

# COMMODORE'S LETTER



## ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

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11 March 2016

Dear Member,

### **Annual General Meeting**

We had a successful Annual General Meeting last Thursday. I would like to welcome Matt Knowles to the Committee and congratulate David Raines' appointment as Rear Commodore, Julia Schaefer's appointment as Rear Commodore (Sail) and Darren Vogel's appointment as Rear Commodore (House). The keen eyed amongst you would have noticed that Darren's position is a new one and this is mainly to cover the increased responsibility and demands of the Clubhouse.

We also welcomed our new Club Steward, Serge Maubec. Serge has already put shoulder to wheel and started to reorganize the bar. We will be looking at changing some of the alcohol offerings and will hopefully introduce a limited lunch menu from April.

The most important announcement of the evening was the disclosure that the Committee have registered an interest in new premises. After debating with the members in attendance, it was resolved that the Committee may proceed and place the current premises on the open market to find a replacement tenant. Once a tenant have been found, the Committee will call an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss a business plan for the new premises. Please come and see us on a Friday evening to discuss the exciting new plans.

## Secretary



Carolyn Clark, our beloved secretary of 22 years has announced her retirement. I presented Carolyn with a lovely painting of the Pea Stacks for her and Aden's new home in Spain – just to remind them of their roots in Guernsey.

Carolyn remains available on an ad hoc basis to ensure an efficient transfer of duties.

The Club Secretary position is still available and should any member like to be considered before I advertise the position externally, they should contact me on [rheino@impi.gg](mailto:rheino@impi.gg).

We will arrange a leaving do for Carolyn later in the year!

## Racing



### Heritage Frostbite Series 2016

This ever-popular race series is drawing to a close and the final race will be held on 19 March. For the first time since my involvement with racing we had two consecutive races where we did not have results – one race was cancelled due to dangerous conditions on the start line and the other was abandoned after a race mark was found to be missing.

The crews however had a fantastic race last Saturday in freezing conditions sailing a course to cover all points of sail to Lower Heads and back. White Rabbit was victorious in Racing Class and Dark Horse took the honours in Cruising Class.

Currently there is a tie for first place overall in Racing Class between White Rabbit and Black Jack. Dark Horse is leading the overall standings in Cruising Class.

As is the longstanding tradition, the crews have been enjoying their post race hotdogs to warm up after the race whilst exchanging good natured banter.

## **Cruising**



This year's first cruise will be over Easter Weekend to St Helier and there will be a briefing in the Club on Thursday, 24 March – hopefully weather will permit this to go ahead!

Please click [HERE](#) to view the full cruising programme for 2016.

The Cruising section will also join in with the Racers on the Vodafone Passage Race Series and use the same course and dates to explore our beautiful islands. More detail to follow.

## **Social Calendar**

### Quiz



Jeremy Smithies will host a Quiz for us on Wednesday, 23 March – get your teams of 6 together – we will serve Fish and Chips at the Club.

Please click [HERE](#) for more details and booking arrangements.

## Fitting Out Supper



This will be held at the Club on Saturday 2 April.

Michael Blaney will be Guest of Honour, so please support this event and make a donation towards his leaving gift.

Please click [HERE](#) for more details and booking arrangements.

## Curry Lunch



The Club will host a Curry Lunch on Wednesday 6 April.

Please click [HERE](#) for more details and booking arrangements.

## **Dinner with Paralympians**



You are invited to join us for a  
**Dinner with Paralympians**

In aid of Guernsey Sailing Trust,  
Guernsey Disability Alliance and  
Guernsey Cheshire Homes.

Thursday 7th April  
St Pierre Park Hotel  
7.30 for 8.00pm

Tables of 10: £500.00  
Individual tickets: £50.00

To book please email  
friends@sailingtrust.org.gp  
or call 01481 120196.



The Friends of Guernsey Sailing Trust are hosting "Dinner with Paralympians" on 7th April at the St Pierre Park.

The Dinner is in aid of Guernsey Sailing Trust, Guernsey Disability Alliance, and Guernsey Cheshire Homes.

Please click [HERE](#) for more details.

## Stocks Hotel - Bloc Marine Promotion



Stocks has a small number, currently 15, of the 2016 Bloc Marine pilot guides, which they would like to offer as prizes to the first 15 RCIYC Skippers who visit Sark by boat in 2016. The guides have a retail price of €30.

To claim your copy, have a meal at Stocks and bring a picture of your boat and the RCIYC ensign to show you have sailed to Sark. No Camera? Just bring your membership card and they'll trust you.

Stocks looks forward to seeing you in 2016. The hotel re-opened on Friday, March 4th.

See you on the water!

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