

# TEMPLE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

## COMMODORE'S BLOG

It's taken the first three days of August to get back into routine and wow what a week we had in the 2011 Ramsgate Week.

London Array were an excellent sponsor and we are very grateful to them for making it possible and for all their flags and wonderful hand warmers they provided. The hand warmers will be very useful when it comes to our laser sailing in the winter months.

The club performed superbly once again and a very special thank you to all of our staff especially Carol and Ray who worked tirelessly to make this event go off so smoothly. Once again we managed to accommodate everyone inside the club and the speed of service behind the bar was simply spot-on.

To all the many prize-winners congratulations and to all the competitors thank you all for coming and we hope to see you back again next year.

A special thank you to Paul Woodward who has chaired the Ramsgate Week Committee now for the past three years and to his entire team who have all worked over the past 12 months to put this regatta on. A highly professional experience and one that makes me very proud to see that The Royal Temple Yacht Club is now firmly on the map and can deliver a top class regatta. No doubt there will be further changes for next year but that is all part of our evolution and one that we should all embrace.

If you missed it then the dates for **2012** are **30th July to 4th August**.

*Mike Brand*

## NEWS FROM THE HOUSE OFFICER

Firstly, I should like to welcome our new Bosun – Mick; no doubt you will have seen him quietly working very hard around the Club during Ramsgate Week. I am very much looking forward to working with him on the various projects coming up on our continuous improvement programme.

You may have noticed the new railings around "smokers' corner" – these have been installed as a result of the recent Health and Safety inspection. We plan to have an improved solution in place in the Autumn. In the meantime the new heat/light for that corner has been repaired and is working well.

Thank you to everyone who helped to keep the Club looking spic and span for the enjoyment of all our visitors during Ramsgate Week. Everyone's efforts are much appreciated.

*Judy Pearson*

### Day 1 – First Gun



© me!

## RAMSGATE WEEK PHOTOGRAPHS

Once again, there are some great images of the racing available. Please use the link below to view and order copies:

<http://www.marineimages.co.uk/#/ramsgate-2011/>

## FINAL DAY PLACINGS RAMSGATE WEEK ALL CLASSES

### IRC CLASSES

#### Class 1

##### Race 6 'IRC East Coast Championships' including 'Sail East' (Race 9 Overall)

In slightly more breeze than earlier in the week, the fleet were sent to 'Broadstairs Knoll Buoy', then a long run to the 'South-Brake Buoy' off Deal, back to 'East-Brake Buoy' off Ramsgate, then to the finish via the 'ICOM Buoy' off Sandwich Bay.

The half a million pounds *Oystercatcher* used her 52 foot length to disappear off round 'Broadstairs Knoll Buoy' and South to Deal in short order. Peter Jackson's *Assassin*, after a week of crew training and the odd problem, chased her hard with Rob Stewart's *Booty*, which cost half the amount of *Oystercatcher*'s mast, chasing in third.

The accumulating north-running tide disadvantaged the smaller boats so much so that only Richard Matthew's *Oystercatcher* ended up racing the finishing launch to the finish line, getting home in time for lunch and golf.

Half an hour behind a real fight was ensuing including with the leading class 2 boats. *Assassin* had gained time anticipating the tide turn at 'Broadstairs Knoll Buoy', but slightly over-estimating the 'East-Brake Buoy', thus costing her valuable seconds. A slick spinnaker drop at ICOM saved the day and she was just far enough ahead of *Booty* to take the position by a few seconds, with *Stiletto* and *X-Waves* both within a few seconds of *Booty*.

Peter Jackson had won the Gold Cup four times previously, but it was Richard Matthew's Gold Cup this year. The leading Class 2 boat, the Dutch *A'Boen* was only three seconds behind *Assassin*, one of six boats within one minute on handicap. A brilliant race with which to end the week!!!



IRC 1 & Gold Cup Winner - Richard Matthews  
*Oyster Catcher XXVIII*

#### Class 2

##### Race 6 'IRC East Coast Championships' including 'Sail East' (Race 9 Overall)

Today we saw *Amazon* and *A'Boen* battle for the Gold Cup in a fresh breeze along the Kent coastline up to North Foreland and back down the gull stream beside the Goodwin Sands. They were closely followed by *With Alacrity* and *Antix*, all of whom showed the local boats the way.

