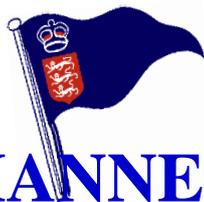


# MAINSHEET



## ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY)

November 2011

### Dates for your Diary

Tues 8 Nov	Jazz Evening (Fully Booked)
Wed 23 Nov	RNLI/CIAS Cocktail Party
Tues 29 Nov	Pasta Lunch
Tues 6 Dec	Curry Lunch
Fri 16 Dec	Christmas Party
Sat 24 Dec	Christmas Draw

### Commodore's Log

Although we are well into the autumn, the weather has been rather pleasant which, no doubt, has helped with our social events.

The first "Sunday Lunch" took place on 9<sup>th</sup> October. Our honorary secretary, Carolyn, cooked a great three course meal that was very much appreciated by everyone. A special thank you to Carolyn for going to the trouble of producing a separate fish dish for me.



The "New Members' & Sponsors Cocktail Party", that took place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, was a great success. I should like to thank Julie, Anne Marie, Jenny, Sarah, Sam and Dino for producing such delicious canapés. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the whole evening.



The "Laying Up Supper", held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, was well attended and Tina Guille's cooking was of the highest quality. No doubt we will be using her services in the near future.



Social events to look forward to are the "Jazz Evening" with a live band on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, the "RNLI and CIAS Cocktail Party" on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and the "Curry" and "Pasta" lunches. Please consult the [Social Scene](#) diary.

I wish you all a happy November.

Enzo Diacano  
Commodore

## Social Scene

The programme for November is as follows:

<b>Tues 8 Nov 1900</b>		<b>Jazz Evening FULLY BOOKED</b>	<b>£15</b>
<b>Weds 23</b>	<b>1830</b>	<b>RNLI/CIAS Cocktail Party</b>	<b>£10</b>
<b>Tues 29</b>	<b>1230</b>	<b>Pasta Lunch</b>	<b>£11</b>

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

## Can you help?

We are always grateful for offers of help to put on a programme of social events. From finding a speaker, contributing a dish or just washing tablecloths - 'every little helps' as they say. If you think you could spare some time now and again, then please have a word with one of the committee.

## Cruising

### Richard Corcoran Memorial Cruise

The following article appeared in the Guernsey Press on Tuesday 1 November 2011 and is reprinted here with the kind permission of its author Tom Bradshaw.

#### **Beaucette cruise was close to the edge**

**A cruise to Beaucette Marina from Town paid tribute to a former Rear Commodore - and thanks to a careful briefing, it gave boaters the chance to sail so close to the shore that a spot of blackberrying was almost a possibility...**

MEMBERS of the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club have paid tribute to a former Rear Commodore with a celebration both on and off the water.

In late September a fleet of ten boats carrying some 20 members embarked on the "Richard Corcoran Memorial Cruise" to Beaucette Marina. My wife Hayley and I completed the cruise aboard our 22ft Jeanneau, accompanied by our great friend Chris, Richard's youngest son.

Several more guests, including Richard's widow Theresa and other close relatives, joined us via dry land for an evening dinner at the newly refurbished Marina restaurant.

Richard passed away at the age of 64 in November 2009 in Victoria, British Columbia. He had returned to his native Canada earlier that year after 15 years living in Guernsey, Theresa's birthplace.

During his time locally he was very active in the nautical scene. He worked as a yacht broker, paid a keen interest in the Channel Islands Air Search and was a member of both yachts clubs.

Richard is largely credited for having found the RCIYC its new premises above Da Bruno Restaurant, which it moved into in autumn 2008.

Speaking at the meal, RCIYC Commodore Enzo Diacono said he was a friend to everyone who knew him at the club.

Those of us that arrived by sea had met for a briefing two days earlier at the clubhouse, which was led by former Commodore and local pilotage expert John Frankland. With an ideal tide and forecast he encouraged participants to take the most inshore passage possible, and provided a

thorough briefing and explanatory notes to that end. He topped that off with remarks that we'd be able to high five coastal walkers and pick blackberries on the way past.

The cruise was a breathtaking, albeit somewhat nerve racking experience. We set off from the QEII Marina and headed northwards passed St Sampson's Harbour leaving the Platte reefs to starboard. Nerves remained relatively calm up until Bordeaux Harbour but then things got decidedly exciting. Rather than taking the more common Duit Sauvery passage we turned to port and headed inside Besquets. We proceeded past Les Petils moorings and then inside the two tidal islands of Houmet Paradis and Homptole, before emerging at the Beaucette entrance.

Chris said: "It was a stunning cruise which showed me one of my favourite stretches of Guernsey's coastline from a completely different perspective."

### Merryl Lyle Cruising Trophy

This is the trophy awarded for the best Cruising Log submitted for a cruise by RCIYC members and is presented at the Annual Dinner Dance and Prizegiving.

Why not put together some photos and words to let us know about your cruising (hopefully Tom's article above will get you thinking!).

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### Sailing

Following a very successful season of racing we are starting to plan for the coming year and any suggestions you have will be welcome, so please get in touch.

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## Christmas Shopping

### 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.

**RNLI** ([www.rnli.org.gg](http://www.rnli.org.gg))

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea



The Lifeboat Shop is in the Clocktower at St. Sampson and is open on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am to noon, selling lifeboat souvenirs, Christmas cards, calendars, diaries etc. and some second-hand books.

"Mostly Books", Guernsey's only second-hand bookshop, supports the Lifeboat, Samaritans and ActionAid, and has Christmas cards for the 3 charities as well as the RNLI 2012 Calendar (see below). "Mostly Books" is situated at 2, Commercial Arcade, St Peter Port and is open from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Monday to Friday and from 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. on Saturdays.



**£6** **2012 STATION CALENDAR**

Our very own 2012 Station Calendar, produced by Paul Wiggins & Fitzgeralds, featuring photos by Brian Green & Tony Rive, is now on sale at St Peter Port Harbour Office, The Lifeboat Shop on South Side, Seafresh, Quayside Marine and "Mostly Books" at 2 Commercial Arcade.



## '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

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

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