

MAINSHEET



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

January 2013

Dates for your Diary

Sat 2 Feb	Heritage Frostbite Series Race
Tues 5 Feb	Curry Lunch
Sat 9 Feb	58 th Annual Dinner & Dance
Weds 13 Feb	Winter Talk
Sat 16 Feb	Heritage Frostbite Series Race
Sat 2 Mar	Heritage Frostbite Series Race
Thurs 7 March	AGM

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

Commodore's Log

This is the first "Mainsheet" of 2013 and I wish all of our members a Happy New Year.

Our social functions before Christmas were good fun and well attended. I would like to thank all those who helped with catering and Jeremy Smithies and John Frankland for organising the Jazz evening. I enjoyed being surrounded by more than 20 ladies on Ladies' Day (1st January) when lots of Champagne was drunk! Jeremy Smithies is looking after our Social programme and there are plenty of events scheduled which I am sure will be enjoyable. As usual, details are shown on the website and the Club notice board.

Racing started on 5th January with the first of the RCIYC Heritage Frostbite Series races. There was a great turnout with over 20 yachts competing. Afterwards there was the usual reception in the Clubhouse, which was packed. Ray Redelinghuys's report is below.

Stuart Crisp, Vice Commodore, has been compiling the 2013 cruising programme. Sailing and motor boaters are invited to participate and I do hope that we see a good number of our members on these cruises.

The Committee reluctantly concluded not to proceed with the installation of a stair lift. There were just too many adverse issues. The final straw was the impact on the terms of our liquor licence which would have been changed, severely restricting the number of people permitted in the Clubhouse at any one time. The consequences for race receptions and social events was considered to be unacceptable. I am sorry that this will be a disappointment to our less mobile members and I thank those who had pledged money for the cost of the stair lift.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Dinner Dance and Prizegiving which promises to be a great evening - starting with a Champagne Reception.

With best wishes,

David Mitchison
Commodore
SY Calypso

Can you help?

We would appreciate your help with the running of the Club and we are looking for members who would be willing to help in the following ways:

- Race Officer Duties.
- Bar Work - to cover in Mike's absence and/or to help Mike at some of our larger events. There are also opportunities for paid part-time work during the summer if you know of anyone who could help.
- Friday Night Meat Draw
- Meet and Greet at social events - talks, cocktail parties, lunches.
- Helping the Committee with serving hot dogs to Racing Crews.
- Joining one of the sub-committees who cover the following activities - sailing, cruising, house, bar, social and catering.
- Communications - website and Mainsheet.

If you would like to know more then please speak to any of the Committee. The more members who come forward the less of a time commitment it would involve

RCIYC Jersey 150TH Anniversary Ball - A Guernsey Perspective

Following the Sail Past Celebration in St Aubin's Bay on board "Magic Legend" in July (please refer to the July Mainsheet for further details), we decided to return to Jersey for the 150th Anniversary Ball for the sake of completion representing RCIYC Guernsey. The event was held at La Mare Vineyard as a Black Tie event on Saturday 20th October 2012.

There was a champagne reception on arrival. Julie and I were greatly honoured to be sat next to Sandra Carroll, Jersey Commodore. We were then introduced to other diners at the table - Myra Shacklady from Jersey Harbours, Grace McLaughlin, Sally and Kevin Newman and James Wilding.



Happy Diners at the Commodore's Table

The tables were all beautifully decorated, each table having an impressive floral arrangement in the centre. Every guest was provided with a full size bar of chocolate, depicting a white chocolate yacht sailing in the blue sea. A nice touch which brought a big smile to Julie's face! We were led to believe that the chocolates were specifically designed for the occasion by Darren Stower, Vice Commodore, chocolatier by profession! Thank you Darren.



Yummy Yummy

Before we all sat down, the Grace was most capably said by James Gales, Rear Commodore.

At 9pm, Mike invited all the guests to be upstanding for the nine o'clock toast to Absent Friends. He also conveyed greetings to the Commodore, Flag Officers and Members of RCIYC Jersey on behalf of David Mitchison, Commodore of RCIYC Guernsey and his Flag Officers. That was warmly applauded. The Loyal Toast was proposed by Darren Stower, Vice Commodore.

