

# TEMPLE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

## COMMODORE'S BLOG

October brought a close to the summer that we almost didn't have this year. Some of our best days out on the water took place when normally we would all be wrapped up in our warm gear. If this is climate change it certainly made October one of the more memorable months this year.

2011 has seen RTYC start to promote the Academy in order to attract some new members to take up our on the water activities in Ramsgate. We threw the net out into the local community via schools, colleges and local business with a view to alerting potential academy members of the opportunity to come and be properly trained at RTYC. It has been a slow start hindered when we had to cancel one of our open days due to the weather. However, 2011 has been useful as an awareness year and one that from the feedback we have received has confirmed that

- a) it won't be easy, and
- b) there is a market for the Academy locally.

Our name is now out there and we are ready to review and to step up our academy activities in 2012. The academy model is not new and has been pioneered by the Royal Southern Yacht Club. They were equally hindered with a slow start to their initiative. Now some years later it is thriving and they are reaping the benefits with new members and increased youth activity.

For us the next step is to look at forming a charitable trust fund that will over time be able to be used to support some of the Academy members' activities. This is, of course, an item that requires members' support and this year we feel we have sufficient detail to bring this initiative to the AGM for members to vote upon. I thought it would be useful to give members a preview of the purpose for this fund in advance of the AGM. The Royal Southern Yacht Club has received a considerable level of donations into their charity trust fund and they have used this for supporting academy members in their

activities. Academy members have to apply to the board of the trust fund and are required to put forward a case as to why they should receive funding from the trust. We would seek to follow the same direction with our trust fund and this can only be a good thing for promoting the sport of sailing and motor boating in Ramsgate. Our trust fund would have its own board members and would report to the AGM on its activities and produce its own accounts each year.

Please do send feedback and ask any questions on this. We will be tabling the formation of the trust to the AGM next month. A full proposal document will be enclosed with the AGM papers and this will provide a more in depth detail on the requirements of such a fund.

Finally I hope that you have all had a great 2011 season. With the AGM taking place next month if you want to take an active part in the decision making process at RTYC you need to sign up to join the committee. Now is the time when you should be giving this some consideration and get your application completed.

**Mike Brand**

## A REMINDER FROM THE HON SEC

Subscriptions were due on 1st October and I would like to thank the members who have paid and ask for your patience if you have not received your new Gold Cards which will be your perpetual membership and discount bar cards. The change-over process is very time consuming and cards are being sent out in batches.

I would also urge members who have not paid to remit their subscriptions urgently as the RTYC handbook will be going to press very soon.

**John Barrett**

## SAILING SEASON REPORT

2011 will be remembered by most of us sailors as a year of extreme weather; winds consistently above 25 knots or very little at all. I personally cannot recall having so many aborted trips due to the weather conditions.

Having said that, the Spring Series commenced with perfect conditions, and class 1 and 2 was won by Mike & Jo Brand with **X-Waves**. In class 3 & 4 it was Mick Ward with **Toucan** that took the honours.

Elsewhere, waving the flag for the Temple in the Warsash Spring Series was John Barrett's **Stiletto**, helmed by Paul Woodward. Congratulations go to John and his team for winning the series overall, a cracking endorsement for our club. **Stiletto** also recorded a 4<sup>th</sup> in class at Cowes week.

We ran a one-off regatta over the last weekend of April and, class 1 & 2 was won by **Marlene**, my own boat which is co-owned by Mark Dale & Chris Denby. Class 3 & 4 was won by Mark & Nicky Wrightson & Trevor Drury's **Eroica**.

The weekend before five boats attempted to sail to Gravelines, but with little wind we struggled to get across the start line, and in the end followed Martin & Jo Ross's example and resorted to horsepower. An excellent reception was held on our behalf at the yacht club, and enabled us to re-acquaint and forge new friendships.

