

# MAINSHEET



## ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

March 2012

### Dates for your Diary

Thurs 15 Mar	Quiz and Supper
Sat 17 Mar	Heritage Frostbite Race
Sat 24 Mar	Fitting Out Supper
Sat 31 Mar	Heritage Frostbite Race
Tues 3 April	Curry Lunch

### Commodore's Log

At the recent AGM, the new flag officers and committee were elected and I am delighted to have been appointed Commodore. I have an enthusiastic committee to support me and we are keen to make such a good, friendly yacht club even better for our members, guests and visitors. I would like to give particular thanks to Enzo Diacono, my predecessor, who has been at the helm for the last two years and who has worked so hard for the Club, supported by his wife, Becky.

Your new Committee / Directors are:

#### **Flag officers**

David Mitchison	Commodore
Stuart Crisp	Vice Commodore
Julie Ball	Rear Commodore
Rheino Redelinghuys	Rear Commodore (Sail)

### **Committee members**

Phil Ball

Martyn Baudains

Dino Castro

Peter Pearson

Richard Storey

Jeremy Smithies

John Lee - **Honorary Treasurer**

Further information about members of your Committee is being prepared and will be circulated to members in due course.

2012 is the **Diamond Jubilee** of Her Majesty the Queen and it is appropriate that members of the Club join in the celebrations. We have been advised by Sir Geoffrey Rowland that the formal period of celebration is the extended weekend running from **Saturday 2 June to Tuesday 5 June 2012**. All registered boat-owners with boats in the marinas are urged to adorn their boats with appropriate bunting and I would encourage members to join in the celebrations. Captain Peter Gill, the Harbour Master, is allowing members of the Club to moor their boats on 'D' pontoon in Victoria marina on Monday 4 June. I'm sure that the sight of our vessels "dressed overall" will be spectacular. We should also have a good view of the firework display that evening. I hope that we can muster a number of boats for this event and I should be grateful if you would email me at [rciyc@cwgsy.net](mailto:rciyc@cwgsy.net) no later than 31 March to indicate whether you are interested in joining the celebrations.

2012 is also the **150th anniversary** of the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club which was originally established in Jersey in 1862. Guernsey Post is launching a commemorative issue of postage stamps in July and my thanks go to Enzo for initiating this project. The committee is currently considering other events to celebrate this milestone.

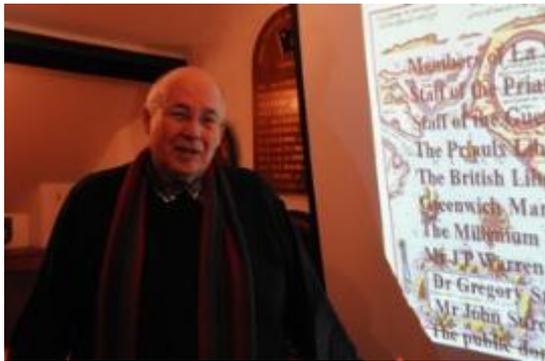
**Website** - You may have noticed that the old website hadn't been updated for a number of months while our new site was being developed. I am pleased to confirm that our new website [www.rciyc.com](http://www.rciyc.com) is now live and will be populated with information over the next few weeks. I would like to thank Ray Redelinghuys for all his work in getting the new website launched. We are establishing a sub-committee who will be responsible for maintaining the website and, if members wish to make suggestions for items to be included, please contact Julie Ball, Rear Commodore at [rciyc@cwgsy.net](mailto:rciyc@cwgsy.net).

The racing scene has been active with **Heritage Group** Frostbite Series races being held on 4 February, 18 February and 3 March. Results are on the website and Ray Redlinghuys gives a commentary in this Mainsheet. We decided to introduce real ale in the bar on Saturday but the thirsty racers rapidly consumed it all. We will therefore ensure that we have

plenty of real ale on tap for future race prizegivings. The sausages, prepared by our willing volunteers, are always gratefully received. I thank our sponsor, **Heritage Group**, for their continued support.

Socially, we had an excellent Sunday lunch on 5 February prepared by Dino and Celeste Castro. This was well attended and enjoyed by all.

We also had a talk on 28 February given by Keith Fisher on the 'Evolution of the Guernsey Chart'. John Frankland arranged the talk and a beanjar supper was proved by Julie Ball, Stuart Crisp, and Anne Marie Mitchison. Thanks to all.



On 6 March, 25 members enjoyed one of Enzo's and Becky's famous Pasta Lunches and I am pleased that they will be happy to continue with these from time to time.