After dinner a chocolate cake in the shape of a sailing yacht, again made by Darren Stower, was cut by Sandra Carroll.



Commodore conducting the cake cutting ceremony



Darren's chocolates!

Following dinner the dance floor was quickly filled up with an excellent programme of music by Bruce, the DJ.

A raffle with numerous prizes in aid of the RNLI and RCIYC Charitable Sailing Trust was ably and successfully conducted by Yvonne Winspear and by Hilary Ann Ratazzi.

On the next morning, Sunday, we met Sandra Carroll in the club house as pre-arranged. We were then given 4 boxes of commemorative pint glasses for distribution in Guernsey. That was much appreciated.

We also went into other areas of sailing and social activities that might be of interest to Jersey and Guernsey members. One of the major topics mentioned was cruising. Mike suggested that he would be delighted to talk to the relevant Committee members of RCIYC, Guernsey.

Needless to say, it was a most enjoyable occasion to finish off celebrating the RCIYC 150th Anniversary, with excellent food, wine, music and above all else, company. Julie and I were absolutely thrilled to be invited to join in the festivities. Many thanks for your hospitality, Sandra.

Also, we would like to say a big thank you to Sue Crick for the emailing and help given to us prior to the Ball.

Mike Tai and Julie Payne
Magic Legend

Welcome to New Members

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

Benjamin Aslett
Siena Aslett
Simon and Amanda Milsted
Richard Gathercole
Steve and Debbie Parrott

Social Scene

On Tuesday 13th November over 20 Members and guests were treated to a most interesting demonstration of splicing with Richard 'Spike' Whitaker. We saw several different and increasingly challenging splices and all present had ample opportunity to try their hand at performing some of the splices and to ask questions as the demonstration took place. The demonstration was followed by generous portions of lasagne and crusty bread supplied by Nick and Lisa Mahy from the Cobo Tea Room.



Our next scheduled evening on 13th February should prove most popular when David and Angie Jeffs will be talking about some of their adventures during their recent three year journey to great oceans of the Southern Hemisphere. Watch out for more details on the website and on the Club notice board.

Sailing



Heritage Frostbite Series Race 1 - Saturday 5th January

The best antidote to blow the holiday cobwebs away is to get on a yacht, in winter conditions, and go out racing! Twenty-four skippers and their boats agreed with this on Saturday, 5 January for the first race in the Heritage Frostbite Series, hosted by the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club (Guernsey) LBG. This is now the most popular yacht racing series in the Bailiwick and consistently draws nearly 30 boats out onto the water in the freezing conditions. Due to its popularity and demand, the series has been extended to 7 races and will keep the crews busy up to Easter.

Very light conditions met the crews on Saturday morning, but with enough access time and faith that the wind would fill in, a course was set to send the Racing Class South, against the tide and wind to Anfre, before turning north for a long downwind leg to Vivian Mark, before returning to Anfre to do the same again.

The Festive season did not blunt the skills of the skippers and all twelve boats in Racing Class made a clear start, with Lady Of Aquitaine (M Belcher) and Magic (M Holland), both J122's leading the pack to the first mark. Most boats opted to stick close to shore to avoid the adverse tide. Downwind, Dreamtime (R Babbe) made significant gains on the larger boats but the very light conditions ultimately favoured the lighter day boats. Madcap (J & G Hamilton), a Melges 24 sailed an excellent race in the light conditions to not only beat the larger boats on the water, but on handicap too. Dreamtime placed second with Blue Jade (A Clark) completing the podium positions.

The slower Cruising Class followed the start of the racers but Tomahawk (G Wilson) was judged to be over the line before the start gun and had to return, avoiding the other 11 boats in the class before starting their race. The Cruising Class had a shorter course and only had to beat to Tez before turning north to Vivian. Again, the fleet split where some boats stayed out in the Russel to have more favourable winds but stronger adverse tide, and others hugged the coast to avoid the tide. Guffin (A Bisson), a J24, sailed well to keep up with the larger boats and closely followed Enigma (M Huntley) and Panthalassa (I Le Maitre) around the

first mark. Tomahawk sailed brilliantly to recover from their poor start to catch up with the leading boats. The slower boats, which included last year's series winner Glenfruin (D & A Herschel), got stuck in a big wind hole that lasted about ten minutes. They did well to stay the tide whilst trying to reach Tez, but their race was effectively over.

