

MAINSHEET



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

August 2013

Dates for your Diary

Sat 27 July	Nashcopy Round Herm Race
Thurs 8 Aug	Boatworks+ Evening Race
Sat 17 Aug	Law at Work Alderney Race
Thurs 22 Aug	Randalls Evening Race
Fri 23 - 26 Aug	Clegg Gifford Cruise to Diélette
Sat 24 Aug	Nashcopy Round Guernsey Race
Thurs 5 Sept	Mora Evening Race
Sat 7 Sept	Last Night of the Proms (Albert Pier)

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

Commodore's Log

Although we are entering the 'silly season' the RCIYC remains very busy.

The race programme is going ahead at a pace. The racing continues to be exciting with races being run in challenging conditions due to strong winds or due to very little wind like the **Nashcopy** round Sark and Herm when a number of boats dropped out because they missed the tide round the top of Herm. One boat got to Sark and decided to drop the hook in Grande Grève and have an enjoyable afternoon.

We have been able to entertain our old friends from the Royal Torbay Yacht Club who held their reception and prize giving in the Club at the beginning of July. The Cruising Association called in on the 21/22 July. John Frankland gave them a presentation on Sark Pilotage in the Club.

The Cruising section have not had such an interesting time, nearly two weeks of no wind and the one day that we wanted it to be calm resulted in force 6-7 winds and the cancellation of Les Écréhous cruise!

Still, you can't have everything and I am pleased to announce that we have had another bumper month in the bar. The real ale is going very well and we are seeing a pin disappearing most weekends. The lunches are picking up with a number of visitors taking advantage. Also, visitor numbers are increasing and I have been conducting a straw poll when chatting to them in the bar. If they did not already know of the existence of the RCIYC they found out about us via the A3 posters which we have placed in the Marina Facilities. I thank the Harbour Master, Peter Gill, and Mike Gaudion for their support in this project; Peter Pearson for putting them up and Martin Baudains for printing them.

Recently I have written to the Harbour Master regarding a couple of issues, one being the problem of mooring boats after a race while waiting for the marina gates to open. The Deputy Harbour Master, Tony Pattimore, responded with the following:

‘The present exclusion of local yachts from the visiting pontoons in June, July and August should in essence remain. However during June should, on a race day, the numbers of visiting yachts be low, no visiting races or rallies are due and the immediate weather conditions indicate a low probability of arriving visitors then it could be possible to offer the use of the visiting pontoons for lay-by after a race awaiting the Marina cills to cover.

It would require advanced warning of the requirement and permission would be based on forecast weather conditions and no sudden influx of visitors. If the weather forecast indicates benign conditions and/or from a direction which placed St Peter Port in the lee then the local lay-by would be the only option, if however the weather had a strong easterly element to it and provided there was no indication of large numbers of visitors then the visiting pontoons could be made available from the race end until there was sufficient water to enable vessels to enter the relevant marina.

Your members would have to understand that this concession would be granted on the understanding that they give an undertaking to ensure that their vessels are removed from the visiting pontoons on the tide immediately after the race end and not be left on the pontoons over one or more tides. Should such a thing happen then the dispensation will be withdrawn for future events.’

So while this does not help us during July and August this year it will be something we can take advantage of next year.

I also asked about the proposed security gates on the Fisherman's Quay, which is the only place in the harbour where it is possible to load/unload a boat at low spring tides. I have used it on occasions if there is space. I was assured that proposed gates are unlikely to appear.

I have again received sad news this month with the sudden death of a new member, Loretta, wife of Robin of **Seaquest Marine**. Robin and Larry have been great supporters of the Club over the years through **Seaquest Marine**.

David Mitchison along with Phil Ball and John Frankland sailed *Calypso* down to Portugal over the last few weeks in preparation for the next leg of the ARC adventure. So far so good.

Sarah and I are going on our summer cruise over the next two weeks. We hope to end up on Isle De Batz just off Roscoff. We called in there last year and had a brilliant time.

Stuart
Commodore
MV Strider

Welcome to New Members

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

John Thornback
PG Swallow

Social Scene

With the holiday season upon us and, hopefully, a prolonged spell of good weather we have decided that the next Curry Lunch will now be in September - date tba.

Sailing

Since the last mainsheet we have had a packed month of racing. First up we triumphed over Jersey in the Governor's Cup by the narrowest of margins, 1 point in the final race, well done to **Jim Nicolle, Jamie and Grant Hamilton** and **Aden Clark** and their respective crews for winning such a close and hard fought contest. Thanks also to Richard Storey and all who helped out with the lunch and things shore side which helped to make the whole event such a success.



Reassuringly local, remarkably reliable.

The **Insurance Corporation of the Channel Islands Dinard Race** had to be postponed at the first attempt due to a rather windy forecast. This fortnight delay turned out to be a blessing in disguise for the 4 yachts that took part. Light winds at the start gave a slight cause for concern and the latitude of 49 degrees north was given as a possible shortened course mark (Northwest Minquiers) but as it turned out the wind built and held so that all of the yachts could finish the entire course in Dinard. It was a beautiful clear night and the star studded sky saw a number of shooting stars. The spinnakers were carried right the way through the night from start to finish. Well done to **Busker** for taking the victory on corrected time followed by **Volare, Enigma** and **Impi**. We must also thank **Busker's** crew and especially to Stephan Le Roy for organising a fantastic lunch at short notice when the yacht club could not accommodate us on the re-scheduled Saturday.



Next up was the 4th in the **Nashcopy Series**, the Round Sark and Herm Race. 8 boats started but due to a fading breeze and a turning tide only 3 managed to complete the course. **Alice** took the honours from **Banjaard**

in second and **Kaya** in third. It was a shame that the wind died as the first 2 legs from the start to Anfre and from Anfre to L'Etaq were really very nice with the majority of the fleet flying their spinnakers all the way to Sark. It was however a lovely summer's day so I suppose we shouldn't complain.

In contrast the 5th in the **Nashcopy** Series, the Hanois Race started off in virtually no breeze and from the completely opposite direction from forecast and then steadily built during the race. 5 boats enjoyed the spinnaker run to the Hanois and some may have even enjoyed the beat back but others endured it with the wind gusting to 27 knots against the tide at St Martins Point. Victory was taken by **Dreamtime** from **Alice** in second place followed by **Majic2** and **Dark Horse** with **Carpe Diem** bringing up the rear.

David Aslett
Rear Commodore (Sail)

Cruising

Just a brief note from me about the next cruise ...

Fri 23 Aug - Mon 26 Aug The Clegg Gifford Cruise to Diélette



Once again we shall be heading off to Diélette for this very popular cruise.

We shall follow the usual format with a Nautical Quiz to keep you amused on the way across (with prizes for the winners), and drinks at La Phare followed by dinner. On Sunday we plan to have a BBQ and possibly other events.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Clegg Gifford the charge will only be £25 per head for the weekend.

Further details will follow by email and appear on the website. In the meantime if you would like to join the cruise please let Carolyn know.



Diélette 2012

Stuart Crisp
Commodore

Regalia



We have a wide range of regalia available. Please have a look at the regalia cabinet in the club.

With warmer weather now with us don't forget that we have polo shirts and caps to keep you cool.

If your size is not in stock it only takes a few days to order it.

We still have a few RCIYC bears available (£10) and 150th Anniversary Mugs (now reduced to £8).



'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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