

TEMPLE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

COMMODORE'S BLOG

June has come around very quickly and follows an extremely busy May Bank Holiday weekend at the Club where we almost ran out of beer (well ok, we did run out of beer but the Albion Hotel provided some barrels on Sunday evening which saved the day). The new bar has now settled and we are taking notice of the comment that it's still difficult to get served when it's busy. There will now be more staff on duty on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the summer season as from this month.

Open Days

The first of **two open days took place on Saturday 5th June (see report on page 3) with the next scheduled for Saturday 10th July.** This is an opportunity for us to introduce new members to our sport and we have had lots of interest this year following a marketing campaign being run by Frank Martin.

Cruiser Training

June 12th sees the first of two Cruiser training days – please do come along and take part as this will help to get your boat and crew to be more competitive. Broadstairs Sailing Club is helping us with a Rib and the day will involve lots of short races close to the harbour. Last year all those that came along had a great day on the water. Starting at 11.00am down on the pontoons with a short briefing and will all be finished by 2.00pm latest.

On Saturday 10th July we have Andrew McIrvine, Commodore of RORC, coming down to officially open our new facilities. This is going to be a bumper evening and there will be food and lots of festivities so please mark your diaries up now. No doubt the text message campaign will soon be operational for this evening. Andrew is a long standing friend and supporter of RTYC and has sailed at the club many times himself in the past.

Harbour

I am hearing good things are starting to happen in the Harbour and understand there is now commitment to twice-a-year dredging, new pontoons and some funding that, we hope, will make a significant difference to the experiences many of us have had recently.

Mike Brand

NEWS OF RTYC SAILORS AWAY FROM HOME

X-Waves Wins the Solent Cup

The 2010 Solent Cup was organised by X-Yachts (GB) Ltd and sailed under the burgee of the Royal Southern Y.C. in Hamble. Saturday morning saw the main committee boat take up station near Hill Head harbour on the north side of the Solent. The weather was overcast but the 10 kts breeze blowing from the Southwest up the Needles Channel remained constant all day. With a mid-day high tide there was plenty of water around the Brambles Bank giving the race team plenty of options for course setting from the Solent's many racing marks. Starting precisely on time at 10:30 *Antix* (John Allen's X-302) and the X-35's of Robin Knibb (*Turbulence II*) & Charles Bull (*Unruly*) all hit the line at full speed and it was some time into the race before **Mike Brand (X-35 X Waves)** managed to establish a winning lead over the other X-35s. 'Antix' held on to take the gun in the Open Sports Class. After lunch out on the water and with a different course set, the day's second race for the participating X Yachts started at 13:25. In the combined class start, *X Waves* managed to get to the first mark in the lead, which he kept to the finish. Sunday morning and the weather conditions were very different from Saturday. The wind had swung round to the Nor-Northeast and increased to 18 – 20 kts. *X Waves* again had the edge on *Turbulence II* and although 'Alexis' established a good lead over *Antix* in the Open Sports class the smaller boat's handicap was enough for her third consecutive win. The final race of the weekend was sailed over a shorter course that led the boats back towards the mouth of Southampton Water and the entrance of the River Hamble. *X Waves* in the X-35's and *Antix* in the Open Sports made it a clean sweep in their respective classes

Royal Southern May Regatta – Hamble

Because of the small entry in IRC 4 the two classes were combined on the start line and it was interested to see that the leading IRC 4 boat, Peter Williams ¼ tonner *Runaway Bus* was often mixing it with the larger IRC 3 boats and often finishing with several of them behind him. Stephen Bromley took the first short race on board his A31 *Aneet Djinn* just ahead of a flock of J-92s & J-97s. In the afternoon over a much longer course Lis Robinson's Humphreys 30 *Hot Rats* finished two minutes ahead of **Richard Sparrow helming 'Who's to No' from Royal Temple YC Ramsgate;** his second 2nd place of the day. Come Sunday morning and Richard again finished 2nd, this time behind Mike Flood's J-97 *Induljenc'* and at this point he was looking good for the class win. However in the final race *Aneet Djinn* managed to get a small lead, which she protected on the short final beat to the finish line. Richard finished 3rd and this was yet another class where the overall result was settled on count-back.

