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ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY)

January 2011

Dates for your Diary

Sat 29 January	Heritage Frostbite race#
Sat 29 January	Dinner Dance and Prizegiving 1900 for 1930 hrs at The Farmhouse Hotel
Tues 8 February	Curry Lunch*
Sat 12 February	Heritage Frostbite race#
Tues 15 February	Club Supper and Talk*
Tues 22 February	Club Lunch*
Sat 26 February	Heritage Frostbite race#
Tues 1 March	Curry Lunch*
Thu 3 March	AGM 1800 hours at The Duke of Richmond Hotel

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

See '**Sailing**' for details

Vice Commodore's Log

Dear Member

At the time of writing, Enzo Diacono, our Commodore, is still in New Zealand and we look forward to his return. He will be hosting the Annual Dinner Dance at The Farmhouse on 29th January. There are still some places available so contact Carolyn or Michael without delay if you wish to come along and haven't already booked!

The last month or so has been very active socially with a number of well attended events being held. These include the RNLI / CIAS cocktail party held in the presence of His Excellency Sir Fabian Malbon and his wife Lady Malbon, the Lieutenant Governor's ADC Colonel Graham and his

wife Ruby, and of course the crews and support teams from the RNLI and CIAS. Donations to these very worthwhile charities can be made at the Club.

The Christmas party was very well attended and was most enjoyable. Thank you to all who brought food to share at the various events. It is really appreciated.



Throughout December, the Club was open on the Thursday late night shopping evenings, offering mulled wine and mince pies. It was good to see some members who find it difficult to attend the Club at other times. The Tuesday lunches also continued during December and will resume in February. Don't forget to look at the website for forthcoming events.

Other noteworthy social events have been the Christmas draw (plenty of presents donated - thank you) and Ladies' Day. The latter was attended by 15 lady members and gentlemen were allowed in later to finish off the bubbly.



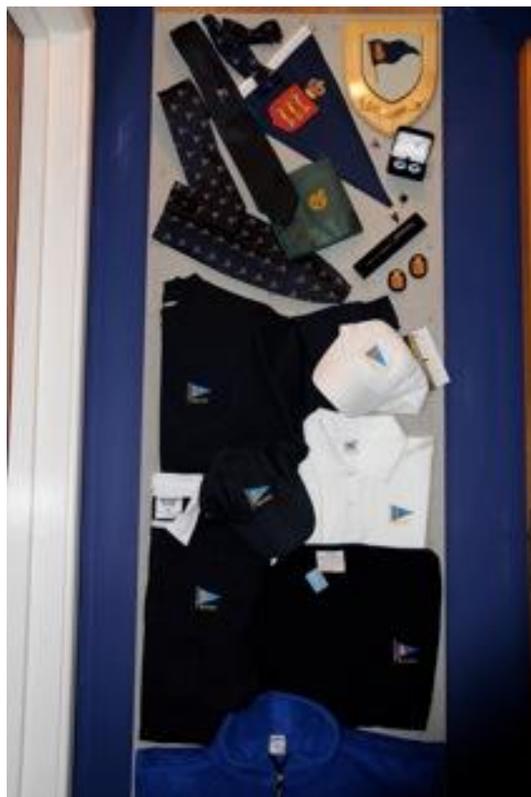
The Frostbite series started on the 15th January with a great turnout. Ray Redlinghuys reports on this event in more detail elsewhere in the newsletter. The next race is being held on 29th January and will be followed by a presentation in the Clubhouse together with our famous hot dogs!

Whilst in the Clubhouse, you may notice two things. Firstly, we now have a splendid regalia display cabinet (see below). Many thanks to Peter Pearson for constructing and installing this cabinet. Regalia can be purchased or ordered from Carolyn or from Michael. Secondly, we now have a coffee machine which produces real espresso coffee. Thanks to Ray Redlinghuys for his generosity. Do visit the Club after 11am to enjoy a cup.

Questionnaires were circulated with the dinner dance invitations and a number of members have responded - thank you. If you haven't already done so, it is not too late to return your completed questionnaire. The comments are being summarised and the Committee will be considering the results in the near future.

I look forward to seeing you on the water or in the Clubhouse soon.

