

MAINSHEET



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

September 2013

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 5 Sept	Mora Evening Race
Sat 7 Sept	Last Night of the Proms
Weds 11 Sept	Curry Lunch
Thurs 19 Sept	Swoffer's Evening Race
Fri 20 - 22 Sept	The Richard Corcoran Cruise to Beaucette
Sun 29 Sept	Commodore's Pot
Weds 9 Oct	New Members' and Sponsors Cocktail Party
Weds 16 Oct	Quiz Evening

Please check the website www.rciyc.com for details of these events.

Commodore's Log

Dear Member

It has been a brilliant boating season! The races have all taken place apart from a delayed start for the Dinard race. Cruising has been successful - although we yet to get to Les Écréhous. Our family holiday cruising in Brittany was also a great success, visiting Roscoff and Ile De Batz (anchored 25 metres off the beach for five days - bliss!). Then on to Binic and Paimpol for the Chant du Marin. What an event! It gave me lots of ideas for the Salty Sea Dogs when we next have a sing-along in the Club. While we were in Paimpol we met up with some friends from the Association Nautique Du Légué and had a very long and enjoyable lunch together on their boat.

Sarah and I motored up to Alderney a couple of weekends ago to welcome the yachts taking part in the **Law at Work** race. It was very exciting watching the boats finish at the end of Alderney break water.



We also joined in with the party afterwards, a splendid night thanks to Martin Belcher from **Law at Work**. The Alderney race is a joint, *GYC* and *RCIYC* race but this particular event was wholly organised by the *GYC* and I wanted to show our support by being present and I hope that in the future we will make more of a mark in the organisation of that event.

Last weekend was one of the more successful Diélette rallies for a few years, but more of that later.

Despite the summer lull while most of the committee members were doing what boaters do, sailing and cruising, the Club has been very busy. We still have had races to manage and host; and visiting yacht clubs to welcome. The latest club to visit was the Yealm Yacht Club and they enjoyed sandwiches and a pin of Patois, the event being hosted by Dave Aslett. This visit and the races have led to another good month in the bar.

For those of you (like me) who don't know where Yealm YC is I copied this from their website:

The club welcomes visiting yachtsmen all year round. Facilities include a landing slip, dinghy parking, showers, a first class bistro, bar snacks and a licensed bar.

The River Yealm, lying about 5 miles South East of Plymouth, offers a safe and sheltered harbour for yachts.

The two villages of Noss Mayo and Newton Ferrers are at the heart of the area. They offer three pubs and there are shops, a chemist and a post office in Newton.

There are extensive local coastal and woodland walks for the weather bound or those visiting for a few days.

It sounds like a cracking place to visit.

Since the last *Mainsheet* we have gained a new member of the Royal Family, Prince George of Cambridge. Sarah and I were in Bloscom, Roscoff and read about the birth in Le Télégramme and celebrated by putting the flags out!



Continuing the patriotic theme the RCIYC is joining with the GYC to take part in the Last Night of the Proms while on our boats in the Victoria Marina. We are really looking forward to the event and hope to see you there (details on the website and sent out by e-mail).

Please keep checking your e-mails because Dino and Dave Herschel are planning some social events over the next few weeks.

Yours, hoping for an Indian summer!

Stuart Crisp
MV Strider
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Social Scene

Wednesday 11th September Curry Lunch @ 1230 for 1300 start - £11. Please sign up on the list on the Notice Board or contact Michael or Carolyn.

Wednesday 16th October - Quiz Evening - details to follow.

David and Dino would like to hear your ideas for future events. Also, if you would like to get involved with social events by e.g. hosting curry lunches, helping out with suppers, finding speakers, etc. then please get in touch.

Sailing

Nashcopy Passage Race Series



This month saw the culmination of the **Nashcopy Passage Race Series** with the Round Herm Race and the Round Guernsey Race. The two could not have been more different. The Round Herm Race took place on the 27th July and started off in virtually no breeze with a spinnaker run down to Anfre. After that the breeze filled in a tiny amount but not enough for **Dark Horse** who unfortunately had to retire. The remaining six boats completed the race with **Alice** achieving victory from **Dreamtime**, followed by **Blue J'Ade**, **Kaya**, **Aztec Gold** and **Majic 2**. A special thanks to Stuart Bloese for working out the results in my absence and for Dino and John Lee for presenting the prizes.

By contrast the Round Guernsey fleet were greeted with wind speeds up to 29 knots and mountainous seas round the Hanois. Luckily the power boat race, which almost coincided with the start of this race on the 24th of August, was set further inshore in Belle Greve than had originally been planned due to the weather conditions. Also, it fortunately had just about finished by the time the 5 yachts fetched across the bay on their way up to the Platte. From there it was a beat off to the west of Grande Harve before cracked sheets all the way down the west coast in some pretty spectacular conditions prior to a big bear away at the Hanois and then much debate as to whether to hoist spinnakers or not for the run along the south coast. This was a race which could be fairly described as

'epic' with the results proving that the handicaps are not all that far out. **Impi** was sailed single handed an impressive feat in these conditions and finished fifth but took the shorthanded prize. The remaining 4 yachts all finished within 9 minutes of each other on corrected time after a 4 hour race. Fourth was **Dreamtime**, third was **Aztec Gold** and second, by 50 seconds, was **Fandangle** with **Alice** taking another victory in this race and an impressive overall win in a diverse 7 race series. The race was followed by an equally epic evening sponsored by **Nashcopy** in the Crow's Nest.

RCIYC Evening Race Series

This month has also seen the start of the **RCIYC Evening Race series** which kicked off with the.....



