

# TEMPLE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

## COMMODORE'S BLOG

In March we hosted the Kent Schools Sailing Association 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner at the club. A fine evening was enjoyed by all those who attended.

For those that missed the last film night at the club we enjoyed reminiscing with "Ramsgate in the 60's" a fine evening organised by Jane Smith and Elizabeth Anderson. Jane has a few more treats in store with further film shows for us all.

April has started with the Temple Jazz Band aka Dick Smith and friends providing a highly entertaining evening last Saturday, also celebrating Dick & Bev's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Thanks to Dick and Bev we all had a great evening. Thanks also to Gary Lewis who funded the band.

**Now we need a bit of help.** Our web sites at [rtyc.com](http://rtyc.com) and [ramsgateweek.com](http://ramsgateweek.com) are in the process of being redeveloped and we are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to take on the updating and content management of both of these sites. There is a full content management solution with the new sites so it does make it more of an editorial position than a programming role. If you feel you would like to have a go please let me know.

First race is taking place as I write this and there are a number of changes this year with boats that were in the cruising class moving into the IRC classes. A big welcome to our new boats *Eroica* and *Marlene* in Classes 3 & 1 respectively. It all bodes for an exciting summer and we all look forward to sunshine and wind from now until October.

We are also being represented away from home in the Warsash Spring Series in the Hamble with Stiletto currently leading the series in Class 3. It is important that our members are seen to travel and race at other clubs and this is what entices competitors to come and participate in our own regattas in Ramsgate.

**Mike Brand**

## NEWS FROM THE HON SEC

The 2011 RTYC Handbooks have arrived and are immediately available in the club for collection. As previously explained it is not a diary because of all the delays by the printers in previous years. I have had to completely reproduce the current handbook and now I have the template it can be produced immediately after the AGM. It will be even more essential that members pay their subs in October if they want to be included in the new year's publication.

Whilst on the subject of printing, the new club brochure should be with us this month. The previous edition was such a success that I am hoping the company that provide them will increase the quantity supplied. They are produced at no cost to RTYC as Pinnacle sells the advertising to cover their costs.

The office staff have celebrated the arrival of new computers and I am confident our service to members will benefit. I am a little concerned that many members are not keeping the office up to date with their contact details; particularly email addresses and mobile numbers. Both methods are increasingly used to keep members informed of functions and activities and I would not want any of you to miss out.

I am delighted to see the media screens in both bars. Now the club can stream live sport and results to the members. I doubt you will see your favourite soaps on tele. (at least not in the main bar!)

The club will be reverting to summer hours from Easter so the club will be fully staffed throughout the day although Sunday evening opening hours will be arbitrary until the visitors start arriving.

**John Barrett**

## NEWS FROM THE HOUSE OFFICER

I am delighted to report that last week's spot check by "Elf and Safety" officers resulted in the RTYC passing with flying colours. We were also able to demonstrate that any concerns they had were being addressed by works currently in the planning stage.

In our continuing upgrade two bedrooms have been refurbished thus improving the general standard of accommodation on offer.

John has already mentioned the new plasma screen in the bar. Re-arrangement of our paintings and prints throughout the Club is ongoing.

**Judy Pearson**

## ENTERTAINMENT DIARY 2011

9 April	Cruiser & Fitting Out Supper
27 May	Scalextric Racing & Supper
3 June	Michel Jonette Party Night with BBQ
June	TBA
<b>25-30 July</b>	<b>RAMSGATE WEEK</b>
	Live Music Every Night!
August	TBA
September	TBA
30 October	Racing Crews' Lunch
5 November	Prize Giving
26 November	Club Dinner & Party Night
11 December	Children's Christmas Party
17 December	Club Christmas Dinner
31 December	New Year's Eve

### *Cruising and Fitting Out Supper*

**Saturday 9 April 2011**

**7.30 for 8.00 p.m.**

£19.00 per head

Dress: Reefers

### *Royal Wedding Celebration* *Friday 29 April 2011*

Join the Royal Temple Yacht Club in celebrating the Royal Wedding of HRH Prince William to Catherine Middleton. Family and friends are welcome on this occasion and there will be a buffet lunch and a glass of bubbly to toast the couple.

**..and**

in the evening from 8:30 pm to late there will be music in the Club with *One Love*. A buffet and glass of wine will be available from 7:30 pm onwards so the festivities can continue into the evening.



