

# TEMPLE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

## COMMODORE'S BLOG

July and summer is here. This will probably be the David Beckham curse on the weather but isn't it just great when the sun shines?

Two of us delivered Xwaves to Felixstowe last Friday in just stunning weather. We then took part in an excellent weekend of racing in Felixstowe Regatta. They gave us a very welcome reception and the Haven Ports Yacht Club has really gone to town on sorting out their hospitality and their racing. This showed in a 60 boat fleet which also had cruiser classes and multi hull classes – well done Felixstowe.

RTYC was very under represented at this regatta; we struggled to get a full crew and I know how difficult it is for everyone to find the time to travel these days. However, the rewards are there in meeting new friends and learning new tricks and I hope that next year we can strengthen our away teams as this brings people back to race in our waters.

Back at home we will be celebrating our official bar opening this coming weekend and I hope that you will all come down and join in the party on Saturday evening following our second open day also on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

At the last General Committee Meeting we were able to introduce 11 new members to the Club. The 'recommend a friend scheme' is still in place and it is an excellent way to add £50.00 to your Gold Card.....

**Mike Brand**

## NEWS FROM THE HON SEC

### Staff Update

Holly and Catherine have left us for pastures new and I wish them well and thank them for all their assistance in the past. Please be kind and welcoming to Stephanie, Lucy and Guy who have recent joined our team. Caroline's broken ankle still prevents her from returning to us. She says she misses us all.

We have created a new staff position, Staff Supervisor, and Matt Henderson, who has been with us for a year, will take on this role on a temporary basis until October when the position will be advertised more widely. Please support him in his new position and staffing issues should be referred to him in the first instance.

**John Barrett**

## BIG EVENT

Saturday 10 July 2010

### OFFICIAL BAR OPENING

to be performed by

**Andrew McIrvine**

Commodore - Royal Ocean Racing Club

Live music performed by Region 101

Bar Nibbles

## NEWS OF RTYC SAILORS AWAY FROM HOME

### RORC IRC National Championship Report

The tension was mounting at the start of the final day of the RORC IRC National Championship. The international fleet from Belgium, France, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Netherlands and South Africa were waiting to act out the final chapter of the championship. The sea breeze kicked in from south west at about 1100 and the fleet got into race mode for the last two races of the championship.

During the day, the south westerly built from a wispy six knots to a stiff sixteen knots with wind over tide, giving the Western Solent some degree of swell; truly sublime racing conditions. There were 2 boats competing from the Royal Temple Yacht Club:

*Stiletto* finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in Class 2

*Who's To No* finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in Class 3

### Round the Island Race

2 RTYC boats did very well in IRC Class 3C. Bob Booth and Mark Dale's *Reaction* finished 8th and Graham Jones's *Cheeky Monkey* finished 21st. **Fantastic results in a class of over 200 boats .... and To give the Crews a mention:**

***Reaction*** Nick Nadin, Mark Chapman, Chris Denby & Eric Ball

***Cheeky Monkey***: Chris Cox, Andy Ketteringham, Bob Knight, Mark Wrightson & Trevor Drury

### Royal Southern Regatta

The first race for IRC 2 had proved to be a benefit event for John Howell on his Dehler 36 *Alaris*. They opened up a very impressive seven minute lead by the finish and well deserved their win. However they couldn't repeat the trick in the afternoon and, in particular, on the long broad reach across from the mainland to the Prince Consort buoy both *Stiletto* (John Barratt and Paul Woodward) and *No Retreat!* (David and Jackie Riley) managed to get away from the rest as the wind faded and the tide built. Having got the hang of winning *Stiletto* went on to win both of Sunday's races and take the class overall. Overall Results:

IRC 1	J-122 <i>Jinja</i>	Rupert Matthews
IRC 2	First 35 <i>Stiletto</i>	John Barratt & Paul Woodward
IRC 3	J-97 <i>Indulgence</i>	Mike Flood
IRC 4	Mustang 30 <i>Erik the Red</i>	Bernard Fyans

## URGENT - LIFE JACKET ALERT!!!!

Members using crewsaver-style automatic life jackets should check their gas canisters to ensure they are screwed in properly.

Following the "decision" of one of *Amelie's* crew to go for a quick swim off the boat while coming alongside in the outer harbour, it was noted that the auto-inflating life jacket had not auto-inflated!!

Fortunately, no harm was done apart from a thorough soaking but, on checking, it was found that the gas canister had not been screwed in. Several other jackets of different makes and owned by different boats were also found to have the same problem. Gas canisters were either not screwed in at all or not screwed in properly and would therefore not have activated.

