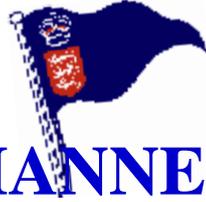


MAINSHEET



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

May 2012

Dates for your Diary

Tues 22 May	Pasta Lunch
Sat 26 May	Nashcopy Round Sark and Herm Race
Mon 4 June	Diamond Jubilee
Mon 4 - 8 June	Swan Rendezvous
Sat 9 June	Nashcopy Round Sark Race
Tues 12 June	Curry Lunch
Sun 17 June	Governor's Cup (Jersey)
Fri 15 - 17 June	Cruise to Les Minquiers
Sat 23 June	Nashcopy Herm via Tobars Race

Please check the website for forthcoming Social, Cruising and Sailing events

Commodore's Log

At the time of writing, the sun is shining and no doubt most boat owners will have already been out on the water.

The **St Peters Trust** Cherbourg race has just finished and a report is included under the Sailing section of this **Mainsheet**. Many thanks go to **St Peters Trust** for sponsoring this race.

Eight boats participated in the cruise to Le Légué on 5 and 6 May. **Paddy Randall** very kindly sponsored the event and also presented the skippers of participating boats with engraved crystal whisky tumblers. This was very generous of **Paddy** and, on behalf of all those who joined in this cruise, I thank him very much indeed. Stuart Crisp, Vice Commodore, did

a great job organising the cruise and his report, together with photographs, follows in the cruising section. Our French friends at ANL were really hospitable and the weekend was most enjoyable and memorable.

Other cruises are planned and details follow in this **Mainsheet**, on the website, and on the Club noticeboard. The **Diamond Jubilee** is also being celebrated by the Club, and details have been circulated by email. I hope that these events will be well supported by our members.

On the social front, our former Commodore, Enzo Diacono and Becky continue to provide Pasta lunches which are thoroughly enjoyed by all those who participate. The monthly curry lunches also continue to be popular and the Friday Night Meat Draw draws a good crowd of regulars.

Just to remind you that we are now open on weekday evenings from 1800 hrs (please see back page for full details of opening hours).

Work continues on adding content to our Website. News items and details of forthcoming events are posted regularly on the Website. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please get in touch.

With best wishes,

David Mitchison
Commodore
(SY Calypso)

RCIYC Commemorative Stamps

Earlier last year the committee of the RCIYC was thinking of how to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Royal Channel Yacht Club. We had the bright idea of having commemorative stamps issued by Guernsey Post. A sub-committee of David Mitchison, Martin Lewis and Enzo Diacono was formed to research and produce suitable images of yachts from when the RCIYC was formed (1862) to the present day.

A fair number of images were presented to Guernsey Post who asked for time to consider which were most suitable. Unfortunately, it turned out that, though beautiful, the quality of our images was not of a high enough standard for this project. Eventually the pre-issue stamps were sent to the sub-committee for comments. Some changes were requested for various reasons and the final issue stamps were agreed.

The first day issue will be 25th July 2012 when the stamps will be available for purchase from the Post Office in Guernsey - www.guernseystamps.com

RCIYC Anniversary Grand Sail Past on Thursday 5th July

The following is reproduced from the RCIYC Jersey website:



Whether you have a 50' Phantom motor cruiser or an Optimist dinghy or a rowing boat there will be a place for you in the Grand Sail Past. There will be a special commemorative souvenir and an invitation for those taking part to join the Commodore for a buffet supper in the Club House after the event. However if you are not sailing do come to the reception between 18.30 – 20.00hrs in the Club house to watch the event. Apply early for tickets as numbers are limited by the size of the Club. Your form must be returned to the Club before 22nd June at the very latest including a cheque and a stamped addressed envelope.

For more details and an entry form please see the RCIYC Jersey website - rciycjersey.com

Welcome to New Members

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

Nicholas Kyprios and Jade Aebi
Paul Backhouse
David Le Jean

Reminder re Guests and Membership Cards

Members are reminded that, to comply with our rules and licensing regulations, all guests should be signed in by a member and that in accordance with rule 15 'no person ordinarily resident in the Channel Islands may be introduced as a guest more than four times in any year except in pursuit of any organised sailing activity' - **please note that this applies to spouses and partners.**

All members should have their membership cards available for inspection.

Social Scene

Tues 22 May Pasta Lunch @ 1230 £11

Tues 12 June Curry Lunch @ 1230 £11

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

Cruising

Cruise to Le Légué



The season has started well, eight boats (four motor and four yachts) made it to Le Légué despite the weather threatening to intervene.

