

# COMMODORE'S LETTER



## ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB (GUERNSEY) LBG

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19 December 2018

Dear Member,



As you will remember we reported on the sad passing of Clive Macintyre in our September Newsletter. We have been asked by Carolyn Clark to make the members aware of his obituary which appeared in The Times newspaper on the 15th December and a transcript can be found [HERE](#).

This has been a hectic time of the year especially on the socialising side of things. On Saturday 8th September we had the annual Last Night of the Proms Cruise to the Victoria Marina, Richard Corcoran Memorial Cruise was held on Saturday 6th October and with a break from tradition the members and guest ate at Pier 17 – and given the prevailing weather conditions it was definitely ‘for the best’.

The Dinner, Dance and Prize giving on Saturday 20th October went off without a hitch. Thank you very much again to **Fionola O’Neil** for organising the whole thing ably assisted by the Flag Officers and Committee. Thanks to **David Raines** for a superb job as Master of Ceremonies and **Julia Schaefer** for a fantastic performance presenting the prizes. **The War Poets** rounded off the evening with some lively tunes which one or two of the members and guests particularly enjoyed. And if you enjoy that sort of thing and/or you missed out on the 20th October they will be performing again in the Clubroom on the **19th January 2019**. The **Rocquettes Hotel** was a

great venue and the management and staff were brilliant.

Saturday 10th November was the Laying Up Supper. 21 members and guests enjoyed a three course dinner prepared and served by The Catch Restaurant (downstairs). Apart from one or two administrative blunders by the Commodore most people ended up with the food that they were expecting.

It was fantastic to welcome **His Excellency** to the Clubroom on Tuesday 20th November for the RNLI/CIAS Cocktail Party. Thank you so much for everyone who helped out in making this such a huge success. See the website for the full report.

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 propose the toast to the St. Helier Yacht Club.

The monthly Curry Lunches have been successfully resurrected by Fionola O'Neil the latest one taking place on the 28<sup>th</sup> November. There will be a break now over the Christmas period ut they will be starting up again in the New Year.

The evening of Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December was the second of the annual Previous Commodore's Dinners series. 8 Commodores past and present were joined by partners' current, Flag Officers and Committee making a total of 18.

Thank you also to **Lieutenant Commander John Barnes** for proposing the Loyal Toast as the most senior past commodore present.

The Club has a full programme of seasonal festivities. **The Christmas Party** will take place on the evening of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December with complimentary finger food and a bumper meat draw. This event will also see the second in the highly successful series of **Best Christmas Jumper/Fancy Dress Competition**. This year we have also decided to combine the traditional **Christmas Draw** for prizes that money simply cannot buy on the same lunchtime. So it is ALL happening this Friday lunchtime in the Clubroom. Please also see below.

The traditional **Ladies Day** celebration will be hosted this year by the Vice-Commodore **David Raines**. 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.

As previously mentioned **The War Poets** will be performing an 'acoustic set' (or two) on **Saturday the 19th January 2019**. Which also just happens to be the Rear Commodore's birthday.

The New Members and Sponsors Cocktail Party has this year been moved to a

Saturday. We hope that as many new members and sponsors as possible will be able to join us on the evening of the **9th February 2019 at 1900 hrs.**

To all our members and guest from 2018 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 2019. With a full calendar of sailing, cruising and social events planned (and we're open at lunchtimes) **Fionola O'Neil** and all of us very much look forward to welcoming you all in the Clubhouse.

Finally, and having just mentioned **Fionola**, if you would like to contribute to **Fionola's Christmas Box** please click [HERE](#).

**Winter Talk: The toxic legacy of over 12,000 World War shipwrecks containing oil, munitions and dangerous chemicals. – Wednesday 19 December**



There are an estimated 12-13,000 shipwrecks globally that sank containing hazardous cargoes or fuels and the majority of these date from the First and Second World Wars. This talk will discuss the challenges in identifying and managing the environmental risk from these shipwrecks.

The talk starts at 7.00 p.m. There is no need to book.

**Camilla Moore**

Leverhulme Trust Doctoral Scholar  
Southampton Marine & Maritime Institute

## Christmas Party - Friday 21 December



Please come and join us for some festive fun.

Canapés will be served and there will also be the **Grand Christmas Draw** as well as the traditional **Bumper Christmas Meat Draw**.

**If you are able to provide canapés that would be very much appreciated and donations of 'Grand Christmas Draw' prizes by members would also be very welcome.**

If you would like to provide canapés and/or join in please click **HERE** to advise Fionola or add your name to the list on the Notice Board.

The Party starts at 7.00 p.m.

## Ladies' Day - Tuesday 1 January

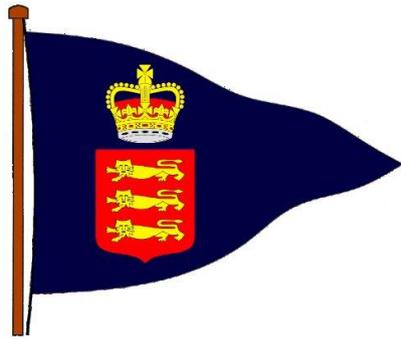


Vice Commodore David Raines will host our Ladies from 12.00 noon on New Year's Day.

Gentlemen may join their ladies **at 1.30 p.m.**

It would help Fionola immensely if ladies intending to join the Vice Commodore could let her know - please click **HERE**.

## 2019 Subscriptions



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| Ordinary | Joint  | 175 |
|          | Single | 113 |
| Senior   | Single | 58  |
|          | Joint  | 88  |
| Overseas | Joint  | 105 |
|          | Single | 70  |
| Junior   | Joint  | 55  |
|          | Single | 40  |
| Cadet    | Single | 10  |

## Regalia - A Christmas Present Solved?



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.

## Club Opening Hours - Christmas/New Year



The Club will be closed on the following days:

Christmas Eve

Boxing Day

Thursday 27 December

Friday 28 December - lunch time (**open in Evening 5.00 to 9.00 p.m.**)

Saturday 29 December

Monday 31 December

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