

MAINSHEET



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY)

February 2012

Dates for your Diary

Sat 4 Feb	Heritage Frostbite Race
Sun 5 Feb	Sunday Lunch
Tues 14 Feb	Curry Lunch
Sat 18 Feb	Heritage Frostbite Race
Tues 28 Feb	Talk and Supper
Thurs 1 Mar	AGM @ 1830 at the OGH - followed by supper

Commodore's Log

Happy New Year to everyone!

A lot has happened since my December Report.

The **Christmas Cocktail Party** on 16th was a great success; more than 50 attended. A few more items were added to the meat draw that made it more interesting for the punters.

Unfortunately I was not able to be present for the **Christmas Draw** on the 24th, but I am told that the clubroom was packed and all had a great time. I should like to thank Carolyn for organising the whole event.

The Club was closed the week after Christmas and reopened at 11.30 am on 1st January for **Ladies' Day** - Mike and I being the only men allowed in the Club until 1 pm. We had a very good turnout of 20 ladies and the Prosecco and smoked salmon canapés were enjoyed by all. Gents and guests joined the party after 1 pm and carried on till about three o'clock!



On 4th January we had the first **Curry Lunch** of the year; once again well attended.

The first **Frostbite Race** took place on 14th January. 26 boats entered, 24 raced and, after the race, the prizegiving took place in the Club. As you might imagine the clubroom was packed to the rafters, literally. My thanks to Stuart Crisp, Julie Ball and Peter Pearson for cooking and offering our traditional hot dogs that were enjoyed by all the participants.

Our **Annual Dinner Dance and Prizegiving** took place on of 28th January at the Farmhouse Hotel. Around 140 people enjoyed a very pleasant evening with our most amusing and entertaining guest speaker - John Burley. My guests were the commodores of the St Helier Yacht Club, Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club, Jersey and Guernsey Yacht Club. After the presentation of the various trophies, the discotheque got in full swing and many people took to the dance floor. The evening ended well past 1 am!



I should like to wish you all a very successful and safe coming year - both on and off the water.

Enzo Diacono
Commodore

A bit more History...

Following on from 'A Brief History of the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club in Guernsey' that we circulated in January, we received the following note:

Dear RCIYC

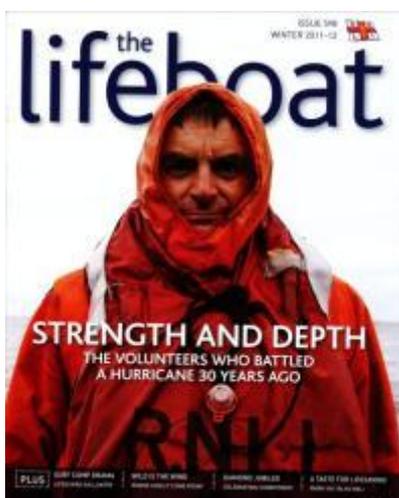
A little item on our yacht loss May 2010

One of the club's yachts lost in recent times was sail yacht Hollinsclough, May 2010. **Hollinsclough** was a fifty five foot English built Oyster under a cutter rig. Six years out on a world tour, she hit iceberg debris in the Southern Ocean. The Lomas family aboard bailed water for nearly thirty six hours as British warship **HMS Clyde** raced from South Georgia to rescue them - Carl, Tracey & children, Caitland and Morgause. The yacht going down within an hour of the Royal Navy's dramatic rescue made world news. The colours of the RCIYC were saved from yacht **Hollinsclough** and remain safe in the hands of the Lomas family.

Proud members of the RCIYC
Carl, Tracey, Caitland & Morgause Lomas
Sail yacht **Hollinsclough** VQRT8 lost Southern Ocean.

[ED - The full report of the Lomas' rescue appeared in the RYA Members' Magazine in Summer 2011. I have a copy if anyone wants to read it - please contact Julie Ball on 238315 or email pb.jb1999[at]cwgsy.net].

