

COMMODORE'S LETTER



ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

20 December 2017

Dear Member,



1. Continuing in our spirit of glasnost and perestroika we are extremely sad to announce that **Richard Storey** has decided to stand down as Honorary Treasurer of the Club at the next AGM. Richard has given many years of sterling service to the Club under some quite challenging circumstances at times. We cannot thank him enough and wish him and Mary well in their 'retirement' and the best of luck with their new boat – whichever that happens to be.

However we are delighted to announce that **Jon Chandler** has agreed to take over as Honorary Treasurer at the AGM in March. Jon will be 'acting' treasurer between now and then to ensure as smooth a handover as possible.

With Jon stepping into the Honorary Treasurer's role this created a vacancy on the Committee and we are equally delighted to announce that this vacancy has been filled by **Craig Shorto**. Many of you will already know Craig as he is a keen supporter of the Club and attends many of the events in his sports cruiser '**Wild Thyme**'. He may have even inadvertently initiated a new annual cruise to St. Malo.

2. It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of the former Rear Commodore (prior to the separation of the Guernsey and Jersey branches) in 1973 and 1974, **Peter Morgan** and the first Commodore of the Club after separation in 1979 and 1980, **Christopher Nicolle**. Our sincere condolences go out to their families and friends as we are sure they will be sorely missed especially at this time of the year.

3. We were also deeply sorry to hear of the death of **Terry Jenkinson** last week. Terry was a lovely lady full of saucy flirtatious fun and she was a stalwart of the Club. Terry would phone up almost every day to find out if the bar was open, how many people were in and to make sure it wouldn't be too much of an imposition for her to come too. And if we were and it wasn't wild horses wouldn't stop her from getting down to the Clubhouse for a bottle of prosecco and a chat, especially to the male Members. She always had a fascinating tale to tell of her life in the antiques business in America and her late husband's penchant for exotic cars of which the Lamborghini was definitely her favourite. She recently turned up when we were having a committee meeting and very politely asked if we wouldn't mind if she stayed. Obviously we were delighted. I'm not sure she could make head nor tale of what was going on but neither could anybody else. To her son **Nigel Jenkinson** and all of her many friends in the Club and beyond we extend our heartfelt condolences.

4. This has been a hectic time of the year especially on the socialising side of things. Liz and I have attended as guests the **Guernsey Yacht Club**, the **St. Helier Yacht Club** and the **Alderney Sailing Club's** annual dinners and prize giving's. We would like to thank all three Clubs for their excellent and generous hospitality and wish them seasons greeting and all the very best for 2018. I was honoured to be asked to respond on behalf of the guests at the Alderney Sailing Club and propose the toast to the Club.

5. I was amazed as the Clubhouse filled up on the evening of the 6th December! According to Facebook I was the only one 'going' to this event. **The Ukuladeez**. But by 8.00 pm the place was absolutely packed. A sell-out.

However the evening got off to a slightly less than optimum start as in true live music tradition the band turned up late, at different times and then left again separately, several of them couldn't find the venue, then when they left couldn't find their way back. One turned up without her ukulele!?! It didn't bode well. As it turned out they performed their 2 sets faultlessly to an attentive and appreciative audience. These consummate performance artists, generated a perfect sound with crystal clear vocals. At least two encores were demanded.

Thank you very much to **Vanessa Mahy** for getting the Clubhouse looking gloriously festive (Nigella Lawson has got nothing on you) and as always pulling out all the stops on the food and hospitality side of life. But special thanks to **Jules Schaefer** for being the conduit between the Club and **The Ukuladeez**, if the law career doesn't pan out as expected you can always fall back on being an impresario. There is an even longer report on the website – if you can face it.

6. On Saturday 9th December the Club hosted the inaugural **Previous Commodore's Cocktail Party** initiated by the one and only **Vanessa Mahy**. Which due to The Catch being fully booked (their loss was our gain) morphed into dinner for 14(!) and all at the very last minute expertly arranged and rustled up by non-other than **Vanessa Mahy** and all with the irrepressible enthusiasm which we are almost coming to expect, never.

Hopefully this will become an annual event. It was great to see so many past commodores could make it but there were one or two notable exceptions and we will be working hard to make sure that even more can attend next year. And it is great to see that so many them – as you might expect – are still, on a day to day, week by week basis, the staunchest supporters of the Club.

