

# MAINSHEET



## ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

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October 2013

### Dates for your Diary

Sun 29 Sept	Commodore's Pot
Weds 9 Oct	New Members' & Sponsors' Cocktail Party
Weds 16 Oct	'Funtastic' Quiz Night and Supper
Weds 23 Oct	Pasta Lunch
Sat 2 Nov	Laying Up Supper
Weds 20 Nov	RNLI & CIAS Cocktail Party

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

### Commodore's Log

Dear Member

We have had our last three boating events of the year, the successful Richard Corcoran Cruise to Beaucette, Swoffer's Evening race, and the revived Commodore's Pot.

Ex Commodore Matthew Henry, MD of Swoffers, was unable to present the prizes after the sponsored evening race, due to receiving major surgery. He is now up and about and I wish him a speedy recovery. We look forward to seeing him in the Club soon.

The Commodore's Pot was a great success this year (see Rear Commodore Sail's report). I was on the quay in Herm to watch the seven boats arrive. This part of the event looked very tricky and the skippers and crews displayed great skill as they landed crew

for their compulsory pint. One boat only had 0.6m under the keel as it careered up to the quay.

It is remarkable how autumn has arrived so suddenly. It is still warm enough to swim but the boating season is coming to an end which is obvious from the sight of an empty Victoria Marina. As the season changes we all start thinking about doing some work on our boats. Binic Marina has just closed for several months as they put in a new gate. Currently the lock has to close at high tide but the new gate will allow the marina to stay open for the same time after HW thus doubling the opening time.

As some of you will be aware the Tour des Port did not call into Guernsey this year. Recently there have been some meetings to discuss this race and Guernsey's involvement. Both the RCIYC and the GYC have been involved in these meetings. It is looking certain that the race will return early next year.

The Club has now moved to winter opening, something Michael is very relieved about. We have been busy this year particularly during the earlier part of the high season. Michael has found this summer a bit tough and has made the decision that he will be taking a back seat and, although he is still wanting work behind the bar, he would like to hand over the reins at the beginning of the new season. So the Board have the huge task of finding someone to fill Michael's very large boots. Please let us know if you have any ideas or people in mind. Thankfully Michael will not be disappearing straight away it will be more of a fade.

We now move into the social part of our calendar starting with the New Member's Party and Sponsor's Cocktail Party on 9<sup>th</sup> October. This event is not just for the new members so please sign up and come along; the more the merrier. We have a number of events planned, see above, all of which rely on members joining in. We also need help with catering and other behind the scenes activities, so if you are able to get involved please contact Julie Ball, Rear Commodore (238315) or Carolyn.

Please don't forget that the Club House is open every lunch time and lunches are available Monday to Saturday. I look forward to seeing you there.

Stuart Crisp  
MV Strider  
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## Welcome to New Members

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

Philip and Sara Serafin  
Peter and Christine Bell  
Charles Crowder

## Social Scene

Forthcoming Events

Weds 9 Oct - New Members' & Sponsors' Cocktail Party @ 1830 - £10

Weds 16 Oct - 'Funtastic' Quiz Night and Supper @ 1900 - £10



Come and join us for a light-hearted quiz evening with quizmaster Roger and his able assistant Susie. Teams of 6 (maximum) and we suggest you pick a boat name as your team name. This quiz will challenge your knowledge of the world, its people, events and much much more. We hope to have something to interest everyone and even those who come last will win a prize. Supper includes a delicious Tartiflette.

Weds 23 Oct - Pasta Lunch @ 12.30 for 13.00 - £10



Another chance to enjoy Enzo's famous pasta! The lunch will include salad followed by a selection of cheeses.

Sat 2 Nov - Laying Up Supper 1930 for 2000

Put the date in your diary - details to follow

### Bookings

If you would like to come to any of the above please add your name to the list on the Notice Board, e mail Carolyn at [rciyc@cwgsy.net](mailto:rciyc@cwgsy.net), or telephone Carolyn on 723154 or Michael on 725500 so that you can be added to the list.

## Sailing

### Evening Races

This month saw the culmination of the RCIYC Evening Race Series with the Mora and Swoffers Evening Races.



