

# MAINSHEET



## ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

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June 2013

### Dates for your Diary

Sat 8 June	Oak Trust Impi Shield
Sat 8 - 9 June	Family Boating - Fermain
Weds 12 June	Services Offshore Regatta Visit
Sat 15 June	Nashcopy Herm via Tobars Race
Weds 19 June	Curry Lunch
Fri 21 June	Insurance Corporation CI - Dinard Race
Sat 29 June	Carey Olsen Jersey Guernsey Race
Sun 30 June	Governor's Cup (Guernsey)
Sat 6 July	Royal Torbay Yacht Club Visit

Please check the website [www.rciyc.com](http://www.rciyc.com) for details of these events.

### Commodore's Log

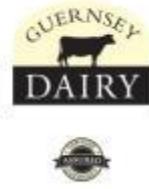
#### Visit of the ANL



This year was the turn of the Association Nautique du Légué to visit Guernsey and our turn to look after them for the weekend.

Six boats from Le Légué arrived on Wednesday 8th May to avoid the wind and enjoy Liberation Day. Brigitte Lamy said that she was very impressed with the way Guernsey keeps Liberation Day alive. In France they have 8<sup>th</sup> May off to celebrate liberation from the Nazis but it means little to the young. She thought that Guernsey engaged young people in its celebrations.

Paul and Michelle Steele organised 'goodie bags' to give to the French on their arrival.



The bags contained cheese and butter donated by the States Dairy and Rocquettes cider given by an anonymous donor.

Two more boats arrived on Friday and we started the event at 1830 at the Club, with the meat draw (several of the French won), speeches and exchange of gifts. This was followed by supper - Bean Jar, prepared by Cobo Tearooms, and Gache Melée, prepared and donated by David Evans.



*Trophy donated by Paddy Randall*

*'lizen carefully I will say zis only once!'*

Xavier Saux presented us with two wonderful books, one celebrating our relationship lasting twenty three years. In return we gave a brass trophy and a bottle of English Sparkling wine, which entertained our guests.

**Saturday** - breakfast at the Club with 24 people, Perelle bacon and Senner's rolls. All prepared by Michelle and Paul Steele, and the Commodore. What could be better?

Herm for lunch, windy but fine. Exploring the Island with an excellent lunch at the Mermaid.



*Xavier, Marie Jo, and Agatha Saux and Phil.*

On the way home we were dropped off by the Trident at the Old Lifeboat Slip to attend a Vin D'Honneur at the Castle hosted by Deputy Paul Le Pelley. We were joined by the crew of the last boat to arrive, the intriguingly named *Parlez moi d'amour*. During his speech Deputy Le Pelley invited the ANL back in 2015 to help us celebrate 70 years of freedom.



After nibbles, wine and good speeches we returned to the Club for the farewell and a wonderful evening of singing sea shanties and any songs the two cultures had in common - lots of Beatles numbers. We even had a whip round for the lifeboat and raised £63. What an evening!

I thank all our friends from Le Légué for making the effort to sail to Guernsey for the weekend. Long may our collaboration last and as the ANL put it - it is 'the twinning that rocks'.

I have struggled to find out when this all started. Roger Perrot, David Evans and Paddy Randall could not pin it down but thought it was possibly 1992. However John Lee checked his log and the first visit to Le Légué was on the 25 May 1991. If anyone has any photos of the visits over the years please let me know so that we can create an album.

## Cherbourg

Not much to say really - the yachts raced, the cruise was down to one boat. The weather was perfect for a motor boat, but *Strider* was too sick to get out of the pier heads - despair!

Now the future ...

David Herschel and Dino Castro organised a very successful Family Boating Forum evening to discuss ideas for family friendly events and as a result we shall be holding the

Fermain Family Day - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June - please see Family Boating Forum section below and e-mails for further details.

Also we have

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Impi Shield race, charity dinner and evening cruise to Fermain Bay.

Whether or not you wish to race, do come along to the evening prize-giving event in the marquee, featuring a charity auction, hog roast dinner and live music at a cost of £20 per head. Alternatively you may prefer to join some of our cruising section, who will be making the short trip to Fermain, when the marina opens, for a tranquil night at anchor.

And finally....



*Better than no boat!*

Stuart Crisp  
MV Strider  
crispscrisp[at]aol.com

## Social Scene

### Diesel Engines Talk



Our April social evening saw over thirty members gather at the Club for a very informative talk by David Norman of Marine and General, and two of his senior engineers. They brought along all sorts of equipment with them to demonstrate the points they made, including lots of examples of failed components. Of particular interest to members was the section of the talk on the diesel bug, as well as a fascinating overview of transmission and cooling systems.

