

TEMPLE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

COMMODORE'S BLOG

A few RTYC General Committee members were invited by Jonathan Steele to a very impressive St Georges lunch at the Watermen and Lightermen's Club in the City of London. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all – see *John's Report and the photo below*.

Jane Smith organised a "Ramsgate in the Blitz" film show which was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Still more film nights to come at the club – see *Entertainments*.

Gary Lewis brought a very capable team for the Easter rugby sevens tournament at Thanet Wanderers and RTYC emerged the victors for the third year running. We even had three **genuine** RTYC members playing this year and Gary is still dining out on his try.

Stiletto won the class 3 title in the Warsash Spring Series amid a very competitive fleet in the Solent.

At home racing is well underway, we have more boats on the water than last season which is excellent news and we also had light winds during most of April. May brought an immediate change in the weather and most of us who were sailing over the Bank Holiday weekend are now nursing our bruises and aching backs.

Last month I asked if there was a member who would like to take on the updating of our websites. Nobody has come forward just yet so I will ask again this month. Our web sites at rtyc.com and ramsgateweek.com are in the process of being redeveloped and we are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to take on the updating and content management of both of these sites. There is a full content management solution with the new sites so it does make it more of an editorial position than a programming role. If you feel you would like to have a go please let me know.

Mike Brand



Photo - from left to right: Peter Mair, RTYC Gen Com; Judy Pearson, RTYC House Officer; Mike Brand, RTYC Commodore; The Master, Duncan Clegg; Jonathan Steel, John Barrett, RTYC Hon Sec; Paul Ludwig, Senior Warden Master Elect; Frank Martin, RTYC Vice Commodore; Alan Parker, Beadle

NEWS FROM THE HON SEC

Commodore and some of the Officers were invited to the St Georges Day luncheon in the historic Livery Hall of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames. The invitation was extended by Jonathan Steel who has been a frequent visitor to the RTYC with Sarah Searle who is the daughter of Charlotte Corbett. (Charlotte is the widow of Pat Corbett who was a club Trustee whom I remember fondly for his generosity with his snuff box at general committee meetings some twenty years ago.) Incidentally, prior to the meal we meet an old friend of Gordon Greenfield who regaled us of stories of him and Gordon when they were lads at Sea Training School.

Our party was enthusiastically received and we would appear to have been the principle guests. The meal was fantastic and the wines and port flowed endlessly. The lively speaker, Capt Stephen Tyler RN had us in fits of laughter with seafaring tales from his years at sea.

After the lunch we adjourned to a nearby pub for a late afternoon pint before boarding the fast train back to Ramsgate.

From ancient times the Thames has been a main highway for moving people and goods from the Estuary to London and beyond. The use of ferries was the only link across the River before the building of the first London Bridge by the Romans. This was the first blow to the Watermen's profession. However evidence of the importance of the River was provided by Stow, who in his survey of 1598 related that some 40,000 men earned a living on or about the River. The Act of 1514 passed by Parliament regulated the fares charged on the Thames. However the Watermen who carried passengers continued to act independently and an Act of 1555 appointed the Rulers of all Watermen and Wherryemen working between Gravesend and Windsor, thus the Company was born. The Act of 1555 also introduced apprenticeships for a term of one year for all boys wishing to learn the watermen's trade and this was extended to seven years by a further Act in 1603. The Act of 1827 was very important, as, for the first time, the Company of Watermen became completely independent and a corporate body with its' own seal. The present Hall dates from 1780 and remains the only original Georgian Hall in the City of London. It was designed by William Blackburn and is a perfect example of eighteenth century domestic architecture. The Hall was extended in 1983 to include a more substantial dining and meeting facility, the Freeman's Room, which blends in perfectly with the intimate atmosphere of the Court Room, the Silver Room and Parlour to form a suite of rooms that are both elegant and adaptable to modern day requirements.

John Barrett

NEWS FROM THE HOUSE OFFICER

The new plasma screen in the main Bar was used to full effect for the Royal Wedding watched by champagne-quaffing members drinking a toast to the 'happy couple' – a lovely atmosphere and another great occasion in the Club.

In our continuing upgrade upstairs, Clive has completed the refurbishment of the bathroom of Bedroom 2, upgrading this into a very smart shower room.

With the summer fast approaching, we are now about to spruce-up the Terrace in readiness for alfresco drinking and dining in the sunshine (hopefully!).

The re-arrangement of our paintings and prints throughout the Club is still ongoing – this is a long and extensive reorganisation.