There was a great turn out for the **Mora Evening Race** with 14 yachts taking to the water. The course for the racers was Vivian, Brehon, race mark U and finish; and for the cruisers Reffee, Brehon, race mark U and finish. This quick fire course was ideal with the evening drawing in and hot dogs waiting back in the clubhouse. **Alice** kept up her fantastic form this season by winning the IRC Class from **Blue J'Ade** and **Kaya**. In the IHS Class **Carpe Diem** took the win from **Busker**, who had an incredibly consistent series finishing second in every race to take the overall series result, with **Tomahawk** in third place. It was great that Nello and Della Ciotti representing Mora Restaurant were available to present the prizes in the club after the race.



## Swoffers

The 19th September saw the final fixture in this series sponsored by **Swoffers Estate Agents**. The autumnal breezes had started to blow in contrast to some of the lighter twilight sails of the preceding races. A nicely balanced fleet of 4 IHS Class yachts and 4 IRC Class yachts took to the water for a lively course out to Lower Heads on the top of a big spring tide with a beat back to Anfre before reaching across the Brehon and returning to the finish via Vivian. The unstoppable **Alice** won the IRC Class from **Banjaard**, **Vamoosh** and **D'Elite** while in the IHS Class **Dark Horse** had a return to form winning from the consistent **Busker** in second followed by a rare visit to the podium by **Grand Crew** and **Elephant** in 4th. Unfortunately Mathew Henry, past commodore and director of Swoffers couldn't make the presentation this year but we wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to him giving out the prizes again next year.

## The Commodore's Pot



*Alice leads the fleet into Herm Harbour in the new format Commodore's Pot.*

Sunday the 29th September saw the grand finale of the 2013 season with the staging of the Commodore's Pot. As you will remember, this race used to involve the yachts racing to St. Sampson's Harbour, all of the crew consuming a pint in the English and Guernsey (Blind O'Reilly's for our younger readers), then returning to St. Peter Port where one member of the crew would be chosen after a rigorous selection process to run to the clubhouse and consume a further pint - the elapse time being when the empty glass was returned to the bar counter. In recent years because of the improvements which have been carried out to St. Sampson's the visit to the E & G has not been possible. The final pint has always been a feature of the race.

This year the Commodore was keen to see that, to win his Pot, a similar amount of drinking was involved as in the good old days. To this end, and with the enthusiastic support of a number of crews, The Mermaid in Herm was set as a mark of the course. For health and safety and practical reasons not all of the crew had to go to the pub but an arbitrary figure of 20% rounded up to the nearest whole person had to purchase and consume a pint in this establishment before returning to St. Peter Port and concluding the race in the customary fashion.

After a small typo in the sailing instructions, which seemed to suggest the yachts start north to south when the first mark was Reffee, was ironed out by Ray Redelinghuys the Race Officer the fleet were off. It was a beat to Herm in a light easterly breeze and a run back in even lighter breeze and against a small but persistent flood tide. Perfect conditions for what was really a bit of a pilot scheme which in these conditions seemed to work well with no major incidents, apart from **Carpe Diem** trying to bring the Herm

Harbour pier back to St Peter Port with her, and as far as I know no damage. Which all bodes well for a similar experiment next year?



*Enigma* approaches Herm Harbour obviously abiding by all of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea

As luck would have it our Commodore was enjoying a gourmet weekend of fine dining in The White House and was perfectly placed to do some adjudication when one of the less scrupulous competitors allegedly used their motor when approaching Herm Harbour before the allocated drinker(s) had been dropped off. Luckily this was corrected by a swift on the water penalty and no more will be said about it. But just be wary next time. We have our spies.

**Alice**, finishing half an hour in front of the rest of the fleet, took the victory by a mere 30 seconds on corrected time from David Herschel competing in his very first RCIYC event with his new Sadler 29, **Bunbury**, from **Dark Horse** in third. Luckily the Commodore had sobered up, I mean returned from Herm, in time to present the prizes in the clubhouse afterwards, slightly later than originally advertised due to the slight lack of wind on the return leg.



*Bunbury, David Herschel's new boat approaches Herm Harbour, fenders at the ready.*

As this is the final Rear Commodore Sail report for 2013 I would just like to say thanks to Commodore and the Board who have been so welcoming, enthusiastic and encouraging to me in my first year in the job. Thanks to Ray Redelinghuys, my predecessor, for being so helpful with the handover, Martin Ozard, Simon Henning and Martin Priest for sorting out the handicaps and the race programme for 2013, Phil and Julie Ball for getting the results and write-ups on the website, all of the sponsors, John and Jeanette Lee for doing the lion's share of the Race Officer duties and everybody who has filled in an entry form and turned out and supported the Club Racing.

