

MAINSHEET



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY)

February 2011

Dates for your Diary

Tues 1 March	Curry Lunch*
Thu 3 March	AGM 1800 hours at The Duke of Richmond Hotel
Tues 8 March	Sausage and Mash Lunch*
Sat 12 March	Heritage Frostbite race#
Tues 15 March	Club Supper and Talk*
Tues 22 March	Pasta Lunch*
Sat 26 March	Heritage Frostbite race#
Sat 26 March	Club Fitting Out Supper*
Tues 29 March	Chilli con Carne Lunch*

* See '**Social Scene**' for details

See '**Sailing**' for details

Commodore's Log

I came back from my long break to attend the Annual Dinner Dance on 29th January at The Farmhouse. The evening was a great success with 135 members and guests attending.

My guests were the Vice Commodore of the St Helier Yacht Club, the Commodore of the RCIYC (Jersey), the Commodore of the Guernsey Yacht Club, all with their respective spouses. My special guest was the Bailiff and Lady Rowland. Sir Geoffrey entertained and amused us with his after dinner speech.



The full list of trophies, kindly presented by Lady Rowland during the evening, is below.

Trophies 2010

<i>Race</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Owner</i>
Heritage Group Frostbite Series - racer	Vamoosh	Rupert Dorey
Heritage Group Frostbite Series - cruiser	Tomahawk	Gordon Wilson
Hanois	Dreamtime	Richard Babbé
Cherbourg	Busker	S. McKerrel / B. Parkin
Swoffers evening race - racer	Blue Jade	Aden Clark
Swoffers evening race - cruiser	Tomahawk	Gordon Wilson
Boatworks evening race - racer	White Rabbit	Simon Henning
Boatworks evening race - cruiser	Busker	S. McKerrel / B. Parkin
Round Guernsey	Dutch Courage	David Aslett
Mora evening race - racer	Dreamtime	Richard Babbé
Mora evening race - cruiser	Haven Gem	John Squires
Randalls evening race - racer	No finisher	
Randalls evening race - cruiser	Busker	S. McKerrel / B. Parkin
Les Dents	Madcap	J & G Hamilton
Herm via Tobars	White Rabbit	Simon Henning
Round Herm	White Rabbit	Simon Henning
Sark & Herm	White Rabbit	Simon Henning
Commodore's Pot	Moojo	Roger Martel
Round Sark	Moojo	Roger Martel
Insurance Corporation Dinard Race	Alivne II	Simon Nicolle
Points Trophy	Smokey	Team Smokey
Guffin Rock	TBA	TBA
Local Race Series	White Rabbit	Simon Henning
IMPI Shield - racer	Alice I	Simon Henning
IMPI Shield - cruiser	Altair	John Frankland

We have had so far three out of the six Frostbite races sponsored by Heritage; all have been very well attended and the third one on 12th February was blessed with lovely weather so all the competitors thoroughly enjoyed their morning sail.

On 8th February we had our first Curry Lunch of the year, everybody said it was extremely good.

I should like to thank John Frankland for organising a very successful evening at the Club on 15th February; Keith Fisher, expert on charts, gave a fascinating talk about the 'Evolution of the Guernsey Chart'. After the talk Stuart Crisp, Christine Lewis, Julie Ball and Anne Marie Mitchison provided a bean jar supper followed by apple crumble and ice cream. The whole evening was most pleasurable.

You will see from the list of future events that we have quite a busy programme so I should like to appeal to the membership for volunteers to help the board with future events by making suggestions, helping to co-ordinate events, offering ideas for social programme.

I should like to apologise for the delay in sending out this year's diaries. Unfortunately, we did not receive them till the middle of January, so, to save postage, we have included them with the mailing of the AGM's Report.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Duke of Richmond Hotel on Thursday 3rd March at 1800 hours and dinner will be served thereafter at £20.50p per head. The choice of menu is included in the AGM Report.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM if not sooner.

Enzo Diacano
Commodore

Vice Commodore's Log

Membership Survey

Many members completed the Questionnaire and the responses will be most helpful to the Committee when considering events for the Club and also its general strategy. Your Committee has already had a meeting to evaluate the responses and work is ongoing to incorporate many of the suggestions into the Club's programme.

