

## COMMODORE'S BLOG

After all the wonderful sunshine and light breezes, Ramsgate Week proved that the British summer can never be relied upon.

Despite, or maybe because of, the weather an excellent week appears to be had by all. We have received many glowing reports from competitors and excellent coverage from the sailing media.

So please let me take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for their continuous support without which Ramsgate Week would not be the success it is.

I must also thank everyone involved in the organization and running of such a successful event.

Sorry it's just a short report this month but we departed Ramsgate in *Principessa* immediately after our committee meeting on Tuesday bound for the Solent, to avoid the worst of the weather. However, we still found ourselves beating into a Force 7 past Selsey Bill mid-

afternoon on Wednesday and soaked to the skin. We arrived in the Hamble in time for a quick, warming shower and a well-deserved pint in Banana Wharf.

For those of you who may not be aware, we are off on Sunday for a jaunt around the Fastnet Rock.

Hoping for fair winds.....

**Andy Beaumont-Hope**  
**Commodore**

### July 250 Club Draw

3pm

Sunday 6 August 2017

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## FAREWELL TO THE RTYC

Working at the club has been both rewarding and challenging and an overall education. I came from an admin background in insurance knowing nothing about sailing and the sea. At the end of what I had thought was a successful interview with Davena Green, Mike Brand and John Barrett -John asked "did I know what a Rib was?" I remember thinking at the time, was this man expecting me to be the first aider as well as running the office? Raising a finger I pointed to my rib cage, but he continued ... "have you got a Rib Licence?"

I later found out that they had met a very attractive lady in the Solent that could not only run the office but answered all the racing and cruising questions with ease and to top it all could be seen regularly with her blonde hair flowing in the wind whilst driving her Rib. No pressure then I thought! I went on to explain the nearest thing I had got to this was a ride on a pedalo at The Boating Pool. Feeling slightly worried that my office skills and dynamic personality were not going to replace the lack of 'on the water knowledge'. I was surprised when I was chosen for the job.

My first week soon presented all the usual challenges however it wasn't long before I started to get to grips with a whole new language - flag etiquette and nautical terminology.

Working along-side John, I noticed his screen saver picture and asked why he called his yacht Stiletto? I had recalled him admiring my 2.5 inch Russell & Bromley court shoes earlier in the week and didn't take much notice .... however, I wasn't expecting the answer of how he was partial to donning a pair of red stilettos occasionally - thinking he was joking we both laughed, then he asked "what size shoe are you?" Let's just say we got off on the right foot! Both a size 7.

So lots of good times and funny stories to remember and take with me including great friends and even a **lovely Husband**.

I will remember working at RTYC with fondness and pride and truly wish the club and all the officers and committee all the success in the future.

Lastly, thank you to all the members and my lovely team mates for my farewell pressies cards and warm wishes.

*Carol Stokes*



## AUGUST DIARY DATES

### Thursday 3rd August

Coffee Morning - 10am in the Bar

### Sunday 6th August

250 Club Draw -3:00pm in the bar

### Thurs 10th August

Cruising Social - 7.30pm in the Bar

### Thursday 17th August

RTYC Walking Group – Meet at 11am at

The Martime Museum

(see Page 7)

### Monday 28th August

### Broadstairs Sailing Club

invite you to the

### Dyson Dash Hospice Race

(details will be issued nearer the date)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Wow what a busy month July was with an extremely busy Ramsgate Week dominating a lot of it. I seem to have spent most of my time with my nose buried in my iPad so apologies if I bumped into any of you!!

The start of the month was dominated by the coverage of our yachts who were taking part in the Round the Island race, and this generated a large amount of photos for the competition. In fact the winner this month was a photo by Tina Strong from onboard yacht *Cobra*, which is below. A beautiful shot and well done to Tina.



This was followed by our cruisers summer cruise to Holland in June and July and I was kept busy posting their holiday snaps. It was great to follow their adventures. Here is a particularly lovely photo which sums up the atmosphere.



Some of our articles are just for the fun of it! And the most looked at (by over 1000 people!) and liked photo was taken by Jo Brand of her husband Mike receiving the adulation of his many fans after winning a Sunday race. Here he is, modest as ever!



Then on to Ramsgate Week!

I'm sure everyone will agree that we had the best of times. The club was rocking and I believe that the Friday evening, with people dressed as pirates and dancing to the Moments, was a record breaker in terms of bar takings! An incredible success!