Stilletto is 3rd at the Grand Prix of Côte d'Opale

The seventh edition of the International Grand Prix of Côte d'Opale ended Whit Monday in exceptional sailing conditions on the water of Dunkirk: light breeze, sunshine and competition on the water between the 54 teams racing in HN 1, HN 1 IRC 1, IRC 2 and the Open 5.70 to Boulogne-sur-Mer

Three days at sea with a great course, unfortunately marred by a severe lack of wind has forced some teams to throw in the towel. The Belgian First 47.7 *Moana* skippered by Francois Goubeau won the event, organized by the League of sailing the Nord-Pas-de-Calais, IRC 1. People Philippe and his team won for the second consecutive Grand Prix in HN 2.

On Monday, a day of solidarity with the French, sailing in the Nord-Pas-de-Calais was celebrated with the Final Grand Prix International Opal Coast which ran along the water of the famous benches Flanders. Little wind in the morning but a little breeze was quick to get up and wag to all sailors. After a long day at sea yesterday, more than 16 hours for some browsers - sailors were eager to follow manoeuvres over the change of wind direction and obviously the strong current Dunkirk. And then it was for the best to hold their head in their category.

The first 47.7 *Moana* (Sea in Tahitian), its crew, skipper Francois Goubeau, a native of Ghent, Belgium member of the Royal Club, won brilliantly in the Grand Prix IRC 1. The competition was sharp with good teams like *Stillette* from Royal Temple YC Ramsgate and *Sailing Manta* from Belgium.

Group IRC1 (IR1) Final Results

- 1 *Moana*, Francois Goubau ((First 47.7 (9 / 10) / Belgium) 5 points
- 2 *Manta Sailing* Michel Lefebvre ((First 40 / Belgium) 9 points
- 3 *Stillette*, John Barrett & Paul Woodward ((First 35 Pte / Great Britain) 13 points
- 4 *Milo*, Georges Blondel ((Imx 38 / Boulogne YC) 19 points
- 5 *Flor Da Rosa*, Christian Deffrennes ((A 31 / Msg N. Canche de Etaples) 19 points
- 6 *Marine Diffusion Dunkerque*, Benoit D Halluin ((First 34.7 Gte / Dolphins) 20 points
- 7 *Babacool* Claude Lefevre ((A 35 / Belgium) 26 points
- 8 *Alegria* Carl Sabbe ((Grand Soleil 40 / Belgium) 29 points
- 9 *Sobek*, Jean-Jacques Briau ((First 36.7 Gte / Cercle de la Voile de Dieppe) 38 points
- 10 *Mistho*, Mr Francis Eric Castle ((J 109 / Boulogne YC) 42 points
- 11 *Extra Fun*, Marc Herssens ((X 332 Sport / Belgium) 43 points
- 12 *Cortex*, Herve Francois ((362 X Sport / Boulogne YC) 50 points
- 13 *Yankee Bravo Charlie*, Daniel Maillard ((Jod 35 / Boulogne YC) 59 points
- 14 *Black Pig Stand Back* David ((Jod 35 / Belgium) 60 points
- 15 *Ctp* Mike Celis ((Elan 340 / Belgium) 61 points

J-Cup 2010

Twelve J/92s were racing at the J-Cup and as Saturday dawned, Andy Roberts and his team on *Just in Time* had an unbroken first place score sheet. However, this was not to continue. David Greenhalgh and John Taylor (racing on *J'ronimo*) brought in an expert meteorologist in the form of David's daughter Libby and also a fairly handy tactician in the form of David's son Peter. They duly went on to nail the first race of the day. Nice work! There was also a different race winner for Race Eight in this class; Martin Pound and his team of flying Scotsmen on board *Moby J*. This was Martin's first ever race win on *Moby J*. What a day! The final scoreline for the J/92s at the J-Cup 2010 was *Just in Time* at the top of the pack, **Richard Sparrow's *Who's to Know* from Royal Temple YC in second place overall**. Pete and Pip Tyler were third in Neilson Redeye and they also took home the North Sails Boat of the Day prize.