Tomahawk continued its rise through the fleet and not only managed to beat the fleet with line honours, but also on handicap. Panthalassa and Enigma followed closely to take second and third position.

Nearly a hundred crew gathered at the RCIYC Clubhouse for the renowned hospitality and free hotdogs provided by the RCIYC and Heritage for the prizegiving.

The series is already positioning to be filled with excitement, as the changeable winter weather conditions will favour other boats in both fleets, which will keep the scores close together on the log!

Heritage Frostbite Series Race 2 - Saturday 19th January

The second of the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Clubs Heritage Frostbite series certainly lived up to its name. Seventeen skippers and crew took to the water in near freezing temperatures and a biting northeasterly breeze that gusted to twenty knots.

The first leg of the race was a screaming reach from the start line outside Castle Cornet to the first turning mark of the course the rock and post Anfre, just off shore from the Ozanne Steps. Simon Henning's Melges, White Rabbit, took off more like a scalded cat and opened up a reasonable gap in spite of a slightly less than perfect spinnaker drop. The fleet then had to beat up wind to Brehon Tower with the J122's Kaya and Majic going further east and taking the lead with Black Jack rounding the weather mark in third place. White Rabbit regained the lead on the two downwind legs back to the finish via Vivian race mark to win on the water and on corrected time in the racing class.

The cruising class has 7 starters and the same first mark but after that they had a truer dead beat to Aiguillons, close to the south end of Jethou. Then a broad reach back to Reffee, outside the entrance to the QE2 marina, before gybing back to the finish line at Castle Cornet. Aztec Gold opened up an impressive lead to take line honours by 2 and a half minutes from Mark Huntley's yacht Enigma but once the ratings had been applied it was David Herschel in Glenfruin, a twin keeled Sadler 26, who won the day in the cruiser class.

Mark Huntley of Heritage Group recovered sufficiently from the race to kindly present the prizes in the clubhouse after what had been a relatively quick race in the blustery conditions. Given the temperature outside it had been quite long enough for most and the hot dogs were a most welcome finale to the morning.

Ray Redelinghuys
Rear Commodore (Sail)

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Cruising

Dielette

An email was received on 4 January 2013 from members Adrian & Delia Pogson who berth their yacht "Ban Druidh" in Dielette.....

"Port Dielette have published their guide for the 2013 season, many have been handed out, Southampton boat show, visiting boats etc., **BUT** they are all wrong!! The times for the gate to the marina have been printed the wrong way around i.e. all ouverture (open) you need to read as fermeture (closed) and likewise all fermeture (closed) should be read as ouverture (open). It seems like Port Dielette have no intention of withdrawing the 2013 guide so many members could already have them or may pick one up when they visit. The correct gate times are on the Port Dielette web site, but there is no mention of the incorrect guide.

I hope that you will be able to pass this on to the membership along with our best wishes to every one for the New Year."

Happy New Year Cruisers!

Last year was the second wettest year since records began - what a surprise! Well polish off the rust from 2012 and focus on polishing your topsides, antifoul your hull and get ready for another stupendous cruising season. Last Friday a few of us met to discuss the proposed cruising programme for 2013 and here it is.....



Waving off the latest RCIYC cruise!

May Day weekend 3rd to 6th - Alderney



Alderney is an exciting place to visit by boat. What with the Swinge and the Race, there is real satisfaction as your boat rounds that monster breakwater into Braye Harbour.



The Alderney Sailing Club is already anticipating our visit and Alderney knows how to party!