The world of local newspaper reporting has changed, no longer do they send a photographer to cover an event. Instead they rely on us to contact them with the pictures and information. News is live and up to date with twitter providing excellent coverage. Thankfully we were able to supply them with videos from drones - thanks to the excellent Mike Bell, race reports compiled by Martin Law from yacht *Daylight Robbery* for *Yachts & Yachting* and brilliant on the water photos from photographer Nick Champion. So we had probably our best media coverage in the local newspapers that we have ever had. And the first year for a long time we were in *Yachts & Yachting* on a daily basis. The only thing we didn't get this year was the BBC, they were too busy interviewing the Ramsgate Festival team but thankfully they gave us a mention.

Below are a couple of photos from the regatta - there are hundreds more on the Ramsgate Week Facebook so have a look yourself, you never know there may be a picture of you!



## TEMPLE TEASER

Trivia with a nautical flavour

from Stuart Carter

Answers on Page 8



As always feel free to contact me if you wanted something promoted, and don't forget to send in your photos for August's competition.

Keep smiling! (you could be on candid camera!!)

**Karen**  
**Social Media**

**Jeff & Rosie Horton**  
**Kindly spruced up the terrace pots for**  
**Ramsgate Week**



1. In which Olympic Games did sailing first take place? a) 1896 b) 1900 c) 1908
2. Which renowned astronomical navigator lost part of his nose in a duel over a mathematical formula with a Danish nobleman?
3. Which drummer from an iconic 1960's pop group drowned in Marina Del Rey, LA, in 1963 and was buried at sea?
4. Who was rescued from the overturned hull of Exide Challenger in 9 January 1997
5. What is a Yawkyawk? a) a pregnant whale in Aboriginal mythology b) A large albatross-like bird in Aboriginal mythology c) A female character similar to a mermaid in Aboriginal mythology
6. On the Plimsoll line what do the letters TF mean?
7. On which European river does Lorelei's music lure sailors to their death? a) The Danube b) the Elba c) The Rhine
8. Which sailing trophy did London Jeweller Robert Garrard design?
9. Which country hosted the Olympic and Paralympic sailing competitions in 2008? 125
10. What was the name of the yacht that Robert Maxwell "fell" from in 1991?

# SAILING

## RAMSGATE WEEK AND CLUB RACING

Firstly some reflection on Ramsgate Week. All in all it has to go down as a great success, with growth in numbers on the water and record bar takings, which has to be the litmus test. It was a windy week which didn't suit everyone and required some flexibility from race management and competitors, but it was good to see that, barring the inevitable attrition on gear, most completed all the races.

A huge thanks to those club members and Broadstairs SC who helped to run the on the water side of things in the Race Hut and in the Committee Boat. It a common phrase, but it honestly wouldn't be possible without you.

It was great to get really good feedback from visiting clubs, notably Eastbourne, Dover, Grimsby and our Dutch friends. So we look forward to seeing them and hopefully some of their club members at next year's event.

This was my first Ramsgate Week as Rear Commodore Sail; I've come away having learned a huge amount but also with loads of ideas and inspiration for next year which will I think inevitably grow further.



**Cheers!**

**Dates for next year's Ramsgate Week are set as 22-27th July 2018** which will give much more benign tides than this year. So pen that in on the kitchen planner now before anybody 'accidentally' books a trip to Centreparks!

Looking forward to getting back to the relative calm of club racing, following the remaining Summer Series races we have an interesting August bank holiday weekend with the long awaited return to the red diesel friendly town of Calais on the 26th and the Dyson Dash Hospice Charity Race on Monday 28th. Both of which I expect to be accompanied by excellent après sail opportunities in their own ways.

**Matt Green**

### Selected Results from Ramsgate Week

The comprehensive list of all classes may be found on the Ramsgate Week Website:

#### Gold Cup IRC Overall

<i>Delft</i>	Jelger Rozendaal	Jachtclub Schevenigen
<i>Oystercatcher XXXI</i>	Richard Matthews	West Mersea Yacht Club
<i>Slingback</i>	John Barratt & Paul Woodward	RTYC

#### Gold Cup Cruiser Overall

<i>Pippy</i>	John & Michelle Stonely	RTYC
<i>Mallard</i>	Howard Bates	Rye Harbour Sailing Club
<i>Zephyros</i>	Tim French	Medway YC

#### Round the Goodwins IRC Overall

<i>Oystercatcher XXXI</i>	Richard Matthews	West Mersea Yacht Club
<i>Kylla</i>	Kym & Heather Leatt	RTYC
<i>Icom Assassin</i>	Peter Jackson	RTYC

