

# TEMPLE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

## COMMODORE'S BLOG

Firstly let me welcome you all to the new, smaller Temple News. Sue Foster has been cajoled into taking over the production of this all important and essential news broadcast and I thank her for so willingly taking over from Dick Smith. Dick, of course, now has so many responsibilities at the club with the Navigation School and Rear Commodore Sail that he just had to relinquish one of them..... Well done Dick for putting so many years of excellent journalism into our favourite watering hole in Ramsgate.

Oh this is my first blog after taking over as Commodore last December so I am very pleased to now have an opportunity to communicate with all our members.

Let me give you a brief resume of the year so far:

The club - is actually doing rather well, we have had more visitors than ever before and they seemed to coincide with having part of our balcony marquee in place and the installation of a sign actually welcoming visitors. Not rocket science but it's great when a plan comes together.

**Open days** - we ran two open days in June and July, the weather was perfect for both and TDC even put on Ramsgate Rocks for our second open day which allowed us all watch over the harbour from our balcony. The open days introduced some 40 new people to the club and they all had a fantastic day on the water followed by a taste of Clive's barbeque and the use of the club for the afternoon.

**Lymington Challenge Trophy** - RTYC entered a 3 boat team consisting of Who's to know, Deja Vu and Xwaves to take on 7 other teams from the South coast including the Yacht Squadron. We had a brilliant 3 days in Lymington, we did not bring home the trophy and came 5th overall. We plan to return in 2010 and now feel we have a better strategy to get a bit closer to the main prize.

**Ramsgate Week** - well we had fewer boats but wow what a week the club put on. The introduction of a texting service allowed Commander Barrett to summon people to come to the bar at a moment's notice and, very effectively, it also caused them to empty their wallets into our waiting tills and have a great time in the whole process. The sailing was simply brilliant and our race officers and our organising committees did all the members and visitors a very proud service.

**Dyson Dash** - most of you will be aware of the Memorial Day that was hosted on 31st August at Broadstairs Sailing Club for our very good friend Steve Dyson. Broadstairs put on a fabulous day for us and for the first time hosted keelboat racing at Broadstairs Sailing Club. Well done BSC we look forward to more of the same in 2010.

**Suggestions / feedback** - we have a suggestion / feedback form on our web site and all such suggestions received will have an airing at the first opportunity at the next general committee meeting, so if you have something to say then please help us move the club forwards and give us your ideas.

**Mike Brand**

## VATTENFALL RAMSGATE WEEK – FINAL ROUND UP

Vattenfall Ramsgate Week drew to a close in near perfect sailing conditions with a steady 20 knots of breeze and clear, blue skies. Both the IRC and Cruiser Class fleets enjoyed competitive racing throughout the week. The new format, launched in 2008, proved popular once again, incorporating an IRC Mid Week Series, an IRC International Series from Thursday to Saturday, the SailEAST Ramsgate Series and two Cruiser Class Series.

The regatta was well attended by boats from over the UK as well as Belgium and France. Competitors partied the night away in the 'Rock on the Dock' marquee, which provided entertainment and big bands throughout the week.

The week kicked off with a three-day Mid Week Series for IRC Fleets with one coastal race per day; the final race being for the Noot Cup which took the fleet on a 30 mile course to Vattenfall's Thanet Wind Farm.

Thursday saw the beginning of the IRC International Series and the fleet benefited from close racing on Olympic style courses. The Belgium Grand Soleil 40 *Alegria* dominated the IRC Class 1 fleet, winning four of a possible seven races, enjoying fierce battles with fellow Belgium's *Oxygen*, George Blondel's French IMX 28 *Milo* and Peter Jackson & Gary Shaffer's *Icom Assassin*.

In Class 2, Phillipe Bourgeois' 34.7 *Marine Diffusion Dunkerque* returned to Ramsgate for his eleventh year, winning the week with John Allen's X302 *Antix* coming second. The local Impala's *Sallywag II*, *Reaction* and *Volante* had close-fought races, but it was Paul Glover and Malcolm Flory's *Volante* who came out tops to take third place in the Class 2 overall placings.

Saturday incorporated the SailEAST Ramsgate Series, with boats attending from various yacht clubs up the East Coast, including Crouch, Medway and Haven Ports. It was also the day of the prestigious Gold Cup; which was decided on an aggregate of the three races for the day. The Gold Cup was first presented in 1903 and, until now, has never been won by a foreign boat. This year, the Belgium boat *Alegria* took the historical victory and Carl Sabbe and his crew celebrated with champagne in the appropriate style.

Meanwhile, the ever popular Cruiser Classes had a fabulous week of sailing with courses extending from the shingle beaches of Sandwich to the white cliffs of Botany Bay. The two fleets – one with the use of spinnakers prohibited and one with no sail restrictions – took pleasure in a slightly more leisurely week, yet enjoyed competitive racing amongst the fleets. It was encouraging to see many of the boats with younger crew members.

In Class 5 (non spinnaker), it was Lance Stevens *Sydney II*, assisted by his two young sons, who won the week ahead of Frank Martin's Dynamic 37 *Surprise* and Arthur Freeman's J92 *Jazz*.

