

TEMPLE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

COMMODORE'S BLOG

The new Temple News was launched successfully last month and I hope you all enjoyed reading about what's on at your club.

For any newsletter to be successful it needs news. If you have something that you think we should all know about please send it straight to our editor - if it's printable it will be published.

Some excellent news with Vattenfall continuing their support for Ramsgate Week in 2010. Additional excellent news also was to have had confirmation that Broadstairs Sailing Club have agreed to put on their regatta within Ramsgate Week. This allows us to market a much larger regatta for 2010 as well as making a bigger spectator attraction right along our coastline in August.

I would like to take this opportunity to very publicly thank all of our very hardworking committees this year. The club has had a great year and I hope the party can continue into 2010.

The AGM is not very far off now and we hope that you will be able to come to the club on this day as there will be some important decisions to make this year as well as voting in your new committee.

Suggestions / feedback - will say it again, we have a suggestion / feedback form on our website and all such suggestions received will have an airing at the first opportunity at the next general committee meeting, so if you have an idea for the club or something to say then please help us move the club forwards and fill in one of our feedback forms with your ideas.

Mike Brand

STOP PRESS

The Ramsgate Week Committee are proud to announce that "Vattenfall", Thanet Offshore Wind Farm, will again be sponsoring us for our 16th-21st August 2010 Regatta and it will therefore be known as **Vattenfall Ramsgate Week 2010**.

MESSAGE FROM THE HON SEC

New Security Door Entry System

A swipe card door entry system has been installed at the Club on both the Main and Terrace doors using your existing Gold Cards. After a trial period with the usual technical glitches I am confident that access to the club will now be easier. Some cards may need replacing because of old age but access to the club will still be possible because the existing buzzer and bell will remain. The staff will now feel a lot safer and our property is better protected.

Winter Hours

As of 1st November there will be limited staff in the club between 1530 and 1730, Monday-Thursday. The club will remain open to members who can access the club with their Gold Cards via the main door. Melanie will be in the office but may not be able to serve you in the bar. Members should attend to their own needs and enter all drinks, hot and cold, in the honesty book provided. Payment should then be made when staff arrives or when you are next in the club. I would ask members not to attempt to use the till.

John Barrett

PROPOSED BUILDING WORK AT THE RTYC

Hopefully you will have received the following email from the Commodore – if you didn't manage to be at the presentation on the 6 November, please try to attend on the 13 November at 8:00pm.

Dear Member

At the December AGM a proposal for building works within the lightwell area over 3 floors and involving significant works to the main bar and television lounge will be on the Agenda for the members to vote upon.

In order to provide members with an appreciation of the plans and to gain members feedback we have arranged two awareness sessions at the club. All members are cordially invited to attend, listen to the plans and to provide feedback and ask questions.

Each session will feature a short presentation of the planned works followed by a question and answer session. The duration of each session is one hour including questions.

We hope that you will be able to attend one of these meetings and in order to ensure we arrange suitable seating please RSVP back to the club via email to reserve your place at the session of your choice.

Mike Brand

**ICCY - International Council of Cruising Yachts
Summer Rally 19 – 23 July 2010
Rotterdam**

Many of our members have been involved in ICCY Rallies over a large number of years, with some of you having travelled as far as Poland and Russia to take part. I'm sure to that you all have fond memories from two years ago when we were chosen to host the Summer Rally at our Club followed by the Autumn Rally in the Solent. Since the rally at RTYC, the ICCY summer rallies have been held in Copenhagen in 2008 and in Helsinki this year.

I know that Stuart Mackenzie was very proud to have been a member of the ICCY Council and he worked very hard to make sure RTYC was well represented at the annual rallies, in fact we were the largest fleet at the Fecamp rally with 21 of our boats taking part, a statistic Stuart was always pleased to relay to our members.

As the only RTYC member now on the ICCY Council, I have the difficult job of trying to fill Stuart's shoes and I know that he would have loved to emulate the Fecamp Rally with another good turnout in Rotterdam 2010.

The dates and draft programme are on the cruising notice board in the Club and in January I will be getting the final details, costing and registration forms. I have already spoken to a number of our members, power and sail, and the feedback I have received has been very positive. If I have not yet contacted you and you think you might be interested, please feel free to phone me for more details, and to put you on the list of 'Possibles', with a contact number so that I can feed you with all latest details. Alternatively, you could visit the website on www.toerzeilers.nl/iccy2010 where you will find all the details so far released. So, let's go for it and see if we can top the 21-boat fleet that attended the Rally at Fecamp!