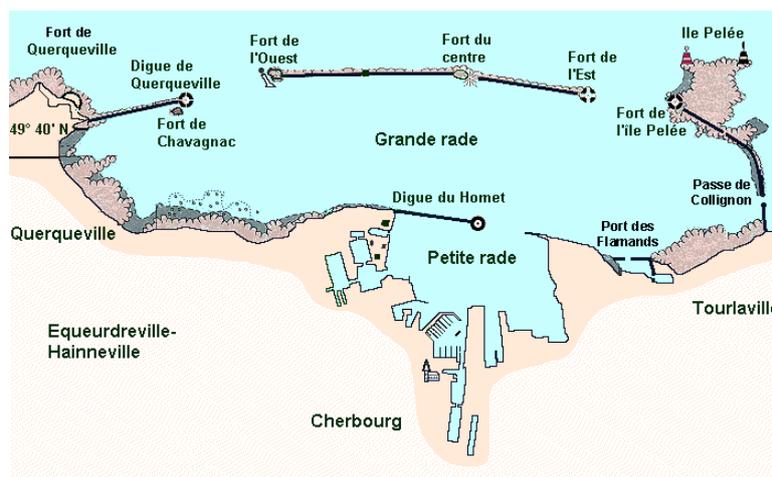
May 10th-12th The Association Nautique Du Légué cruise to Guernsey

It is our turn to entertain our close friends from the Port of St Brieuc and usually they turn out in numbers. We will need as many members to help and join in as possible. Fancy learning to Morris Dance?

This event is supported by our weekly Meat Draw. Additionally it is sponsored by Paddy Randall who was one of the members who started this event.

May 18th - Cherbourg Race

Even if you are not racing why not travel up with the race? - It's a great party at the other end. Cherbourg Harbour and the Grande Rade are incredible.



Spring Bank Holiday May 24th 27th - St Aubin Jersey

Cruise to meet our older sister club in our sister Island.

St Aubin Harbour has been dredged and I understand that the local boats will be going back on to the moorings from 31 January. However it is not known what it is like drying out against the harbour wall. Check out the link [Dredging St Aubin Harbour - YouTube](#)

The usual format is to sail down on Friday evening or Saturday morning (early). Boats that can take the bottom go to St Aubin and the rest go to St Helier. On Saturday evening there will be a meal at the RCIYC (Jersey).

June 8th - 9th - Fermain BBQ

This cruise will now become our shortest cruise, even shorter than the trip to Beaucette! It is also another opportunity for those who don't have boats or don't want to cruise to come by car, bike, shank's pony or even bus!

The cruisers can BBQ on the beach of the beautiful Fermain Bay and spend the night on the anchor if you wish. Perhaps a bit of mackereling at St Martins Point would furnish the barbecue.



*Jack (our youngest) swimming from **Strider** anchored in Fermain Bay*

July 19th - 21st - Carteret - Les Écréhous Cruise

Yet another attempt to BBQ in one of the most beautiful places in the whole world - once you have been there you will be hooked. The wild oysters are fantastic. Fingers crossed!

However this year we have plan B - Sheep Racing in Sark.



If the weather is too inclement for Le Écréhous we will splash over to Sark for this world famous event.

August Bank Holiday - 23rd - 26th - Clegg Gifford Diélette Rally

After the postponed event in 2012 we are hoping that we get a much calmer weekend. We will have space for at least 60 people.

September 20th - 22nd - Richard Corcoran Beaucette Cruise

Again another cruise that did not take place last year although the meal was brilliant and well supported. However I really missed the pleasure of sleeping overnight in this beautiful setting. Incidentally, Ricky has built a new sanitation block - very high tech and heated! There is also a superb BBQ area with purpose built BBQ - well worth considering for a weekend trip at any time throughout the year. I know Ricky will make any RCIYC member welcome.

Well, there it is, our hopes and dreams for 2013. We now have a cruising committee and I welcome the help and support from Richard Storey and Phil Ball. If you want to help out please e-mail me or give me a ring on 07781 110472.

Additionally we will be announcing other spontaneous cruises if a weekend looks settled. Keep an eye on the website.

And finally.....



...seen in a yacht club and I think we should adopt it!

Stuart Crisp
Vice Commodore
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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 the Annual Dinner Dance rapidly approaching how about a club bow tie for the evening; we have both self and ready tied club ties available at just £10.



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 the 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

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