#### Round the Goodwins Cruiser Overall

<i>Raquel</i>	Chris Denby	RTYC
<i>Entropy</i>	Martin Ross	RTYC
<i>Blown Away</i>	Donald Gray	RTYC

#### QE2 Cup Overall

<i>OystercatcherXXXI</i>	Richard Matthews	West Mersea Yacht Club
<i>Delft</i>	Jelger Rozendaal	Jachtclub Schevenigen
<i>Kylla</i>	Kym & Heather Leatt	RTYC



**Junior Trophy winner Olivia Green (aged 11) for sailing the week on *Cobra***

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# CRUISING

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## **Cruising Calendar**

815-27 August	East Coast Cruise	Orwell/Lowestoft
September TBA	Cruise	Brightlingsea
30 September	Thames Trafalgar Race	
24-24 Nov	Beaujolais Nouveau Weekend	Boulogne/RCPYC

## **Cruising Trophies**

Please present Log Books to either the Honorary Secretary or the Rear Commodore Cruising by the end of October for the previous year's cruising.

**RAF Cup:** Most meritorious cruising performance under Sail.  
**Stuart MacKenzie Cup:** For the most meritorious contribution to cruising in the last year.

**Fred Randell Plate:** Most meritorious cruising performance under power. The above trophies are open to any member owning a sail or power boat who can demonstrate that his or her cruise was well planned and executed. The trophies will be awarded to the most interesting cruises not necessarily the longest.

### **Variety Club Cup 'Best Kept Log or Article'**

Open to any RTYC boat, sail or power. Log to be kept in narrative form, noting relevant navigational information as well as interesting shore side activities.



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## **A DAY OUT WITH THE 'PILOTS'**

On the 13th July my wife, Steph, and I were guests of that brilliant business, Estuary Services Limited operating out of Ramsgate and providing Pilot transfer services to large vessels on passage to and from the Thames estuary and beyond. We took 2 pilots and one trainee some 15 nautical miles North and they embarked onto the waiting vessels - one was a Cruise ship bound for London, the other a cement carrier bound for Chatham - it takes all sorts but apparently this is standard fare.

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

We were blessed with calm conditions and when the Skipper offered me the helm on the way home, it would have been impolite to refuse.

2x 500 HP Caterpillars, throttles down, swinging twin 65cm props. 22 knots at 2100 rpm - felt like on tickover. The power was palpable. The balance and stability impressive. But just now and then the following sea played games and suddenly we were travelling on an oversized surfboard!

A trip that would have taken the best part of a day on my 37 foot cruiser/racer yacht took 1.5 hours, and that was with me helming for most of the way back!

A real pleasure and an honour to spend this time with true professionals - the Pilot boat skipper and crew, and the Pilots themselves. They do their work, no matter what the weather conditions - part of our great seafaring community here in Ramsgate

Photos below show me on the helm - concentrating quite hard - and Steph taking a look in the engine room. (This was on the sister boat - with twin Scania 600 HP V8's - maybe we can try that next time!)

**Frank Martin**  
**Past Commodore RTYC**





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## TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY

Another fine day, albeit slightly breezy, saw ten members play the Westgate course. In the continued absence of both Captain & Vice Captain, the organisation was again left to Mark Andrews.

Nearest the Pin at the 5<sup>th</sup> was particularly difficult with the wind behind, but Anna Turner hit an excellent shot to just short of the pin to win the prize. The wind was also helping the Longest Drive on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Steve King actually hit the longest drive, but his shot didn't count as he just crept into the greenside bunker. This left Don Cross with the longest valid drive, although he was unable to collect it under the 2 prize rule. Propping up the leaderboard was Sam Matsubara on 18 points, and Roger Green on countback came in with 21 points to gain an extra shot on his handicap for the next round.

Following a discussion over lunch the Templars decided to follow the guidance of the English Golf Union to allow male players handicaps of up to 36, so Sam Matsubara will duly play off 30 at the next outing. At the other end of the board, Don Cross was second with 35 points and loses a shot. Winner on the day was Mark Andrews with 38 points and a two shot handicap deduction.



Mark Andrews

## TEMPLE TEASER SOLUTION

From page 4

1. 1900 – in Paris. The competitions were scheduled for Greece but the races were cancelled due to bad weather
2. Tycho Brahe
3. Denis Wilson of the Beach Boys
4. Tony Bullimore
5. Mermaid
6. Tropical Fresh Water
7. The Rhine
8. The America's Cup
9. China
10. Lady Ghislaine

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