

COMMODORE'S LETTER



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

24 March 2016

Dear Member,

Happy Easter!

I have always viewed Easter as the traditional start of the Boating Season but perhaps this year, with Easter being very early, one might view the official start as being slightly later in the year.

The new committee has been beavering away and I am happy to report that progress is being made on both the cruising and racing front. Most of our attention have been on the Club House front with the appointment of our new Steward, Serge Maubec. We had a fun tasting exercise on Tuesday and I was pleasantly surprised by the quality.

The Club will enter into its new opening times on Easter Monday and will be open Monday to Saturday from 12H00 to 14H00 and Friday Evenings from 18H00.

Club Lunches

Serge will be preparing home cooked Club Lunches EVERY day. Our menu will be limited to one choice per day and places have to be booked at least a day in advance to meet demand. Places can be reserved by phoning the Club on Tel 725 500.

The Menu for next week will be:

Monday: Mediterranean Chicken
Tuesday: Cottage Pie
Wednesday: Beef Burgers
Thursday: Thai Green Curry
Friday: Lasagna

I hope members will support this exciting new initiative!

Heritage Frostbite Series



Guernsey's most popular yacht racing series concluded last Saturday. It has been a tough year weatherwise and this is surely the windiest winter in a very long time!

Dino Castro, on Dark Horse won the series overall in Cruising Class, followed by Mark Huntley on Engima and Ian Le Maitre on Panthalassa in third position after the series tie break criteria was applied!

In Racing Class, Martin Ozard on Black Jack took the overall honours, again after series tie breaking criteria application from S Henning on White Rabbit, followed by John Knight on Fidelite.

Being a member of the Guernsey Pogo Owners Association, I feel the need to point to the excellent result of my fellow member, Clive Le Tissier on JAK, beating Kaya, again on tie breaking criteria. Yes ladies and gentlemen, we are indeed living in strange times where Britain may exit Europe, Trump lead America and a Pogo beating a J122! Well done Clive, I owe you a Rum!

The series was again filled with banter amongst crews and spirited competition!

Airtel Vodafone Passage Race Series



We are delighted to announce Airtel-Vodafone's continued sponsorship of the Passage Race Series in 2016.

Aside from Airtel Vodafone financial support, which helps us run a great passage race series again, their technical support has enabled us to introduce race tracking from the start of the Airtel-Vodafone race series this year, and also to improve WiFi in the Club House.

Part of the sponsorship means Superfast 4G Wifi is now available for free in the Club House (see the new 4G router located behind the bar!).

RCIYC members can also benefit from an exclusive offer when signing up to Airtel-Vodafone's 4G home broadband service - two month's FREE line rental (when signing a 24 month contract), plus the 4g router will be FREE.

This a great product for the home and when sailing around the Channel Islands too. The router is totally portable and requires no fixed line connection.

Come and logon and try out 4G broadband at the clubhouse yourself or visit: <http://www.airtel-vodafone.com/homebroadband> for more details of this product.

To redeem the free line rental offer, visit the Airtel-Vodafone high street store by **31st March 2016** with this email.

Cruising



Earlier I mentioned the early Easter this year and with that changeable weather conditions. The planned cruise to Jersey has been cancelled – instead interested members will go to Sark for Lunch at Stocks Hotel on Easter Friday to take up Alan Byron's kind offer to get a free almanac!

Quiz



Wednesday, 24 March saw the reintroduction of our annual Quiz with Jeremy Smithies acting as quizmaster. Four teams competed over 8 rounds and there was a happy break for some excellent fish and chips for dinner.

Team "Royalists", with Ed & Jenny Duncan, Richard & Mary Storey, and Phil & Julie Ball took the overall honours!

We will host another quiz in the Autumn to establish this firmly on our annual calendar.

Local Notice to Mariners



Local Notice to Mariners 003/2016 advises that two buoys have been located to the west and north of Selle Roque in an effort to protect our remaining seabird population.

Please click [HERE](#) to view the LNTM.

Upcoming Social Events

Fitting Out Supper - Saturday 2 April

Curry Lunch – Wednesday 6 April

More details on the website.

See you on the water!

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