RNLI



Members who are also members of the RNLI will have received the Winter edition of 'The Lifeboat' recently and have found a photograph of John Webster on the front cover. John was a crew member on the day of the Bonita 'shout'. The illustrated article runs to 8 pages and is a reminder of what we all owe to the RNLI but hopefully never have to personally call on.

The RNLI has produced a film of the rescue which can be viewed via:

http://www.rnli.org.uk/rnli_near_you/news/news_detail?articleid=738073

The 2012 Boat Show

"That's us!- we've got the ticket" - and thus started our trip to the 2012 Boat Show, kindly donated as the raffle prize at the RNLI Cocktail party by Mike and Julie Tai.

As relative newcomers to boating and the London Boat Show it was both fantastic and mind boggling. The Excel Centre was packed from floor (or in some cases water!) to ceiling, as well as an outdoor marina alongside the South Hall.



Main entry into the North Hall

Trying to recall all that we saw is challenging: there were restored wooden boats, narrow boats, ribs, lifting keel yachts, Nestaway folding dinghies, and all the dinghies for the various Olympic classes later in the year, to name but a few. We clambered over Fairline Targas and Squadrons, and the Oyster 575 (for Phil Ball) and Linda has left our contact details with the Fairline rep.....(help)..

There were lots of demonstrations too. The Sail Handling Demo Rig was an infinitely manoeuvrable 'shell' on a turntable allowing multiple rigging configurations to demonstrate good practice and new rigging variations. Part of a mast from Nelson's Victory was available to climb and 'rig' but Linda declined an invitation to see how fast she could get to the end of the sidearm! If you wanted to simulate a fire, collision or engine failure on your boat, this could all be done with the help of video's and a life size damaged craft. Don't know what to cook on board? - have no fear Cordon Bleu was there as well!

We played with Garmin navigation systems, learnt about Ultrasonic antifouling systems, and saw the Parasailor downwind sail. There was every kind of jacket, clothing, rope, winder, lanyard, winch etc as well as information on all types of "water" holiday from Sunsail to Flexisail.

However it wasn't all about boats: there were an amazing number of massage chairs and equipment (perhaps to soothe those aching feet and legs!) and a whole section on Luxury living. David found the luxury car area and drooled over the Astons and Ferraris as well as having a long chat with the representative of P&A Wood who had a beautiful "Downton Abbey" style Bentley on view. There were some fascinating Swedish garden seats (singles to triples) made entirely of 'marine quality' materials and very comfortable too! A surprise extra was the Daily Telegraph giving away 'freebies' with each purchase of the paper, so David got a free John Le Carre novel.



David and the cars



The Swedish Garden chairs

So you can see we had a great time. For any of you that are going green with envy, the next show is at Southampton from 14-23 September 2012. Meanwhile for those of you wanting some information, the London show programme is with Mike behind the bar!

David and Linda Fermont

Welcome to New Members

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

Rob and Gill Couch

Reminder re Guests and Membership Cards

Members are reminded that, to comply with our licence, all guests should be signed in by a member. All members should have their membership cards available for inspection.

Social Scene

Sunday 5 February @ 1230 Sunday Lunch - £15

Dino and Celeste Castro have very kindly offered to cook Sunday Lunch

STARTER - Caldo Verde ("Green Broth")

MAIN - Chicken Breast in Madeira Sauce with Chestnut Puree

DESSERT - Pavlova

Tues 14 February @ 1230 Curry Lunch - £11

Tues 28 February @ 1900 Talk and Supper - £10

Last February Keith Fisher, co-author with Liz Harris of 'Guernsey on the Map', gave us a fascinating talk on 'The Evolution of the Guernsey Chart'. Keith has kindly agreed to pick up where he left off and will talk about 'Guernsey Charts from 1746 to the Present Day'. The talk will start at 1930.

We would like to serve a bean jar supper after the talk. If you would be happy to make bean jar and/or dessert to bring along, please contact Julie Ball tel. 238315 or email pb.jb1999[at]cwgsy.net (costs will be reimbursed).

