).

Please support the Club by joining in some or all of the forthcoming social events:

Thai Curry Lunch - Wednesday 12 April



Rather than the usual Indian Curry Lunch Vanessa will be serving a Thai Curry Lunch on Wednesday 12 April.

To make a booking please click [HERE](#) to email Vanessa or, alternatively, please add your name to the list on the Notice Board.

Please help us to cater by booking by noon on Monday 10 April.

Happy Hour - Every Friday (17:00 - 18:00)



'Happy hour' is between 17.00 and 18.00 on Friday evening.

Friday nights are a real success story for the Club and the meat draw is well attended.

Why go anywhere else!

Spring Talk - Friday 21 April



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

In association with the Marine & General Chandlery, Justin Jones from English Braids will be giving a talk on **Friday 21st April 2017** commencing at **7pm** in the **Guernsey Yacht Club**. The talk will cover different types of ropes and their uses and the art of rope splicing. Time allowing some practical demonstrations will be given.

This event is open to all and will hopefully be of interest to those using rope and interested in splicing techniques.



Dates for your Diary

Chinese Evening – Saturday 22 April

Liberation Day Lunch – Tuesday 9 May

Greek Night – Saturday 27 May

2017 Regalia - New short sleeve Rugby Shirt, New Fleece, & "Monty" the Teddy now available



Please click [HERE](#) to view the full range and for details of how to order.

Samples of the Regalia are on display in the Club.

Lunch



An excellent bacon & brie panini (Ed.)

Take a break from work or shopping and have lunch at the Club.

To view the Lunch Menu please click [HERE](#).

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