Forthcoming events are noted elsewhere in Mainsheet but the **Quiz night** on **15 March** is bound to be great fun with Jeremy Smithies as quizmaster. Please register early to avoid disappointment. Also the **Fitting Out supper** should not be missed. Tina Guille, a very highly regarded local "cordon bleu" chef, will be cooking the meal and I shall ensure that we have some premium wines available by the bottle to accompany the meal. The date is **Saturday 24 March** so, if you wish to attend, please contact the Club by email [rciyc@cwgsy.net](mailto:rciyc@cwgsy.net) or phone or put your name on the list which is on the notice board.

Finally, this is your Club. If you have suggestions, please let me know. I hope to see you soon.

With best wishes,

David Mitchison,  
Commodore

## Welcome to New Members

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

Howard Barnes

Peter and Jane Dawson-Ball

## Reminder re Guests and Membership Cards

Members are reminded that, to comply with our licence, all guests should be signed in by a member. All members should have their membership cards available for inspection.

## Social Scene

**Thurs 15 March @ 1830 for 1900 start - Quiz and Supper - £10**

The quiz will cover general and local knowledge, with a nautical flavour, and your quizmaster will be Jeremy Smithies. There will be prizes for the winning team.

**Supper** - Selection of cheeses, pates and cold meats and fruit tart.

**Teams** - You can make up a team of 6 or sign up to join with others.

**Sat 24 March @ 1930 for 2000 - Fitting Out Supper - £25**

The Cordon Bleu chef, Tina Guille, will be providing the catering for the supper.

### **Menu**

Fresh Salmon and Asparagus Terrine served with Melba toast

Coq au Vin served with Mashed Potato and Mixed Vegetables

Sticky Toffee Pudding served with Custard

Coffee and mints

**Tues 3 April @ 1230 - Curry Lunch - £11**

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

## Cruising

As the excitement of the AGM and change of board has died down we look to the serious (sometimes) business of running the club. Although I have taken on the mantle of Vice Commodore I will continue to organise the cruises - hopefully with a bit of help. Please get in touch if you are interested in getting involved. You don't have to be a member of the board to join in.

### Le Légué - May 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>



Xavier Saux has emailed me to confirm the dates for the cruise and has sent a programme of events. Les briochins (people from St Briec) and Les Plérinais (people from Plérin) have a reputation of laying on a good party.

#### **Saturday 5 May**

Welcome at the ANL club house for drinks

#### **Sunday 6 May**

French Breakfast at the club house @ 0900 local time

Lunch at salle Edelwiess au port du Légué @ 1230



Followed by another drink to say goodbye.....

On Sunday morning we might visit a market at Plérin and enjoy some form of activity after lunch.

As Monday is a Bank Holiday for us - not the French though, we can return at a leisurely pace.

Let's hope that the weather is good to us so we can get a good number of boats down there. If you haven't got a boat there is always the ferry and a bike (only 60 miles or so from St Malo!) or car if you prefer.

While we are talking about our ANL friends they have extended an invitation to us to attend their Les Puces (Flea Market), with a nautical bent, which they are holding on 8 April, 2012.



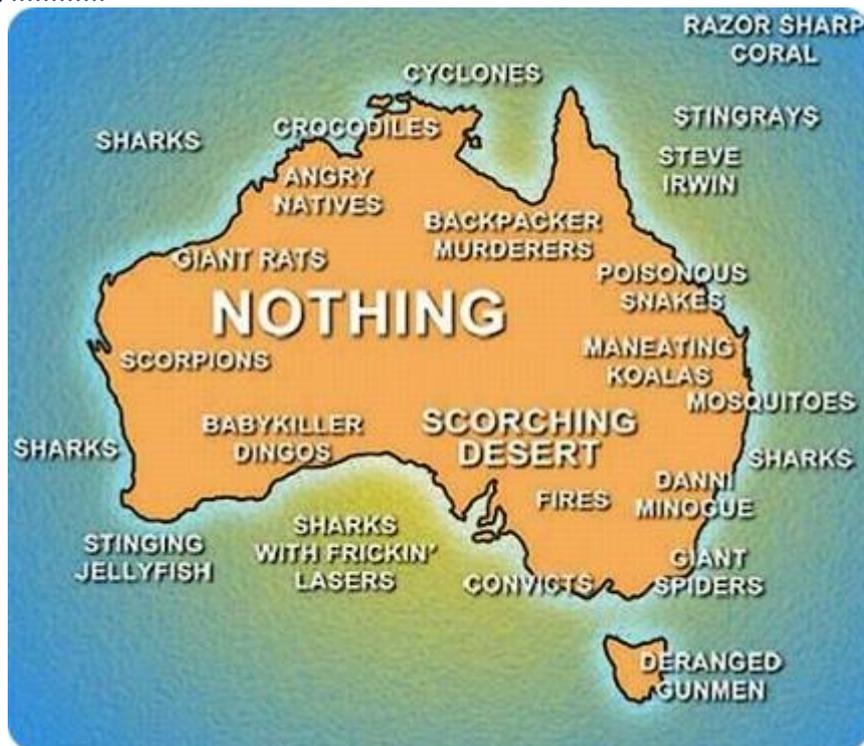
So if you have the odd bit of boaty clutter in your attic, pop along, only €6 for a stall.