ICCY Ties

I also have a stock of ICCY ties, so if you are looking for a Christmas present for your 'man', an ICCY tie could be the answer. They are royal blue and carry the ICCY Logo and the cost is the same as our Club ties.

The Most Often Asked Question: "Can I go on an ICCY Rally or wear an ICCY tie because I'm not a member?" The answer is **yes**, you can go on any ICCY Rally and the Council would be delighted for you to wear the tie, their motto is 'The sea and the friends we make from it' and the ICCY welcomes old friends and new. By entering a rally, you become a Cruising Member and if you want a little more involvement you can apply to become an 'Associate Member' and there is no membership fee!

ICCY Flags & Burgees

Those of you who have been on previous ICCY Rallies will know that you receive an ICCY Flag which displays the current date & venue and all cruising members enjoy flying the flags they have collected over the years from different venues while on a summer Rally. However, in addition to that Flag you may now also purchase an ICCY Burgee (which can be ordered through me) to fly, along with your Club Burgee, throughout the year while on your travels.

Dick Smith **ICCY Council Member**

NAVIGATION SCHOOL

The courses of the RTYC School of Navigation started on 13 October and we have:

15 Day Skipper Students
8 Yacht Master Students

and are hoping to have 5 for the Yacht Master Ocean Course that is due to start in November.

A Radar course is planned for the New Year

For information please contact:
Mary Fomison on 01227 720211
marytf@hotmail.co.uk

FISHING COMPETITION

The Cod Fathers

After a wet and windy Friday and a forecast of south westerly gales and heavy rain on Sunday, the twenty six hardy RTYC fishermen left Ramsgate harbour on Saturday morning on a flat calm sea, with not a breath of wind and just a hint of drizzle in the air in three boats, and headed for the North Foreland, the exact location is of course secret. On their return it was quite clear that there was plenty to be had in their preferred fishing grounds. As usual, nobody wanted to win the huge fishing cup, a second place with a nice cod, a few whiting and a couple of dogfish would be just the ticket. As the bags were emptied in readiness for the weigh-in it became apparent that there were in fact three contenders for the first prize. John Barrett, Clive Nichols and Jim Boorman, each had a cod, and after an initial weighing, each cod came out as 5lbs! While the competitors were waiting nervously for a scrutineer to make a final decision, each fearing that their catch would cost them the price of filling the cup, the on-lookers were placing their bets and it was going to be close. But the on-lookers need not have worried, it was not going to be close at all, not with 'Jim's Rules'. Jim had decided the previous day that John Barrett would win one way or another and so Jim was the only person not concerned with the size of his own catch.

But then, surprise, surprise! Out of Jim's bag came a 10lb Salmon!! Jim of course denied all knowledge of it but Ian Braithwaite then asked the waiting crowd if anyone had actually witnessed Jim catching it. Well, naturally, everyone had. Jim had been well and truly stitched up like a kipper, or was it a salmon? Unable to explain what a 10lb fresh water salmon was doing swimming off the Margate Sands and how it could possibly have found its way into his bag, Jim realised that the odds were heavily stacked against him and eventually accepted the inevitable - the Cup and all the expense that went with it. Yes, after 20 years of organising the fishing competition, and, with much skulduggery organising the winners, 'Jim's Rules' had finally come home to haunt him.

Many thanks to Jim for another great event and thanks also to Martine, Fran Tomlinson and gang for organising the food.

Report by Mack Erel

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE RTYC
Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 18 November
Vattenfall Open Day
11.00 – 19.00

An informal drop in session for anyone interested in finding out about the wind farm

Saturday 21 November RTYC Party Night

- Black Tie
 - Ticket Only
 - Dancing to Wilson Ford
 - Menu & price tba (to be held in-house this year)
- **May we please have your Donations for the Raffle to be held on the Party Night; proceeds to go to the Commodore's Chosen Charity. Thank You**

Friday 27 November Christmas Fayre
18.00 – 22.00

- Various stalls including art, paintings, cards, handmade felt hats, scarves, jackets, crafts, preserves, hand turned wood - Christmas decorations & Indian gifts - cards & jewellery plus the RNLI stall
- Matt on keyboard in the bar

Sunday 13 December RTYC Children's Christmas Party

- Names and ages of children attending please
- Entertainment with Mark's Magic

Saturday 19 December RTYC Christmas Dinner

- Black Tie
- Members Only
- £21 each
- Book Early to avoid disappointment

Thursday 31 December New Year's Eve Dinner & Party

- Black tie
- Dancing to 'Two Bro'
- Full details soon
- To be held in house

SUNDAY LUNCH SPECIALS

£10 for Two Courses

Sunday 29 November 250 Club Draw

Sunday 6 December AGM

Don't forget to Book your Lunch!