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

Cruising

Happy New Year boaters! Hands up who found at least one of my suggested Christmas gifts in their stocking on Christmas Day. I had two pairs of socks, one for the Captain and a pair that I have to put on carefully - port and starboard. I am a bit relieved that I didn't get the Paddington Bear Cruising Log.



As '**Strider**' has been put on the hard I am starting to hanker after the new season but like all of us there is some work needed before we can go boating again.

Still the planning has started and here are some dates;-

May 4th - 7th



Le Légué - An exciting rally to visit our friends in the Association Nautique Du Légué. This date is yet to be confirmed by ANL. Bring your Secret Anchorages of Brittany by Peter Cumberland and make a week of it.

We did consider using the June Bank Holidays for this rally but as the 5th June is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club needs to be at home to celebrate. There are plans afoot for members on that day.



May 18th - 20th

Les Écréhous - Another attempt to visit these wonderful rocky islets. The plan is to sail to Carteret on the Friday evening and spend the day on

Les Écréhous on Saturday returning to Carteret that evening depending on the weather - it might be exciting to stay on Les Écréhous at anchor! Hopefully there will be some wild food for free - bring your new Christmas Swiss Army knife.



Can you imagine spending the night in such a magical place?

June 15th - 17th

Les Minquiers - Cruising to St Helier Friday and over to Les Minquiers on the Saturday, spending the night in St Helier then home on Sunday. If you love Les Écréhous you will adore this really special place.

