

# TEMPLE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

## COMMODORE'S BLOG

This month I am pleased to announce that Elizabeth Anderson has agreed to take on the role of Entertainments Chairman. Last month I meant to say we were looking for a member to lead our entertainments committee and well done Elizabeth for stepping up to the mark.

We had a wonderful evening with our local RNLI team attended by 85 people and Ian Cannon was presented with a 20 year service badge which is quite an achievement as a volunteer; even more appropriate when presented by Ron Cannon.

For those of us who have shown no interest in starting to get the boat ready the time is here now (myself included). Within 4 weeks our season starts again and it's time for painting and bottom scrubbing to commence.....

I would like to congratulate our Hon House Officer and her team on completion of our dining room refurbishment project. The room looks great and the air conditioning is a big improvement and we just need to work out how to use it now.

For those of you that were not able to attend Jeremy Batch's talk on London Docks you missed a very informative evening. Having seen how successful it was we hope to now put on a series of such evenings. Thank you to the cruising section for taking the initiative and organising this evening.

**Mike Brand**

## NEWS FROM THE HOUSE OFFICER

The redecoration of the Dining Room was completed on time and I'd like to thank Rick Archer for his very able assistance with the project. We are awaiting the return from the restorer of the large painting and light which hang at the far end of the room when we will also reorganise the rest of paintings and complete all the finishing touches. I hope you will agree with me that the room now looks very fresh and bright and complements the Bar perfectly.

Refurbishment of Bedrooms 2 and 3 will be started soon. Other projects soon to be undertaken include the resurfacing of the terrace.

I would be very pleased to receive any comments or suggestions from Members regarding improvements to the Club you would like to see take place in the future.

**Judy Pearson**

## RAMSGATE WEEK – STOP PRESS

We already have four yachts entered including the following two newcomers:

Sail No	Yacht Name	Type	Class	Owner	Club
5514	<i>Uforea</i>	UFO 31	5	Ted Rea	Humber Yawl Club
7275	<i>Captain Jack</i>	J 109	1	Bert Visser	W.V. Flacquee

Keep up with the current entries via the link and, remember, **discounted entry fees finish end of May:**

[http://www.rtyc.com/ramsgate\\_week2011/rwentriesos.html](http://www.rtyc.com/ramsgate_week2011/rwentriesos.html)

**Paul Woodward**

## ENTERTAINMENT DIARY 2011

16 April	Cruiser & Fitting Out Supper
14 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

### *Mothers Day Lunch*

**Sunday 3 April 2011**

**1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

3 course carvery: £14.50 per head  
Children (aged 10 and under) £10.00 per head

### *Cruising and Fitting Out Supper*

**Saturday 9 April 2011**

**7.30 for 8.00 p.m.**

£19.00 per head

Dress: Reefers

**Please book at the Bar  
or call 01843 591766 or**

**Email: [carol.jackson@rtyc.com](mailto:carol.jackson@rtyc.com)**

### *Watch this space:*

Don't forget to join us in the Club to celebrate the  
**Royal Wedding**

on

Friday 29 April 2011

Further details to follow

## RTYC NAVIGATION SCHOOL

### **FIRST AID COURSE**

Saturday 26 March 2011

9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

In the Hold Bar

£50 per person

### **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**  
07891 334585 or email [anderson.e@btinternet.com](mailto:anderson.e@btinternet.com)

**JAZZ NIGHT AT THE  
ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB  
WITH THE TEMPLE JAZZ BAND  
IN THE MAIN BAR ON SATURDAY 2 APRIL 2011  
8.30 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT  
Share a Glass of Wine and Nibbles  
with Dick and Bev Smith  
on their 40th Wedding Anniversary**

## HARBOUR NEWS/INFORMATION

News from Rob Brown, our Harbour Master:

- 15<sup>th</sup> March: Dredging will start in the western gully so the whole area has a 2.2 metre minimum depth
- End of March: Number 1 berth is being dredged for London Array and will spend time on the entrance to the Royal Harbour

**Paul Woodward**

## NEWS FROM REAR COMMODORE SAIL

Firstly, I would like to clear up some confusion over my recent communication about first aid at sea. The information was imparted in good faith but is incorrect. There is not yet a mandatory requirement to have a valid first aider on board however, the rules state –

### **ISAF OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS Extract for Race Category 3 & 4 Monohulls JANUARY 2010 - DECEMBER 2011**

6.05.3 At least one member of the crew shall be familiar with First Aid Procedures, hypothermia and relevant communications systems (see OSR 6.02.7, 6.03.4)

**But you will find some Notice of Races with RORC and EAORA Offshore Races that they insist on a minimum 2 people on board needing a First Aid certificate, on certain races. So when entering races check the "Notice of Race" look at paragraph "Rules" or "Safety" where it will tell you which safety category you will Race under and any addition requirements.**

I Hope this clears up any confusion. Please do consider attending a course, as it may well one day be beneficial, or indeed save someone's life. The first course is being run March 26<sup>th</sup>, contact Elizabeth Anderson for further details, 07891 334575.