250 CLUB – MONTHLY DRAW

September 2009

£25	N ^o 129	Mr B Squirrel
£50	N ^o 100	Mr & Mrs E Beale
£100	N ^o 92	Mr J Plewa
£200	N ^o 62	Mr P R Withey
£50 Rollover	Mr A Tomlinson (not present)	

October 2009

£25	N ^o 153	Mrs J Beer
£50	N ^o 40	Mr D Say
£100	N ^o 220	Mr D Elderfield
£200	N ^o 80	Mr Dick Smith
£75 (Snowball)	N ^o 27	Mrs J Bremmer

TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY
Match played 16 September 2009

Winners:

Stella Matsubara	34 points (Cut 2)
Doug Hack	32 points (Cut 1)
Nearest the pin:	Doug Hack

Players:

Bill Crawford
Doug Hack
Stella Matsubara
Tim Peacock
Carol Say
David Say
Haydn Strong
Ron Vaughan

Match Played 21 October 2009

Winners:

John Barrett	31 points (Cut 2)
Florence Sparrow	29 points (Cut 1)
Nearest the pin:	Nobody

Players:

John Barrett
Hugh Cripps
Roger Green
Stella Matsubara
Richard Sparrow
Florence Sparrow

Final Templers Meeting

Wednesday 18th November 2009 @ 09.45

Anyone wishing to play please ring

David Say

01843 863 249 or 07966 365 761

QUIZ NIGHT

The Quiz Night held at the Club on Saturday 10 October must have been one of the most successful yet. Well done and thank you to Jane, Brian and Clive for conducting proceedings and thanks to all members for attending in record numbers. Modesty should prevent me from giving the winners a mention but ... congratulations to team *Magnum* lead by Mr and Mrs Ross.

CHARITY COUNTRY WALK

Once again, a few intrepid RTYC members joined the walk organised by Lindy Tweddell in support of the East Kent Breast Cancer Care. It was a lovely day on Saturday 3 October and the walk took us from the Grove Ferry around the marshes, stopping off at the Red Lion in Stodmarsh for a very good lunch before completing the circuit back at the Grove Ferry (and a couple of beers for the non-drivers). Notice of the next walk will be posted here. It is a very pleasant way of spending a Saturday and really not too taxing for the less fit amongst us.

PRIZE GIVING
RACING RESULTS FOR 2009 SEASON

Spring Series

Class 3 – Olympic Trophy

1	Magnum	Martin & Jo Ross
2	Becky	Frank Martin
3	Toucan	Mike & Andrew Ward

IRC Class 1 & 2 – Corporation Cup

1	Xwaves	Mike & Jo Brand
2	déjà vu	John Barrett & Paul Woodward
3	Reaction	Bob Booth & Mark Dale

Offshore Series

Class 3 – Channel Cup

1	Toucan	Mike & Andrew Ward
2	Magnum	Martin & Jo Ross
3	Amelie	Rick Archer

IRC Class 1 & 2 – Hornet Trophy

1	Ko Ko Kai	Alan Page
2	Who's To No	Richard Sparrow
3	Scallywag II	Peter Pearson, Barry Smith & Steve Stokes

Ramsgate-Calais Race

Class 3

1	Magnum	Martin & Jo Ross
2	Amelie	Rick Archer
3	Toucan	Mike & Andrew Ward

IRC Class 1 & 2 – Duty Free Cup

1	Who's To No	Richard Sparrow
2	Scallywag II	Peter Pearson, Barry Smith & Steve Stokes
3	Xpedite	Julian Poupard

Summer Series

Class 3 – Mary Cup

1	Magnum	Martin & Jo Ross
2	Toucan	Mike & Andrew Ward
3	Amelie	Rick Archer

IRC Class 1 & 2 – Ormande Cup

1	Scallywag II	Peter Pearson, Barry Smith & Steve Stokes
2	Xpedite	Julian Poupard
3	Xwaves	Mike & Jo Brand

Autumn Series

Class 3 – TDC Bowl

1	Sunbird	Hugh Cripps
2	Toucan	Mike & Andrew Ward
3	Magnum	Martin & Jo Ross

IRC Class 1 & 2 – Foreland Challenge Trophy

1	Reaction	Bob Booth & Mark Dale
2	Scallywag II	Peter Pearson, Barry Smith & Steve Stokes
3	Volante	Paul Glover & Malcolm Flory

