

TEMPLE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

COMMODORE'S BLOG

The building works for Phase 1 of Project 2010 have now been successfully completed and we have returned to business as usual.

Yachting

We are already heavily into our sailing season and there are some away successes to report. John Barrett's new First 35, strangely named *Stiletto*, has finished a joint second in the Warsash Spring Series).

Xwaves finished first, winning all four races, in the X-35 class and winning the X-Yachts Solent Cup overall over the first Bank Holiday weekend.

Back at home the Cruiser Class, using the new RTYC handicap, has seen a variety of winners in the club series and this class is now becoming highly competitive. Nick Wright on *Impulse* has now won two races in the newly created Class 4.

Open days

We have two open days scheduled this year on 5th June and 10th July. Steve Stokes is putting together a programme for each day and we hope to attract new members on both days. There will be an introduction to sailing and a barbeque and plenty of socialising taking place on both days so please diary this in as a good time to come and enjoy your club.

Harbour

A recent general committee initiative has resulted in the formation of new and stronger representative group "Ramsgate Harbour Impact Group" chaired by Hugh Cripps. This group is established in order to form a cohesive, single voice at council level and is made up of representatives from RTYC, Fisherman, local residents, RTC and traders all of whom have a strong interest in the prosperity of the Royal Harbour. A meeting with the Council took place at the end of April and a full dredging programme for the Western Marina has been agreed and is to be actioned in May. In the Eastern Marina dredging and repairs will take place to ensure this area is restored to a useable area for the commercial vessels working inside the marina areas, again this action is to be in May and in time for the race from Ostend on 13th May. The group and the council have agreed that a closer partnership is of significant benefit and will be holding regular meetings to discuss progress on all harbour related matters.

Mike Brand

NEWS FROM THE HON SEC

Dairies 2010-2011

Low and behold the 2010 diaries have now arrived! They are currently available in the TV lounge arranged in alphabetical order for local members to collect. In about 10 days I will post the remainder. The diaries are dated until end of March 2011.

Coats and Sailing Bags

The new layout of the club is not enhanced by coats and sailing bags being left on the floor in the hallway or TV lounge. On the first Sunday of May it was very wet and the racing fleet came home drenched and, I guess in an effort to get to the bar quickly, many people abandoned their gear immediately on entering the club. I would ask all skippers to remind their crew, particularly the newer participants, that we have a cloak room downstairs with hanging rails and plenty of space for bags and changing. A new sign has been hung in the hallway to jog your memory.

I would ask **all members, their guests, sailors and others to use the cloak room facility downstairs at all times.**

Visitors

Visiting yachtsmen are now beginning to come to the club and all marvel at our new appearance. May I ask all members to offer our guests a hearty welcome, ask about their trip, their boat, etc and make them feel a part of our new look. We need them to spread the word about the revival and regeneration of the RTYC.

Summer PR Campaign & Membership Drive Members' Incentive

Trevor Drury, The newly appointed Membership "DRIVE" Organiser, has fired his first shot in a campaign which will run all summer and include Club Open days on 5th June and 10th July (which will incorporate the New Bar Opening). Ramsgate Week is also a focal point.

The first gun is £50 credited to a member's Gold Card when they introduce a new member. No strings! SIMPLE

On a personal note I would like to thank my crew for achieving, with me, a fantastic result in our first major regatta in *Stiletto*; joint 2nd in class in the Warsash Spring Series in the Solent (see overleaf).

The boat is nearly back home; we have had to moor in Dover as there is not enough depth in Ramsgate. "Shame on you TDC"

John Barrett

What a Spinnaker!

John Barrett and Paul Woodward are very pleased with the result of *Stiletto's* first outing in a major regatta. The Warsash Spring Series is the opening event in The Solent and they were competing in a 30 boat fleet in a tight handicap band. After 5 races during March and April they finished joint 2nd, reduced to 3rd on count-back

Quote from web site:

It was a topsy-turvy day in IRC3. The only leading contender to record a decent finish was the new First 35 *Stiletto* (John Barrett/Paul Woodward) in fourth place. The race was won by Mike Bridges in the Elan 37 *Elaine* and this result pulled him up to fourth overall in the series. The pre-race leaders *Juno X34* (Charles Wittam) and *Jika-Jika J97* (Mike and Jamie Holmes) finished well down the fleet but were able to retain first and second places overall. *Stiletto* was unlucky to finish on the same points as *Jika-Jika* only to lose out on count-back.