**X-Waves** and **Marlene** took part in the annual Ostend to Ramsgate race in May in excellent conditions, with over forty entries. It was a shame that only two of our boats entered, and we must support these events if we are to continue to attract visitors to race in our waters. Few boats took part in the Euro Regatta due to the high winds and heavy seas but International Race Officer, Henri Antoine, ran two races followed by a barbeque and music in the bar after.

In class 1 & 2 the offshore series was won by **Marlene**, and in class 3 it was **Toucan** that took the honours.

In Class 1 & 2 the summer series was won by **Marlene**, class 3 by Hugh Cripps's **Sunbird** and class 4 the honours went to Rick Archer & Martin Gray's **Amelie**.

The evening series was a victim to the weather this year with only one race being run, the Neale Bowl being won by Mick Ward & **Toucan**.

Ramsgate Week received very favourable feedback from our competitors and we are continually striving to tweak and hone the format so as to appeal to a broad spectrum of classes. Our thanks go to our principle race officers Peter & Kay Rumbelow and the shore side support provided by Peter Holland from Broadstairs Sailing Club and our own race officer Terrie Booth. The success of the week is a direct

result of the excellent team of helpers that work tirelessly behind the scenes, under the expert guidance of the Ramsgate Week chairman Paul Woodward. There are too many of you to mention but you know who you are.

August Bank Holiday saw the second Dyson Dash hosted by Broadstairs Sailing Club, with two races being run and in fairly breezy conditions it was **Surprise** that took the honours in both races, followed by **Marlene** in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and **Scallywag** 3 in 3<sup>rd</sup> for class 1 & 2.

In class 3 the Autumn Series was won by Andrew Beaumont-Hope in **Principessa**, elsewhere however saw a fight to the death, with Martin & Jo Ross's **Magnum** and **Sunbird** owned by Hugh Cripps both on equal points. It was **Sunbird** that triumphed and took the championship. In class 1 & 2 our Commodore had already won the series with **X-Waves**, but took line honours in the last race, and **Amelie** won in class 4.

The ladies race was won by Ursula Vallis helming **Marlene** in the IRC class and Carine Bishop helming **Sunbird** in the cruiser class.

So the club championship winners for 2011 go to Mike & Jo Brand with **X-Waves** for class 1 & 2, Hugh Cripps with **Sunbird** for class 3 and Rick Archer & Martin Gray with **Amelie** for class 4.

As usual after the last race the racing crews sat down for an excellent lunch provided by The Galley, followed by some light entertainment and banter.

This was my first year as Rear Commodore Sail, and I have to say that the job has been made easier thanks to the support of the sailing committee, the Ramsgate Week Committee, the skippers for their assistance in providing support as OOD's, Broadstairs Sailing Club for their support throughout the year and also all the club staff and to Terrie, Karen, Jules, Rosemarie, new edition Meg, Caroline, Dave Peters, Dick Smith and Jeff Horton for their assistance in manning the race hut.

Any club is only as successful as ours thanks to the many hours that the various committee members and helpers put in, who give up their spare time to plan and organise our club racing, regattas and the various functions that are held throughout the year, and for this I thank you all.