## RAMSGATE HARBOUR IMPACT GROUP

### Press Release

The Ramsgate Harbour Impact Group (RHIG) is a grouping of all the businesses and Harbour users who are impacted by the success or failure of Ramsgate's Royal Harbour. Representatives of the fishing fleet, marina berth holders, The Royal Temple Yacht Club, hoteliers, restaurateurs, bar owners, local residents associations and boat chandlers serve upon the group. The need for such a group of interested parties arose because of the lack of priority given to the harbour by Thanet District Council which resulted in the harbour being unable to host one of the most popular events for the town, namely the Tall Ships Race in April. The regeneration of Ramsgate is dependent upon a thriving harbour which, together with the Georgian and Regency architecture, is the driving force behind the popularity of the town and an expanding tourist industry. The objective of the RHIG is to ensure that the maritime assets of Ramsgate are properly maintained and developed for the benefit of Ramsgate. The group meets on a monthly basis or more frequently as the need arises. RHIG will be working with TDC to make the harbour and its environs into an attractive location for all commercial, fishing, boating and leisure activities. Once this happy situation is achieved the group will liaise with TDC to ensure that the harbour is developed in line with the future needs of the stakeholders and the residents of Ramsgate.

**Hugh Cripps**  
*Chairman of the Steering Group*

## SCHOOL OF NAVIGATION & SAIL TRAINING

If anyone would like to put their name down for any of the courses, or would like further information, please telephone Mary Fomison on 07891334585.

## CREW

If you are looking for additional crew, please don't forget that the Guest Book on the RTYC website contains the details that of many people just itching to get out there.....

## BLEU MARINE

If you happened to pop into the yacht club on the evening of Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June you might have noticed a large group of our French, Belgian and Dutch friends wining, dining and dancing the night away after sailing over on their assorted Jeanneau's for the Bleu Marine Rally.

Some 17 boats, from the Jeanneau 36i to the 45 DS joined the rally from Newport in Belgium organised by Jeanneau dealership Bleu Marine of Dunkirk.

This was the first rally of its kind and the yachts enjoyed a fine sunny day for their 50 mile crossing. Members of the Bleu Marine team joined the yachts to help out and the rally duly hit town at 1700 hours.

They were welcomed at the RTYC where they enjoyed a meal upstairs before organising a tombola down in the bar and dancing the night away in true Gallic style. The crews were all kitted out in white polo shirts and the skippers had white naval caps donated by Bleu Marine. The partygoers made a big effort to encourage unsuspecting RTYC members to join them on the dance floor and as the night progressed, their efforts were rewarded.

The following morning those first to leave were met with a sea fog, a baptism of fire for some of the crews, for whom it was their first ever north sea crossing. By the afternoon the rally enjoyed a westerly breeze of between 15 and 20 knots and some managed to fly home doing around 10 knots.

All in all, a great time was had by all. Bleu Marine said the Royal Temple Yacht Club had extended the rally a welcome that was "worthy of its name", and it hoped this would be the first of "a long series of rallies across the north sea".

*(With many thanks to Jo Ross for translating and précising the email sent by Bleu Marine to the RTYC – Ed)*

## Fund-Raising Dinner Party

An interesting and, hopefully, enjoyable evening was had by 40 members when Sue Foster, Davena Green and Martin Ross took it upon themselves to do the cooking for a special dinner on July 3rd to raise funds to buy more furniture for the new club bar. A varied menu was on offer with: a choice of starters, a selection of meats and tasty vegetables, bread & butter pudding, strawberry tartlets all finished with cheese & biscuits plus a glass or two of port. Stuart Carter was MC and lot of help came from Jo Ross and Sarah Tweddell who did the running around while the chefs were in the kitchen.

Matt Henderson, our resident pianist, played popular music during dinner.

With the help of a very generous donation from **Russell Creighton** we raised £430 and in due course we will inform you all on how we will spend this money.

The team would like to thank all those that took a chance on us and we sincerely hope that you enjoyed your evening.

**Davena Green**

## TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY

Match played 16 June 2010

### Winners:

Stella Matsubara 29 points (Cut 2)  
Roger Green 29 points – on count-back (Cut 1)

### Nearest the pin:

Roger Green On the 5<sup>th</sup> Hole

### Nearest the pin 2:

- On the 18<sup>th</sup> Hole

### Players:

Eddie Beale  
Bill Crawford  
Hugh Cripps  
Roger Green  
Douglas Hack  
Stella Matsubara  
Ron Vaughan

### Commentary:

There were only 7 players for the June competition due, mainly, to people being away on holiday. It was a very windy day with gusts up to 35 knots so good scores were not expected. Congratulations to our winners and also to Hugh Cripps who had an eagle on the par 4 dogleg 9<sup>th</sup> hole.