Many of our racers are now to be found in the boat park at the weekend, feverishly working on their boats ready for the new season; let's hope we have some decent weather soon, to enable us to be ready for April 3<sup>rd</sup>!

I look forward to seeing you on the water!

**Bob Booth**

## 2011 CRUISING PROGRAMME

14-20 March	Sail Week – Gibraltar Get experience on an <i>Atlantic 55</i>
April	Cruising Supper (date tbc)
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)

### CRUISING NEWS

It was with some trepidation that this first gathering of the planned series of 'Interest Talks' was organised by the Cruising Section. What a surprise; sixty members and their guests turned up. We were able to enjoy the newly decorated Dining Room for a fascinating presentation given by Jeremy Batch, a lock keeper at the Limehouse Lock in the heart of the old London Docks.

The two-hour talk told *The Story of London's Docks*; the East India, West India, London, The Royals, Surrey, etc. It also covered some history of London's Rivers, the Romans, Alfred and the Danes, the first locks, the East India Company, the Jamestown expedition, and the Blitz. Who would believe that the floating 'wave barriers', used for the Normandy landings, were conceived in a bath with Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten and Winston Churchill observing the experiment! These massive structures were to be built 'in secret' in the South Dock, now a marina.

During the interval Denys Tweddell amused the audience with a short story of a Sir William Curtis, the son of a Ramsgate baker, who invested in the rapidly growing London Docks, became rich and then Lord Mayor of London. Sir William lived in West Cliff and sailed his yacht *Emma* from Ramsgate with George IV (there is a picture of Emma from the fireplace in the Bar). The Temple Yacht Club (as we were known in those days) was built on the lawn of Sir William's house, so the club has an interesting connection with London's Docks.

The event raised £130 towards the 'Pirate Castle' charity, an outdoor activities centre for young people on Regents Canal in Camden, London of which Jeremy Batch is a strong supporter. Thank you.

We hope to arrange a further talk in the autumn and look forward to seeing you there. Finally, many thanks to Neville Petts for organising this successful event and expounding on the merits of joining the Cruising Association!

Sail Gibraltar: Five of us are off to Gib on the 14<sup>th</sup> March for a week's sailing. I will report back on how it went. There's still room for a couple more crew so ring me 07966 932890 if you wish to join us.

The next function is the Cruising & Fitting-Out supper on 9<sup>th</sup> April – I hope to see you there.

**Nigel Collingwood**

## TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY Match played 16 February 2011

### Winners:

Ronnie Vaughan	30 points (Cut 2)
David Say	29 points (Cut 1)

### Nearest the pin:

David Say	On the 5 <sup>th</sup> Hole (but not awarded as he has to take the cut for 2 <sup>nd</sup> place)
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### Nearest the pin 2:

John Barratt	On the 8 <sup>th</sup> Hole
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### Players:

John Adkin	Tim Peacock
John Barrett	David Say
Bill Crawford	Derek Smith
Peter Jackson	Anna Turner
Rod Oates	Ron Vaughan

### Commentary:

This month's match was played in almost spring like conditions, dry and really quite warm when the sun shone.

Ten competitors turned up for this match including our new recruit, Rod Oates's sister, Anna whose handicap requires immediate attention.

There was to have been a ladies' prize for nearest the pin in two at the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole but, unfortunately, as there was only one lady competitor, this prize will have to wait for another occasion.

Overall, the scores were very close with only two points separating the first six players.

**Next Templers Meeting**  
**Wednesday 16 March 2011 @ 09.30**  
Anyone wishing to play please ring  
**Ronnie Vaughan**  
**01843 864435**

### 300 CLUB – MONTHLY DRAW

No February Draw took place – two this month!

Please send any contributions for compilation into the next issue or comments, etc to Sue Foster at  
[sueandtommyfoster@googlemail.com](mailto:sueandtommyfoster@googlemail.com)