**Bob Booth**  
**Rear Commodore Sail**

**OUR OWN POET LAUREATE, JOANNE ROSS,  
CAME UP WITH ANOTHER GEM TO ROUND-  
UP THIS YEAR'S SAILING SEASON:**

**RTYC RACING CREWS' LUNCH- 2011**

Just how difficult can it be?  
All you have to do is head out to sea  
Then sail around a few old buoys  
So why all the fuss and noise?  
Well it's not just sailing round some cans  
Our racing crews have other plans  
They like to put themselves to the test  
And show the world just who is best  
Why else, just as day is dawning  
Do they arise each Sunday morning?  
Head pounding from the night before  
After a pint of beer or four  
And wipe the sleep from their eyes  
And gaze upwards to the skies  
Come wind and rain, sunshine or hail  
These hardy folk get up and sail  
It surely justifies getting up  
To battle for the winner's cup  
Their camaraderie sure belies  
The battle for the champion's prize  
No one likes to be a loser  
Not even if you're in the cruiser  
Class, gentlemen racers, I don't think  
Given half the chance they'd sink  
Their rivals, Sunbird, Magnum and Toucan  
Arch enemies, to a man  
As to how Class One behaves  
Just look and Marlene and X-Waves  
It really is abundantly clear  
While Bob might well buy Mike a beer  
He and his crew are filled with a lust  
To leave that bloody boat for dust  
Poised to inflict a fatal blow  
We have the crew of Who's To Know  
And only the most unwise  
Would want to mess with yacht Surprise  
Trying to win with all their might  
Are the folk on Xpedite  
And a prize they'd surely love to bag  
For that cheeky yacht Scallywag  
Yes Sunday mornings could cut up rough  
It calls for someone strong and tough  
To keep these yachtsmen under control  
A job that calls for Marlene's moll!  
What better to keep proceedings smooth  
Than the sultry charms of Terry Booth?  
Her wish is every yacht's command

So fearsome is her reprimand  
And yet she's somehow firm but fair  
It would not be the same without her there  
And so another season ends  
Rivals can once again become friends  
We've braved all the elements could throw  
High winds, no winds, all bar snow  
And from all this emerge the winners  
To laud it at prize-giving dinners  
But losing boats should not lose heart  
It's really about the taking part  
So let's raise a glass and have a cheer  
To getting the bastards back next year!!

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30 October 2011

**RTYC NAVIGATION SCHOOL**

**VHF Radio Short Range Certificate Course  
(inc DSC)**

**To be held on**

**Thursday 17 November & Friday 18 November 2011  
19.00 to 21.30  
&  
Saturday 19 November 2011: 09.00 to 12.00**

**Course Fee £55.00**


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](mailto:anderson.e@btinternet.com)

## ENTERTAINMENT DIARY 2011

- 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

The **Murder Mystery Night** held last month was a big hit and well supported by members. Many thanks to Elizabeth and Carol for their excellent organisation and to the Galley for providing the delicious dinner. More unusual events would be very well received - **ideas and suggestions are always appreciated!**

*Club Party Night*  
*Disco & Buffett*  
*26<sup>th</sup> November*  
*7.30pm till late.*



*Dance to the sounds of Hebnan Ferrace*

**No need to book just bring your dancing shoes!**

### ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

## PRIZE GIVING

**3 COURSE**  
Game au Porto  
A taste of the country, venison, pheasant and duck with fine port wine.

Chicken Breast  
Filled with Mozzarella & Basil. Wrapped in Parma Ham, drizzled with Provencal Sauce.

Lemon Meringue  
cheese Cake  
.....  
Coffee & Mints

# 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011

## £20.00 pp.

7pm for 7.30pm

Enjoy this beautiful 3 course meal supplied by Custom Coffee House Catering.

To Book call 01843 591766 or email carol.jackson@rtyc.com

**4th December**  
**"AGM DAY CARVERY"**  
**£15.00 for 3 courses**

## Royal Temple Yacht Club New Years Eve Dinner

Menu

Poached Trio of Highland Salmon with a honeyed Mushroom on sage croutons

Rosemary dusted Roast Leg of New Zealand Lamb

Profiteroles with Hot Chocolate Sauce

Cheese & Biscuits  
Coffee

Crackers & Streamers  
£33.00ph  
**BOOKING NOW!!**  
Black Tie  
7pm for 7.30pm  
Call 01843 591766

### Royal Temple Yacht Club

#### Christmas Dinner Menu

Carrot & coriander Soup with Crusty Bread

Roast Turkey with all the trimmings

Christmas Pudding & Brandy Cream or Fruit Salad & Cream

Cheese Board  
Coffee & Mints

Booking Now £22.00pp





17<sup>th</sup> December 2011

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Black Tie



Book at the Bar or call the office on 01843 591766



## CRUISING NEWS

It was with confidence the Cruising Section organised the second meeting of the 2011 "Interest Talks" for members this October. The talk, given by Jeremy Batch on his return visit, was on the *Story of Navigation 2000BC – 2020AD*, a subject it was felt would be of interest to all 'sailors' whether racers or cruisers. Regrettably our confidence was unfounded, only 21 members managed to make the meeting. Last February the attendance was some 55.