Class 6 Overall, was won by Stephen Jones' First Class 10 *Mirage*, who had a fantastic week winning three races and taking second in three. Kenneth Lees' Sigma 35 *Rush* was second with Howard Bates' Westerly Fulmar *Mallard* third.

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## Vattenfall Ramsgate Week Final Results

### IRC Mid-Week Series (Monday – Wednesday)

#### Class 1

1. Icom Assassin (Peter Jackson & Gary Shaffer)
2. Xwaves (Mike & Jo Brand)
3. Koko Kai (Alan Page)

#### Class 2

1. Reaction (John Barrett & Paul Woodward)
2. Scallywag 11 (Peter Pearson & Barry Smith)
3. Antix (John Allen)

### IRC International Series (Thursday – Saturday)

#### Overall

1. Alegria (Carl Sabbe)
2. Marine Diffusion Dunkerque (Phillipe Bourgeois)
3. Milo (George Blondel)

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1. Alegria (Carl Sabbe)
2. Milo (George Blondel)
3. Icom Assassin (Peter Jackson & Gary Shaffer)

#### Class 2

1. Marine Diffusion Dunkerque (Phillipe Bourgeois)
2. Antix (John Allen)
3. Volante (Paul Glover & Malcolm Flory)

#### Cruiser Classes:

##### Class 5

1. Sydney 11 (Lance Stevens)
2. Surprise (Frank Martin)
3. Jazz (Arthur Freeman)

##### Class 6

1. Mirage (Stephen Jones)
2. Rush (Kenneth Lees)
3. Mallard (Howard Bates)

### Trophies

#### Noot Cup

1. Icom Assassin (Peter Jackson & Gary Shaffer)
2. Reaction (John Barrett & Paul Woodward)
3. Xwaves (Mike & Jo Brand)

#### Jentex Trophy Overall

1. Icom Assassin (Peter Jackson & Gary Shaffer)
2. Kiss (David Pinner)
3. Antix (John Allen)

#### QEII Cup Overall

1. Alegria (Carl Sabbe)
2. Volante (Paul Glover & Malcolm Flory)
3. Marine Diffusion Dunkerque (Phillipe Bourgeois)

#### Gold Cup Overall

1. Alegria (Carl Sabbe)
2. Marine Diffusion Dunkerque (Phillipe Bourgeois)
3. Milo (George Blondel)

#### Paul Woodward

## ENTERTAINMENT AT THE RTYC

### Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 10 October *Quiz Night*
- Sunday 25 October *Racing Crews' Lunch*
- Saturday 7 November *RTYC Prize Giving*
- Saturday 21 November *RTYC Party Night*
- Black Tie
  - Ticket Only
  - Dancing to Wilson Ford
  - Menu & price tba (to be held in-house this year)
- Sunday 13 December *RTYC Children's Christmas Party*
- Names and ages of children attending please
- Saturday 19 December *RTYC Christmas Dinner*
- Black Tie
  - Members Only
- Thursday 31 December *New Year's Eve Dinner & Party*
- Black tie
  - Dancing to 'Two Bro'
  - Full details soon
  - To be held in house

In addition, and very importantly – please don't forget to attend the **AGM – Sunday 6 December at 11:30.**

Further details of all the above events will be posted shortly.

### FISHING COMPETITION

The fishing competition is planned for Saturday 31st October. Cost per head is £50 inclusive of boat charter, bait, fishing tackle and food at the club afterwards. Anyone interested should contact Jim Boorman on Mobile N<sup>o</sup> 07979 836979 to book their place.

### 250 CLUB – MONTHLY DRAW

#### August 2009

£25	N <sup>o</sup> 174	Miss S Tweddell
£50	N <sup>o</sup> 178	Mr A Bedwell
£100	N <sup>o</sup> 101	Mr R Smith (not Dick!)
£200	N <sup>o</sup> 157	Mrs P Cochrane
£25 Rollover		Ms P Johnson (not present)

### TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY Match played 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009

#### Winners:

David Say	32 points (Cut 2)
Peter Moore	31 points (Cut 1)
Nearest the pin:	Rod Oates (not again?)

#### Players:

John Barrett  
Rod Oates  
David Say  
Carol Say  
Roger Green  
Peter Moore  
Eddie Beale  
Stella Matsubara  
Doug Hack  
Davena Green (welcome back)  
Jim Bedwell (Guest)  
Roy Thomas (Guest with 36 points)

Anyone wishing to play next time – please ring

**David Say**  
**01843 863 249 or 07966 365 761**

## RAMSGATE WEEK 2010 SPONSORSHIP Yacht Charter

Sponsors are crucial to the running of the Ramsgate Week Regatta and we were very fortunate to have **Vattenfall** (Thanet Offshore Windfarm) as our Title Sponsor this year together with our very valued daily sponsors. There is, however, another way of sponsoring your event and maybe one in which you/your company may be interested - Yacht Charter.

Yacht Charter starts with a full English breakfast in the RTYC Dining Room where you meet your fully qualified skipper. You and your guests are then escorted to your yacht to take part in the "Cruising Class" race which starts at approximately 11:00. After the race you can discuss your tactics over a splendid lunch on board your craft; the day is yours. You are also free to enjoy the evening entertainment either in the clubhouse or marquee.

