

# COMMODORE'S LETTER



## ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

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7 September 2017

Dear Member,



A massive thank you to **John Knight** and **Alison Cook** for the very kind donation of a rather swanky new purpose built wine fridge which is now installed in the kitchen. I don't think I have ever seen **Vanessa Mahy** so happy and excited about anything to do with the Club. Thanks also to **Matt Knowles** and his sons **Andrew** and **Sam** for lumping the old one down the stairs and on its way to Longue Hougue and for collecting and heaving the new one upstairs and in to position. It has transformed the kitchen and now provides space for the microwave to be located in roughly the right place for the plug sockets which, let's face it, is pretty much a prerequisite. But almost more staggeringly it has entirely freed up the stock room which you can now actually walk in to. This huge new wine fridge can hold almost all our stock that needs to be kept cool! Thanks **John** and **Alison**.

While on the subject of 'thank-you' I must say how much appreciated **Richard Pearce's** efforts have been in sorting out the water heater in the kitchen. This is an issue which has rumbled on for far too long and **Richard** has finally taken the bull by the horns and got it sorted. Not only that but he managed to negotiate an excellent price from the local supplier **Edmundson Electrical Limited**. He has also singlehandedly removed the old one and installed the new and as far as I'm aware has completely avoided electrocution.

The **St Aubin Cruise** was a great success again this year in spite of the weather. It was such a shame that after beautiful start to the summer the Jetstream had slipped south and brought an unsettled spell which was in the end to last well in to August. Thank you very much to **David Raines** for organising this event and to **Wendy Swanson** and her team at the RCIYC in Jersey

for looking after us all so well and providing us with a wonderful meal. Thanks also to former Commodore **Stuart Crisp** for a fantastic write-up which I fully recommend you 'check out' on our website for all the details (click [HERE](#)).

**Julia Schaefer**, our Rear Commodore Sail has just survived her really busiest time of the year. She has made a superb job of not only juggling a new post with a leading Channel Islands law firm but also successfully organised the **Oak Trust** IMPI Race, **Randalls** Evening Race and the **Airtel Vodafone** Round Herm and Sark and Hanois races. You will have seen her superb write-ups in the Guernsey Evening Press and they are available on our website. **Julia** has also provided some very interesting and useful statistical data on the recent racing results which along with **Richard Babbe's** insightful knowledge has helped **Martin Ozard** in a review of some of the racing handicaps. Thank you very much to all for your continuing enthusiasm and time and effort in the pursuit of making the Club's racing as fair as possible.

It was great to welcome 20 members of the **Royal London Yacht Club** to our Clubhouse on the evening of the 11th August. Thank you to **Vanessa Mahy** for sorting out the champers and a fine spread. Unfortunately Bob Milner couldn't make it this year but the rest of the gang were in fine form full of anecdotes of their recent meeting with **Princess Anne**. Apparently, and they are not ones to name drop, but...She is Admiral of *their* club and visits the Monday of Cowes Week every year. This was fresh in their minds and there were many tales of rubbing shoulders with royalty. To bring them back down to reality this year their visit coincided with our very own Harbour Carnival night so they were able to enjoy the seafront being closed and the fireworks. They seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves and we look forward to welcoming them again next year.

Unfortunately due to the inclement August weather the **Yealm Yacht Club** visit didn't really happen this year. They were due to join us on Saturday the 19th August but the majority of their yachts did not fancy making a Channel crossing but hopefully the weather will be kinder for them next year when they plan to move their visit back to the August Bank Holiday weekend.

The August Bank Holiday cruise to Diellette was a huge success and thanks very much as always to **John Frankland** for, as always, stepping into the breach to organise that and the highly successful and competitive quiz. Congratulations to **Andy and Eve** for their triumph in winning. Please see the website for more details and **John Frankland's** excellent write-up (click [HERE](#)).

I would like to thank **Diana Walton** for taking up the gauntlet which I had so recklessly thrown down regarding a monthly commodore's newsletter joke. And following on from my initial bad taste blond-ist effort **Diana** came back at me with nothing short of an encyclopaedia of wit and wisdom containing no less than 19 anecdotes which will more or less keep me going for the entire duration of my commodore-ship if I choose to role one out from her smorgasbord of humour each month. The one that particularly tickle my fancy as an opening gambit was '**If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague**'. Which I think covers a multitude of sins.

Finally.....please support the social events below if you possibly can.

## **Jazz Evening - Wednesday 20 September**



An evening of Jazz provided by **Dave Parfitt and the Good Vibrations.**

Starts at 7.30 p.m. – finishes at 11.00 p.m.

£12.00 payable on the night.

Please click [HERE](#) to book.

## **Battle of Britain Lunch - Thursday 14 September**



The Battle of Britain Lunch will take place on Thursday 14 September @ 1.00 p.m.

Menu: Chicken & Leek Pie with mashed potato & vegetables

£11.00

To book please click [HERE](#) to email Vanessa or, alternatively, add your name to the list on the Notice Board.

**Please help us to cater by booking by noon on Monday 11 September.**

## Annual Dinner & Dance – Saturday 28 October



The Annual Dinner & Dance takes place on Saturday 28 October and we are delighted that His Excellency the Lieutenant - Governor Vice Admiral Sir Ian Fergus Corder KBE CB & Lady Corder have kindly accepted our invitation to attend.

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

**To enable the necessary arrangements to be made please ensure that both menu choices and payment are with Vanessa by Monday 9th October.**

## Local Notice to Mariners



Local Notice to Mariners (LNTM) 014/2017 has been issued re the Guernsey Powerboat Association Race Weekend – 9th & 10th September 2017.

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

## 017 Regalia - Table mats, coasters etc. now available



Please click [HERE](#) to view the full range and for details of how to order.

Samples of the Regalia are on display in the Club.

### Lunch Time Offer

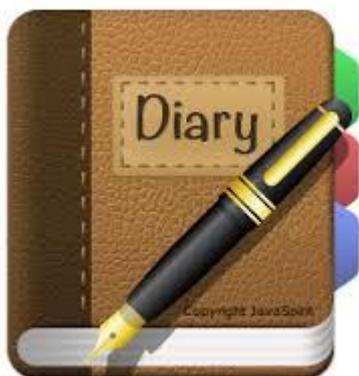


Take a break from work or shopping and have lunch at the Club.

Lunch is available in the Club Monday to Saturday inclusive, excluding Tuesday, and is available from 12.00 noon with last orders at 1.30 p.m.

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

### Dates for your Diary



Richard Corcoran Beaucette Cruise – Saturday 7 October

RNLI/CIAS Cocktail Party – Tuesday 21 November

Previous Commodores Cocktail Party – Saturday 9 December

New members & Sponsors Cocktail Party – Tuesday 16 January

AGM – Tuesday 6 March

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