Handicaps have been adjusted and can be seen on the Eclectic Sheet.

**Next Templers Meeting**  
**Wednesday 21 July 2010 @ 09.30**  
*Anyone wishing to play please ring*  
**Douglas Hack**  
**01843 582297**

## ENTERTAINMENT DIARY 2010

10 July	Open Day / Official Bar Opening Party
16-21 August	Ramsgate Week, Entertainment TBA
<del>4 September</del>	<del>Inter-Club Quiz Night</del> <b>CANCELLED</b>
25 September	Rifleman's / Officers Reunion Supper
24 October	Racing Crews' Lunch
6 November	Prize Giving
27 November	Club Dinner & Party Night
5 December	AGM
12 December	Children's Christmas Party, 3:15 start
18 December	Christmas Dinner
31 December	New Year Eve Dinner

## 300 CLUB – MONTHLY DRAW

### May 2010

£25	N <sup>o</sup> 84	Com G Greenfield
£50	N <sup>o</sup> 189	Mr M McDonald
£100	N <sup>o</sup> 122	Mr R Knight
£200	N <sup>o</sup> 123	Mr DHamston
£200 (Snowball)	N <sup>o</sup> 43	Mr B S Young (not present)

## SLIMMING CHALLENGE

Sheila Jones will be collecting money from all those who sponsored her recent slim – she has reached her target to lose 12 lbs. Well done Sheila!

## SOUTHERN IONIAN FLOTILLA

### Former Commodore Green takes Ionian by storm!

There continues to be a lot of interest from RTYC members about joining what has now become an annual flotilla round the Greek Islands, and this year's new recruit was none other than former Commodore Davena Green and her "consort", Roger. Roger and Davena joined flotilla veterans Sue and Tommy Foster and Jo and Martin Ross for a week's sailing in the Ionian with Neilson, and a great time was had by all.

The six flew out on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June and enjoyed a short transfer from Preveza airport on mainland Greece to Nidri on the Island of Levkas (or Levkada as the Greeks call it).

Neilson don't mess around. No sooner off the coach and you're led to your awaiting yachts where you are free to unpack, settle in and wait for each of the three lead boat crew – skipper, mate and engineer – to come and introduce you to your yacht and its workings.

All this was thirsty work of course, so it was high time to hit the pool bar of the adjacent hotel for beers and cocktails.

Next morning it's up for a 9.30 briefing and news that we're heading for Sivota on the Southern tip of Levkas. The one thing to stress about a flotilla holiday is that however it might sound, it is **not** regimented. After the briefing you're free to wander, buy provisions and set off whenever you feel like it. It's then up to you whether you stick the engine on and go hell for leather to the next port or put the sails up, take your time, stop for lunch in some isolated bay and eventually hit land some time late afternoon.

There were a total of nine boats on this flotilla. Neilson tends to restrict its flotillas to a civilised ten boats plus its lead boat.

The Greens, who had not knowingly sailed together for many a year, let alone spent that much time alone together all day, looked like a pair of old pro's (no offence intended!). The three RTYC boats, Bénéteau Oceanis 331s, *Katya*, *Silvia* and *Tranquility* (yes, Martin was pretty tranquil after a couple of ouzos!), all flying Royal Temple burgees of course, set off together and quickly had the sails hoisted.

Although, as previously mentioned, there is no obligation whatsoever to stick with any other boat during the day, the RTYC three decided it would be good form to wait for each other. As a result, they had a tendency to arrive in port one after the other each day, leading them to win the nickname "the Admiralty Fleet".

Despite the fact that the South Ionian is renowned for its very benign weather and gentle to non-existent breezes, dear old global warming has meant that nothing is predictable any more. The fleet did in fact experience a night of spectacularly heavy downpours and winds that were definitely closer to a force 6 than a force 0. As a result, the usual route across to Ithaca and Cephalonia was not recommended, and the flotilla spent a nonetheless blissful week pottering in and out of tiny ports on Meganissi, Kalamos and Kastos, where most taverna owners seem to be called George.

Promising themselves that they would strongly consider doing two weeks rather than one next year, the six returned to the UK on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June, managing to fly through England's disastrous world cup defeat by Germany and thereby saving Roger, Tommy and Martin the agony of having actually watched the match.

If anyone is interested in finding out more or possibly joining the flotilla next year, contact Jo Ross at [jo.wall@btinternet.com](mailto:jo.wall@btinternet.com).

N.B. We have been out to the South Ionian for the past three years at the same time of year. It is clearly cheaper and less crowded to travel outside of school holidays, but if there were sufficient demand for a change of date, this could be considered.

**Joanne Ross**



An invitation to "splice the main brace" flying from the Green's yacht *Katya*

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