

MAINSHEET



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

April 2013

Dates for your Diary

Tues 23 April	Talk and Supper
Weds 1 May	Skipper and Crew Meeting
Fri 3 - 6 May	Alderney Cruise
Mon 6 May	Start of High Season Club Opening Hours
Fri 10-12 May	Morlaix Yacht Club
Fri 10-12 May	ANL Visit
Sat 11 May	Nashcopy Hanois Race
Weds 15 May	Curry Lunch
Weds 15 May	Family Boating Forum
Sat 18-19 May	St Peter's Trust Cherbourg Race
Sat 18-19 May	Cherbourg Cruise
Fri 24-27 May	St Aubin Cruise

Please check the website www.rciyc.com for details of these events.

Commodore's Log

Dear Member

Welcome to my first Commodore's Log. Since I was elected as Commodore in March we have completed the very successful **Heritage Frostbite Series** ably run and organised by Ray Redelinghuys and David Aslett. My thanks go to Gordon Wilson for Heritage's ongoing sponsorship.

As I outlined in my letter to members, recently dispatched, I have an experienced and active Board to support me as we push the Club forward. As you will see from this **Mainsheet** we have a very busy 2 months ahead of us, with several planned cruises, the passage racing getting under way

and visits from various Yacht Clubs. The first of these is the Association Nautique du Légué, the members of which arrive on 10th May. Last weekend Sarah and I had the pleasure of visiting our friends at the ANL, for their 'Puce Nautique' (Nautical flea market) which has inspired me to try and aim for a similar event in Guernsey next year. While in Le Légué we were treated like very old friends spending time in the homes of Xavier and Marie-Jose Saux (the organiser of the Guernsey cruise for the ANL end) and Christian and Brigitte Lamy. We also met the new President of the ANL, Pascal Delisle, as well as many other friends of the RCIYC. We had the opportunity to iron out some of the final details in preparation for the visit of the ANL (see details below).

Whenever we visit France, whether to meet friends or just cruising, there always seems to be some singing and/or dancing somewhere. It also appears to be a part of club and family life. I can't sing but Sarah can and we are sure there are members in the Club who would enjoy getting together to sing songs with a nautical theme. We would like to get a number of people together on an informal basis to build a repertoire of songs - a RCIYC Song Book, to be able to roll out at some of our events. I really enjoyed the impromptu singing of 'Land of Hope and Glory' at the QDJ pontoon party last year. We thought that we could meet for the first time on Friday 26 April at 1815 hours before the meat draw. If you can play an instrument all the better. Drop me an email if you would be interested in taking part.

I will be meeting with Bruno over the next few days to finalise the menu for the daily Club lunches. You will hear when these start.

I try to be in the Club most lunchtimes and Friday evenings. Also I call in on Saturdays. This may change a bit once **Strider** is in the water and the boating season gets underway! Meanwhile please pop in if you want a chat. Also I can be contacted by my e-mail address crispscrisp@aol.com or 07781 110472 or 01481 725584.

If you are intending to come to the Diesel Engine and Boat care evening put on by Marine and General on the 23rd April I will see you there.

If not I look forward to meeting you soon.

Stuart Crisp
Commodore
MV Strider
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Welcome to New Members

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

Dr Jane Fraser
Mark and Dorothy Freeman
David and Jocelyn Grimshaw
David Jones

Social Scene

Another Social Evening was held at the Club on 13th February. The 32 Members and guests attending were informed and entertained by David and Angie Jeffs whose well-prepared and expertly delivered talk on 'Three Oceans in Three Years' was enthusiastically received.

David and Angie took us through the process of selecting their 43ft Halberg Rassy yacht 'Hurrah' and the planning that was needed for a three year voyage. They described the long, three year period of gestation leading up to their departure from Guernsey and the decisions taken on routes and timing. Victualing and equipment procurement were explained.

The sailors in the audience were particularly interested in the technical aspects of the sails and rigging used during their voyage as well as in the details about life on board during long periods out of sight of land.

The journey itself, the wildlife encountered, favourite spots and other highlights of the trip were covered as well as some of the difficulties faced and overcome. Also, a detailed breakdown of the costs associated with such a long time away was given.

The well-crafted talk taking in so many different angles and aspects appealed both to those contemplating such an ocean voyage as well as to the 'armchair sailor'. At the conclusion of their presentation David and Angie fielded several questions which they answered very fully. A vote of thanks was proposed by Jane Smithies which was followed by prolonged applause.

The evening concluded with an excellent cottage pie and crusty bread supper, once again catered by Nick and Lisa Mahy from the Cobo Tea Room.

A thoroughly good evening!

Upcoming Social events

Tuesday, 23rd April, @ 1900 Diesel Engines - Presentation and Discussion



This promises to be an invaluable insight into how to maintain your diesel engine, and what to do when things go wrong with it. It will be led by Mr David Norman, of **Marine and General**, and one of his engineering team. The cost is £10, to include a fish and chip supper. Guests welcome.

Wednesday 15th May Curry Lunch @ 1230 for 1300 start - £11

Wednesday, 15th May, from 1900: Family Boating Forum



Many of us have children and don't wish to curtail our activities afloat whilst they are growing up. This informal evening will allow the sharing of ideas as to how to make boating safer and more enjoyable with children, and will help to shape the way in which the club will continue to facilitate this with family events in the future. Please feel free to bring along friends from outside the club who wish to come. A light buffet will be served.

