

COMMODORE'S LETTER



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

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Dear Member,

The boating season is nearing maturity and we are still awaiting the arrival of decent weather - sail and power alike! I know of some members that have been weather bound for a week at a time. That said, dozing on the saloon sofa whilst listening to the Ashes over a crackling 5Live is probably one of the most relaxing things in my mind - I just wish the test matches would last longer than 3 days!

The optimist that I am, I am sure there will be super weather for the events that remain.

Sailing

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This popular overnight race to St Malo was again well supported and the crews experienced changeable conditions which made the race tough setting off in light airs. Fortunately the wind filled in and most yachts finished the race in the early hours of the morning.

Crews met for the now traditional excellent lunch at the St Malo Yacht Club where the prize giving was held - the honours going to Matt Knowles of *Alectrona*. The best bit of this event is heading into the walled city for the traditional pub crawl and for the winning crew to treat the whole fleet to Calvados as tradition dictates!

It was great to have a new sponsor for this event and we look forward to building the relationship!

I would like to thank Martin Priest for hosting the crews and preparing the results with son James.

OAK Trust Impi Shield



The seventh edition of this race was held on 18 July. This is the first yacht race to be sailed for the benefit of a charity. The race seem to be synonymous with strong winds but the last two editions have been in very light airs. This resulted in a shortened course with the crews sailing clockwise around Herm.

Twelve yachts entered and 7 finished. It was great to have staff members of Oak Trust as crew this year which resulted in some friendly competition between the 2 Pogos.

Before the race start it was believed that the longer waterlines of the J122's, *Kaya & Lady of Aquitaine*, would stand a good chance in the light airs. The tide had a different view and both J122's had to retire.

In the end it was *Enigma* winning the Impi Shield for Cruising Class and *Fandangle* winning the Oak Shield for Racing Class. The overall victory and the Male Uprising Guernsey MUG went to *Fandangle*.

Crews and guests of Oak Trust gathered at the marquee on the Crown Pier for a hog roast. The food was excellent this year and there was a jovial atmosphere in the tent. An auction was held to raise money and awareness for Guernsey's Male Cancer Charity, MUG, which raised nearly £4000 on the evening! Members should be proud of this effort.

It was generally accepted that this has been the best edition yet and with Oak Trust confirming their sponsorship again for next year, we hope that members will embrace the race even more!

Airtel Vodafone Passage Race Series



We are racing the penultimate race in the series this week and have been fortunate to have results in all the races. Generally the series have been supported well but I would like to see more cruising skippers out there racing in the white sails class. See the race as an opportunity cruise around this wonderful Island of ours - and meet in the Club afterwards for some nibbles and banter.

Cruising

The annual St Aubin cruise was again a success. Please click [HERE](#) to read the report.

Polygon Cruise to Dielette/Triangle Race



Our traditional cruise and new race to Dielette (via Carteret) is again coming up over the August Bank Holiday and true to the usual format, there will be a Quiz for the cruisers to complete on the way there.

We have again arranged for an excellent meal to be prepared at Hotel Du Phare. The traditional BBQ will also be held on the Sunday. Our generous sponsor, Polygon, has prepared trophies, shirts and the hospitality will be unrivalled.

The cruise is open to members and their guests along with prospective members (as long as we have their membership applications in before the event).

This is the only sponsored cruise out there and always culminates in a great weekend away with the family and friends.

Please click [HERE](#) for details of the arrangements.

Finally - we also are singing for a great pontoon party to be held on the last night of the Proms so get the date in your diary!

See you on the water!

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