However, this small group of attendees enjoyed a fascinating two hour talk on the origins of navigation, linking together over 4,000 years of navigational inventions and achievements, many of which we still use today. The navigational aids which we take for granted, whether used on land or sea were really exposed. The Babylonians developed the origins of the 360 degree compass, the world's second best-selling book was 'Navigation' by Evidis (you can guess the number one book) and wind directions were established in 100 BC.

Philosophers, mathematicians, scientists, explorers, adventurers and whole nations were expounded. The list is endless: the Polynesians, Tolamis, the Vikings, Columbus, Cabot, Magellan, Faraday, Slocum, Shackleton and Einstein, to name but a few. Our speaker skilfully integrated their sometimes heroic achievements without which the globe would be a very different planet. Even the 'GPS' and 'satellite phone' navigators have these to thank!

Regretfully, only £73.50 was raised for two charities, which will mean a re-appraisal of where we go from here for the format, style and content of future meetings.

Thanks to all the members who attended, to Elizabeth Anderson for her support and to Carol Jackson for her efficient organisation of the excellent new PA System and Projection Screen, astutely purchased by the club.

NEXT PLANNED MEETING:

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

Make a note in your Diary

**Neville Petts**  
**RTYC Cruising Section**

## THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE THAMES PAGEANT

*The following article appeared in the **London Evening Standard** on the 18 October and may be of interest to a number of members:*

### **Spectacular jubilee event three times oversubscribed Queen's Pageant on Thames is a Sell-Out**

More than 3,000 boats from across the world are vying to take part in a spectacular Thames pageant to mark the Queen's diamond jubilee.

Organisers have been overwhelmed by the level of interest, with the event already three times oversubscribed and a further rush expected before entries close at the end of the month.

Pageant master Adrian Evans said: "This will be the biggest pageant on the Thames since the reign of Charles II three and a half centuries ago."

Concerns for the safety of the Queen, 85, will see the central 35-metre sections of the 12 bridges the procession will pass beneath filled with a "human shield" of security-cleared representatives from some of her favourite charities, including Help For Heroes.

Further details emerged today of the preparations for the 1,000-boat pageant on **Sunday 3 June**, which is expected to attract crowds of 1.5 million and could cost up to £10 million, unless organisers can secure a £2 million VAT rebate.

The 75-minute procession will be led by the Queen and royal family in a barge specially adapted as a "royal" vessel for the event.

Boats from 92 countries, including entries from across the Commonwealth, will be chosen for their links to the Queen and the Thames. They will muster upstream between Chiswick and Wandsworth Bridges before processing at four knots from Battersea Bridges to Tower Bridge.

The Victoria and Chelsea Embankments will be closed to traffic to accommodate huge crowds, with Battersea Park another key location. The boats will disperse at King George V docks.

Up to 25 rehearsals are planned to ensure all vessels can cope with the Thames currents and safely navigate through the bridge arches.

The procession will begin with rowed boats – possibly including some Olympic rowers – followed by motorised vessels, longboats, working boats and private vessels. Some 30,000 spectators will be able to take part on board Thames river buses. Fifty giant screens will be erected along the riverbank.

Naval ships will gather east of Tower Bridge alongside tall ships forming an "avenue of sail", and the barge from the former Royal Yacht Britannia will take part.

Lord Salisbury, chairman of the Thames Diamond Jubilee Foundation, said "This is to say thank you to the Queen for 60 years of service."