Thank you also to **John Lee** for proposing the toast and speaking as the most senior past

commodore present – whether or not that is the case again next year – who knows? The only regret we have is that **Phil Ball** wasn't there to remember to take photos – it would have been great to get a photo of the previous commodore's resplendent in their Club uniform. Again next year.

7. The Club has a full programme of seasonal festivities. **The Christmas Party** will take place on the evening of Friday 22nd December with complimentary finger food and a bumper meat draw. This event will also see the inaugural **Best Christmas Jumper/Fancy Dress Competition** to be judged by **Vanessa Mahy**. The following day, Saturday 23rd at lunchtime there will be the traditional **Christmas Draw** for prizes that money simply cannot buy. This year sees another inaugural event. The Club will be holding a **New Year's Eve Party** with all of the usual fun and games that you would associate with that type of shenanigans. It's not too late – please feel free to let **Vanessa Mahy** know and/or sign up on the board. The board is already filling up for the traditional **Ladies Day** celebration where the lady members and their female guests will have exclusive use of the Clubhouse between 12.00 noon and 13.30hrs on **New Year's Day** after which the menfolk may join.

8. To all our members and guests from 2017 the Commodore, Flag Officers and Committee wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and we look forward to another very successful year for the Club in 2018. With a full calendar of sailing, cruising and social events planned (and we're open at lunchtimes) **Vanessa Mahy** and all of us very much look forward to welcoming you all in the Clubhouse.

Racing



We are extremely pleased to announce Estera as our new Club sponsors for the 2018 Frostbite series.

Estera is a leading global provider of fiduciary and administration services. Established for over 25 years, Estera provides corporate, trust, fund and accounting services to clients across the world. It has 500 highly qualified professionals across 12 jurisdictions.

Estera have recently acquired Heritage Financial Services Group (HFSG). HFSG will be rebranding as Estera early next year, and they are really pleased to be continuing Heritage's long-standing support for the RCIYC Frostbite Series, and wish all participating racers the very best of luck.

Christmas Party - Friday 22 December



Please come and join us for some festive fun.

Please come in your best Christmas pullover or whatever. The best dressed member or guest will win a bottle of wine.

Canapés will be served and there will also be the traditional Bumper Christmas Meat Draw.

If you would like to join in please click [HERE](#) to advise Vanessa or add your name to the list on the Notice Board.

If you able to help Vanessa by providing canapés please advise her using the link above.

The Party starts at 7.00 p.m.

Christmas Draw - Saturday 23 December



The Club will be open from 12.00 noon to 2.00 p.m. as normal with the draw at 1.00 p.m.

Donations of prizes by members would be very welcome.

New Years Eve Buffet - Sunday 31 December



Come and join fellow members and see in the New Year in the Club.

For further details including the Menu and booking arrangements please click [HERE](#).

Ladies' Day - Monday 1 January



My opportunity to host our Ladies from 12.00 noon on New Year's Day.

Gentlemen may join their ladies at 1.30 p.m.

It would help Vanessa immensely if ladies intending to join the Commodore could let her know - please click [HERE](#).

Regalia



Please click [HERE](#) to view the full range and for details of how to order.

Samples of the Regalia are on display in the Club.

Regalia Sale



The following items are heavily discounted and can be found on display in the Club:

Claret Fleeces £10

Wool V Neck Jumpers £10

Acrylic V Neck Jumpers £10

White RCIYC Baseball Caps £5

Blazer Badges £10

Green Scarfs £5

Lunch Time Offer

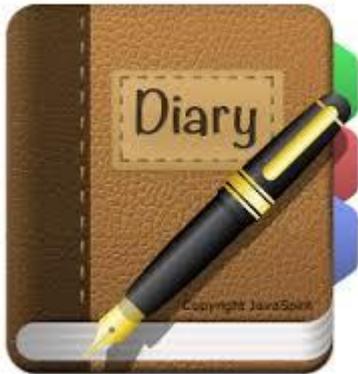


Take a break from work or Christmas shopping and have lunch at the Club.

Lunch is available in the Club Monday to Saturday inclusive, excluding Tuesday, and is available from 12.00 noon with last orders at 1.30 p.m.

Please click [HERE](#) for the Menu.

Dates for your Diary



New members & Sponsors Cocktail Party – Tuesday 16 January

The 2WarPoets – Saturday 3 February

'The Loneliest Island in the World', a talk by John Lee – Wednesday 7 February

AGM – Tuesday 13 March

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