David Mitchison
Vice Commodore.
January 2011



Welcome to New Members

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

Lynn Atkin and Graham Meyer
Alexander Jerome

Social Scene

Forthcoming Events

Sat 29 January - Dinner Dance and Prizegiving 1900 for 1930 hrs
At The Farmhouse Hotel - places limited.

'Club Lunches & Suppers'

Club Lunches will resume on Tuesdays in February. Once a month, from now on, we will aim to replace a lunch by a Club Supper following a talk.

Tues 8 February 1230 Curry Lunch £11

Tues 15 February 1900 Club Supper and Talk £10
Talk at 1930 on "The Evolution of the Guernsey Chart" by Keith Fisher, co-author with Liz Harris of "Guernsey on the Map". Supper at 2030 will be Guernsey Bean Jar followed by a desert.

Tues 22 February 1230 Club Lunch Details to follow

Tues 1 March 1230 Curry Lunch £11

Sat 26 March Club Supper

Advance notice that we will mark the start of British Summer Time by having a Club Supper priced at £18, menu and details to follow.

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

Volunteers Needed

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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Cruising

Merryl Lyle Cruising Trophy

This year we are not able to award the Merryl Lyle Cruising Trophy for the best cruising log because we have not had any entries. It would be pleasing to see a few next year so we can have some competition, so if you are planning a cruise this year please remember this and keep a log. I have asked but I can't find any rules about what should be in a good log, but it should be interesting! Here is an example of what someone has put in their log:

'When we were cruising on Callipygia we maintained a more-or-less-daily journal in which we recorded pretty much everything that happened, in more-or-less detail. We called this the "Boat Notes". We included trip-related information that didn't get into the Deck Log, as well as day-to-day details of boat management. What broke, and how/when it was repaired. Who we got parts or advice from. When we paid the bills, and who we met. How we felt, and wildlife seen. This is where we put all the items we didn't want to forget. Notes of discussions with service people (this saved us \$5,000 once when we got in a dispute), what we ordered and when. We pasted business and boatcards in here, since we could usually remember about what date (or where we were) when we met someone. When we got sick, we put in here the name of the doctor, and what medication was prescribed.

Entries were hand written (small), and when we took things apart we made drawings in here of how things were put together. When we inventoried or measured things, we made notes in the Boat Notes for future reference. We taped small papers in here with scotch tape if we wanted to be able to find them someday in the future.

We put the day and date in the margin and drew a box round it, so it was easy to find a particular entry when leafing through. When we did a maintenance item, we put an "M" in a circle in the margin, so it was easy to spot if we forget to put it in the maintenance log. If something broke or

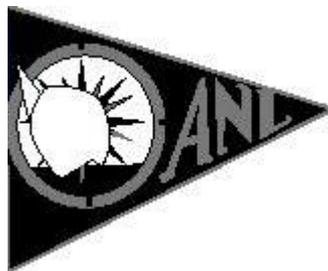
needed attention we put a big asterisk in the margin, so it was easy to find that if we forget to log it in the defect book. The older we got, the fuzzier our memories became, so we relied on various tools like the Boat Notes to help us to refer back to when, and whether, something happened.'

I think it should also include, at the very least, things like what time you set off, where you sailed to, weather conditions, time you arrived and so on.

Who knows? You could have Merryly Lyle Cruising on your mantelpiece next year - good luck.

