

# MAINSHEET



## ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

April 2012

### Dates for your Diary

Tues 1 May	Curry Lunch
Fri 4-7 May	Cruise to Le Légué
Sat 12 May	St Peters Trust Cherbourg Race
Fri 18 - 20 May	Cruise to Les Écréhous
Sat 19 May	Nascopy Hanois Race
Sat 26 May	Nascopy Round Sark and Herm Race

### Commodore's Log

Since my last report, the Club has been active with racing and social events but it is too early in the season for Club cruising.

The **Heritage Group** frostbite series of races has now finished. The turnout of boats has reached a record level and Ray Redelinghuys, Rear Commodore (Sail), reports in detail under the Sailing section of this Mainsheet. Ray has done a fantastic job in organising the series and I thank him for all his hard work. Many thanks go to **Heritage Group** for continuing to sponsor this significant race series.

Stuart Crisp, Vice Commodore, is finalising the arrangements for our first overseas cruise of the season which is to Le Légué in May. If you have not yet participated in this cruise, I urge all boaters, both sail and motor, to join in. Our French friends are really hospitable and the weekend is always memorable. Further details are included in the Cruising section of the **Mainsheet**.

Those more observant members of the Club will have seen an article recently in the Guernsey Press about our cruising activities and plans for this year. I thank Stuart for drafting the article and arranging to have it published.

On the social front, we have had a well attended pasta lunch prepared by our former Commodore, Enzo Diacono and assisted by Becky. The effort that goes into such events should not be underestimated and we really appreciate it. We have also had one of our popular curry lunches prepared by a local Indian restaurant.

The Quiz night was entertaining, ...



*the questions were challenging...*



*and the winners were Law & Disorder.*

Jeremy Smithies, a newly appointed committee member, kindly set the questions and was quizmaster. Jane Smithies worked out the results.



A buffet supper was prepared by Julie Ball, Rear Commodore, and Anne Marie Mitchison.

The Fitting Out supper was a great success with excellent food supplied by Cordon Bleu cook, Tina Guille.



Most members will have received their new membership cards and may have noticed additional documentation including a form to provide updated Communications details to the Club to enable us to ensure that membership records are current. Please complete and return these as appropriate. I thank Clive and Sam Le Tissier of **Nashcopy** for kindly providing printing services free of charge and Sam for improving the layout of the enclosures.

With best wishes,

David Mitchison  
Commodore  
(SY Calypso)

### Welcome to New Members

We look forward to meeting the following new members who have joined the club. Our congratulations go to:

Simon Ross  
Paul and Michelle Steele  
Mary Storey

### Reminder re Guests and Membership Cards

Members are reminded that, to comply with our rules and licensing regulations, all guests should be signed in by a member and that in accordance with rule 15 'no person ordinarily resident in the Channel Islands may be introduced as a guest more than four times in any year except in pursuit of any organised sailing activity' - **please note that this applies to spouses and partners.**

All members should have their membership cards available for inspection.

### Social Scene

Tues 1 May      Curry Lunch @ 1230      £11

Bookings: Please sign the list on the Notice board or contact Carolyn.

## Cruising

It is always pleasing to find out that members actually read **Mainsheet** but it was exceptionally pleasing to receive an e-mail from Australia commenting on the map included in the last edition. I hope Kate will not mind but I have reproduced it below.



'Greetings and An Early Happy St. Pat's Day to you.... Please remind the new Commodore that there is an Australian Member in your club .... She lives the closest to" Fricken Laser Sharks" in Adelaide..... Yes, we have dangerous spiders, Big Brown Snakes that kill cats....(especially on the 2nd time bitten), Horrible heat sometimes up to 40c and a red headed lady PM who does not know what she is doing and does not realize she is setting the Labor Party back 20 years by screwing up this scary island.So who would live on this Island???? I ask myself that often and that is why I travel to the Paradise of Guernsey once in awhile.....All of this from the Australian Map published in the Mainsheet..... And to let you know, we Down Under, do read the Mainsheet with interest.... Cheers and Thanks for now Carolyn.... Katherine Currier.... '

Well, the season has started. **Strider** went into the water ready for a trip over the Easter break and like you we can't wait to get going!



*Strider at anchor at Les Écréhous 2011*



The first RCIYC cruise of the year is fast approaching, to Le Légué on 5 May; see the previous edition of **Mainsheet** for details - [www.rciyc.com](http://www.rciyc.com).

I will put a signing up sheet on the clubhouse notice board in the next few days so sign up as soon as possible so I can send numbers, boat names and lengths to Xavier. We will have a briefing for skippers and crews in the clubhouse on Wednesday 2 May at 1800.

### **Fame at last**

It was great to see an article reporting on our cruising programme and club cruising philosophy in the **Afloat** section of the GEP 03/04/2012 - thanks to Tom Bradshaw. For those of you who missed it and especially for our Antipodean member who has a bit of a problem getting the Press delivered, I have reproduced it below - nice picture of **Jean Pierre** and Jane and Jeremy Smithies.

### **Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club away trips**



**Pontoon party at Beaucette Marina as part of a Round Island Cruise**

“Cruising with the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club is so different from cruising with other yacht clubs” according to Stuart Crisp, Vice Commodore, “The RCIYC is a very inclusive and friendly club and our cruises include both motorboats and yachts.”