We hope to run more events like this in the winter and "shoulder" months, and look forward to further talks from David and his team. As you are probably aware, all RCIYC members are now entitled to discounts at M&G, on production of their membership card.

### Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June Curry Lunch @ 1230 for 1300 start - £11. Please sign the list on the Notice Board or contact Carolyn if you would like to join us.

## Family Boating Forum



After a very busy few days at the club, this event went ahead on a comparatively small scale. However, it was great to get together and compare notes with other members and guests who sail with young children. Some really good ideas were developed through the discussion which ensued, and we hope to begin to offer more and more for families, and that this will help to ensure a bright future for the club as a whole.

In addition to the Fermain Family Day watch out for further opportunities to get children afloat in a variety of craft, and keep them entertained during club cruises and raft-ups. We hope that members will support this initiative by getting their children and grandchildren involved in club activities.

## Fermain Family Day - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 11.00-16.00



We hope plenty of members will head to Fermain in the morning, joining those who have ventured there by boat the previous evening. The plan is to take a selection of sailing dinghies and other small craft down to Fermain, in addition to members' larger boats and tenders, do some exploring of the bay and surrounding area "Swallows and Amazons" style, and possibly have some child-friendly games. Qualified safety cover will be provided in addition to some guidance, but the idea is that families will be responsible for their children at all times. An a la carte lunch will be available from the Fermain Bay Cafe, where some tables will be reserved for us. Please let Carolyn know if you would like to join in.

## Sailing



The first of the Nashcopy Navigational Series kicked off with the Round Sark Race on the 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Six yachts took to the water in bracing conditions which saw them making good speed on the fetch to Anfre and the broad reach across to L'Etac. Two brave boats hoisted their spinnakers for the run up the back of Sark before turning into the teeth of a 30 knot plus breeze on the nose for the beat back from Bec du Nez to Lower Heads. The fleet had made such good time up to this point there was little in the way of tidal assistance on the return journey.

Simon Henning's *Alice* took line honours and victory on corrected time from *Blue J'Ad*e in second and Dreamtime in third.

There was a great turnout for the prize giving and complimentary buffet in the evening in the clubhouse kindly sponsored by Nashcopy.



The St Peters Trust Cherbourg race took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> May and saw contesting conditions to the Round Sark race the week before, again a 6 boat fleet set off from Castle Cornet, this time going north in idyllic sailing conditions with a light breeze blowing from the northeast.

Unfortunately the breeze was not to last and of the three cruising yachts in the fleet only two made it to Cape de la Hague under sail power alone with the three racing boats struggling to cross the finish line in Cherbourg under spinnaker in very light airs.

*Blue J'Ad*e took the win on corrected time after Martin Belcher's *Lady of Aquitaine* crossed the line first. Martin Ozard in *Black Jack* was second on corrected time.

Thanks must go to Martin Priest of St Peters Trust for sponsoring the evening meal in the Cherbourg Yacht Club which was enjoyed by 36 hungry sailors. Unfortunately our Commodore who had planned to attend the event in his motorboat was unable to make what would have been an ideal trip because of technical problems.

David Aslett  
Rear Commodore (Sail)

## Cruising

We have now had two cruises, one successful and one a bit of a failure! *Strider* went into the water at 1230 hours and we were on our way to Alderney at 1545 the same day!

### Alderney

Three boats made it up to Alderney on the May Day weekend, with 11 skippers and crew. Alan and Helen Byron travelled up on Friday in *Seadream of Sark* with their friends Mark and Karen.



*Early morning shot of Seadream of Sark*

*Ark de Triumphe* and *Strider* cruised up on Saturday, with a following force 5-6 south westerly. Conveniently the breeze was with the tide and *Strider* hit the Swinge at slack water - or as slack as the Swinge gets, perfect.



*Ark de Triumphe moored*

Once we smartened up we headed for a welcome at the Alderney Sailing Club. Ilona Sloane - Sands stood in for the Commodore, Neil Harvey. It was a chance to meet some of our fellow boaters from the northern isle and share a couple of glasses of wine/beer. They have a strange custom up there. The first person in the bar puts £20 down and as people come in they get a drink from that £20 until it is gone, the next person puts £20 down and so on! They tell me it works.

The crew of *Ark de Triumph* set the tone for the evening. They had arrived in Alderney early so they could check into their hotel, but only got as far as the Divers! Common difficulty in Alderney I hear.

After the Sailing Club we dined at *The Georgian House*, a good meal, but not excellent, and also a bit pricey. However, that might have been down to Andrew O'Neil ordering the wine. Still, the premises were very smart and that night very busy.