We had eight groups of people racing this year and if you ask RTYC member Trevor Drury from day sponsor company "Apollo" he will tell you what a great time his guests enjoyed. Another member, Ian McDonald, has entertained different people from various companies over the last three years and they have been very enthusiastic in their praise of a great day on the water.

So if you would like to participate next year and soak up the atmosphere of racing a yacht, or know a company who would like to entertain their guests in this way, please contact us.

The cost for the yacht for the day for six people is £1500 inclusive.

### **Davena Green**

#### RTYC's GREEK ODYSSEY

Pegwell Bay is a great place and there's nothing wrong with the Broadstairs Knoll but on a grey, windy, drizzly English spring day haven't you ever yearned for calm blue seas and clear blue skies?

Well a group of both experienced and fairly novice RTYC sailors did more than yearn this year, they went off to Greece on a flotilla holiday and found the seas of their dreams.

The idea was hatched last year, in June 2008, when four members, Sue and Tommy Foster and Joanne and Martin Ross, went on a week's flotilla holiday in the Ionian. Joanne was celebrating her 49<sup>th</sup> birthday while out there and suddenly realised where she would like to spend her big 50<sup>th</sup>.

"We were drifting around one day in crystal clear blue seas without a cloud in the sky and temperatures around 30 degrees Celsius and I thought: 'it just doesn't get any better than this'," said Joanne.

After their previous flotilla various friends and club members had expressed an interest in doing something similar, so Joanne decided to see whether she could combine two ideas in one – arrange her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations and organise a club trip to Greece.

To begin with, the task was harder than it seemed. People are often quick to say they're interested but then fall away when asked to commit. However, once the first four had chosen their flotilla and committed to booking, others began to join the merry gang.

The group chose a Southern Ionian flotilla for its sheltered waters and generally calm weather. The area is generally recommended for the less experienced sailor, but experienced sailors wanting a relatively relaxing week or two can often find a decent gust in which to have a good play.

By the time the group left the UK on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June, there were 12 would-be sailors heading for six separate yachts. They ranged in

experience from Jackie Benton, a friend of several RTYC members, who had crossed the Atlantic and spent several years cruising the Caribbean, to her husband Geoff who'd been out sailing a total of three times before the holiday.

Graeme and Pat Werry, owners of the 52ft Grand Banks *Spruce Goose*, may be renowned for their hospitality aboard their motor yacht and are experienced boat handlers, but neither had sailed before. Despite theirs and the group's concerns, they took to sailing like, er, a duck to water! Graeme's enthusiasm for hoisting the sails and use of terminology such as "goose winging" and "tacking" led everyone to believe he had done no little amount of secret studying before he left.

The flotilla was run by Seafarer Sailing Holidays out of their base in Levkas Town. There were a total of 11 boats plus the lead boat for the first week, 6 of which were from RTYC and of the remainder; two were on their second week, having already done a week with the previous flotilla.

The route took our sailors to Sivota on Levkas, Fiskardo on Cephalonia, Vathi on Meganissi to name but a few ports of call. Unusually for that time of year, there were a couple of thunder storms and coincidentally, on actual big Five O day, the flotilla was "weather bound" in Sivota for the day. Of course weather bound in Greece is not quite the same as weather bound in Ramsgate or Queenborough. The weather still permitted sitting outside tavernas, crowding twelve people onto one boat for pre-lunch birthday drinks and another for pre-dinner cocktails as well as swimming and sunbathing. Tough, but someone had to do it!

As the week progressed not only did the twelve from RTYC, some of whom were strangers on day one, bond, but they also got to know the others on the flotilla. Evenings were spent enjoying the many water-side tavernas and their local food and wine, some evenings with the whole flotilla, some with those who wanted doing their own thing.

Anyone concerned that a flotilla means a group of boats playing follow-my-leader like a flock of ducklings hanging onto the tails of their lead boat need not worry. The day starts with a "briefing", held at leisure in a nearby taverna over coffee or breakfast, at which "lead crew" tell the flotilla where it is heading that day. They offer tips about where to anchor should you wish to do so for lunch, and give a rough indication of the latest time you should arrive. After that, they'll help people slip lines if they require help and help them in at the other end. In between, it's entirely up to you.

Joanne had decided to really make the most of her birthday and stay on the flotilla for two weeks. The rest of the crew had booked for just one week, and so with considerable sadness, they bade farewell to the Ionian, and Joanne and Martin, who sailed off into the sunset on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Chartering a yacht for just two people is not a cheap option. Prices this year were about £1,800 for the week for two people on a 36ft yacht including flights and transfers. The price comes down the more people that share and the smaller the yacht. But this is a very special holiday and for anyone even remotely interested in sailing the group all agreed: "If you don't like sailing in Greece, you won't like it anywhere!"

They are in the early stages of planning another trip for next year, probably June and either Greece again or Turkey.

Anyone interested should contact Joanne Ross at [jo.wallens@btinternet.com](mailto:jo.wallens@btinternet.com) or on 07880 796963.

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