Please book at the Bar  
or call 01843 591766 or  
Email: [carol.jackson@rtyc.com](mailto:carol.jackson@rtyc.com)

## RTYC NAVIGATION SCHOOL

Another successful season of Theory Courses has come to an end and our students enjoyed a Presentation Dinner at the Club on 26<sup>th</sup> March. Congratulations must go to the 14 students who gained their Day Skipper certificates, the 6 students who achieved their Yachtmaster Offshore awards and the 4 students who were successful on the Yachtmaster Ocean course. In addition to the Course Completion certificates the Navigation School Special Awards were also presented:

- ✚ **The Navigation School Trophy** for the best Day Skipper went to Eimile Howlin
- ✚ **The Roy and Mary Trophy** for the most improved Day Skipper was won by James Lacey
- ✚ **The Noel Smythe Trophy** for the best Yachtmaster was won by Peter Hewitt-Penfold
- ✚ **The Quartermain Trophy** for the best Day Skipper/ Yachtmaster Overall Chartwork went to Karen Cox
- ✚ **The Denys Tweddell Trophy** for the Best Ocean Master went to Martin Moorhouse
- ✚ The **Muscateer Tankard** for the **Student of the Year** was awarded to Mark Coulthwaite

The final VHF/SRC Course before next autumn will take place on Friday and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> April and at the time of going to print, places are still available (see below). During the sailing season, ICC and CEVNI courses/exams can be arranged on request.

### VHF RADIO SHORT RANGE CERTIFICATE COURSE

Friday 15 April 2011 19.00 to 21.30

and

Saturday 16 April 2011 09.30 to 16.00

In the Hold Bar

£55.00 per person

For further information on these courses  
please contact [Elizabeth Anderson](mailto:Elizabeth.Anderson@btinternet.com)  
07891 334585 or email [anderson.e@btinternet.com](mailto:anderson.e@btinternet.com)

### **The photograph below arrived in my inbox in a file entitled "Old F\*\*ts"**

*Moonraker of Kent* sailed Dunkirk to Calais. Voyage completed 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Combined ages of Skipper and Crew is **233 years**: Denys, Tony and Neville



**Let this be an inspiration to us all – well done boys – just goes to show that you're never too old to Rock 'n Roll!!**

## NEWS FROM REAR COMMODORE SAIL

Spring has finally arrived and Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> saw the first race of the season.

Congratulations to Frank Martin and his team who won class 1 & 2 with Surprise, followed by Arthur Freemans Jazz and Graham Jones Cheeky Monkey.

In class 3 It was Martin & Jo Ross who triumphed with Magnum, followed by Mick Wards Toucan and in third place Hugh Cripps in Sunbird.

Expect to see more competitors on the water soon as the cobwebs are dusted off both crew & yachts shortly.

Easter is fast approaching and we have organised an offshore race to Gravelines. For those who have not been before it is a lovely town and we are assured of a warm welcome. Could I ask for your feedback if you are intending to go, since the yacht club there are laying on entertainment and in addition wish to organise berthing arrangements.

My email address is robert\_booth@btinternet.com, or mobile07837 303244

Finally, if you have not done so already, please complete a club entry form and provide a copy of your IRC certificate, if you are intending to take part in this year's racing. Forms are available at the club or can be downloaded from [www.rtyc.com](http://www.rtyc.com).

**Bob Booth**

## HARBOUR NEWS/INFORMATION

Harbour management have been carrying out a program of dredging over the last few weeks covering all major areas of the outer harbour. Also members will have seen the installation of the new breakwater being positioned for the eastern marina. Work on this will continue with the breaking up of the old breakwater into its constituent lengths to provide finger berths attached to the new breakwater. This will provide adequate berths for the wind farm service vessels and other commercial craft thus freeing up the western marina for leisure use. It is hoped that this work will be completed by the beginning of May - about two months late.

Originally the Thanet District Council were due to award contracts for dredging covering a five year period with regular surveys being carried out on depths within both the harbour and the Turning Circle. If depths were found to be less than targeted within the contract then dredging would be carried out to maintain the targeted depths. The TDC have pulled back from this commitment and have instructed harbour management to carry out dredging on an *ad hoc* "spot basis". I suspect that harbour management will only be allowed to carry out dredging if the council will release the money (think: "cuts" and Turner Centre). In other words we are back to the old ways and members need to be very vigilant over the depths within the harbour!

A new system of metered electricity supply has been installed for berth holders in the eastern part of the inner harbour, some nine months late - we will need to have feedback from members about the practicality of this new system.

**Hugh Cripps**

## RACING NEWS

Our season may have started on Sunday 3 April, however some of our members have already been away racing for a number of weeks

*Stiletto* has been doing very well at the Warsash Spring Series, as these extracts from the race reports will illustrate:

### Week 3

There was a runaway winner in IRC3. *Stiletto* (First 35 – John Barratt and Paul Woodward) rounded the windward mark with a one boat length lead and then pulled steadily away, reached the leeward mark in splendid isolation and went on to win by over five minutes. Second to fifth places were however much closer – within 13 seconds. At the halfway point in the series *Stiletto* has four points with her nearest rivals *Jika-Jika* and *Blackjack* level on 20.

