

MAINSHEET



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

July 2013

Dates for your Diary

Fri 5 July	Insurance Corporation CI - Dinard Race
Sat 6 July	Royal Torbay Yacht Club
Sat 13 July	Nashcopy Round Sark & Herm Race
Weds 17 July	Curry Lunch
Fri 19 - 21 July	Carteret Cruise
Sat 20 July	Nashcopy Hanois Race
Sat 27 July	Nashcopy Round Herm Race

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

Commodore's Log

May and June have been two very busy months, with lots happening both on and off the sea.

May ended with a superb cruise down to our sister Island with about an equal number of boats staying in St Aubin and St Helier. Sandra Carroll, Commodore of RCIYC Jersey, made us all welcome at their Club House on the Saturday evening and we had an excellent meal provided by Pavel and his team (see the cruising report). The weather was just right with enough wind for the sailors but not too much for the motor boats. We were able take advantage of the inside passage past Corbière; if you haven't done it you really must.

With the weather as it was that weekend we thought that was the beginning of something good - never mind! *{Ed - though it does look more promising at the moment}*



Inside passage - Corbière

The next cruise was to be a much looked forward to family day in Fermain but the weather put paid to that with a fresh north easterly blowing straight into the bay. Dino and Dave Herschel are going to rearrange that event at the beginning of September.

Over the same weekend was the now very popular **Oak Trust Impi** race, 15 boats entered and 13 started. The conditions were testing and made for some exciting racing - but I will not spoil the write up of that event (see Sailing reports), but the wind features in the story. Needless to say the party afterwards was another highlight of the year. What a night! Over 140 people, the bar working flat out, live music provided by the Babettes, extra entertainment supplied by Hugh Bygott-Webb and Steve Drew dancing, and we raised a large amount for charity. Well done, Ray. It was also a great pleasure to meet Mark Chasey , Chairman of **Oak Trust (Guernsey) Limited**, and his wife, Erika.

The Commodore collecting money for MUG



The second **Nashcopy** race, Herm via Tobars, was also an exciting event due to the wind. A crew member was swept overboard but thankfully rescued, safe and sound. The Dinard Race, yet another casualty to the wind, is now re-scheduled for 5 July.

At the end of May the Chichester Cruising Racing Club called into port and held a reception in the Club House on 27 May and David Aslett

welcomed 40 plus skippers and crew and John Frankland gave a talk on local pilotage. John used our projector for the first time. According to John it worked well and was very professional, which was better than our attempt to run a two centre meat draw via Skype - ambitious or what!

We also had a visit from the Services Offshore 2013 Regatta. This is an annual event with skippers and crew from all three services, although it has been some time since they called into St Peter Port as part of the Regatta. Some of sailors were seasoned old seadogs and others were novices. His Excellency Lieutenant Governor Air Marshall Peter Walker attended and enjoyed the company of an old friend, as well as other service personnel including Air Vice Marshall Sean Reynolds, and Air Vice Marshall Mark Green, Admiral of the Royal Air Force Sailing Association, and Mick O'Connell, Chairman of the RAFA Association in Guernsey. The event was ably organised by Marcus Wilson, Rear Commodore of RAFSA. We also welcomed Craig Smith, who represented the ISS, the sponsor of the rally. (See the letter below concerning reception)

The bar is being extensively used, and we have again had bumper takings this month. Visitors have been finding their way into the Club House, some of whom are old friends who have not been in the Club for several years. One couple have even applied to become new members.

The meat draws are still going well although attendance has eased off over the last couple of weeks as we move into the 'silly season'. We now have fish vouchers from Sea Fresh and these will be added to the draw from time to time. Another victim of the 'silly season' was this month's curry lunch which had to be cancelled due to low numbers. The next curry lunch is listed for the 17 July, and if you intend to come please add your name to the list as early as possible.

Sarah and I attended Government House on 15 June, to celebrate the Queen's Birthday. The company was good and the weather was perfect, apart from a strong wind which upset one or two members of the orchestra by stealing their sheet music and whisking it over to Herm!

On 16 June we heard of the death of Paddy Randall. I was only just getting to know Paddy and if he had lived longer I am sure he would have been a good and valued friend. His death will be a great loss to the Club. I have written more below.

I am in the club most lunch times during the week, sometimes on Saturdays and most Friday evenings so if you want a chat come and look me up. Come for lunch and try out the food.

Amicalement

Stuart
Commodore
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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:

Clint McGrath
Nicholas Blakely
George and Loretta Glegg

Social Scene

Curry Lunch - Weds 17 July @ 1230 - £11.