Boatworks+ Race on the 8th August and was a typical August twilight sail with light breezes in fine weather. Well done to **Dark Horse** who made up for the disappointment of the Round Herm Race by taking the win in the IHS Class from **Busker**. Bad luck to **Super Tonic** and **Guffin** who were forced to retire. In the IRC Class **Mustard Mitt** took the win from **Alice**, followed by **D'Elite**, **Dreamtime** and **Blue J'Ade**. Thanks to John Lee and James Priest for working out the results and presenting the prizes.



The **Randalls Brewery Evening Race** took place on the 22nd August again in frustratingly light conditions. 4 yachts started in the IRC Class but only **Alice** managed to complete the course and take the victory with **Blue J'Ade**, **D'Elite** and **Majic** thinking better of it. Similarly in the IHS Class there was a great turnout of 7 boats (2 of which seemed keen on pulling up crab pots) but only 3 managed to get a result thanks to an inspired piece of race management by John Lee finishing the course at Reffee. **Carpe Diem**, **Busker** and **Grand Crew** stuck it out while **Dark Horse**, **Tomahawk**, **Jaer Pourchet** and **Elephant** headed for the bar.

David Aslett

Rear Commodore (Sail)

Cruising

We still have not reached Les Écréhous but we have had good cruising season and the highlight so far has been the Clegg Gifford Rally to Diélette.



The weather forecasts during the build up to the Diélette weekend gave no clue as to what the weather was going to be like and changed from day to day. The one bit of clarity was that it was going to be fairly windy on the Saturday.

The event generously sponsored by **Clegg Gifford Insurance**, attracted 17 boats and 45 people. Some of the crews arrived during the week and by Friday evening all but one boat was moored in the marina. Brian and Louise Parkin arrived on Saturday having had a cracking sail across with a Force 5 - 6 NW'ly. Six people travelled by land, from Paris, Dordogne, and Lyvet.

On Friday evening a number of crew visited L'Escale for their famous Moules Frites, and the party began.

On Saturday afternoon a number of us went land yachting at Sciotot, great fun especially in force 5-6 winds.



My thanks to Dominic Clark (right of picture) for organising the activity.

After we showered and cleaned sand out of places where sand just should not be, we headed to La Phare for drinks and nibbles. We had a superb meal with the traditional trou normand, a large glass of calvados which is supposed to aid digestion and make way for the rest of the meal; it just made me a bit squiffy.



Before the meal the answer sheets for the nautical quiz, prepared by John Frankland, were handed in, unfortunately Strider's crew were not able to hand one in as there were not enough answer sheets to go round. So we were very surprised when Sarah Crisp was announced the winner of the lovely glass rose bowl (donated by Clive McEwan). Dominic and Paula Clark wanted to enter but did not wish to win another piece of glassware as they have won frequently before so they put Sarah's name on their entry! It made her day. Carol and Roland Guille came second and Adrian and Delia Pogson came third (last year's winners). John Scott, the single handed sailor won the booby prize, a lifetime's supply of Gromar, diesel bug cure, donated by Marine and General. John Frankland read out the results and the prizes were handed out by Alison Frankland.

The late calvados drinkers eventually got to bed at 0130 - not a patch on last year's 0400!

On Sunday Paula and Dominic Clark helped to organise a BBQ in the Garden by the stream (and the toilets). The Commodore invited a number people who were visiting the marina. The BBQ started at 1700 CET and went on past dark. Seventy one people attended and we served 100 sausages. It was a brilliant opportunity to sell the club and to let people know how friendly we are. We have gained at least 4 new members because of it.

Monday dawned with one or two thick heads - not my fault, we just supplied the means! Throughout the day people gradually slipped their moorings and travelled to their various homes.

Just a bit of history about our relationship with our sponsors. In 2002 **Clegg Gifford**, through Clive McEwan, sponsored a triangle race between Guernsey, Carteret and Diélette. This was a popular race but one year it did not take place due to poor weather and when asked about the sponsorship money, Clive said 'Oh just have a slap up meal with it'. The Diélette Rally was born and it was so popular that we decided to continue with that format. Sadly this is the last year that **Clegg Gifford** is going to sponsor this event so we are looking for a new sponsor for the event; any offers or ideas are welcome.

The Future:

Last Night of the Proms



On Saturday 7th September there is going to be a large screen on the Albert Pier showing the Last Night of the Proms. The RCIYC has doubled up with the GYC and reserved the two easterly pontoons in the Victoria Marina, where you can see the screen. The cost is £10 per boat (electricity not included). If you want to join in please email Carolyn on rciyc@cwsy.net or me on crispscrisp@aol.com giving name of skipper, name of boat, length and draught of boat (this is most important for the 'seating plan'). This is an opportunity to dress over all and to dress yourselves up as well. Champagne may also be a necessary accessory!

I look forward to seeing you there but be quick as places are limited and they are going fast.

Richard Corcoran Cruise to Beaucette - 21-22 September

This popular annual event is an opportunity for boaters and non-boaters to get together at the end of the season, to enjoy a meal and also to remember Richard Corcoran, past Vice Commodore of RCIYC, who died on the 20th November 2009, aged 64. Richard loved the sea and during his tenure he worked tirelessly for the club. He will be remembered by all the members who had the privilege to know him.

Details of this event will be sent round in a separate e-mail.

And finally

If you have been cruising this year don't forget that the RCIYC presents a trophy for the best cruising log of the year. The award will be presented at the Annual Dinner Dance. If you have a log to enter please contact Carolyn.

And really finally.....

As I am writing this in Creux Harbour Sark, without the internet, I cannot find an interesting and entertaining photo to finish off my slot - sorry!

Stuart Crisp
Commodore
MV Strider

Regalia



150th Anniversary Mugs - now £8



RCIYC Teddy - £10

Please see the display cabinet for full selection and prices.

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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 6 May - 8 Sept	Low Season 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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