

TEMPLE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

COMMODORE'S BLOG

A very Happy New Year to all members. The club hosted an excellent party on New Year's Eve; I hope those who also attended enjoyed the evening.

2011 offers further opportunity for us all to sprinkle more greatness to our fantastic club. Every year we work on introducing new members to come and enjoy our facilities. This year we could do with some help - Just imagine if each of our members was to introduce just one of their friends to the club and they took up membership...

It is the time of year when we are planning our activities for the summer months and looking forward to sunshine and wind. As a club we should see if we can have more of our yachts travelling and spreading the good word around the East and South coast in addition to Belgium, France and Holland. This has tailed off over the last few years and it would be a real backward step if we are unable to revive our reputation further afield.

Whatever your plans for this season I look forward to hearing about them and to joining in with the racing, cruising and motor boating that is right at the heart of our club.

Good luck for 2011

Mike Brand

NEWS FROM THE HON SEC

Members who were at the AGM will remember that it was unanimously agreed to install a stair lift to the first floor dining room. I am pleased to report that the stair lift has now been installed, there are two sections to allow 2 persons to travel up or down at the same time.

A new gas fire is an attractive additional feature in the main bar. The old fire was not only dangerous but was costing us a fortune in gas.

The long awaited redecoration of the dining room is scheduled to take place between 29th January & 18th February. Disruption will be kept to a minimum.

It was unfortunate that the Christmas Dinner had to be cancelled at the last minute because of the bad weather. Carol is working through the list of people who need refunds.

The Club Handbook is in the final stages of preparation and will include a list of paid up members and their boats. There are still a few people who have not paid their subscriptions and I would urge them to pay immediately so as not to be left out of the handbook.

The 300 Club BIG Draw will take place on 29th January. All members are invited to come along and share in the free buffet and wine from 8pm, the draw will take place at 9.30pm and in addition to the usual prizes the unclaimed Snowball £350 Rollover will be included.

Finally may I wish all members a very Happy New Year.

John Barrett

NEWS FROM THE HOUSE OFFICER

I have formed a small subcommittee to assist me with club projects. The first major undertaking will be the refurbishment of the Dining Room. It was last redecorated ten years ago and is now really in need of updating. The large dresser is to be replaced and is on offer to any member who wishes to take it away. Work will begin on 28 January and it anticipated the project will be completed ready for the function booked on 21 February.

Also planned soon is the refurbishing of some bedrooms, therefore we will have some wardrobes and chests of drawers to dispose of.

Any members interested in purchasing the old furniture or the dresser from the Dining Room should contact me. I will also appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have regarding our building.

Additionally, would anyone like to donate suitably framed photographs/pictures of their boats to be displayed in the club? I would like to see some more up-to-date boats on display, mixed with some of our heritage. I appreciate this was done a couple of years ago, but we have some more new boat owners now.

I look forward to receiving members' input and support.

Judy Pearson

PROVISIONAL ENTERTAINMENT DATES 2011

14 January	London Boat Show – with supper in the Club afterwards
22 January	Burns Night Supper
29 January	300 Club – Grand Draw
5 February	Dinner & Dance with Broadstairs Sailing Club at the Pavilion, Broadstairs
26 February	RNLI Supper ***
12 March	Wine & Wisdom Evening
16 April	Cruiser & Fitting Out Supper
14 May	Scalextric Racing & Supper
3 June	Michel Jonette Party Night with BBQ
June	TBA
25-30 July	RAMSGATE WEEK
	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

*** the date of the RNLI Supper may have to change due to the Dining Room being redecorated

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT 2010 - REPORT

Those of you who were fortunate enough to have or 'borrow' a child to take to the Children's Christmas Party would have enjoyed a wonderfully atmospheric afternoon in the Club. We were very lucky to have a surprise visit from a VIS (Very Important Santa) who managed to negotiate the many chimney pots on the roof to arrive in the bar fireplace with a loud thud. (Santa was later heard to say he was worried that he may have ended up in Bugsy's by mistake!) All children present were delighted to receive an early Christmas gift. Thank you to Roy Fomison who played piano for the children's carol singing.

For the first time in living memory the Christmas Dinner was cancelled after a blizzard hit Thanet that afternoon. The few local, hardy souls who trudged through the snow to the Club for drinks ended the evening with an impromptu Carol Singing Session around the bar; great fun for the tone deaf.

Thanks to our generous Committee, the Officer's Christmas Drinks was well attended, naturally.

After Christmas, Gary had his usual birthday drinks party in the Club on 27 December. The bar was packed and Gary's health was toasted with copious amounts of Champagne.

As mentioned in the Commodore's Blog, the New Year's Eve Dinner was very good. The band played excellent dance music to keep the floor filled and Thanet Council provided a superb Fireworks Display to see in the New Year. Well done Entertainments Committee - thanks to your hard work the Christmas Season was a hugely enjoyable. **Ed**



Some of you sharp-eyed members may have noticed that Santa was sporting a sparkly new outfit for the children's party. The old one was looking somewhat shabby and, after the party in 2009, a generous donation was made by a member, who wishes to remain anonymous. We decided to put the money to good use, and now Santa will have a smart new outfit for years to come. Many thanks to said member from the Entertainments Committee

BURNS SUPPER – 22 JANUARY 2011 – BOOK NOW!