We all got back to the boats safe and sound, the skipper from *Strider* rowed while the others took advantage of the late water taxi, running until midnight. Day time price £1.50 per person and after 2130 £2.50 per person, not a cheap option, but really convenient.

Sunday. Up early to find breakfast. We were refused at the *Braye Beach Hotel*, which was apparently too busy, although it was clear no one was up yet. It was then that we discovered *The Little Rock Cafe* on the far side of the inner harbour.



...but it was not open! However, there was a mobile number on the side of the van and once rung Krysz, the owner from the USA, arrived to cook and serve a wonderful locally sourced fried breakfast with a few American twists. Sausage patties and blackberry and blueberry jam on the toast to eat with the fried food - delicious, and a free top up of tea and coffee. The details of *The Little Rock Cafe* plus menu will be on the website in due course.

Sunday was Milk-O-Punch day, and the first Milk-O-Punch was available in the Alderney Sailing Club at 12:00 - some people were waiting patiently for them to open.



*Feeling rough Sam!*

The first Milk-O-Punch of the day.



*The two Commodores sharing a glass together. Shortly before the RCIYC Commodore was interviewed for Radio Guernsey.*

Milk-O-Punch is made of milk, eggs and rum and most premises in Alderney have their own recipe. We had one (two or three) in the Sailing Club, one in The Divers, and one in Ray's, at the end of Braye Street. All free - what a brilliant idea.

The Byrons left before breakfast, catching the tide down to Guernsey and *Ark de Triumphe* departed soon after the first Milk-O-Punch in time for Sam to catch a 5lb Turbot on the way home!

*Strider* stayed for another day - see Commodore's Log for what happened next.

Alderney was very welcoming and I think it would be a great addition to the annual cruising calendar.

Stuart Crisp  
Commodore

## THE MYSTERY OF THE QEII GATES - all is revealed



Gate awash, height is just 4.5m above chart datum

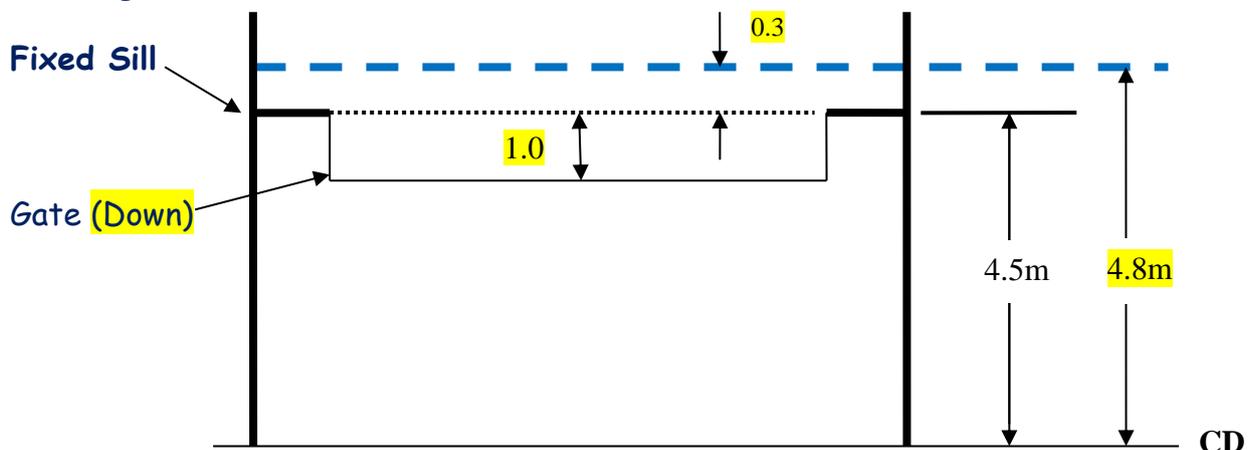
The sill comprises of a fixed sill, 4.5m above chart datum (CD) with an automatically lowering gate that operates when the tide reaches 4.8m, giving an extra depth of 1.0m

### OPERATION ON A RISING TIDE

The diagram when the tide level is below 4.5m: A red light will show



The diagram when the tide level is at 4.8m



When the tide reaches 4.8m, the gate lowers to give a depth of 1.3m

Be aware that the gate may not lower immediately - an amber light shows



Only when the gate is fully down will a steady green light show.



***J Frankland***

***NB. The fixed depth board on each side of the inner gate, shows actual depth above Fixed Sill***



and Finally.....



Stuart & Sarah at Le Legue Flea Market .....

## 'Mainsheet'

Contributions from members are very welcome so please share your sailing experiences and exploits with us. Please contact me via Club email rciyc[at]cwgsy.net or telephone 723154.

Julie Ball  
Rear Commodore

## 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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