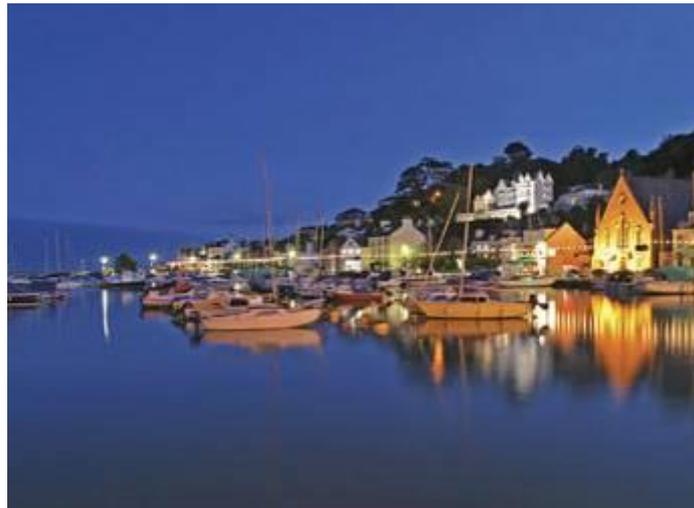
Cruising Roundup

This year it is the turn of Association Nautique du Legue to visit Guernsey. It has been a bit difficult to decide on the appropriate weekend. Usually ANL visit Guernsey over the May Day weekend. Unfortunately for the French they only have the 1st May as a Bank Holiday which is on Sunday this year, so the May Day weekend in France is only 2 days. This is too short for them to sail up here and back and party! In France they have a 4 day weekend for Ascension, this year that is 2,3,4 and 5 June, which would have been good for all, however that is the weekend the Morlaix race and about a million boats arrive swamping the marina. So after perusing the French Public Holidays I discovered Pentecost. In France they have the Monday after Pentecost as a Bank Holiday, our old Whitsun if you're old enough to remember, so we have agreed that they will be here over the weekend 11, 12 and 13 June - so keep that weekend free. I have already secured 2 minibuses, free of charge, to transport les matelots around Guernsey.



The following weekend 17, 18, 19 June, is the RCIYC first cruise of the season to St Aubin. The tide is such that even the deeper draught boats can get into the harbour. A great weekend if you can make it even if you can't take the ground, and those boats will go to St Helier together. The RCIYC restaurant is booked for an evening meal on the 18th. No doubt

breakfast will be available at the same place if it is not taken over by expectant fathers (it's Father's Day).



The next cruise is really exciting, especially if you have never been there, Les Ecrehous, 15, 16, 17th July. The plan at this stage is to sail/motor to Carteret on the Friday then spend the Saturday on Les Ecrehous, after which we can either go back to Carteret or on to Gorey or St Helier. Bring your shucker for the wild oysters, and bottle of good muscadet.... they are really tasty.



August is the world famous Clegg Gifford Dielette cruise, 27, 28, 29th August - no more needs to be said except watch out for the calvados.

Finally the Beaucette cruise on 24/25th September.

We will try to fit in another round the Island Cruise but we don't have a date as yet.

Everyone is welcome on the cruises, sail or motor. Also people will be happy to travel in convoy if some need company. If you haven't got a boat but want to go let us know and we will try to find you a berth. There will be briefings before each cruise so don't worry about the navigation.

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Sailing



I love this time of the year: the days are noticeably getting longer; daffodils are starting to poke through and it is Heritage Frostbite Series time! All are mini leaps of faith in what can be a gloomy time of the year.

For those who are not competing - attentions are slowly being turned to preparing boats for the fast approaching season and bumping into some of you on the pontoons and chandleries, the optimism for a great season is tangible!

Saturday, 15 January, saw the start of the Frostbite series - again kindly sponsored by Heritage Group. Blustery conditions, gusting 24 knots and tricky wind shifts from the Southwest met the 17 boats in the first race. I am always amazed by the great support received from crews, in what can be challenging conditions.

Racing class was set a 2 lap windward/leeward course, beating up to Anfre followed by a run to Vivian. Cruisers had a traditional triangular course taking in a close view of Jethou after their beat to Anfre, followed by a fast following tide reach to Vivian.

White Rabbit beat Moojo and X-Celerator to take the honours in racing class. Leading from the start and taking line honours, Aztec Gold was beaten into second place by 14 seconds by previous series winner, Glenfruin. Rival Errant completed the final podium place in cruising class.

As tradition dictates, complimentary hotdogs and onions were served (some crew opting to add huge dollops of English mustard to assist the warming). Gordon Wilson, representing Heritage Group, handed out the prizes, including the much sought after sail ties.

There is a number of both cruiser and racer class boats expected to join the series, presenting the opportunity to make this the closest contested series yet.

Race Programme 2011

In this report I include a provisional race programme for your diaries that may be subject to minor changes.

I am in the process of talking to potential sponsors for those events that are without - especially in the Local Race Series - should any members feel that their employers may be interested, please do contact me.