Looking ahead the first of the Heritage Frostbite Series 2014 will take place on 11th January. Full details are available in packs in both yacht clubs, on the RCIYC and Heritage websites but if you have any queries or require any further information regarding these race please contact us on [racerciyc@cwgsy.net](mailto:racerciyc@cwgsy.net).

David Aslett  
Rear Commodore (Sail)

## Cruising

The cruising season has now come to a foggy murky end. However, we managed to get two cracking events in this month.



The first event in September was a joint event between RCIYC and the GYC, the Last Night of the Proms. The occasion attracted 21 boats, 6 of which were from the Royal. The boats mustered in the Victoria Marina before 1100 on Saturday morning giving plenty of time to dress and clean the boats. What a picture they looked.



..and someone even invited the Queen!

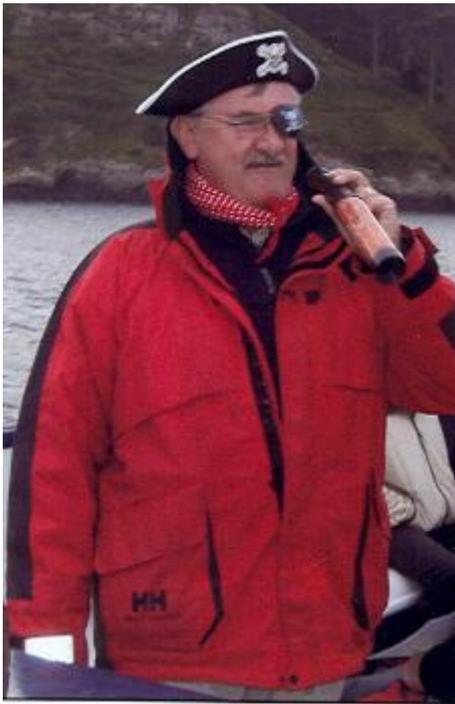


At 1930 the music started with a local orchestra and choir, followed by the BBC Proms on the big screen which could be seen from the boats. It was a lovely warm evening and the crews and guests were really enjoying the whole event.



Thanks go to Martin Stanford and Colin Le Conte for organising the event and to the Marina for offering favourable prices!

## The Richard Corcoran Beaucette Cruise



Our last cruise of the season was a real success. Three boats motored up to Beaucette early on Saturday morning, taking advantage of the high tide to weave their way between the rocky outcrops of Bequets and Bectondu and on the land side of Houmet Paradis. If you have never taken that route it is a real pleasure to be able to converse with the blackberry pickers as you pass by!

Six boats; Altair, Seadream of Sark, Strider, Jean Pierre, Persuasion, and Greta moored up in Beaucette for the weekend.

This cruise is the one that includes boaters, ex-boaters and non boaters. The occasion attracted 40 people, all of whom enjoyed a superb meal provided by the Marina Restaurant. It was also pleasing to see some of our newest members along with some prospective members.



At the end of the meal we raffled the wine that the Association Nautique du Légué gave us when they visited in May. Ann-Marie Mitchison won the first prize of 6 bottles.

This year the Club has lost two members, Paddy Randall a stalwart and original member of the RCIYC and Larry Glegg, of Seaquest Marine who was a new member. The Beaucette cruise was an opportunity to toast absent friends.

Following the meal the crews retired to their boats and I know that some calvados was consumed before bed time!

In the morning the crews enjoyed an excellent 'fry up' at the restaurant. After the early morning fog had cleared (in more than one sense!) the boats headed for home before the marina gates closed. Another season over!

**And finally.....**



.....Mmmm!

The next cruise is milk-O-punch - Alderney - the first Sunday of May 2014 - be there!

Stuart Crisp  
Commodore

## Regalia

Just a selection of the items we have available in the club.



## And Finally.....

Thanks to Martin Jennings for this one that reached us after the September issue had been sent out

"My wife pointed out that this month (September) we are having two days numbered 13th and no 12th, according to the RCIYC diary. Upon that basis perhaps none of us should get off our bar stools and the bar be kept open overnight."

## '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

	High Season	Low Season
	6 May - 8 Sept	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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