Most of us decided to sail on the Friday given the poor forecast on Saturday. **Calypso** (David Mitchison, Commodore, and Anne Marie), **Meltemi** (Phil and Julie Ball), **Jemmaly** (Paul and Michelle Steele), headed for St Caast; and **Turning Point** (Captain Barry), **Greta** (Johan Etasse. and David Le Jean) and **Strider** (Stuart Crisp, Vice Commodore, and Sarah) arrived in St Quay Pontrieux, - both marinas with 24 hour access. While **Peredur** (Alan and Helen Bryon) and **Jean Pierre** (Jane and Jeremy Smithies) arrived at Le Légué early on the Friday. David and Pat Evans, members of the original cruise in 1991, travelled to Le Légué by ferry and car.

The Association Nautique du Légué (ANL) and the RCIYC have been close friends since 1991. The event was generously sponsored by Paddy Randall, who was a member of the original cruise. Paddy has promised to sponsor the return visit next year.

Four boats mustered outside Le Légué at the appointed time on Saturday in a force 5 north easterly, which was very uncomfortable. **Greta** and **Strider** aborted a first attempt to enter the port due to shallow water and a rolling sea, Strider being first in 15 minutes later on the rising tide, but it was still exciting.

We were greeted by the crews of **Jean Pierre** and **Peredur** and a significant number of members from ANL. Each crew was given a goody bag including a bottle of cider and some gallettes. After mooring we had drinks and 'apéritif dinatoire' (more than nibbles and not quite a meal) at

the ANL clubhouse which was an opportunity to catch up with old friends and practise rusty French. We also learnt Breton dancing, particularly enjoyed by Sarah Crisp, Julie Ball, Anne Marie Mitchison and Capt Barry.

We were up early on Sunday, woken by French breakfast being delivered to the boats by Xavier Saux and friends in the rain. Later we went to the Plerin market, in the rain, followed by a superb hog roast, hosted by ANL. The President of ANL welcomed the RCIYC and after a response from the Commodore we exchanged presents, Guernsey mugs, VB beer and Guernsey cheese from us, and wine, including a bottle that had been left in the sea off Morlaix for 1½ years, and a whole Serrano ham from the ANL. Lunch was accompanied by Breton music, and later dancing and singing.

The French Presidential election was high on the agenda and later that day we were taken to the Plerin polling station to watch the count. In France anyone can go and watch the counting of votes which is not done behind closed doors as in the UK.

After lunch the sun came out and we played Petanque. It was a serious game, with a few disputes, but much to everyone's surprise, the undisputed champions were Stuart and Sarah Crisp after beating Captain Barry and David Evans. The trophy was presented by Ronan Kerdraon Senateur des Cotes d'Amour and Mayor of Plerin.



The day closed with a light meal at the clubhouse followed by more singing and dancing and at 2000 hours the result of the election, which delighted many of our hosts. Finally goodbyes were said as we returned to our boats. The following morning the return journey started at 0645 hours BST as we passed through the lock.

A wonderful weekend hosted by Alain Culambourg, Le Président of ANL and Xavier Saux and his cruising committee. Thanks to all concerned - they can be proud of their efforts.



Les Écréhous

We are never going to get there!!!! Blown out yet again by the weather - but we were so close.

The Diamond Jubilee



We need lots of boats dressed over all to be on pontoon D. It would be wonderful if we could put on a display like the Morlaix Yacht Club last weekend. Please put your name on the list at the clubhouse or on the list at the GYC or phone Carolyn on 723154 or email rciyc@cwgsy.net with your name, the name of boat, the length, email address, and mobile number.

Programme

Muster Monday 4th June at 0830 on D pontoon
Stay for the day and enjoy festivities, watch the beacons and the fireworks.