**Sounds like an event not to be missed!**

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## Muscateer's Summer - Part 2 Three relaxing weeks in August after a disastrous first week

**A recap from the last issue.** *We had just brought the boat back from Port Camargue, where toilet hoses had been replaced, a new masthead windex had been fitted and a new domestics battery had been installed, but the car, which I had cycled back to La Grande Motte to collect two days previously, was now still in Port Camargue!. Our other disasters were a perished front tyre on the bicycle, an electric kettle that had blown up, a filling and half a tooth that I had lost and a big toe nail that had parted company from my toe. Now here's the rest of the holiday in more detail.*

It had taken us a whole week of disaster upon disaster to reach this stage, but with the boat now 'top-line' and completely ready for sailing, the bicycle and my tooth both mended and my toe, still well plastered, but healing nicely, we decided we owed ourselves a quiet and relaxing weekend, well almost! There was the little matter of collecting the car from Port Camargue! It was rather like one of those puzzles you see, with the Boat in the Marina at Grande Motte, the bicycle in the Boat Park on the far side of the Port and the car in Port Camargue. How do we get all three to the same place? Since Bev didn't drive the car (or the boat come to that), and wouldn't cycle the fold-up bike, it looked as though I would have to walk round to the Boat Park, have another hour's cycle ride back to Port Camargue and then fold the bike up and somehow fit it into an already full car boot. Then I thought of a possible simpler solution. I knew that fellow Club members, Mike and Caroline Richardson had arrived for a holiday in their caravan, based on the camp site just outside of La Grande Motte and I wondered if a quick phone call suggesting that they might like a little trip to Port Camargue could solve my problem. When I phoned Mike and explained my problem I heard Caroline's voice in the background "I told you it was Dick." When I asked what she meant, Mike explained that as they arrived at the camp site on Friday morning, they had seen someone on a bike cycling past and Caroline said "That looks like Dick on that bike" to which Mike had replied "Don't be silly, Dick on a bike this far from the Marina, you must be joking!" Once they had got over the shock of me cycling from Port Camargue, a lift by car was quickly arranged.

The next three weeks were busy but in a relaxing way. During the first week of August, apart from Mike and Caroline being in the vicinity, my sister Bev and Michael breezed into town to stay in Michael's apartment. We then had a round of birthdays to celebrate, Caroline's on July 30th, Bev's on August 7th, mine on August 11th and Sister Bev's on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Over the following few days these celebrations included a group meal at 'Le Quay', a Bar-B-Q at Michael's apartment and a meal at 'Le Cosa Nostra'.

During the second week, when sister Bev and Michael had returned to Bev's cottage in central France and Mike and Caroline had returned to the UK, we then looked forward to entertaining our 'Chief of Police' friend, Patrick, his wife Brigitte and their grand daughter Kellie, from Lyon, who were staying at Michael's apartment. This involved lunch time drinks at Le Delos Bar, another meal at Le Quay, (well somebody has to do it!), a day's sailing on 'Muscateer' and a visit to the apartment, ostensibly to make use of Michael's washing machine, but that visit also included beer, wine and a choice from four huge pizzas.

On the Friday of that week we had also pencilled in a visit to the Palavas Air Show which included the French equivalent of the Red Arrows. Palavas is a very busy holiday resort and port and because of limited parking, a visit by car was out of the question, but likewise the Marina is also very popular and

a berth for one or two nights would also be impossible. However, being only 6 miles down the coast we decided to sail down during the morning, anchor off for the afternoon and sail back in the early evening. The show was actually Friday and Saturday but we decided to try for Friday and if the weather wasn't good enough, we had the option of going on Saturday. But, like the weather we had experienced so far this holiday, Friday dawned with clear blue skies and very little wind. After our usual breakfast, a ham omelette, (or omelette jambon) we drifted down the coast and dropped anchor just after 12.00 off the main beach and just inshore of the buoyed area which was clearly marked out as an exclusion zone. After a light lunch and a glass or two of wine, we settled down with newspapers and reading books while awaiting the afternoon spectacular! The show was advertised to begin at 14.00, but like any French event that didn't happen. For the next hour and a half the only excitement, and also a huge source of amusement, was the Palavas Lifeboat screaming up and down the exclusion zone like a demented sheep dog trying to herd a recalcitrant flock. Yachts, motor cruisers and jet-skis were continually entering the zone from all points of the compass with the bowman on the lifeboat gesticulating wildly, as the French do, in a vain effort to keep it clear.