### Richard Corcoran Cruise

We have had to change the date of the Richard Corcoran Cruise - sorry! It will now be held on the weekend of the 22 September. If the weather is settled we may even go up to Beaucette Marina on the Friday night. I have now booked the Marina Restaurant and even more importantly received the confirmation. This is the one cruise everyone can join in whether you travel by boat, car, bike, bus, shanks' pony, or interstellar teleporter.



To finish, I've never really fancied going to Oz but this map has really put me off.....



See you in the club.

Stuart Crisp  
Vice Commodore  
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## Sailing

### The Heritage Frostbite Series 2012



This year's racing calendar is now in full swing with the return of the Heritage Frostbite Series after a 3 week break, necessitated to synchronize the race starts better with the more favourable Neap Tides. We have record entries this year with a total of 29 boats entered thus far (14 in Racing Class and 15 In Cruising Class). This increase is an exciting development and the Clubhouse has been filled to the brim with jovial crews exchanging post-race banter and enjoying the hospitality from Heritage, which include the now customary hotdogs.

Race 2 in the series saw yacht *Glenfruin* (D Herschel) protest *Moonbeam* (L Smith) close to the finish line. *Glenfruin* also applied to the Protest Committee for redress, for entangling its rudder in a crab pot after taking avoidance action. The protest was amicably settled and later withdrawn. Race 3 had strong wind conditions but still had a fleet of 17 boats competing on a rather miserable winter's day. Our sponsors are grateful for the fantastic support for this race series and have confirmed that they will continue to sponsor the series in 2013. Look out for the report on Race 4 to be published in the Guernsey Press on 12 March.



*Enigma* and *Tomahawk*

I would like to thank the crews from *Dreamtime* and *Blue Jade* for assisting with the start and time keeping of the races that they could not sail. I greatly appreciate their involvement!

### 2012 Race Calendar

The race dates for the year have been finalised and published on the new website. Our first race after the Heritage series is the St Peter's Trust Cherbourg Race. We have brought it forward this year as May seems to be blessed with good sailing weather. The Notice of Race and entry forms will be available soon and I hope we can expect great support for a very sociable weekend away in France.

The other exciting date to pen into your diaries is the Race to Dinard sponsored by The Insurance Corporation of the Channel Islands. This year it will be an overnight sail on 13 July, putting the crews in St Malo on Bastille Day on the Saturday!

The first Nashcopy Passage race will be to The Hanois Lighthouse on 19 May and most of my day is occupied with coming up with Stigg-like introductions for Clive Le Tissier! This promises to be another super series with a similar format to last year, except we have been promised more banter, more laughter and even better joke prizes!

and finally....

The 2012 Sailing Instructions will soon be finalised and made available on the new website.

See you on the water!

Ray Redelinghuys

Rear Commodore (Sail)

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## Channel Island Air Search Cycle Ride 2012



Can you please spare two minutes of your time to log onto the page below and help raise some money for Channel Islands Air Search. A group of 7 local people are riding from Geneva to Nice and are funding the trip themselves, ensuring all the money that is raised goes straight to the charity.

Please can you visit: <http://www.justgiving.com/crazy-donkeys> and donate as much as possible for this great cause.

### 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

Rear Commodore

Please contact me via Club email rciyc[at]cwgsy.net or telephone 723154.

## Club Opening Hours

	<b>High Season</b>	<b>Low Season</b>
	<b>May - Sept</b>	<b>Oct - April</b>
Weekdays - Lunch	1030 - 1400	1130 - 1400
Weekdays - Evening	1800 - 2300	CLOSED
Fridays - Lunch	1030 - 1400	1130 - 1400
Fridays - Evening	1800 - 2300	1800 - 2200
Saturdays - Lunch	1030 - 1430	1130 - 1430
Saturdays - Evening	1800 - 2300	CLOSED
Sundays - Lunch	1200 - 1400	CLOSED
Sundays - Evening	1800 - 2230	CLOSED

*Any changes to these hours will be advised by email and updated on Club Notices*

## Club Contact Details

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