

COMMODORE'S LETTER



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

1 May 2017

Dear Member,



This Commodore's Newsletter continues in the spirit of glasnost and perestroika. In the interests of sharing out the workload we would like to announce that **Rear Commodore Matt Knowles** will head up the **House, Bar and Catering** sub-committee who along with **Vanessa Mahy** will take care of this side of the Clubs operations. **Vice Commodore David Raines** will continue his excellent work on the **Cruising and Social** sides of the Club again in conjunction with **Vanessa Mahy**.

The Fitting Out Supper was a great success, only some slightly dodgy plumbing threatened to spoil the evening but let's not dwell on that. Thanks very much to **Vanessa, Andy Taylor of Café Délices, and Jules** for some excellent port and **Matt** for manfully manning the bar as well as carrying out some extreme plumbing to prevent the near disaster. 24 people thoroughly enjoyed the evening, thanks to **Phil Ball** for recording the event and **Cosmo**.....we only let you in at such short notice because it was your birthday the next day, please don't give us this stress again. **Vanessa's** initiative of an Easter Egg Draw was a huge success.

Thank you very much to all the **Flag Officers and Committee** who staffed the bar during Vanessa's absence during the first week of April. Now we all understand how difficult it is. Also, helping her father, a special thanks to **Beth Chandler** for covering a shift. Beth had just recently returned from Iraq (apparently it was perfect

preparation). Apologies to those members who came in expecting Vanessa's fantastic Paninis and who were offered crisps and nuts instead. The Paninis are now back on, including Saturday lunchtimes.

Further to a query from one of our members and warrant holders, no names, no pack-drill. We would like to clarify the conditions governing the issue of Yacht Permits to Members of Entitled Yacht Clubs in the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands. On first inspection it seemed that the warrant was issued to the person and NOT the yacht. This led to the assumption that the warrant could be transferred by the holder from one yacht to another. THIS IS NOT THE CASE. Referring to Conditions 1 and 10 in particular of The Warrant to Wear Special Ensign it can be clearly seen:

1. Permit. The Yacht must be issued with a Permit by the Yacht Club pursuant to the granting of a Warrant to that Club by the Secretary of State for Defence.

10. Return of Permit. When a Yacht is sold, there is a change of ownership or the owner ceases to be a member of the Club, the Permit must at once be surrendered to the Secretary of the Club who shall forthwith cancel it.

Thanks again to **John Squires** for entertaining us with his squeeze boxes again on the 7th April.

Vanessa and I had a very productive meeting with the representatives of the Tour des Ports de la Manche, Education, Sport and Culture, Guernsey Electricity and Guernsey Harbours and will be providing the bar service for this event on the Crown Pier on the evening of the 10th July. There is an exciting new initiative this year to have a junior optimist regatta in Granville on the afternoon of Saturday the 8th July and we will be working with the GYC and Education, Sport and Culture to select three, 7 to 12 year old optimist sailors to compete in this pre-regatta.

The Thai Curry lunch was a tasty success. Continuing the format of everyone sitting around one large table 10 members and their guests/children enjoyed red and green curry, rice and mini Thai crackers. This format is very sociable and the waiters didn't even miss anyone out this time. Although it does mean that it is much better if all of the food is served at the same time so the 1230 for 1300 sit down is conducive. My mother's cake went down well for the Queen's Birthday celebrations in the Clubhouse together with the odd shot of rum!

Finally, and with immediate effect, Vanessa's office hours will be 11.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

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