

COMMODORE'S UPDATE



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

JUNE 2013

Dear Members,

Well, my first two months have been very exciting! We have had three main events and the passage races have started. It feels as if the Club is starting to buzz with things happening and ideas coming forward.

For me one of the highlights of the last month has been the singing. We started with a bit of a get together one Friday in April, before the meat draw, supported by Dave Herschel on guitar and Marilyn Pugh on piano. For an inaugural event it went very well with lots of support and fun. However, the next event surpassed all expectations when Dave played his heart out and led club members (ably supported by Ken Wheeler on Bodrán and Pierre on violin) and the members of the Association Nautique du Légué (ANL) during one of the best evenings I have ever had in the Club - if you weren't there you really missed something.



But don't despair we are going to hold such evenings once a month, so if you can or can't sing come along and join in with 'The Salty Sea Dogs' - watch out for the e-mails.

The ANL visit was a huge success despite the inclement weather, which appears to mark their visits and I would like to thank the organising committee, - Phil and Julie Ball, Michelle and Paul Steele, Richard Storey, Ed and Jenny Duncan, and Anne Marie Mitchison - well done. I was sorry that Paddy Randall, the sponsor of the event, could not make it to the Club due to ill health.

As I write this, our new projector is going up in the Club House. This will allow us to give professional presentations for talks, lectures and training. It will encourage greater use of the Club so we can show events like the 6 Nations Rugby, Wimbledon final, Grand National and so on. We will also be able to introduce film nights. There will be a launch evening to show members what it can do.

The lunches are working well with a number of people trying them, some even coming back for more, and the numbers are gradually building, often serving 5 or more meals during a sitting. If you haven't come to us for lunch, give it a try.

The bar seems to be going from strength to strength. During the Liberation week we had some of the best takings for some time.

The meat draws are continuing to be popular and we will be reintroducing fish vouchers as soon as possible.

To help to raise our profile with visitors we have advertised in the Yachtsmen's Guide with a written introduction to the Club. We will be putting A3 posters up in the shower blocks on both quays. We have also sent e-mails and posters to all the Yacht Clubs in the South of England inviting their members to visit the Club if they are in port.

As some of you may know, on our way back from the Alderney cruise *Strider* over heated and we had to make a 'pan pan' call. We were hugely grateful to Martin Ozanne who towed us in and I would recommend him as I thought he did a very professional job! I would also like to thank Guernsey Coastguard for their response and assistance. We felt very secure in the knowledge that we were being watched over and that things were being coordinated by them. After being checked by an engineer it was thought that this might have been a 'one off' so we planned to go to Cherbourg to join the party after the St Peter's Trust race. However, after we had fuelled up and were about to set off she over heated again.

I was so disappointed not to be able to be involved in this event. Fortunately the engineer has located the problem and we will be joining the St Aubins cruise - full report to follow in the next Mainsheet.

While on the subject of engines, congratulations to Dino Castro and Dave Herschel for organising a superb evening on Diesel engines presented by Marine and General. This was Dino and Dave's first event and I look forward to the future events that they have planned. David Norman and his team did such a good job it kept me awake worrying about what could go wrong. I also understand that seven of our members have put their boats on the market and two wives have left their husbands because they refused to give up boating. Additionally there have been several arguments reported because partners did not know how expensive boating was until that evening!

Just a reminder, the Club has now moved to summer opening, so is now open every day at lunchtime and in the evenings - see below.

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Stuart Crisp
Commodore
(Strider)

Club Opening Hours

	High Season	Low Season
	6 May - 8 Sept	9 Sept - 4 April
Weekdays - Lunch	1030 - 1400	1130 - 1400
Weekdays - Evening	1800 - 2200	CLOSED
Fridays - Lunch	1030 - 1400	1130 - 1400
Fridays - Evening	1800 - 2200	1800 - 2200
Saturdays - Lunch	1030 - 1430	1130 - 1430
Saturdays - Evening	1800 - 2200	CLOSED
Sundays - Lunch	1200 - 1400	CLOSED
Sundays - Evening	1800 - 2200	CLOSED

Any changes to these hours will be advised by email and updated on the website and Club Notices **Website:** www.rciyc.com

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