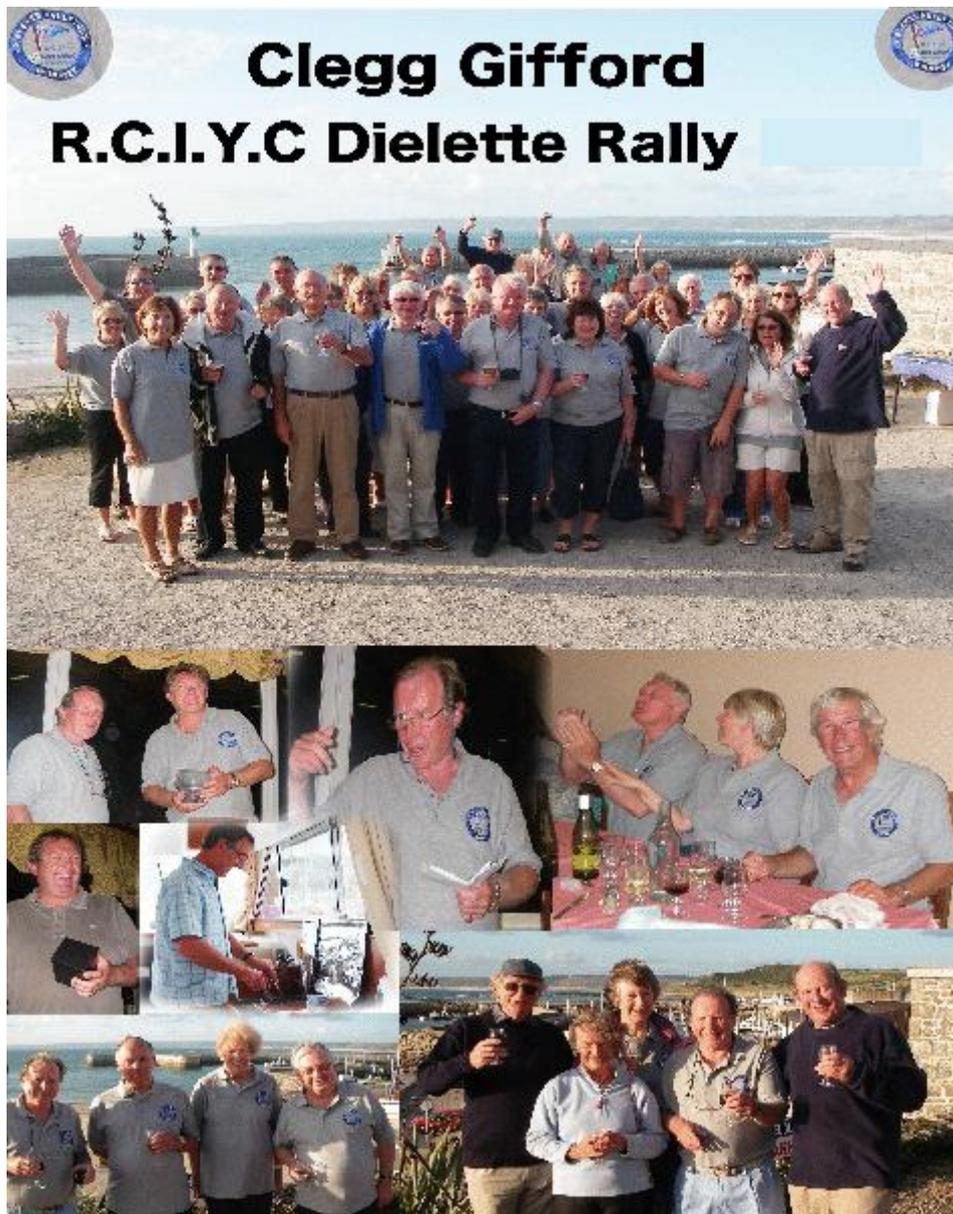


July 20th - 22nd

St Aubins - This year let's hope the weather is kind and we have a chance to spend some time visiting our sister island.

August 24th - 28th

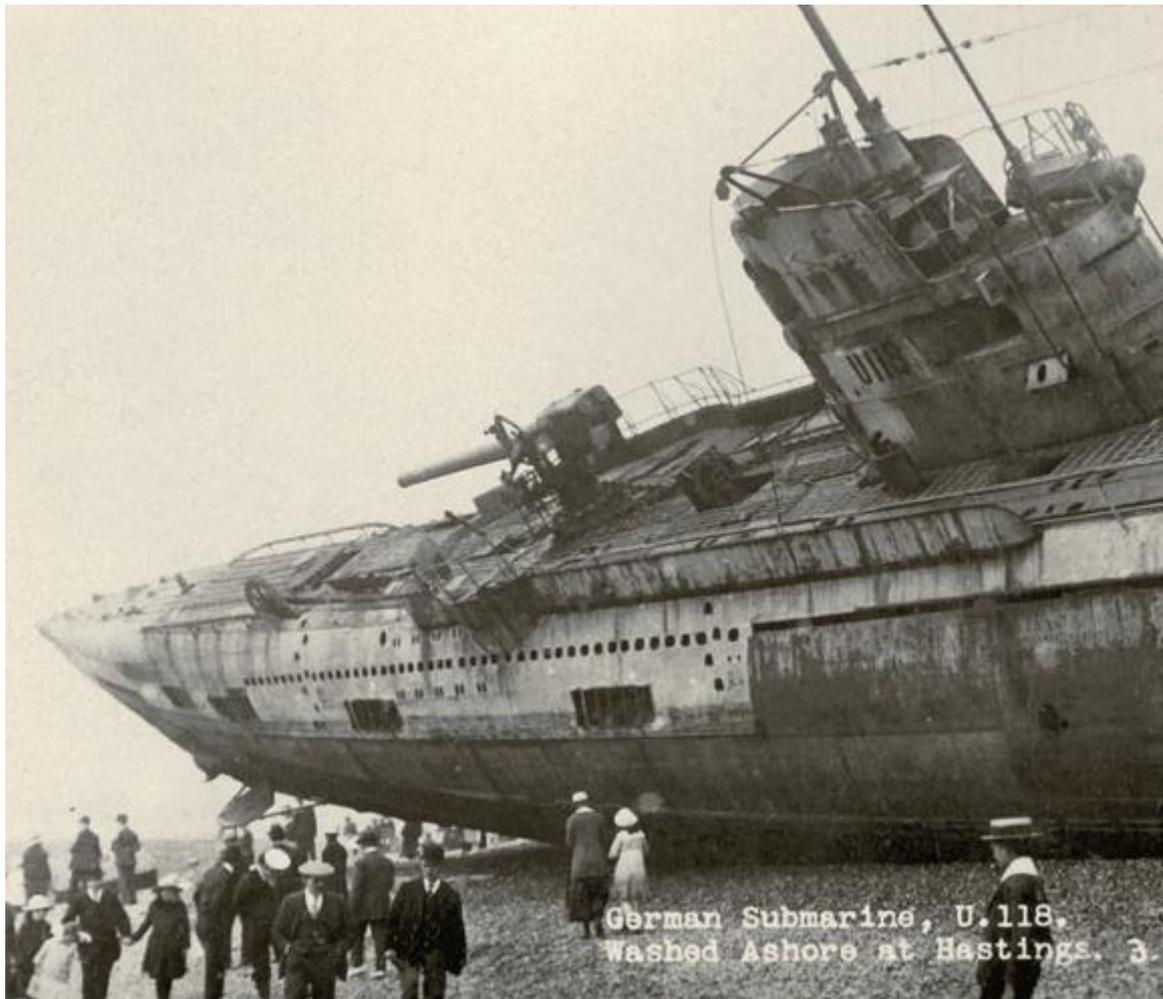
The most popular week-end of the year, the **Clegg Gifford Cruise** to Diélette. With nautical quiz, chillin' with good friends and drinking a calvados or two and may be some extra adventures - who knows!