By 16.30 very little had happened as far as the air show was concerned and so we decided to up anchor and return to Grande Motte. Just as I started the engine the French display team arrived and being just outside the exclusion zone, as we had been all afternoon, we were in the perfect position. Their display was good, but not quite up to the standard of our Red Arrows. After the excitement of the afternoon we had a gentle drift back home, arriving at our marina at 18.30.

During the weekend La Grande Motte hosted their annual 'Thon (Tuna) Club' fishing competition. Several berths were cleared to make room for the 'weigh-in' but as the boats arrived and were checked, they all appeared to have empty boxes, not a Thon in sight! So, the next morning when the fishing fleet had put to sea, Bev and I walked round to study the competition results board, but we really couldn't understand it. Looking at the board it was obvious that the boat names, of which there were about 20, were in the left hand column and some of them had obviously caught a thon, and the size, some over a metre long, had been recorded in the right hand column. But we couldn't understand the two centre columns, one of which was headed '**Touche a**' and the other '**Casse**' and both had times written for some of the boats. As we were deliberating as to the meaning of these times in those two columns, one of the organisers came up and spoke to us and was delighted to explain in English what it all meant, as follows:

*"They do not bring the fish to shore, they must catch it, measure it, call us on the VHF for us to write it, then they must throw it back."*

*"Thank you" I said, "But what exactly do the headings in the two middle columns mean?"*

*"Ah 'Touche a' mean I 'ave caught the fish at this time and 'Casse' mean line broke, s\*\*t, f\*\*\*ing fish gone"*

He couldn't have explained it any clearer if he'd been English and now we understood the board completely, we chuckled our way to the Poseidon Bar.

Later that week we received a text from Judy Pearson saying that her and the girls were in the area, were we still local and able to receive visitors. The reply to both questions was yes because Bev and I always enjoy entertaining friends aboard. On the agreed day, Judy, the girls and four friends duly met us at the Poseidon for a lunchtime drink. From there we had lunch aboard Muscateer and then an afternoon sail around Aigues Morte Bay. It was late afternoon before Judy and her

party departed for what was probably going to be a very late evening meal back at their holiday base.

After Judy's visit, we had a few days to finish a few more 'just-jobs' on the boat before our next visitors, Jeff and Rose Horton, arrived for a ten day cruise. A report of that epic voyage to follow!

**Dick Smith**

### TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY Match played 21 September 2011

**Winners:**

John Adjub            cut 2  
Douglas Hack        cut 1

**Nearest the pin at the 14th**

David Say

**Players:**

John Adkin            John Barrett  
Hugh Cripps          Roger Green  
Douglas Hack        Rod Oates  
Tim Peacock          David Say  
Derek Smith

**Guest:**

Eddie Beale

### 300 CLUB – MONTHLY DRAW October 2011

£25	N <sup>o</sup> 99	Mr N Collingwood
£50	N <sup>o</sup> 146	Mr P Glover
£100	N <sup>o</sup> 175	Mr L Neilson
£200	N <sup>o</sup> 182	Mr & Mrs P Holland
£225 (Snowball)	N <sup>o</sup> 212	Mrs D Green (absent)

**Commentary:**

Ten players turned out on the 19th October. We teed off on a cold blustery autumnal day, the temperature rose throughout the morning and we finished in summer sunshine. The Westgate course was in excellent condition which certainly helped local member and guest Eddie Beale return the highest score of 35 Stapleford points playing off his Westgate handicap. The Templers winner was John Adkin followed by Doug Hack. A disappointed Rod Oates conceded nearest the pin to David Say. The absent Captain Ronnie Vaughan who is sunning himself in Portugal sent along a bottle of wine for the longest drive which was won by John Adkin who initially refused to have his shanked effort included in the competition, he was however, the only player's drive to stay on the fairway. A further bottle was available for lady players who were unusually absent.

**John Barrett**

*For details of the next Templers Meeting  
please contact **Ronnie Vaughan**  
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