Please sign the list on the Notice Board or let Carolyn or Michael know if you wish to come.

Patrick (Paddy) Randall



Paddy joined the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club in the early '50s, at the same time as his parents, Monty and Maureen, and his brother Brian. He was a member for nearly 60 years and over that time he became one of the Club's most senior and supportive members.

When the RCIYC Club House was above the Ship and Crown it was tied to The Guernsey Brewery. Paddy, who joined the family brewing business and became a director of R W Randalls Limited, took every opportunity to associate Randalls' name with the Club by sponsoring the races and providing a whole host of prizes.

Paddy enjoyed sailing, mainly in other people's boats. He took part in family holidays aboard *Carrageen*, and later *Carrageen II*. He often joined friends on cruises along the French coast. John Lee recalls Paddy joining him and Jeanette once for three weeks. On one occasion Paddy grumbled that one friend used to charge him not only for the food on board but also for the salt he used! Most recently he has enjoyed occasional boating with John Frankland on a motorboat and was looking forward to having a trip with Peter Frankland in his new *Princess*.

Paddy's love of the sea and boats included a large collection of model boats of all types and sizes, two of which are currently on display in the Club House.

He has served the Club well over the years. Paddy completed his stint as a member of the Committee and he sponsored events, including the recent visit of Association Nautique du Légué and he attended every event he could, given the current Club House limited access and his disability. He had the interests of the Club in mind and was always willing to give Commodores good advice and guidance!

Paddy was a good and valued friend to the RCIYC and will be dearly missed.

From Flt Lt M A Wilson MSc RAF
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Dear Stuart,

Date: 15 June 2013

On behalf of the Association of Service Yacht Clubs may I offer my most sincere thanks for the wonderful reception the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club gave to the sailors of the Services Offshore Regatta during our recent visit to Guernsey.

Please would you pass my special thanks to Mike and his staff for the splendid way he dealt with an almost overwhelming influx of people on Wednesday night. With a welcome like that I hope Guernsey will feature again on the SOR calendar in the near future.

Could you also pass my thanks to David Aslett and Ray Redelinghuys for their time and advice on Thursday morning. I'm sure there aren't many sailing clubs with keys to open an entire castle to use as a starting box, and it was a very special experience for Craig and I to walk through Castle Cornet and run the start from the battlements.

Finally, may I say a personal thank you for your warm words of welcome on Wednesday night. It was a real delight to be made to feel so welcome in such a wonderful club. I wish you and the RCIYC every success in the future and look forward to visiting again.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcus Wilson".

Marcus Wilson
Rear Commodore (O)
RAF Sailing Association



Sailing

Oak Trust Impi Shield - Saturday 8th June



On Saturday, 8 June, the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club (Guernsey) Limited (RCIYC) hosted the 5th Impi Shield Yacht Race, sponsored by Oak Trust (Guernsey) Limited. 13 boats started the race, with the newcomers welcomed by the club.

This year saw a change of format with the RCIYC and Oak Trust forgoing a cash prize for the race winner and instead opting to support local male cancer charity - Male Uprising Guernsey. The race was also first in the Bailiwick to support a charity and the RCIYC introduced a new trophy - the MUG - for the overall winner between Racing and Cruising Classes.

True to form, good summer weather played hide and seek again and the 13 boats were met by strong Force 7, gusting Force 8 North Easterly conditions on the Castle Cornet start line. The seasoned skippers respected the conditions and left adequate room for each yacht to safely start the race. The field split immediately with some skippers opting to sail towards Reffee and others choosing to tack East out into the Little Russell to get into the favourable tide.

It was a hard beat against the wind and tide up to the first mark, Grand Amfroque, at the very north of Herm. The Racing Class yachts established an early lead and "Kaya" (R Martell) was first to round the mark, closely followed by "Alice" (S Henning). Four Cruising boats retired whilst still in the Little Russell, with various equipment failures. "Impi" (R Redelinghuys) was the last retiree when his reefing lines snapped under the constant pressure. This left only two Cruising Class boats in the race - "Kite Runner" (R Storey) and "Enigma" (M Huntley).



"Blue Jade" (A Clark) managed to stay ahead of "Dreamtime" as the yachts accelerated off the wind towards Blanchard East Cardinal Buoy. Strong tidal conditions created big seas off Blanchard but this was the last windward turning mark with the boats starting to head downwind like runaway trains. "Alice" surfed waves under spinnaker at just under 20 knots, battling for the lead with "Kaya".

