

COMMODORE'S LETTER



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

April 2015

Dear Members

We have been blessed with great weather and a seemingly fair spread of enough wind for Champagne sailing and quiet days for smooth motor cruising. Long may it continue!

The new committee has been working hard behind the scenes, especially as everybody is settling into their new roles. A special mention and thanks has to be made for Rear Commodore Dave Hershel's efforts in organizing the New Crew Day to involve newcomers to sailing and racing. You will note on our website that there is a new "Take me Sailing!" tab for anyone interested in getting involved is crewing for other skippers or indeed if a new skipper is interested in racing his boat but needs some guidance. You can find the link at:

<http://www.rciyc.com/take-me-sailing/>

The club is blessed with a wealth of experienced sailors and any one of them would be willing to mentor or answer questions new crew and skippers may have – make use of it!



This Saturday, the Airtel Vodafone Passage Race Series start, with the popular Round Sark and Herm Race. We are continuing with the ground breaking Short Handed Class, sponsored by local cancer charity, Male Uprising Guernsey and the White Sails Class for the cruisers among you. Each of our passage races are followed by a small prizegiving hosted by Airtel Vodafone with some cocktail food. I love the camaraderie and banter in the Clubhouse after the race and any new skippers and crew are welcome.

Entry forms and Race Instructions can be found at:

<http://www.rciyc.com/racing/race-instructions/>

On the Cruising Front we have the ever popular Milk O Punch to Alderney coming up over the first May Bank Holiday. There is a briefing scheduled at the Club on 30 April at 18H00 – long term weather is looking great!



It is our turn to host ANL this year and they are arriving on Friday, 8 May. Because of the liberation celebrations, we are hosting them in the Club on Friday evening for dinner and Saturday morning for breakfast. Plans further include to have a pontoon party later that afternoon so please join in. We have negotiated a special rate with Harbours for the Saturday evening so it promises to be a fantastic weekend.

The new committee is keen to assist in promoting charities, to build on the excellent work done in previous years with the RNLI and Channel Island Air Search. The partnership with MUG is also continuing this year, not only with the Short-Handed class sponsorship but also with the Oak Trust Impi Shield on 18 July this year. We have a fantastic hog roast organized and an auction to raise money for this worthy cause to assist them in their important awareness campaigns.

The RCIYC have also committed to Autism 365, where the Club will endeavor to raise £365 over 365 days. We are arranging a horse racing night and dates will soon be confirmed.



This month's Curry Lunch will be on 6 May at 12H30.

I reiterate my first mantra – The Club is in the Interactive Sector, it is yours, take part. If there is anything you would like to see the Club do, contact me on rheino@impi.gg and we will do our best to make it happen

Safe passage!

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