You will note that Oak Trust has again renewed their substantial sponsorship for the Oak Trust Impi Race on 2 July. This is a Marquee Event and the course is set to include Amfroque (North of Herm), Blanchard Boy (East of Sark) and Des Ormes (North West of Jersey) before returning home. The advantage of the race being that the course can be shortened should there be adverse weather (or like last year - no wind!) to ensure a result on the day. The race start times have also been adjusted to allow boats to exit marinas just before the start and should hopefully be back in time for the afternoon tide. I think all participants last year would testify that the hog roast on the Careening Hard Pier was a great success.

PROVISIONAL RCIYC RACE PROGRAMME 2011

	DATE		HW	RACE	START	RACE
			BST			NO.
Sat	JAN	15	14.28	Heritage Group Frostbite Series 1	13.00	
Sat		29	14.47	Heritage Group Frostbite Series 2	13.00	
Sat	FEB	12	11.59	Heritage Group Frostbite Series 3	10.30	
Sat		26	12.39	Heritage Group Frostbite Series 4	11.00	
Sat	MAR	12	10.26	Heritage Group Frostbite Series 5	10.00	
Sat		26	11.00	Heritage Group Frostbite Series 6	10.00	
Sat	APR	30	05.36	*Hanois	09.30	2

	DATE	HW BST	RACE	START	RACE NO.
Sat	MAY 21	10.02	*Sark & Herm	10.30	6
	27-30		Blenheim Group Triangle		
Sat	JUN 4	08.56	*Round Sark	10.30	7
Fri	10	14.02	Insurance Corporation of the C.I. Dinard Race	18.00	4
Sat	18	09.08	Carey Olsen Inter Island Race	08.00	
Sun	19	09.48	GovernorsøCup (Guernsey)		
Sat	25	14.13	*Round Herm	15.30	3
Sat	JUL 2	08.04	The Oak Trust Impi Race	09.30	
Fri	8-11		GYC Championship Weekend		
	10-16		Tour des Ports de la Manche		
	12-14		J-Cup		
Sat	16	08.11	*Les Dents	10.00	8
Sat	23	12.10	Cherbourg Race	12.10	10
Sat	30	07.04	*Round Guernsey	09.00	5
Sat	AUG 6	12.01	Alderney Race	09.00	
Thur	11	17.58	Boatworks+ Evening Race	18.15	1
Tues	16	21.12	Swoffers Evening Race	19.00	1
Fri	26		Bleinheim JOG Race (Cowes ó Guernsey)		
Tues	30	20.27	Randalls Evening Race	19.00	1
	2-4		Jersey Regatta		
Sat	SEPT 3	10.51	*Herm via Tobars	12.30	9
Thur	13	20.13	Mora Evening Race	18.15	1
Sat	24	16.53	CommodoresøPot	15.00	11

* Local Race Series

As always, should there be members interested in racing or have any suggestions, please do contact me.

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Essential Marks for the Big and Little Russel

Les Barbées (or Parfonde) Passage

An easy passage that can be used at any state of the tide and very useful when passing from the Little Russel into the Big Russel (or vice versa), perhaps when going to or coming from Sark. On the 808 chart, it is called the Parfonde Passage.

From the Town area, sailing across the Little Russel eastwards towards *Les Barbées* rock (about 100°T), there are no hazards until the rock itself is reached. At one time, a mark used for this crossing was *Les Barbées* Beacon in line with Sark Mill. Sark Mill unfortunately is no longer a conspicuous feature since the top part of it has dropped off and the mill is now more or less obscured by trees. If your 808 chart says 'Sark Mill conspic.' - then the chart is out of date! On reaching *Les Barbées* ensure that you are clear to the north of the small outlying boue (dries 1.2m) that juts out to the west and is roughly level with the north face of the main rock.

Simply pass to the north of *Les Barbées* beacon by about $\frac{1}{2}$ a cable (approx 100yds).

Any further to the north might put you close to a couple of drying rocks - 0.9m and 3.0m. The chart shows the 'handrail' fairly well but if a transit is really wanted, then Victoria Tower in line with the Harbour Signal Station at 282°T nicely clears through.