Final results for Class 2 Ramsgate Week were: *Who's To No* in first place overall, followed by *A'Boen*, *Antix* and *With Alacrity*, in second, third and fourth position respectively, from a strong fleet of twelve boats.



*Who's to no* - Richard Sparrow receiving his trophy from Thomas Bonnichsen of London Array

### CRUISING CLASSES

#### Class 5

##### Unrestricted Cruiser Class with Spinnakers

Race 6 and the last race of Ramsgate Week in Class 5 left first position being contested between *Surprise* and *Just Is* with third and fourth places being contested between *Cheeky Monkey* and *Rush*.

Although *Just Is* and *Cheeky Monkey* were both over the line at the start the state of the tide and the course that was set favoured both boats. The final outcome was with *Just Is* claiming first overall for the week, *Surprise* coming second, with *Cheeky Monkey* arriving third and *Rush* in fourth position.



Thomas Bonnichsen and Frank Curtis (*Just is*)

## Class 6 Fast Cruiser Class without Spinnakers

**Race 6** and the cruising classes were again sent down to Broadstairs against a northerly breeze.

*Sunbird* was first at the 'Northern Quern Buoy' followed by *Magnum*, *Free Spirit* and *Toucan*. By the time the fleet were at the 'Windward Mark', *Toucan* had taken the lead followed by *Sunbird*, *Free Spirit* and *Magnum*. After a long run down to 'Wingham County Marker' these positions were unchanged.

At the finish *Sunbird* won on handicap, followed by *Free Spirit* and *Toucan* in second and third place respectively, with *Magnum* keeping her fourth place.



Thomas Bonnichsen and Martin Moorhead - *Scherzo*



Thomas Bonnichsen presenting to Andy Ward - *Toucan*

## Class 7 Slow Cruiser Class without Spinnakers

**Race 6** and the series could not be more finely poised. Three boats, *Kir*, *Scherzo* and *Amélie* were in contention. Today's winner would take the honours overall.

Conditions were similar to yesterday, force 4 winds dropping to force 3, but plenty of tide and swell with which to contend. However, *Kir* got off to a flying start, chased by *Mon Ami*, and *Eroica*, but was caught by *Scherzo* and *Amélie* on the beat to the 'Windward Mark'. *Scherzo* then opened up a big lead on the three mile run to the 'Leeward Mark'; her sail area and waterline length telling against the smaller chasers.

Halfway down the dead run, it was all over. *Scherzo* crossed the line well ahead of the rest of the fleet to win from *Amélie* in second position and *Eroica* in third position. *Scherzo* won the series on count-back from *Kir* in second place and *Amélie* third place overall with only one point separating the first three yachts.

## RTYC SUPPORTING YOUTH SAILING PROGRAMMES

Commodore Mike Brand presents Mike Perham, the youngest person to sail single-handed around the world, with a cheque for £200 towards the Tall Ships Youth trust.

Ramsgate Week's media coverage was boosted by Mike's presence, and we wish him all the best in his work which is dedicated to the personal development of young people through the crewing of ocean-going sail training vessels.



**RAMSGATE WEEK 2011  
THE RACE HUT REPORT!**

Well another Ramsgate Week bites the dust! And what a week! Lots of fun, lots of laughs, mixed together with a really great team. Dave Peters (Mr Guns!) and crew on the cannons, Rosemarie and Norman on Flags, Julie on Lights, Karen who had a variety of jobs - a great multi-tasker!!! Of course 'Radio Ramsgate' .... ME! but not forgetting our lovely Race Officer, all the way from the Broadstairs Sailing Club, Peter Holland.

For the week we boasted 30 or so yachts competing in our Gentleman's Class. We had some pretty impressive starts, I can tell you, with *Surprise* (Frank Martin) and *Just Is* ('uncle' Frank Curtis) who really had us holding our breath! *Just Is*, champing at the bit for the off, had to be hauled back through the fleet as we called him back a couple of times! But that didn't deter Uncle Frank ... he came steaming through, and did extremely well for the week. By the end of the week we received lots of "thank you's" for a great week's sailing.

It was lovely to be in touch with everyone, especially the 'Little Fleet' from Rye, who assured us that they would be going home to drum-up more support for next year. I really must mention yacht *Martean* (from Rye) who on Tuesday, approaching the North Quern for a finish, sailed passed the NQ, turned and headed out into the Ferry Channel in the direction of Ostend!! Being the kind, concerned person that I am, I asked *Martean* if they were alright. The reply was "NO! we're looking for the North Quern!!" Our reply "It's behind YOU'!!!" Bless!