Full details:

<http://www.warsashspringseries.org.uk/>



CRUISING

The next cruising activity is assisting the Dunkirk Little Ships cross the channel on the 27th of May. We have so far 6 yachts participating in this event with some yachts already allocated to escort certain Little Ships.

With so many yachts crossing the channel at once, let's all hope they can comply with the Cole regs. A yachtsman recently was fined £20,000 with costs of £5,300 after he was caught sailing in the wrong direction in the channel traffic separation scheme. Good luck to all the Dunkirk Little Ships on their 70th anniversary trip.

Nigel Collingwood
Rear Commodore Cruising

National Historic Ships Photography Competition 2010

This year, for the first time, National Historic Ships is running an exciting, new photographic competition in partnership with *Classic Boat* magazine. The competition has four categories and encourages entries from all those with an interest in maritime heritage, including school children, historic vessel owners, maritime enthusiasts and those with knowledge of traditional skills or nautical techniques.

There is a monetary prize of £1,000 for the overall competition winner, to be spent on a theme or activity involving a vessel from the National Register of Historic Vessels. Other prizes include camera equipment for schools, events on historic vessels, skills training and a 2-year subscription to *Classic Boat*. The winners will also be invited to our awards ceremony.

Browse the competition pages to find out more about the competition, search for a historic vessel in your local area, view our judging panel or upload your best photographs. The competition will run from 01 March to 31 July 2010, so get snapping and submit your entries for a chance to be this year's winner.

www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk

DUNKIRK EVACUATION ANNIVERSARY

The following is the latest programme we have for Ramsgate's *Dynamo Day 2010*

Wednesday 26 May

1200 Service at Sailors Church

Parade of historic vehicles from the 1940's

1300 Lunch at the Tiffany Suite, the Oak Hotel, with special guests

1425 Flypast by RN Fairey Swordfish

1430 Inspection and Blessing of Dunkirk Little Ships

1700 Mayor's Reception - Customs House

1800 Sea Cadets

1830 Press Conference at Oak Hotel

1900 1940's theme night at the Belgium Bar with Tony Lesurf and *Fours a Crowd*

Drinks at the RTYC for guests

2200 Fireworks

Thursday 27 May

0700 Little Ships Depart with escort

ALL BOATS IN THE HARBOUR HAVE BEEN ASKED
TO DRESS OVERALL

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.

TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY

Match played 21 April 2010

Winners:

Peter Jackson 37 points (Cut 2)
Eddie Beale 35 points (Cut 1)

Nearest the pin:

John Barrett On the 5th Hole

Nearest the pin 2:

Eddie Beale On the 18th Hole (sorry Roger...)

Players:

John Barrett
Eddie Beale
Bill Crawford
Roger Green
Douglas Hack
Peter Jackson
Tim Peacock
Rod Oates
Ron Vaughan

Commentary:

There were nine players for the April competition. The weather was, once again, very good with clear blue skies, sunshine and very little wind. A good day for golf and no sign of any volcanic ash.

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 19 May 2010 @ 09.30

Anyone wishing to play please ring

**Douglas Hack
01843 582297**

SPONSORED SLIM

(see last month's issue for details)

Sheila Jones is asking for more sponsors to support her slim in aid of the Commodore's Charity. If you wish to sponsor her please contact her at : swerry@aim.com

ENTERTAINMENT DIARY 2010

14 May	Michel Jonette Party Night
11 June	Scalextric Racing & Supper
16-21 August	Ramsgate Week, Entertainment TBA
4 September	Inter Club Quiz Night
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

CLUB OPEN DAYS

5 June
10 July

MICHEL JONETTE PARTY NIGHT Friday 14 May 2010

**with up to 60 yachts coming over from the
Royal North Sea Yacht Club, Ostend**

**BBQ from 19:00 - £9 or €10
Music by *Region 101* from 20:30**

B there or B ☐

SUNDAY LUNCH CARVERY

Sunday 23 May 1pm – 4 pm

Sunday 30 May 1pm – 2:30pm
(fully booked from 3pm)

plus 300 Club Draw at 3pm

Please book early : 01843 591766

300 CLUB – MONTHLY DRAW

April 2010

£25	N ^o 22	Mrs E Barrett
£50	N ^o 72	Mrs J Koumbas
£100	N ^o 167	Mrs J Wallen (Ross)
£200	N ^o 170	Mrs S Foster
£150 (Snowball)	N ^o 10	Mr M J Carter (not present)

(a good day for the girls!)

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