Once the yachts rounded the south of L'Etac, they gybed towards Lowerheads South Cardinal and then home. The second half of the race back towards Guernsey was sailed at a furious pace where yachts made good speed from the odd 40 knots gusts. "Kaya" completed the 28 nautical mile course in just over three hours, followed by "Alice" and "Lady of Aquitaine" (M Belcher) only minutes behind. "Enigma" managed to lead "Kite Runner" all the way around the course and got line honours at the Castle finish line.

All the crews and guests were entertained by Oak Trust (Guernsey) Limited in a Marquee on the Careening Hard Harm where cold and tired bodies could replenish reserves at the hog roast buffet.

Dan Collins, Council Member of M.U.G, and cancer survivor, gave a brief speech about male cancer awareness that was followed by a raffle and auction of sport memorabilia to raise funds for M.U.G

Mark Chasey, CEO of Oak Trust, announced a substantial donation to M.U.G and thanked the charity for the valuable work they were doing locally.

Once the handicaps were calculated, "Kaya" took the honours and the Oak Shield in Racing Class, followed by "Alice" and "Blue Jade". In Cruising Class, "Enigma" beat "Kite Runner" to the Impi Shield. The inaugural overall prize for The MUG, was awarded to 'Kaya'.

Ray Redelinghuys
Vice Commodore

Nashcopy Herm via Tobars - Saturday 15 June



Five brave boats competed in the Nashcopy Herm via the Tobars Race in what is turning out to be a very windy 2013 season. The short fetch to Anfre saw **Alice** take an early lead and they opted to hoist their spinnaker for the run across the Little Russel to the mouth of the Tobars Passage. Unfortunately, trouble with their kite in the gusty conditions allowed **Blue J'Ade** to close the gap. The spinnaker was dropped for the reach through the passage and then hoisted again for the run out to Noir Pute where the boats gybed for the reach up to Grande Anfre. That was the sleigh ride with the boats reaching the seals rock in less than an hour but from then on it was up hill all the way for the 6 mile beat into the face of a wind reaching 36 knots at times back to the finish at Castle Cornet. Although **Alice** took line honours **Blue J'Ade** took the victory on corrected time with **Enigma** in third but credit must also go to **Fandangle** and **Grand Crew** for fine performances in the most blustery of conditions.

David Aslett
Rear Commodore (Sail)

Cruising

As I wrote in the Commodore's log, we all thought the weather was on the up and here to stay after the very successful St Aubin's cruise. It has been so disappointing that we have had so many windy weekends, this last one even causing the racing crowd to stay in port!



Still the one that got away.....St Aubin

The weather was just right eventually, after postponing the start of the event to the Saturday morning; blue skies and enough wind to keep everyone happy. The skipper of *Kite Runner* even acquired a suntan, looking quite pink by the time he arrived.

Nine boats made the trip, involving nearly 30 people, excellent turn out. It was a four five split in favour of St Aubins.



Sarah dicing with death



So after a relaxing afternoon, in my case trying on suits in St Helier, we all arrived at the RCIYC Club House and were warmly welcomed by the Commodore, Sandra Carroll.

The welcome also involved a free drink.

It was lovely to see a good representation of the Jersey Club, with not only one active Commodore but three ex Commodores, Chris and Sue Cooke, and Rodney Waller, in fact, five including our own David Mitchison and Mathew Henry. We all ate well and drank well and had a good time.



The following morning some of the St Aubin crews made it for a superb Sunday breakfast at the Club House.



Sunday night was an experience in the fleshpots of St Aubins, but we did manage to find a quite exceptional Chinese restaurant, enjoyed by all after a somewhat fractious ordering process! We recommend New Dynasty, 4 High Street, St Aubin.

I would like to thank Phil Ball for organising this event - excellent - and I am already looking forward to going back next year. This annual cruise has started to bear fruit and we have an improved relationship with our sister Club. Chris Cooke is very keen to get a flotilla of Jersey boats to come up to Guernsey for the Richard Corcoran Cruise to Beaucette.

Now to the future

The next cruise is one that we have had at least four attempts at over the last two or even three years, the elusive cruise to Les Écréhous. It is planned for the weekend of 19 July. I have visited this wonderfully unique group of rocks a number of times and would love to share the experience so put it in your diary and who knows.....



One day we will finally get there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

And finally.....



Stuart Crisp
Commodore

'Mainsheet'

Contributions from members are very welcome so please share your sailing experiences and exploits with us.

Julie Ball

Rear Commodore

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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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