All too soon the week drew to a close, and we said a very fond farewell to our Gentleman's Class, with a little tear in our eyes! Our Race Officer, Peter, mentioned that he would love to come back and join in the fun for next year ..... he nicknamed us girlies Peters Poppets!! .... you bet Peter and we can't wait!

Love to you all  
**Terrie**  
(Race Hut Team):XX

**ENTERTAINMENT DIARY 2011**

- 20 August Salsa Night **(NEW EVENT!)**
- September TBA
- 8 October Murder Mystery Evening **(NEW EVENT!)**
- 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

**GET YOUR DANCING SHOES ON!!!**

**Salsa Night**

Salsa & Merengue Classes

Includes: Hot Latin Menu £25.00

free Sangria on arrival

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August

To Book your place Call 01843 591766 or at the Bar

7pm - Arrival

7.30 - 8.30 - Salsa Class and Dancing with Partner

8.30 - 9.30 - Dinner

Payment 9.30 - 10.30 - Salsa and Merengue Group Dances, FUN FUN FUN!

With booking. 10.30 - 11pm - Social Dancing

**BOOK NOW!**

**Next Year's Diamond Jubilee Thames Pageant  
Sunday 3 June 2012**

*If any members are interested in joining in the Thames Pageant next year, you may register your vessel on the website :*

<http://thamesdiamondjubileepageant.org/>

## 2011 CRUISING PROGRAMME

27-29 August	Summer Bank Holiday – Dunkirk or Bradwell
24-25 September	Sailing Weekend – Dover/Chatham
6th October	The History of Navigation 2,000 BC to 2020 – Speaker: Jeremy Batch
November	Social Evening (date tbc)

### Cruising Section's Meeting Series

**Thursday 6th October at 07:30 for 08:00hrs**

The Speaker is once again Jeremy Batch who will present  
*The History of Navigation 2,000 BC to 2020*

## RTYC NAVIGATION SCHOOL

### 2011 – 2012 COURSES

#### YACHT MASTER OCEAN

Commencing Monday 10th October 2011

#### DAY SKIPPER

Commencing Tuesday 11th October 2011

#### YACHT MASTER

Commencing Wednesday 12th October 2011

The cost of each course is £225 which includes your RYA course materials and examination fees

To enrol on any of the above courses either leave your contact details in the office, telephone [Elizabeth Anderson](tel:07891334585) on 07891 334585 or email [anderson.e@btinternet.com](mailto:anderson.e@btinternet.com)

## TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY

Match played 20 July 2011

### Winners:

David Say	42 pts cut 2
Carol Say	40 pts cut 1

### Nearest the pin at the 5th

Peter Jackson

### Longest Drive at the 18th

Peter Jackson

### Players:

John Adkin	Bill Crawford
Hugh Cripps	Douglas Hack
Peter Jackson	Rod Oates
Carol Say	David Say
Florence Sparrow	Richard Sparrow
Ronnie Vaughan	
Eddie Beale (Guest Appearance)	

### Commentary:

A good turn out this month with a total of twelve players. The weather was fine; in fact, we have not had rain on a match day since the start of the current series last December but after a statement like this.....

Carol and David Say made it a husband and wife affair with scores of 40 and 42 pts. respectively. Both scores are the highest recorded this year, the previous best being 39 pts. Peter Jackson played very well winning both nearest the pin and longest drive prizes.

A group of eight, including two non golfing wives, went to Foxhills Hotel and Resort near Weybridge for two days of golf and relaxation on 24/25 July. The resort consists of a beautiful manor house, three restaurants, four swimming pools, three golf courses, tennis, squash and, according to my wife, a '5 bubble' spa. A great time was had by all and congratulations to Peter Saunders who came in with the best score over the two days of play.

### Next Templers Meeting

Wednesday 17 August 2011 @ 09.30

Anyone wishing to play please ring

**Ronnie Vaughan**

**01843 864435**

## 300 CLUB – MONTHLY DRAW July 2011

£25	N <sup>o</sup> 218	Mrs E Barrett
£50	N <sup>o</sup> 246	Mr R Goodall
£100	N <sup>o</sup> 32	Mrs L Hatley
£200	N <sup>o</sup> 59	Ms J Nabb
£150 (Snowball)	N <sup>o</sup> 60	Mr G Kennedy (absent)