Yes it's that time again! The Haggis season is here and all of us with passion in our souls shouldn't need to be reminded of why the birth in 1759 of one of the most quoted literary figures in World history is worthy of celebration. All over the Globe from Barnsley to Beijing, from Dundee to Dunedin Rabbie Burns will be feted at a traditional Burns Supper. To the skirl of the pipes a thousand daggers will be plunged into the warm, reekin' richness of a steaming pudding as people attempt to address a bag of offal in the guid Scots tongue. So let's see your honest sonsie' face in the club on the 22nd January where, provided the best laid plans of mice and men gang not a-gley, we shall be making sure that auld acquaintances are not forgot.

Go brush up your sporrans, sharpen your sgian dubhs, shake the wee sleekit' timorous beasties out of your freshly polished gillies and for auld lang syne be prepared to raise a dram or two of the amber nectar to the immortal memory of Caledonia's famous son. Would that powers the gift to gie us, to see oursel's as others see us (but not necessarily the morning after!).

See you there

Stuart Carter

RTYC & BSC DINNER & DANCE Pavilion, Broadstairs Saturday 5 February 19:00 for 19:30

Carriages: 1:00 am

£30 per person

Menu

Pavilion Prawn Starter,
Braised Beef with a Bacon & Mushroom Sauce
Chefs Selection of Vegetables & Roast Potatoes
Summer Fruits Brandy Basket
Coffee & Mints

Dancing To *Region 101*

There are just 75 tickets per club so please **book early**

BACCUS

I have just received this email from our member Susan Harding. Steve Stokes and I went with Keith and his wife Susan across the Atlantic in 2007 which was their first ocean crossing on their round the world trip.

JEB

Dear All

Just to let you know that the tropical storms in the Indian Ocean around Sri Lanka have resulted in Keith and his 2 crew being rescued from *Baccus*. Several days of force 9-10 took its toll on the boat - loss of steerage, water ingress and loss of some electrics for starters.

They are currently safe, warm and resting aboard the merchant vessel *Maersk Surabaya* which is en route to Port Klang, Malaysia arriving in the next 2-3 days. Unfortunately *Baccus* had to be abandoned - it is like losing a member of the family!

For more information please see the Falmouth Coastguard report on www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-12174528 Thank God for satellite phones and EPIRBs.

I don't expect to have contact again with Keith until he arrives in Malaysia when I (or he) will update you.

Best wishes to you all and those of you at sea keep safe.

Susan Harding

2011 CRUISING PROGRAMME

I'm afraid cruising the Caribbean is not going to be a reality this year. We have had a very positive interest from members however very few firm commitments. I feel this perhaps was not the best year to look at such a venture as we are all feeling the pinch at present. However, I'm not put off by this and we will be looking at organising such a trip in the future.

Sail Gibraltar 14 – 20th March 2011



Sail Gibraltar is now booked for the following dates: 14th – 20th March 2011. Berths will be allocated on a first come-first served basis and I already have at least two bookings. We hope to be visiting parts of Spain and Monaco on our week's sailing trip.

The yacht, an *Atlantic 55 Cutter*, can accommodate 8 persons in four 2-berth cabins, each cabin having an en-suite shower and toilet. It is a well fitted-out, blue water, cruising

yacht with radar, electronic chart plotters, VHF, DSC, AIS, EPIRB, NAV TEC, HF Receiver, etc.

For booking and information on air fares contact Nigel Collingwood RCC on 07966 932890 or email nigel@edge-enviro.com.

Weather in March is very pleasant with 16-18°C on average with good sailing conditions. Please remember that air fares start going up nearer to the date of flight so make your move now and get the best prices.

Nigel Collingwood
Rear Commodore Cruising

TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY Match played 15 December 2010

Hello golfers

A few lines on the first game of the new, eclectic year. which was not quite as we would have wished. Another society had a reservation for 10.00-10.20 but, as there were no ladies out, they were told (not by Mark) that they could tee off early!

The six of us who had turned out - in temperatures of minus 3 with wind chill - were asked to wait whilst 2 fourballs teed off. More of the enemy arrived, believing they were next! The Captain's golf ball on the tee told otherwise. Fortunately, some of the opposition were known to us and so an all out battle was avoided. Realising play would be slow, three sensible Templars decided not to tee-off and posted a DNS. The remaining three - including yours truly - were more stubborn (or stupid) and so completed all 18 holes.

The result was that all three were winners. David Say got nearest the hole; John Adkin came second and I managed first. The official results for 15 December 2010 are therefore:

Ron V 31 pts cut 2 + £10.00

John A 29 pts cut 1 (on count-back) + £5.00

David S 29 pts plus 2 + £5.00 nearest the hole.

Well, at least, it didn't snow; and Mark, the pro, assures us this problem won't happen again. Finally, I hope you all had a Merry Christmas. Happy New Year and may the weather be better next time. Hope to see you all in January 2011.

Kind regards
Ronnie

300 CLUB – MONTHLY DRAW December 2010

£25	N ^o 180	Mrs N Russell
£50	N ^o 100	Mr & Mrs E Beale
£100	N ^o 19	Mrs E M Barrett
£200	N ^o 134	Ms M Lowe
£350 (Snowball)	N ^o 95	Mrs F Tomlinson (not present)

The £350 unclaimed Snowball will be drawn from all the 300 Club members on the night of the BIG DRAW. We will then start the New Year at £25.

Please send any contributions for compilation into the next issue or comments, etc to Sue Foster at sueandtommyfoster@googlemail.com