Les Minquiers

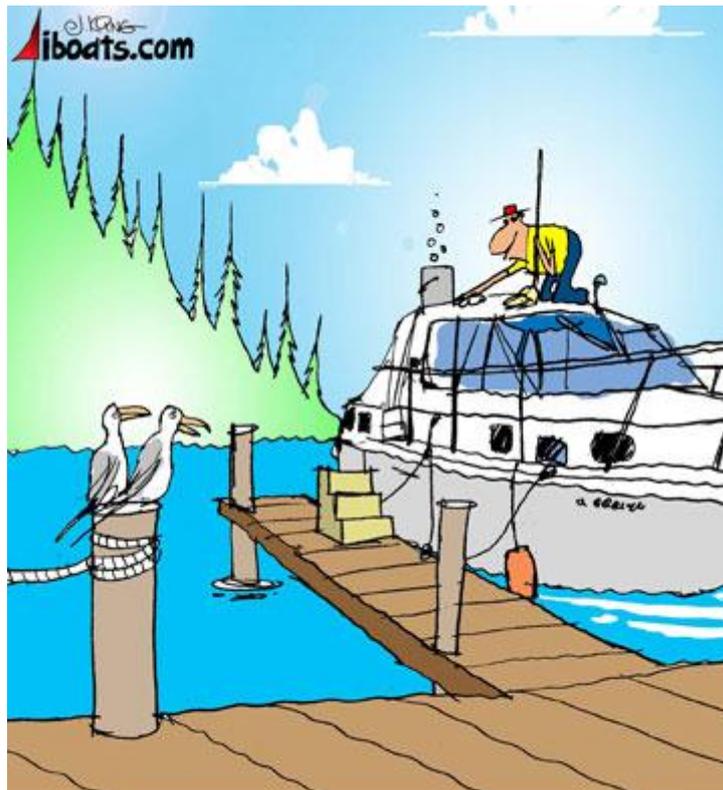


Famous for the most southerly building in the British Isles - a toilet!

Cruise there with us 15 - 17 June via St Helier.

The joining list will go up at the club soon.

And finally.....



“Let’s go eat and come back when he’s finished.”

Stuart Crisp
Vice Commodore
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Sailing

St Peters Trust Cherbourg Race - Sat 12th May 2012

As Ray has been on holiday, it's thanks to John Frankland for the following report:



With the wind forecast to be a gentle NE Force 3 - 4 and with plenty of sunshine, the annual RCIYC race to Cherbourg - about 50 miles - was going to be a pleasant beat through the Alderney Race, even with wind against the tide. Few expected a constant 25 knots (Force 6) with gusts to 27 knots at times! This changed the sea state dramatically, especially at the top of the Alderney Race near Cap Le Hague. Testing conditions indeed!

Ten yachts were at the start line off Castle Cornet at 0845, a little before half tide and with the stream fairly slack. The squally conditions and choppy sea made the start a little tricky as the boats manoeuvred and tacked near the Castle Breakwater. There was a traffic jam and even a minor collision between **Fandangle** (Martin Priest) and **Busker** (Brian Parkin) but this did not stop the fleet from getting clear and tacking their way up the Little Russel led by **Blue Jade** (Aden Clark).

The yachts soon split up, each having their own strategy to work the increasing tide under the relatively strong wind conditions. **Lady of Aquitaine** (Martin Belcher), **Dreamtime** (Richard Babbe) and **Smokey** (Team Smokey) seemed to make good headway towards Roustel Beacon and the top of Herm. As both wind and tide increased, conditions were getting more difficult. The bilge keeled **Fandangle** reached the top of Herm and decided to divert to Dielette - a move considered by some others at the time (perhaps it was the thought of *Moules Frites!*)

At the top of the Alderney Race, with the tide now at its strongest, the sea conditions were, to say the least, fairly rough as the yachts forced their way through the white water and against the wind. Once around the Cap itself, the seas eased gradually and with a slightly freer wind, it was a case of getting to the finish at Cherbourg before the tide turned foul. The last two or three boats were slowed considerably by the turning tide but all made the Fort Ouest within the time schedule.

Martin Priest of **St Peter's Trust** provided a splendid reception, dinner and prize-giving at Cherbourg Yacht Club and Dino Castro thanked him on behalf of the RCIYC. The return to Guernsey on Sunday was quite a relaxed sail with at least four boats calling at Omonville to have lunch whilst waiting for the tide around the Cap. The Alderney Race was just a pussy cat on the SW stream despite the wind (inevitably) backing round into the SW to give yet another beat. Altogether an interesting race, well supported, and certainly character building!

Results:

Blue Jade	5.54.43
Dreamtime	6.08.12
Enigma	6.10.54
Lady of Aquitaine	6.11.34 (Line Honours)
Smokey	6.24.33
Aztec Gold	6.25.55
Altair	6.36.53
Busker	6.51.46
Alectrona	6.57.19
Fandangle	retired



Dino (Altair) waiting for his crew at Omonville



Crew of Fandangle (Martin Priest) plus Richard Babbe (Dreamtime)



Crew of Aztec Gold (Clive Le Tissier)



Martin Priest (Fandangle) - sponsor, with Sam Le Tissier (Aztec Gold)

Nashcopy Passage Race Series



The **Nashcopy Passage Race Series** gets underway in May and reports will be included in the next issue of **Mainsheet**.

See you on the water!

Ray Redelinghuys

Rear Commodore (Sail)

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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.

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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

	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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