

# COMMODORE'S LETTER



## ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

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20 May 2015

Dear Member,

Finally I can look forward to the season with this year's exams behind me!



We had a fantastic Liberation weekend at the Club which kicked off with ANL visiting us from Le Légué. The festivities started on the Friday evening with members of both clubs having fish and chips followed by Rear Commodore, Dave Hershel, kicking off the entertainment with sing-along sea-shanties (try saying that out loud 10 times quickly).

The following morning, with the kind assistance of Captain Barry, Alan Bryon and Stuart and Sarah Crisp, we provided a hearty breakfast for the French crews. Finally the weekend's entertainment was concluded with a pontoon party in Victoria Marine with all the member crews providing food for the evening. This is certainly one of the highlights of the annual cruising calendar and I am already looking forward to cruising to Le Légué next year when they will host the RCIYC.

Thank you again to all that helped either directly or indirectly with the festivities, it really helped making this event a great success.



Our first weekly Pilotage Cruising evening was held last Thursday under the expert guidance of John Frankland - we will be meeting this Thursday evening on the water at 18H30 to explore the passages around Herm in our own boat - followed by our famous hotdogs at the Club afterwards. If you want to join in, contact me on [rheino@impi.gg](mailto:rheino@impi.gg)



This weekend the Cruising Club is heading to St Cast and beyond for half term. If you didn't make the briefing meet us in the club on Friday evening for the arrangements - the weather is looking good for both sail and power boats.

## Racing



The Airtel-Vodafone Passage race series continued with its second race last weekend to the Hanois Lighthouse in near perfect sailing conditions. Blue J'Ade took the honours in a very fast and closely fought race (the next two boats had exactly the same corrected time!). Our new sponsors were represented by Marina Burr for the prize presentation. Airtel-Vodafone have been very generous with their prizes and this new relationship is growing from strength to strength. The customary banter amongst competing crews were present - this reminds me - JAK owes Mahna-Mahna a bottle of Rum....



The first of the evening races, The Swoffers Evening race, was raced last night and saw five boats competing for the honours. Course are difficult at the moment as we are still awaiting some of the race marks to be deployed. A strong wind forecast limited the numbers on the water but it turned out to be a great evening's sail followed by the Club's signature hotdogs to reward the tired and cold crews.



This weekend it is the St Peters Trust Dielette race and conditions look awesome for a fast reach to the French coast. There is still a limited number of spaces available should anyone want to join (entry is however needed very quickly!)

### Coming up....



Tuesday 26th May - Captain Barry Paint will host a talk on tides around Guernsey. In the expectation that this talk will be popular with members please click [HERE](#) to reserve your seat(s).



Wednesday 3rd June - Curry Lunch.



Saturday 6th June - Investec Derby Day Draw

Please see the [website](#) for details of all these events.

**and finally.....**



Local Notice to Mariners re Belle Greve Bay – Safety Zone. Please click [HERE](#) to view.

I look forward to seeing you on the water and in the Club!

Best

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