

COMMODORE'S LETTER



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

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The Interactive Sector

I don't think one can fully prepare or understand the sudden responsibility of taking the helm until one is confronted with it. As I stated at the AGM, it is with great pride and honour that I assume this responsibility.

Again I want to extend my gratitude on behalf of the Club to Stuart Crisp for his dedicated leadership over the past two years. I would also like to welcome Adam Gale, Julia Schaefer and Richard Corcoran to the Committee.

A club is a unique thing - a congregation of people with similar interests who enjoy and share the love of those interest together. A club is therefore not in the production, manufacturing, services sectors. A club is in the "Interactive" sector. There is a direct correlation between what members get from the Club, to what they put into the Club. It is true, as a member, you can pay your annual subscription, apply for a warrant and wear the RCIYC Ensign – and that could be the total of the relationship.

Personally, to do that, was never going to be enough for me, for I am selfish by nature. I was new to boating in Guernsey, and needed more from the Club, in terms of advice and guidance. Because I needed more, I needed to give more. I have been very fortunate to benefit from the knowledge of fellow members as a result.

Last year, through the hard work of the Committee, was the first year in a while, where there has been a growth in membership. The Committee continues to build on the successes, to reignite the vibrancy and camaraderie that a Club has. Your participation would only enhance the success!

New Cruising Club Format

Selfish as I am, I have a severe shortcoming in my ability to navigate the passages around Guernsey. This shortcoming gave me an idea...

The Cruising Committee is introducing Passage evenings. The Format will consist of interested members meeting at the Club on a weeknight, to discuss the various passages around Herm and Guernsey, initially with our experienced local navigators. We will then meet out on the water the following week, on our own boats, to actually go and do those passages together. Afterwards, we will meet in the Club for some pizza and to discuss the next passage adventure – Dates in May will be published soon and is open to motorboats and yachts alike.

Racing Announcements

The Racing Committee has already been working hard since the beginning of the year with the Heritage Frostbite Series. Weather has not been the most favourable but it has been an exiting series thus far, with the final race and series decider, to be sailed on 28 March.

We are also very proud to announce that Airtel Vodafone have taken over the sponsorship of the Passage Race Series – this will ensure that this already successful format will continue we look forward to your participation in the fund events. Male Uprising Guernsey (MUG) is also continuing their involvement with the series in sponsoring the Short Handed Series we hope to develop this year.

For those cruising boats out there – our racing is open to all and we endeavor to accommodate all skill levels and classes – with a white sails class and short-handed class. All those husband-and-wife teams can join us for some exciting passages around our beautiful Bailiwick.

There are some racing members that take the competition side very seriously and there are members that just enjoy the passage sailing and camaraderie in the Club afterwards. All are made to feel welcome.

Club Talks

On 26 March, AB Marine will be at the Club to talk about safety on board – this will cover liferafts, lifejackets and EPIRBS etc etc and ALL the questions you can throw at Antony. Details on how to join will be published tomorrow.

Finally

The club and the Committee works hard to feed your interest in boating, if there is any subject you would like us to cover, please contact me on rheino@impi.gg and we will accommodate it.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Safe Sailing

Rheino Redelinghuys
Commodore

Forthcoming Social Events

Fitting Out Supper - Saturday 28th March 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.



The main sailing season must be getting closer as we look forward to the Fitting Out Supper. Our chef is, as last year, Andy Taylor and we are confidently looking forward to another enjoyable meal.

Please click [HERE](#) for the Menu.

If you would like to join in please e-mail Carolyn at club@rciyc.com or add your name to the list on the Notice Board.

Racing



Race 6 of the Royal Channel Islands' Yacht Club's Heritage Frostbite Series was sailed in ideal conditions last Saturday. There was a slight chill in the fresh Northerly breeze, but with a fairly short "laps" course set for this race, all the crews had plenty of work to do to keep warm, with nearly every boat changing to a spinnaker for the downwind legs.

The first leg saw both fleets sailing close-hauled from the castle, across the harbour mouth to Refee South Cardinal Mark. With a much wider start line than the previous race, the starts in both classes were a little less fraught, although starting with the tide, as in most previous races, seems to get the fleet away much more conservatively, with nobody wanting to false-start. Those starting at the outer end, close to the new temporary distance mark, seemed to come out favourably, and some boats even tacked out into the fair tide early on, risking sailing a bit of extra distance.

Class 2 had just four boats on the line this week, with Enigma, helmed by club Vice-Commodore Dave Aslett in owner Mark Huntley's absence, enjoying a flying start just seconds after the gun.

From Refee, the yachts then headed straight upwind to Vivian race mark, with the tactics really coming into play. Again, those risking heading further out tended to make the bigger gains. Then followed a long and enjoyable leg heading deep downwind to Anfre rock. The boats with asymmetric spinnakers played the angles to try to make up for the further distance sailed with their higher planning speeds, and this strategy certainly seemed to be working well for White Rabbit (Simon Henning).

The last leg took the fleet back upwind to the castle, with a further lap for the cruisers, and another two to sail for the racers, some of whom were "lapping" the back-markers by the finish.

Both classes saw third race wins for new fleet leaders who missed the first race. Enigma managed to win Class 2 by an impressive four minutes on corrected time, whilst White Rabbit took the spoils of victory by a minute and a half in Class 1.

The competition for the other podium places was much tighter in both classes. Less than a minute separated Class 2 runner-up Alectrona (Matt Knowles) from third placed David Raines aboard Glenfruin, who finished his first race this series and also raced his boat under spinnaker for the first time.

In class one the gap between BlackJack (Martin Ozard and Steve Morris) in second, and Kaya (Roger Martel) in third was just four seconds, and there was less than four minutes separating second and sixth places.

The series itself remains wide open, especially with a further discard as long as the final race, starting at 11.00 on Saturday 28th March, is sailed. Class 1 has White Rabbit and Vamoosh (Rupert Dorey) tied on points at the top, with BlackJack close behind, followed by Banjaard (John Falla) and MustardMitt II (Jim Nicolle) also on equal points. In Class 2 Enigma has edged a single point in front of previous leader Alectrona, but Panthalassa (Ian Le Maitre), Tomahawk (Gordon Wilson), Dark Horse (Dino Castro) and Guffin (Ali Bisson) all remain in contention for a podium place.

New Opening Hours

	Low Season	Shoulder Season	High Season
	2015	2015	2015
	6 March - 7 May	8 May – 30 June	1 July - 31 August
Weekdays* - Lunch	CLOSED	12:00 - 14:30	12:00 - 14:30
Weekdays* - Evening	CLOSED	CLOSED	17:30 - 21:00
Fridays - Lunch	12:00 - 14:30	12:00 - 14:30	12:00 - 14:30
Fridays - Evening	17:30 - 21:00	17:30 - 21:00	17:30 - 21:00
Saturdays - Lunch	12:00 - 14:30	12:00 - 14:30	12:00 - 14:30
Saturdays - Evening	CLOSED	CLOSED	17:30 - 21:00
Sundays - Lunch	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sundays - Evening	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

***Monday to Thursday**

Any changes to these hours will be advised by e-mail and updated on the club website and Notice Board.