Bookings for the above events: Please sign the list on the Notice Board or contact Carolyn on 723154 or email: rciyc@cwgsy.net

Sailing



Firstly I would like to thank the Commodore, Flag Officers, Board members and Secretary for the warm welcome and the encouragement they have given me in taking up the post of Rear Commodore Sail. I would especially like to thank my predecessor Ray Redelinghuys for his enthusiasm and many achievements in his time as Rear Commodore Sail and also for being the representative of one of the major sponsors of the racing programme.

I would also like to thank Simon Henning and Martin Priest for their invaluable assistance in putting together the 2013 race programme and to Martin Ozard for helping us to co-ordinate our programme with that of the Guernsey Yacht Club. I would also like to thank Richard Babbé who is liaising with the IRC Race Office with a view to obtaining and learning how to use the latest results software which will assist us in the first of our 3 new initiatives for 2013. These are:

1. To introduce a performance related handicapping system. Similar to golf, a yacht's actual results will influence its handicap. Initially this will be run in parallel with the standardized IHS handicaps which have been used in previous years but if it proves successful and popular it may, in time, be the basis for calculating the trophy winners.
2. We are going to introduce a sub-class for yachts who want to sail in a 'gentleman's' fleet. In this class the use of spinnakers, bloopers or any other purpose built downwind sail will be prohibited. This class will sail only using their standard white sails. Their handicaps will be adjusted accordingly and if a yacht opts to enter this class for a particular series then they will have to remain in that class for all of the races that comprise that series.
3. We are going to introduce a further sub-class for shorthanded yachts. This class will have the same handicap as if they were fully crewed and they will be able to use any of the sails which they are

rated for. The criteria for this class will be that there are a maximum of two adult crew members aboard for that race but children under 11 years of age may also accompany them. A yacht in this class can dip in and out of this category and still count all of their results towards the series.

Heritage Frostbite Series



2013 again saw another very successful Heritage Frostbite Series. The series attracted a total of 29 yachts this year, 16 in the racer class and 13 in the cruiser class. In the end it was a six race series and there were 3 different winners of individual races in the racer class and 4 different winners of individual races in the cruiser class showing the fairness of the handicapping system and evenness of the yachts and crews taking part. **Heritage** have confirmed that they will continue their sponsorship of this series in 2014 and our thanks as a Club should go to them for that continued commitment.

Skippers and Crew Meeting

We are holding a skippers and crew meeting on Wednesday 1st May at 18:00 in the Clubhouse to introduce the owners and their crews to the above initiatives and to invite feedback from them with regard to the racing.

The intention is to build on the unique racing calendar of the Royal Channel Island's Yacht Club (Guernsey) and we look forward to a successful season of races starting with the **Nashcopy Round Sark Race** on the 11th May and the **St Peter's Trust Cherbourg Race** the following weekend.

David Aslett
Rear Commodore (Sail)

Cruising

It has been bloney cold, so cold it has been difficult to work on the boat!



Is your boat in the water? *Strider* isn't yet but I am confident that we will be ready for the first cruise of the season: -

Alderney - 3rd - 6th May

In Alderney on the first Sunday in May they celebrate Spring by collecting the first products of the season and mixing them with rum. This is called 'Milk O Punch' and Alderney will be awash with it on Sunday 5th May.



The programme is as follows:

Thursday 02 May 1800 hrs - briefing at the Club with John Frankland

Saturday 04 May (HW 1506) - sail up to Alderney. With drinks at the Alderney Sailing Club at 1800 hrs followed by a meal venue TBA.



Sunday 05 May - Milk O Punch

Monday 06 May (HW1648 Alderney) - return home

It should be a great weekend - *continued...*

The signing up list is on the notice board, either call in, phone Mike or Carolyn (723154 office or 725500 bar) or e-mail rciyc@cwgsy.net

The visit of Association Nautique du Légué - sponsored by Paddy Randall



We have an excellent programme lined up for the visit of our friends from Brittany.

Friday 10 May

The flotilla will arrive and members of the organising committee will meet the boats

1830 Welcome at the Clubhouse - drinks, meat draw and bean jar available for £6-00

Saturday 11 May

0830 - Breakfast at the Clubhouse - bacon rolls

1030 - Herm for lunch with half bottle of wine (free for our visitors) £27 per head including the boat fare for Club members.

1700 - return to Guernsey

1800 - ANL to attend Vin D'Honneur at Castle Cornet

1900 - Farewell drinks at the Clubhouse

Everyone is invited to join in over the weekend. Come to the Club and to Herm and meet some old friends and make new ones.

We will be putting up lists on the notice board so we can have a clear idea of numbers. We are allowing for 40 members of ANL and The Mermaid can take 100 - so the more the merrier.

Cherbourg 18th - 19th May

Once the dust has settled and the French have disappeared over the horizon, the second passage race of the season takes place - the **St Peter's Trust Cherbourg Race**. We thought it would be fun to cruise there as well and if possible join in the festivities.



Further details will be sent round in a separate e-mail.

St Aubin Cruise 24th - 27th May

Those who took part in the St Aubin cruise last year will remember the problems we had with the uneven harbour bottom. When I visited Jersey in February I was able to take a good look at the results of the dredging and what I saw was very pleasing.



So I for one am looking forward to arriving there for the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. Details to follow.

And Finally.....



See you in the Club.

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Regalia



We have a wide range of regalia all of which make excellent presents. If you can't think what to buy your loved one for their birthday, have a look at the regalia cabinet in the club.

With warmer weather on it's way how about stocking up with our polo shirts and a cap?

We still have a few RCIYC bears available, also priced at £10. How about one as a lucky boat mascot?



'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 6 May - 8 Sept	Low Season 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

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