September 29th - 30th

The **Richard Corcoran Beaucette Cruise** - The weekend for boaters and non-boaters away from home, but not too faraway.

Finally.....



You can always find something interesting on the beach at low tide!

Stuart Crisp
Rear Commodore (Cruising)
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Sailing

The Heritage Frostbite Series 2012



After the excitement of the festivities of December, January's only redeeming feature to yachtsmen in Guernsey is the annual **Heritage Group Frostbite Yacht Race Series** hosted by the Club.

This is the tenth year that the **Heritage Group** have sponsored the series that have been growing in popularity. Entries are approaching thirty boats and Saturday, 14 January, near perfect sailing conditions met a racing field of twenty four boats. Cruising and Racing Class each boasted 12 boats which made the Castle start line tightly packed as boats jostled for position.

In the force 4 South Easterly winds, the Racing Class was set a course of two laps to Lower Heads South Cardinal Buoy via Tez Race beacon followed by a long downwind run to Reffee Buoy. The slower Cruising Class was also sent out to Lower Heads Cardinal via Tez but only had to do the one lap to Reffee. The fleet hugged the East coast to avoid the adverse tide as they made their way to the South, before tacking to Lower Heads. It is always difficult for skippers to judge if they have allowed for enough tide and when to tack across the Little Russell. **Glenfruin** (D Herschel) and **Aztec Gold** (C Le Tissier) sailed South by a considerable margin where the rest of the field opted to sail the shorter distance. **Aztec Gold** was the first boat to pass Lower Heads and run downwind towards Reffee. **Glenfruin**, being a smaller boat, was some distance behind and had to do some excellent spinnaker sailing to stay in touch.

On corrected time **Aztec Gold** managed to do just enough to stay ahead and take the honours from last years champion, **Glenfruin** with **Busker** (Parkin/McKerrell) in third.

In racing class, the two Melges 24 boats, **White Rabbit** (S Henning) and **Madcap** (Hamilton Brothers) had a great start closely followed by **Blue Jade** (A Clark) and **Moojo** (R Martel). The fleet stayed closely together around the course. Line honours was **Madcap's** this race followed seconds later by **White Rabbit**. On corrected time, **Moojo** was first, followed by **Blue Jade** in second and **X-Celerator** (Ozard/Morris) in third.

Tradition dictated that crews mustered in the Clubhouse for the prizegiving, banter and complimentary hotdogs sponsored by the **Heritage Group**.

More entries are still welcome and entry forms can be collected from Clubhouse or by contacting the Rear Commodore (Sail) on racerciyc@cwgsy.net.

See you on the water.....

Ray Redelinghuys

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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

	High Season May - Sept	Low Season Oct - April
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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