Whilst the current cruising programme is popular and well attended, a number of members suggested additional cruises. These included shorter cruises to places such as the Humps, Sark and Les Ecrehous whilst suggestions for longer cruises included Iles Chausey, Dartmouth, and the London River. Stuart Crisp, Rear Commodore Cruising, is looking into incorporating some of these suggestions into the programme.

Members appeared to be happy with the current racing programme but there has been a suggestion to add a one day regatta. This will receive further consideration in due course.

Comments received regarding events in the Clubhouse are also being considered. Members will have already received notification of the talk on "The Evolution of the Guernsey Chart" being held on Tuesday 17 February and it is planned to have other navigational type talks. We also hope to have sessions on boat maintenance issues such as rope splicing. Many other ideas for social events are being considered and these will be posted on the Club's website and emailed to members.

A number of comments were received concerning opening hours and catering arrangements. All the points raised are being considered. The lack of food available on a daily basis has been a criticism. We introduced a selection of sandwiches last year on a trial basis but unfortunately this had to be stopped due to lack of demand. The Committee is, however, reconsidering how to cater for members who would like to have lunch in the Club and will revert in due course. The bar now stocks a selection of bottled real ales and freshly brewed coffee (including espresso) is now available!

Many thanks to those who completed the Questionnaire. Any additional suggestions will be gratefully received.

David Mitchison
Vice Commodore.
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Social Scene

'Club Lunches & Suppers'

The first of our suppers took place on 15 February, when 30 people enjoyed an interesting presentation by Keith Fisher, co-author with Liz Harris of "Guernsey on the Map". With the aid of historical slides, Keith showed us how the charting of our island and local waters had developed until 1746, the date when modern charting began.

The Commodore thanked Keith on behalf of all those present and gave him a bottle of wine in appreciation. Afterwards, in a relaxed and happy atmosphere we all enjoyed Guernsey Bean Jar and desert.



The programme for March follows:

Tues 1 March	1230	Curry Lunch	£11
Tues 8 March	1230	Sausage and Mash	£6
Tues 15 March	1900	Club Supper and Talk	
Presentation by Carol and Roland Guille about their experiences of the French Canal System followed by supper - menu and details to follow.			
Tues 22 March	1230	Pasta Lunch	£10
Sat 26 March		Club Fitting Out Supper	£18
Menu and details to follow.			
Tues 29 March	1230	Chilli con Carne	£8

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

Cruising

The Vice Commodore has already commented on the results of the membership survey which had some really good suggestions for future cruises, one of which was to Les Écréhous. Regular readers of *RCIYC Mainsheet* will have noticed such a cruise is already included in 2011 cruising calendar.

I would really like to include some of the other suggestions this year. Currently, although well supported from the committee and John Frankland, I have tended to organise some of these events on my own. I would like to form a cruising sub-committee to help me include some of the other cruising suggestions. It would be helpful if I had at least 2 or 3 members to help out. If you are interested please contact me by e-mail - [crispscrisp\[at\]aol.com](mailto:crispscrisp[at]aol.com). I think the longer cruises would be very interesting especially those that might take in some of the other Royal Clubs.



Royal Southampton YC



Royal Thames YC



Royal Solent YC

Another suggestion was impromptu cruises along the lines of 'we are going to Sark/Diéllette/Carteret this weekend does anyone fancy coming along?'. This would be a good way for the less experienced being able to stretch their sea legs accompanied by the more experienced. If you fancy this idea please use the club email address rciyc@cwgsy.net and copy me in, and we will see what we can do. It may also work the other way round, we fancy going to is anyone else going?

I will continue to update you all on the progress of the other cruises in future editions of *RCIYC Mainsheet*.

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Rear Commodore (Cruising)
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Sailing



On Saturday, 12th February, the third race in The Heritage Group Frostbite Yacht Race Series, hosted by the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club (Guernsey) LBG ("RCIYC"), was held.

A force 4 Westerly awaited 21 boats, with some 100 crew, to enjoy the blue skies and mild Spring-like conditions. A similar course to Race 2 was dictated by weather sending the Racing Class on 2 laps from the Castle start line to Anfre, across to Jethou on the downwind leg, with the upwind beat back to Havelet bay. The Cruising Class was set a slightly different course to Anfre, followed by the downwind leg to Jethou, an upwind leg to Refee and a reach down to Anfre again before finishing at the Castle.