CRUISING

The 70th Anniversary of the Dunkirk Little Ships saw the RTYC cruisers assisting in the Little Ships getting across the channel; some going on Thursday as spectators and another two of our yachts going on Friday. *Spruce Goose* acted as an escort to a Dunkirk Little Ship and two classic Motor launches from the Thames, all getting over safely.

Friday and Saturday saw the weather fine and the various ceremonies taking place were blessed with fair weather; the laying of the wreaths at sea being fairly calm. The rain held off for the parade through the town which was joined by many vintage wartime vehicles as well as a contingent from HMS Monmouth, the escort frigate, and a group of Sea and Royal Marine cadets. Prince Michael of Kent joined the celebrations and went back to Kent on *Blue Bird*, the largest Dunkirk Little Ship docking in Ramsgate.

In all I hope the Dunkirk Little Ships had a great week, and we wish them well for the future.

Next cruising weekend: 12-13th June trip to Chatham

Nigel Collingwood

Rear Commodore Cruising



Two of many Dunkirk Little Ships heading to wreath laying ceremony

NATIONAL HISTORIC SHIPS *SHEEMAUN*

National Historic Ships at Greenwich have awarded to *Sheemaun* the accolade of 'Flagship 2010 of the United Kingdom Historic Fleet'. This is a tremendous honour for the vessel. Warmest Congratulations to the owner, Dr Rodney Pell. The presentation of the Flagship Pennant by Martyn Heighton, director of NHS, took place at a special lunch at the RTYC on 18th May to which the Commodore, Officers and friends were also invited to attend by Dr Pell and his wife Moura. .

Built at Fraserburgh by J Noble & Co in 1935 of pitch pine on oak and with a teak wheelhouse *Sheemaun* was featured in 'Yachting World & Motor Boat Journal' September 20th 1935. At 14 meters, 25 tons, *Sheemaun*, was requisitioned by the Royal Navy in September 1939 and served as a Thames Estuary Auxiliary Patrol Boat based at Cliffe Fort until November 1945. *Sheemaun* is a registered National Historic vessel No 1939 and there are pictures of her on the National Historic Vessels website. During the war she would have been Admiralty grey and would not have had a bowsprit or a square sail as now.



Sheemaun at the Boulogne Fete de la Mer 2009 dressed over-all at the request of the Festival Authorities

REPORT ON THE OPEN DAY -5 JUNE 2010

The air was full of excitement and nerves as visitors started arriving at the Royal Temple Yacht Club for the first open day of the season.

The day, ably organised by Steve Stokes, promised a trip on the water in a sailing boat for anyone who fancied giving sailing a go, and some of those who turned up at the club on Saturday morning had never stepped foot on a small boat in their life.

Publicity for the event was given a fantastic boost when the Thanet Gazette took a trip out with Frank Martin on *Surprise* a couple of weeks ago and ran an article mentioning the forthcoming open day. And so it was that some 32 people registered on Saturday morning, some more nervously than others.

Coffee was served and guests shyly mingled with skippers and crews and waited to be allocated to their yacht for the day.

After a brief welcome and safety briefing from Steve, guests were allocated to the volunteer yachts, which included X-Waves, *Stilleto*, *Surprise*, *Magnum*, *Toucan*, *Sunbird*, *Cheeky Monkey*, *Lady Pickle*, *Jazz*, *Amelie*, *Impulse* and *Manyana*.

One lady, Kate, arrived a little late and quite flustered and was visibly having second thoughts about whether going out sailing was really a good idea after all. She was allocated to *Magnum* (if that didn't put her off nothing would), along with another two ladies. One of the other two had never sailed before either and was also quite apprehensive while her friend had done her day skipper's exam at the RTYC and had therefore become an associate member.

Once everyone had been allocated a yacht, the crews headed down to the outer harbour and quickly got under way. The weather could not have been kinder or more benign for a group of novices. The sun shone, the air was warm and the sea was like a duck pond. OK, there was very little wind, and although the boats all did their best to raise their sails and head up to Broadstairs and back, all had to resort to a little help from the engine.