Junior Award

Crowdy Cup

Samuel Dyer

Ladies' Award

Class 3

1	Magnum	Jo Ross
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IRC Class 1 & 2

1	Reaction	Judy Pearson
2	Xpedite	Mary Williamson
3	Xwaves	Jo Brand

Club Trophies

John Morris Trophy for Most Meritorious Achievement

Andy Renshaw

Commodore's Award: Temple Mug

Graham Jones (Cheeky Monkey)

Services to Sailing

Judy Pearson

Club Championship

Class 3 – Cruiser Cup

1	Sunbird	Hugh Cripps
2	Toucan	Mike & Andrew Ward
3	Magnum	Martin & Jo Ross

Class 2 – Deal Goblet

1	Reaction	Bob Booth & Mark Dale
2	Scallywag II	Peter Pearson, Barry Smith & Steve Stokes
3	Volante	Paul Glover & Malcolm Flory

Class 1 – Trafalgar Bowl

1	Xwaves	Mike & Jo Brand
2	Who's To No	Richard Sparrow
3	Xpedite	Julian Poupard

IRC Class 1 & 2 Overall

1	Xwaves	Mike & Jo Brand
2	Reaction	Bob Booth & Mark Dale
3	Scallywag II	Peter Pearson, Barry Smith & Steve Stokes

RTYC RESULTS FROM OTHER REGATTAS

At major regattas, home and away, our boats again showed the high quality of racing achieved at Ramsgate. At the beginning of May, 'Ko Ko Kai' joined over 60 French, Belgian and Dutch boats racing from Ostend to Ramsgate and triumphed with a 1st in Class and 1st Overall. Our Mini-Euro Regatta and the Ramsgate to Boulogne race for the Michel Jonnette Trophy again proved very popular with our friends across the Channel, attracting a larger entry than Ramsgate Week. The following weekend, ten of our racing crews took part in the Cote d'Opal, with races off Boulogne and a passage race along the north French coast culminating in a regatta off Dunkerque. In June Richard Sparrow's 'Who's To No' again achieved 1st in Class and 2nd Overall in the 'J' National Championships and our Club was also well represented at the Lymington Team Challenge, the Round the Island race and Cowes Week.

..AND ANOTHER RTYC MEMBER DOING WELL

Icom Press Release

15th October 2009

Icom "Assassin" Murders the Competition!

Icom UK have teamed up with successful yachtsman and Kent architect Peter Jackson, whose Stimson 42 yacht "Assassin" was renamed the "Icom Assassin" earlier this year. As part of the sponsorship, Icom UK supplied Skipper/Helmsman Peter and part owner Gary Shaffer with an IC-M505 VHF/DSC marine transceiver, Icom HM-162 Waterproof Remote-control Microphone and two IC-M71 handheld marine transceivers for use on the vessel.

Peter has had a phenomenal season. Sailing the "Icom Assassin" he has had big successes at both Cowes Week and Ramsgate Week. Peter commented "We're exceptionally pleased with the performance of the boat; whilst she doesn't have a particularly favourable handicap, when you get everything right and push her to the limit she responds. Having a 100% reliable Icom communication system with a remote cockpit repeater has been essential, as all the courses are given out on the radio these days and clear communication is absolutely vital."

Recently celebrating 1st place in the 2009 Solent Series out of some 100+ boats, both in Class 1 and overall, Peter is looking forward to completing the season with an astonishing amount of wins. Previous wins this year have included the IRC Mid Week Series, Jentex Trophy Race, Island SC Nab Tower Race, Royal Corinthian YC 'Tiny Mitchell Trophy' and Top Surveyors entry at the Little Britain Challenge Cup.

Laura Beavis, Marketing Assistant at Icom UK commented, "Peter has done a fantastic job skippering the Icom Assassin this season. The branding on the Stinson 42 is very eye-catching and Peter and his crew must be congratulated on their unbelievable number of wins."

Icom UK would like to congratulate Peter on some fantastic sailing this year!

Well done to all our boats – keep flying the flag for the RTYC