### Week 4

At 30-strong, IRC3 is the largest of the handicap classes. At the top of the leaderboard, Guy Jackson's X-34 *X-Yachts* is battling it out with Paul Woodward and John Barrett's First 35 *Stiletto*. Both have won two races and both have second places to count. *X-Yachts* did not compete on the first week and at present lies fourth on points but, assuming next week's races are completed, the discard will come into play, when the overall position might become clearer and closer. Although these two boats seem to have the edge on the rest of the class, the next ten places are very keenly contested by a variety of designs including Mike and Jamie Holmes' J/97 *Jika Jika*, Stephen Parry's First 35 *Kurketrekker* and Richard Allen's First 30 *Ancasta International Boat Sales*.



## SYDNEY-HOBART RACE 2011

RTYC member Peter Woodward will be taking part in December as part of the youngest crew ever to participate, the average age being just 19. Skipper of the Sydney 38 *Another Challenge* is Jessica Watson, the Australian who currently holds the title of youngest sailor to solo circumnavigate the globe. The previous holder of this title is Brit Michael Perham, who is also a member of the crew. (He completed his circumnavigation in 157 days, some two months quicker than Jessica!)

The only visible downside for Peter is that *Another Challenge* will be painted pink for the race.

## 2011 CRUISING PROGRAMME

9 April	Cruising /Fitting Out Supper
22-24 April	Easter Shakedown Cruise/Dinner – Dover
28-30 May	Bank Holiday First Step Cruise – Calais
18-19 June	Sailing Weekend - Gravelines
4-10 July	Summer Rally / Ramsgate Week Calais/Boulogne/Dieppe OR Ipswich/Blackwater/Burnham/Thames/ Chatham
27-29 August	Summer Bank Holiday – Dunkirk or Bradwell
24-25 September	Sailing Weekend – Dover/Chatham
November	Speaker – Social Evening (date tbc)

### SAIL GIBRALTAR

On 14 March four hearty sailors braved the cold to get to the airport to fly out to Gibraltar where the weather was very pleasant indeed. Arriving on the yacht we took her around to Gib to take on stores and to have a look around and enjoy a very traditional meal in a pub.

Tuesday we sailed for Estepona where there is a lovely marina and fishing port. The Crew were all drilled in safety and sail handling on the way. Some sailing done but with lightish airs we motored the last part of the journey.

Wednesday sailed on to Marbella, marina de Bajadilla, where some of the crew got their first experience of Mediterranean mooring.

On the following day we had a cracking sail in up to 24mph of wind and managed to get her up to 8 knots. We eventually got back to Estepona for a second night's fun as it was St Patricks Day. Who knew there were so many Irish/Spaniards? The next day was spent training before making our way back to Gibraltar

It was a very pleasant week and I hope the members who came along on this trip enjoyed it as much as I did.

**Nigel Collingwood**

### RECENTLY IN RAMSGATE HARBOUR

This galleon was converted into a dragon here in the harbour before setting off for London on a publicity trip to promote the 'Voyage of the Dawn Trader' one of the chronicles of Narnia by C.S.Lewis. ....Not something you would want to see looming at you through the morning mist.....



## TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY Match played 16 March 2011

### Winners:

John Adkin	39 points (Cut 2)
Anna Turner	33 points (Cut 1)

### Ladies' Prize:

**(Nearest the pin in 2 at Hole No 3)**

Stella Matsubara

### Longest Drive:

Douglas Hack

### Players:

John Adkin	Malcolm Lodwick (guest)
John Barrett	Stella Matsubara
Bill Crawford	Rod Oates
Douglas Hack	Derek Smith
Teresa Hack	Anna Turner
Peter Jackson	Ron Vaughan

### Commentary:

Cold, 7c., and misty weather greeted this month's players. Twelve competitors, including one guest, turned out for this match.

John Adkin really found form coming in with one the highest scores for a very long time, 39 points; a full 6 points ahead of second placed Anna Turner. Overall, the scores were much more varied than last month with 19points between first and last place.

There was no prize for nearest the pin in one this month as everyone of us missed the green at hole number 5.

### Next Templers Meeting

**Wednesday 20 April 2011 @ 09.30**

*Anyone wishing to play please ring*

**Ronnie Vaughan**

**01843 864435**

### 300 CLUB – MONTHLY DRAW

(2 draws made this month)

#### February 2011

£25	N <sup>o</sup> 53	Mr P Bulkeley
£50	N <sup>o</sup> 199	Ms P Freeman
£100	N <sup>o</sup> 10	Mr R Dole
£200	N <sup>o</sup> 150	Mr W Tuddenham
£25 (Snowball)	N <sup>o</sup> 67	Mr R Shearer (absent)

#### March 2011

£25	N <sup>o</sup> 134	Ms P Lowe
£50	N <sup>o</sup> 31	Mr & Mrs F Pardoe
£100	N <sup>o</sup> 193	Mr S Carter
£200	N <sup>o</sup> 24	Mr & Mrs B Martin
£50 (Snowball)	N <sup>o</sup> 156	Miss J Smith (absent)

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