Once past the beacon and rock, steer to the south to find the transit:

Beacon and Victoria Tower (282°T)



Sometimes, especially if the tide is low, Victoria Tower will disappear behind the rock itself and you will have to judge whether it is in line or not but, as you move away from *Les Barbées* on the approximate transit, the tower will reappear. You now have a stern transit to watch carefully. Keep it in line to steer south of both *Parfonde*, a big rock (dries 8.8m) and further along still, *Les Anons* (dries 3.3m).

If Victoria Tower appears as in the picture, then you are north of the line and need to turn more south to rectify it. Be aware that this north side of the transit is the danger side especially as you near *Les Anons*. To have Victoria Tower showing south of the beacon puts you to the south of the transit - much safer.

When the large rock *Goubinière* (5.0m above MHWS) is abeam, all dangers are cleared.

More about Les Barbées

Les Barbées (originally *Barbais**) rock stands 0.65 miles southwest of Jethou, beacon position: 49° 29'.40N, 02° 28'.60W (WGS 84 Datum) Its highest point is 2.0m above Mean High Water Springs (MHWS) - ie 11.3m above Chart Datum.

A post has stood on the rock since before 1851, the top mark then being a genuine tar barrel*. The present mark is a yellow post with a red painted barrel, placed near to the north edge of the reef.

The whole area is known as the 'Ferrières' and *Les Barbées* stands on the west side of this group of rocks on the very edge of the Little Russel. The slightly larger *Ferrière d'Aval* (Ferrière of the west) 3.0m above MHWS (12.3m above Chart Datum) is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cable south of *Les Barbées* rock itself and forms part of the same reef.

In January 1908, the brigantine 'International' grounded on the northwest reef of *Les Barbées* after first striking the *Musé* rock (dries 1.2m) immediately to the south. The vessel had rounded St Martin's Point and when the wind died, the crew let go the anchor. However, the strong NE tide dragged the boat on to the Ferrières and she became a total loss although the crew were saved. Ship timbers complete with copper rivets attached and a quantity of her cargo of coal still remain at the base of the rocks.



Some say that from a distance in the Big Russel, the rock looks somewhat like a small ship. It is a distinctive shape and useful to head toward when leaving the middle or south of Sark. The post will not be seen until much closer.



* Source, *Captain P Gill, Harbourmaster*

John Frankland. January 2011

Change of name for 'St Peter Port' and 'Alderney Radio'

With effect from 1 January 2011 'St Peter Port Radio' and 'Alderney Radio' will now be 'Guernsey Coastguard' and 'Alderney Coastguard'.

Peter Gill, Harbourmaster explains:

'the overall objective is that we continue to meet the expectations of customers and users moving with the times in better reflecting the service provided. Historically, Coast Radio Stations have provided a radio connection for those at sea, to a range of services and contacts ashore. The UK and France have now dispensed with all such stations and call

signs, their functions having been amalgamated within the relevant Coastguard organisations.

The increasing use of satellite and DSC mobile communications has transformed maritime communications, yet the need to communicate by traditional radio equipment remains. Guernsey and Alderney are moving together in conjunction with our colleagues in Jersey ...to form 'Channel Islands Coastguard', which comprises the three separate coastguard radio stations.

For all practical purposes, this is merely a change of name and call sign. The range of services provided by each has not altered and neither are the functions as St Peter Port/Alderney 'Port Control'.

Calls to 'St Peter Port/Alderney Radio' will of course be responded to. It is expected that it will take some time to get used to 'Guernsey/Alderney Coastguard' - not least for the staff concerned.'

[RNLI \(www.rnli.org.gg\)](http://www.rnli.org.gg)

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea



Thanks to the support of members we were able to hand over £111 to the RNLI from the sale of Christmas cards at the club.

The RNLI Shop is in the Clocktower at St. Sampson and is open on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am to noon, selling lifeboat souvenirs, calendars, diaries etc. and some second-hand books.

"Mostly Books", supporting the Lifeboat, Samaritans and Guernsey Actionaid, is Guernsey's only second-hand bookshop. Situated at 24 Fountain Street, it is open from 11.30 to 1.30 Mondays to Fridays and from 10am to 1.30 pm on Saturdays.

Brian Green, Tony Rive and Paul Wiggins have produced another fantastic Guernsey Lifeboat calendar, available from the shops mentioned above and, from the Harbour Office, Seafresh and Quayside Marine.

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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