Strangely enough a couple of yachts managed to find a small area with a gentle breeze just south of the harbour entrance, enabling them to actually sail for a while and let their guests experience the pleasures of tacking through the wind. Suffice it to say that *Magnum's* crew, total novices just a couple of hours earlier, were gently put through their paces by skipper Martin Ross, who managed to get even the previously nervous Kate on the helm shouting "Ready about, lee ho!" and taking her turn at winching in the gib. So keen was she on the sailing and the après sail that she was definitely looking to join the club in some capacity.

The visitors were then welcomed back up at the club with a barbecue, lovingly cooked by Davena Green and Clive Nicolls, with Sue Foster and Mary Fomison playing the part of the lovely serving wenches! And of course the visitors were also welcome to purchase the odd drink or three from the yacht club's fine new bar.

All those who took part were given three months temporary free membership and it is highly likely that some may go on to apply for full membership, as one junior member did on the day.

Steve Stokes praised all those who helped to make the day such a success. He thanked all of the volunteer skippers, and pointed out that as well as those who helped with the catering, Mike and Jo Brand, Judy Person, Terri Booth and Elizabeth Anderson all carried out various admin tasks including registering people on the day. Frank Martin and Katie Lippington also did a sterling job in publicising the event. After all, there is little point organising a day like this if nobody turns up. Special thanks also went to Melanie in the office. "Melanie was a great help especially in the final week leading up to the event, when she kept me updated on a daily basis as to the number of people registering online. It was an excellent all round club effort," Steve said.

The next Open Day will be held on Saturday 10th July, so please pass the word to anyone you know who might be interested in giving sailing a try. And keep your fingers crossed for some more good weather!

Joanne Ross

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.

ATTENTION ALL WALKERS!!!!

The Temple Ramblers are invited to take part in a 5-mile circular walk led by Lindy Tweddell on **Saturday 19th June**. We will meet at the village of Ash in the car park on New Street. The walk will start at 11.30 and there will be a break for Lunch at The Black Pig Pub, Barnsole. It is predicted that the whole walk taking approx four hours. It is a lovely walk but regretfully it is not suitable for children under the age of ten years as there are a number of stiles to negotiate and the terrain is quite challenging (furrowed fields, etc). A donation of £5 per person would be appreciated - proceeds being given to a local community project. Please contact Lindy on 01843 592552 lintweddell@yahoo.co.uk for further details.

TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY

Match played 19 May 2010

Winners:

Bill Crawford	37 points (Cut 2)
Richard Sparrow	29 points (Cut 1)

Nearest the pin:

Richard Sparrow	On the 5 th Hole
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Nearest the pin 2:

Ronny Vaughan	On the 18 th Hole
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Players:

Bill Crawford
Douglas Hack
Peter Jackson
Stella Matsubara
Tim Peacock
Rod Oates
Derek Smith
Richard Sparrow
Ron Vaughan

Commentary:

There were nine players for the May competition. The weather was brilliant; bright sunshine with temperatures reaching 27 centigrade (if we can believe the thermometer on Ron's golf caddy). A good day for golf and no sign of any volcanic ash over Westgate.

Under the new revised handicap rule for low handicap players Ron Vaughan gets another shot back. See the Eclectic Sheet for all current handicaps.

Next Templers Meeting

Wednesday 16 June 2010 @ 09.30

Anyone wishing to play please ring

***Douglas Hack
01843 582297***

ENTERTAINMENT DIARY 2010

11 June	Scalextric Racing & Supper
10 July	Open Day / Official Bar Opening Party
16-21 August	Ramsgate Week, Entertainment TBA
4 September	Inter Club Quiz Night CANCELLED
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

SCALEXTRIC RACING & SUPPER Friday 11 June 2010

***Thai Food Supper - £10 per head
Proceeds to the RNLI
PLEASE BOOK !!***

300 CLUB – MONTHLY DRAW

May 2010

£25	N ^o 68	Mr S King
£50	N ^o 205	Mr R Oates
£100	N ^o 81	Mrs J Clements
£200	N ^o 13	Mr S Flegg
£175 (Snowball)	N ^o 236	Mr D Lawson (not present)

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