Stuart and the cruising committee have planned a diverse and exciting cruising calendar for 2012, which includes cruises to France and two very special trips to Les Écréhous and Les Minquiers. It all kicks off at the beginning of May when the RCIYC cruise to Le Légué, the port of St Briec, to be the guests of the Association Nautique du Légué. “We have been close friends with the ANL for over 25 years and we meet up every year either in Guernsey or Le Légué” said David Mitchison, Commodore. The ANL have a reputation for putting on a great party.

How do the cruises work with boats travelling at different speeds? During the week before a cruise the skippers and crews meet at the Club house above Da Bruno's Restaurant when they are given navigation information about the tides, course, hazards, and discuss departure and arrival times. The briefing is usually given by John Frankland. Due to the differing speeds boats set off at different times, usually boats with the more experienced skippers accompanying those with less experienced or novice crews. The aim is to arrive at the destination at a similar time.

The Club even runs a cruise that includes members who do not have boats, the Richard Corcoran Cruise to Beaucette Marina. The members can choose to sail up in their boats and stay in Beaucette for the weekend or drive up and join in the meal at The Restaurant. How inclusive is that? This cruise takes place in honour of Richard Corcoran, past Rear Commodore of RCIYC, who died on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Richard loved the sea and during his tenure he worked tirelessly for the Club.

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend the club has a sponsored cruise to Diélette, the Clegg Gifford Cruise. Stuart says "This cruise is the best one of the lot and involves a challenging nautical quiz to be completed as the crews sail over." There are prizes and a superb Norman meal at Le Phare Restaurant all sponsored by Clegg Gifford & Co Ltd.

RCIYC Cruising Calendar:

May 4 – 7	Le Légué
May 18 – 20	Les Écréhous via Carteret
June 4	Pontoon D, Victoria Marina to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee
June 15 – 17	Les Minquiers via St Helier
July 20 – 28	St Aubin - Jersey
August 24 – 28	Clegg Gifford Cruise – Diélette
September 22	Richard Corcoran Cruise – Beaucette

All cruises are open to RCIYC members and their guests and a small fee is required.

If you are interested in taking part in any of the cruises or joining the RCIYC please contact a committee member or Carolyn Clark (secretary) at **Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club (Guernsey) LBG** on 723154 or Email [rciyc@cwgsy.net](mailto:rciyc@cwgsy.net) or visit our website [www.rciyc.com](http://www.rciyc.com)



*St Aubin Cruise*

Finally.....



**Bronze Medal**



**Silver Medal**



**Gold Medal**

Photo finish in a very tight submarine race!

Stuart Crisp

Vice Commodore

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## Sailing

The year is moving on, it is officially Spring, we have BST and the RCIYC has completed its first series.

### The Heritage Frostbite Series 2012



The **Heritage Frostbite Series** concluded on Saturday, 31 March, having sailed all six races in the series. This is the most successful series yet with 31 boats entered. It is particularly encouraging to see new cruising boats on the water and I hope we will continue to see them participate in other races.

We have been particularly lucky with weather, with only race 2 presenting some tough conditions. Generally the feedback has been positive and the highlight seems to have been the race around Jethou in Race 5.

In the Racing Class **Xcelerator** (Ozard/Morris) was victorious with **Glenfruin** (D Herschel) taking the honours again in Cruising Class.

I would like to thank The **Heritage Group** for their sponsorship for the 10th year running and am delighted that they confirmed their willingness to sponsor the series again next year.

Martin Belcher, Chairman, Heritage Group, presented the prizes...



*First prize 'Racing Class' to Martin Ozard*



*'Cruising Class' winner to Dave Herschel*

## St Peters Trust Cherbourg Race



The passage race to Cherbourg is our next race on Saturday, 12 May with a scheduled start at 08H45 (BST). We have moved this race up the racing calendar to make use of the favourable weather we seem to have in May. The start time necessitates that skippers move their boats from their berths the day before - this is again to optimise tidal advantages. This is an ideal occasion, at the start of the season, for crews to sharpen their skills for the season's passage race series (especially all the new J122's!)

The entry form is available on the website!

See you on the water!

Ray Redelinghuys

Rear Commodore (Sail)

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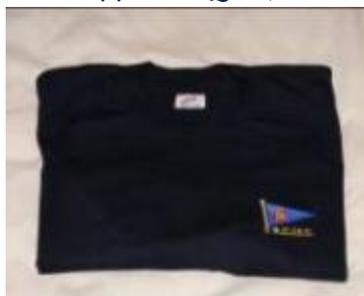
## RCIYC Regalia



Cufflinks £15.00



Ladies Brooch £6.50



Sweat Shirt £31.50



Polo Shirt £25.00

Also Cap Badges, Blazer Buttons, Bow Ties (Made-up & Self Tie), Cumberbunds, Club Ties, Burgees & Ensigns, Rugby Shirts, Sweaters etc. are available from the Club.

## 'Mainsheet'

Contributions from members are very welcome so please share your sailing experiences and exploits with us.

Julie Ball

Rear Commodore

Please contact me via Club email rciyc[at]cwgsy.net or telephone 723154.

## Club Opening Hours

	High Season 1 May - 14 Sept	Low Season 15 Sept - 30 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*

## Club Contact Details

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We can also be found on Twitter - search for "@RCIYC"

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