Judy Pearson

ENTERTAINMENT DIARY 2011

27 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

Film Night - Friday 13 May

Ramsgate in the Second World War Part 1
1938 to 1940 "Preparations"
In aid of the Commodore's Charity
at the Royal Temple Yacht Club
the third in our popular series on Ramsgate's history
a presentation in contemporary pictures, music, speeches and film

Friday 13th May 2011
7:30 pm for 8:00 pm start
£3:50 per person including buffet

Friday 27 May

Scalextric Racing & Supper Evening

Starting at 7:30 p.m.

with Thai Food being served at 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 3 June

Michel Jonette Party Night with BBQ

Please note the following new item in your diary:

Cruising Section's Meeting Series

Thursday 6th October at 07:30 for 08:00hrs

The Speaker is once again Jeremy Batch who will present

The History of Navigation 2,000 BC to 2020

RTYC NAVIGATION SCHOOL

2011 – 2012 COURSES

YACHT MASTER OCEAN

Commencing Monday 10th October 2011

DAY SKIPPER

Commencing Tuesday 11th October 2011

YACHT MASTER

Commencing Wednesday 12th October 2011

The cost of each course is £225 which includes your RYA course materials and examination fees

To enrol on any of the above courses either leave your contact details in the office, telephone [Elizabeth Anderson](tel:07891334585) on 07891 334585 or email anderson.e@btinternet.com

2011 CRUISING PROGRAMME

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
6th October	The History of Navigation 2,000 BC to 2020 – Speaker: Jeremy Batch
November	Social Evening (date tbc)

NEWS FROM REAR COMMODORE SAIL

The new season has finally got underway, with most boats taking to the water at some time during April.

Our first offshore race to Gravelines took place over the Easter weekend, with five boats attempting to start and overcome the tide with the extremely light wind conditions. With no change forecast *Magnum* took the initiative and resorted to horsepower, though this, I think, was to ensure a prime mooring once over the other side! Their peace was shattered however when the rest of us arrived and, with the exception of *Cheeky Monkey*, *Marlene*, *Manyana* and *Eroica* all rafted up to *Magnum*.



Pictured are Phillippe Delassus and RCS exchanging burgees at Gravelines, Easter weekend.

We all enjoyed a splendid drinks reception at the yacht club, and I have agreed to involve their club in a future race, and to return their very generous hospitality.

We held a mini regatta over the May Bank Holiday weekend, in conditions quite the reverse of the previous weekend. This, I think, put off many crews. However Commodore Mike Brand was officer of the day Saturday and set a course to the Broadstairs Knoll, and then East Brake and finish. *X-Waves* took line honours followed by *Marlene* and *Surprise*, with *Eroica* doing the business in the cruiser class.

With the wind in the same direction on Sunday, officer of the day, Graham Jones, had little choice in selecting a course, particularly since we had not been able to site the RTYC race marks the previous week due to the weather. We therefore ran the same course as Saturday, with *X-Waves* taking line honours, followed by *Marlene*, who took first position on handicap. *Eroica* took the prize for the weekend in cruiser class with *X-Waves* taking second overall for class 1 & 2 with *Marlene* first overall on count back.

Congratulations go to John Barrett and Paul Woodward and their crew for winning the Warsash spring series in their First 35 *Stiletto*. They won the series with a race to spare, beating off competition from the X-Yachts factory-entered X-34.

I know that some of you are heading off for events elsewhere, and wish you all luck in representing the RTYC. We cannot expect support and entries from other clubs unless we make an effort ourselves to attend different regattas. Please bear in mind the Ostende to Ramsgate race June 2nd. We will be holding a Euro regatta with two races June 3rd, followed by a BBQ and live music in the club. Saturday June 4th is the feeder race to Boulogne, as a taster for the Cote D'Opale regatta.

Bob Booth

TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY

Match played 20 April 2011

Winners:

Douglas Hack 39 points (Cut 2)
Stella Matsubara 35 points (Cut 1)

Nearest the pin at Hole No 14)

Rod Oates

Winning Team with the Juice Ball:

Douglas Hack, Rod Oates, Roger Green

Players:

John Barrett	Stella Matsubara
Hugh Cripps	Rod Oates
Roger Green	Tim Peacock
Douglas Hack	Florence Sparrow
Peter Jackson	Ron Vaughan

Commentary:

This month's match was played in summer-like conditions, brilliant sunshine and temperatures of about 25°C. Doug's winning score was a very impressive 39 pts which no doubt helped his team win the Juice Ball prize. (One of the three Juice Ball teamsask John Barrett). A turnout of 10 players was quite good given that at least four of our members were on holiday, one had a bad back and another was helping a relative move house.

Next Templers Meeting

Wednesday 18 May 2011 @ 09.30

Anyone wishing to play please ring

Ronnie Vaughan

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300 CLUB – MONTHLY DRAW

April 2011

£25	N ^o 38	Mr D Smith
£50	N ^o 205	Mr R Oates
£100	N ^o 17	Mr A England
£200	N ^o 168	Mrs M Fomison
£75 (Snowball)	N ^o 105	Mr T Smith (absent)