

MAINSHEET



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY)

March 2011

Dates for your Diary

Tues 5 April	Curry Lunch*
Wed 6 April	Cruising Meeting**
Sat 9 April	Grand National Draw*
Tues 12 April	Pasta Lunch*
Tues 19 April	Social Evening and Supper*
Fri 29 April	Royal Wedding Celebration*
Sat 30 April	Nashcopy Race***

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

** See '**Cruising**' for details

*** See '**Sailing**' for details

Commodore's Log

Since the February **Mainsheet** we have had two more Frostbite races, sponsored by Heritage; both were very well attended. The last one of the series will take place on Saturday 26th March. Once again I should like to thank Heritage for their sponsorship.

On 3rd March we had the Annual General Meeting at the Duke of Richmond Hotel that was fairly uneventful apart from various discussions about the proposed increase of mooring fees the outcome of which will be revealed on 30th March. I shall keep you informed of events once the decisions have been taken.

Roland and Carol Guille entertained us on the evening of 15th March with their very interesting and amusing trip through the French canals and rivers. Their journey took them from St Malo to the Bay of Biscay, down

to the Mediterranean, back up to Paris finishing in Cherbourg. The whole trip took them four and a half months. After the talk chicken alla cacciatore was served followed by Tarte au Citron. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



I would like to remind you that the Fitting Out Supper will take place at the Club on Saturday 26th March; the catering will be provided by 'Le Hougue du Pommier'. I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

Enzo Diacano
Commodore

Welcome to New Members

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

David and Linda Fermont
Stuart Dunn and Fiona Taylor

Social Scene

Sat 9 April 1230 Grand National Draw

If you fancy your chances why not join us at the Clubhouse for the usual draw.

Fri 29 April Royal Wedding Celebration

Join us on Friday evening to toast the happy couple. Pimms and Prosecco will be available.

'Club Lunches & Suppers

The programme for April is as follows:

Tues 5 April 1230 Curry Lunch £11

Tues 12 April 1230 Pasta Lunch £10

Tues 19 April 1900 Social evening with Supper

Menu and details of the evening to follow.

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

Your Feedback on Future Social Events

After the Talk and Supper last Tuesday we asked those present to provide us with some feedback. Questions and responses as follows:

Ideas for talks/speakers (contact details if known)/themes

- *Carol and Roland did a remarkable job tonight - very interesting and well presented.*
- *Sailing or motor cruising, relaxed e.g. The Stars at Night*
- *More Guernsey history - does Annette Henry do talks? Fee required?*
- *Explanation of Racing Rules*
- *Talks from members on their trips, especially round the world or long distance*
- *Quiz*
- *Intermediate Bridge (ACOL, Chicago)*
- *Something linked to pilotage e.g. Alderney, Humps, or 'I have been there'*
- *Boat maintenance, splicing, ropework, etc.*
- *Guernsey Boat Number Spotting & those I have seen*

Your Feedback on Future Social Events (cont)

- *Fishing e.g. tackle to use, places (plaices!) to fish, state of tide, etc.*
- *Keeping/sailing a boat in the Med*

Recommendations for food we could buy in or suppliers we could approach

- *Cook Ltd - Pollet*

Type of food to serve

- *Good!*
- *Option of cheapish meal on Friday night - chicken?*

Offers of Help

We are very grateful to those who offered to help with future events.

If you would be happy to help with future events e.g. cook & bring a dish; do some shopping; serve food; wash tablecloths; arrange a speaker; give a talk; run a quiz; etc. then please have a word with one of the committee.

Thank you for your feedback and if you have anything to add then please get in touch.

Julie Ball

Please contact me via Club email/telephone.

Cruising

It is starting to get exciting as spring is on its way and the boat is in the water ready to go.....



a Guernsey man going to Herm

Talking of cruising, I really enjoyed Carol and Roland Guille's talk about their 4 month cruise through the French canals on the 15th March. They gave some very useful practical tips concerning making such a trip while

evoking the atmosphere of travelling through deepest France. It really whetted the appetite for cruising inland water ways.



What about this for a lock only 73 feet deep! To be found on the Rhone.

In the last addition of **Mainsheet** I aired some suggestions made in the survey along with a request for volunteers to form a cruising committee. Well, we had one offer of help with the cruising committee - thanks John Frankland, and one e-mail regarding the impromptu cruising - thanks Julie and Phil Ball. Even so, we will e-mail out offers of impromptu cruising and the cruises will continue but help would be welcome.

Regarding the possible cruise up the Thames, as mentioned in the February edition of **Mainsheet**, Vice Commodore, David Mitchison and I will be holding a meeting on **Wednesday 6th April at 1900** hours at the club. The purpose of the meeting is to test the level of interest and to set dates and plan. It is envisaged that a Thames cruise would take about two weeks. It would be good experience for anyone who has not crossed the Channel before.

So I look forward to meeting some of you on the 6th April.

Stuart Crisp
Rear Commodore (Cruising)
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Sailing

With the Vernal Equinox announcing the arrival of Spring, and mother nature, for a change, actually obliging with glorious weather, optimism for a fantastic sailing season still reigns!

Heritage Frostbite Series



The advantage of preparing and participating in the Heritage Frostbite Series is that the boat is ready to take advantage of this unexpected good weather. We have been very fortunate thus far as we have been able to sail all the races. General feedback from crews indicates that the competitive racing and hotdogs have been greatly enjoyed. Saturday, 26 March, will see the final race and with good weather on the charts, it will be a fitting conclusion to a successful series.



Yachts gather on the start line (Picture by Martin Lewis)

New Sponsor!



It is with great excitement that I announce that Nashcopy Channel Islands Limited ("Nashcopy") have agreed to sponsor the Local Passage Race Series. I would like to thank Clive and Samantha Le Tissier for their generous support in assisting to promote this great series. The exact format of the sponsorship will be made known in due course but will include prizes for each race.

The aim is to promote the Passage Race Series amongst the cruisers out there. Rather than the Series being viewed as a race, it should be seen as an opportunity to participate in courses which take in the fantastic scenery the Bailiwick has to offer, against the clock, concluding with the jovial camaraderie of a racing fleet in the Clubhouse! This is essentially how I got involved in racing my own cruising boat.

Racing Instructions

The 2011 racing instructions for all RCIYC races will have some substantial changes. Amongst these will be the separate starts for cruisers and racers, introduced during the Heritage Frostbite Series, for non passage races and the ability to shorten "cans" races should weather conditions dictate. This year's entry forms and amended racing instructions will be available on the website and in the Clubhouse by the end of the March.

Next Race

Sat 30 April Hanois - Nashcopy Local Race - Start @ 9.30

And Finally...

Should there be members interested in racing their boat but have some reservations, questions or find the whole thing daunting, please do contact me. I would be more than happy to assist!

I look forward to seeing you on the water...

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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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