All yachts, in both classes had a clear start with MadCap (Hamilton Brothers), X-Celerator (Ozard/Morris), Moojo (R Martell) and Dreamtime (R Babbe) closely grouped together to round Anfre first. On the downwind leg the racing field split with most boats opting to head directly East to get across the Little Russell. Dreamtime, being down on crew numbers, opted to gybe first and take a more direct course to Jethou. With the wind veering to the West, this tactic paid dividends as they rounded the leeward mark in second place behind Madcap. Moojo and X-Celerator following closely. Moojo put their uncharacteristic poor performance of race 2 behind them and dominated the front of the field crossing the line just one second ahead of MadCap. X-Celerator accelerated in the light conditions and consolidated the top of the leader board.

In the Cruising Class, all the yachts were bunched up at the start, calling for impressive evasive action to be taken by skippers to avoid contact. It was a dash to the first mark between Tomahawk (G Wilson) and Aztec Gold (C Le Tissier) followed Altair (J Frankland) and Impi (R Redelinghuys). Tomahawk rounded Anfre first and with a perfect spinnaker hoist, put clear water between them and the chasing fleet. Impi managed to make up some ground and passed Altair and Aztec Gold to round the leeward mark in second place behind Tomahawk, but unable to close the considerable gap opened by Gordon Wilson. On the windward legs that followed, the superior waterline lengths of Altair and Aztec Gold overtook Impi again to finish in that order. Meanwhile, the slower

boats at the back of the field did enough to stay in touch with Tomahawk on corrected time leaving the honours to go to Rival Errant (T McDonough), followed by Glenfruin (D Herschel).



Racing Class						
Name of Yacht	Owner(s)	Type	Class	IHS	Corrected Time	
X-CELERATOR	OZARD/MORRIS	X-332	R	1.013	1:46:08	1
BANJAARD	J.FALLA	SWAN 36	R	0.981	1:47:13	2
MOOJO	R.MARTEL	J109	R	1.063	1:48:22	3
MAD CAP	G & J HAMILTON	Melges 24	R	1.080	1:50:06	4
DREAMTIME	R.BABBE	DEHL ER 36	R	1.051	1:50:38	5
MUSTARDMITT II	J.NICOLLE	BOLE RO	R	0.864	1:52:20	6
VAMOOSH	R. & R.DOREY	RS ELITE	R	0.955	1:52:34	7
SMOKEY	TEAM SMOKEY	ONE- OFF	R	0.995	1:53:23	8
BLUE J'ADE	A.CLARK	X-362	R	1.014	1:53:56	9
WHITE RABBIT	S.HENNING	MELG ES 24	R	1.080	1:54:02	10
D'ELITE	J. & R. PRIEST	RS ELITE	R	0.955	1:56:29	11
FIDELITE	P. & A. KNIGHT	RS ELITE	R	0.955	1:56:50	12
TACTIC	J.WHITTLE	ELAN 37	R	1.029	1:59:00	13

Cruising Class						0
Name of Yacht	Owner(s)	Type	Class	IHS	Corrected Time	
RIVAL ERRANT	E McDONOUGH	RIVAL 32	C	0.748	1:09:16	1
GLENFRUIN	D.HERSCHEL	SADL ER 26	C	0.759	1:10:51	2
TOMAHAWK	G.WILSON	SWAN 38	C	0.935	1:12:26	3
AZTEC GOLD	C.LE TISSIER	ODYS SEY 40.3	C	0.919	1:12:43	4
ALTAIR	J.FRANKLAND	STARL IGHT 35	C	0.906	1:18:24	5
BUSKER	McKERRELL/PARKIN	SADL ER 34	C	0.892	1:23:07	6
IMPI	R.REDELINGHUYS	DUFO UR 325	C	0.943	1:23:29	7
YODEL	CURRAN & ROLAND	DUFO UR 365	C	0.918	1:24:48	8
ELEPHANT	M.DUNSTER	HANS E 320	C	0.882	DNR	9

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Can you help?

Can you help with start line duty or cooking and serving hot dogs for the hungry crew for any of the Heritage Frostbite races? If so please contact 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 - please contact me via Club email/telephone.

Club Opening Hours (Winter Season)

Weekdays: 1130 - 1400

Fridays only: 1130 - 1400 & 1800 - 2200

Saturdays: 1130 - 1430

Sundays: CLOSED

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