

COMMODORE'S LETTER



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

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Dear Member,

The season is in full swing and it is nice to see the visitor's marina filling up. The Sunday seafront closures are continuing and it is hard to imagine a better place to live in the summer.

Governor's Cup

This race is an inter island team event where Guernsey competes against our sister club from Jersey. It is the sailing equivalent of the Muratti – except that Guernsey is rather good at it.

It is usually held after the Carey Olsen yacht race, as it is the most convenient time as the two island's top racers are together. It is contested over the best of three races and The Guernsey Team consisting of White Rabbit (Simon Henning), Black Jack (Martin Ozard) and Fandangle (Martin Priest) only needed 2 races to defend the cup. It was however such beautiful sailing day that Jersey requested to sail the third race too. The result was repeated and we took the series 3-0. If this was a horse race, our skippers would have been sighted for using the whip to much... Well done team!!

Afterwards we hosted both teams in the Club and provided some hotdogs. The Jersey team may have left empty handed, but at least their tummies were full.

Enough with the banter...

I would like to thank the Guernsey team, Steve Drew for letting us use his boat as a committee boat, and David Aslett and Dave Herschel for organising and administering.

Racing



The Club, with the help of Darren Vogel, have teamed up with the Beer Code Design group to come up with the next innovation for local racing. This initiative has also been sponsored by our Passage Race Sponsors, Airtel-Vodafone. The consortium have developed the integration of an App for mobile phones to track our racing fleet live around our race courses. Airtel-Vodafone have very generously donated the mobile phones to for the tracking. We are hoping to implement the tracking this weekend for the Airtel-Vodafone Round Guernsey Race (if the phones arrive in time from Jersey).

This will add an exciting dimension to our racing as we aim to broadcast the race live in the Club for the non racers (or you could follow it on your own computer). The initiative is in its early stages but should also later make the evening races interesting....

Cruising

This weekend our cruising club is setting off around Guernsey, under the expert guidance of John Frankland.

The briefing will be tomorrow evening in the Clubhouse at 18H00 and the plan is for all the boats to meet Friday evening in Beaucette Marina before setting off on Saturday morning for the cruise around our beautiful island.

This will be held in conjunction with our race around Guernsey and all participants are welcome to join the racers for some cocktail food, real ale and banter in the Clubhouse from 18H00 on Saturday evening.

There has been limited uptake for the cruising evenings we have staged thus far, which is disappointing. The Cruising Committee still believes in the initiative – I would like to invite interested parties to contact me on rheino@impi.gg should they have suggestions on how we can develop these events.

Social

This Friday evening I will be serving Apperol Spritz Cocktails in the Club – just before I launch myself off the Man Powered Flight platform for Male Uprising Guernsey – I look forward to seeing you there!

Safe Sailing

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