

COMMODORE'S BLOG

What a full on month we have had:

We started with a brilliant quiz night. The quiz room was full to bursting, well done to our resident quizmaster, Karen Cox, and her team. As usual our table failed to win.

Trafalgar Night was next on the calendar, equally well supported. All enjoyed the entertainment ending with a raucous singsong; another excellent evening by Stuart Carter and his team.

The Crew Lunch was a typically lively affair with great tales of misdeeds: more on this later.

And finally the Club Prizegiving to end the month; a fabulous dinner by Dave Comisky and his team, followed downstairs with an amazing display of trophies. Well done to the team and all competitors.

One prize to note, that I had the pleasure to award for services to the RTYC, goes to your very own editor Sue Foster for her enthusiastic, entertaining and informative Temple Newsletter. Well done Sue.

Coming up on the 3rd December, the ever-popular Sunday Carvery will be in the dining room, while downstairs we have the Monthly Draw and the RNLI stand selling Christmas cards and gifts. So pop along for all necessities: Lunch, the chance to win a prize and your Christmas shopping all rolled into one.

AGM:

We have been moving smoothly through the changes in the office with relation to the incorporation of the RTYC and preparing to hold our first AGM as a LTD company. We have a number of time constraints to observe, with an allowance to send out and collate the proxy voting forms. To allow for all things to be in place the committee have agreed it is prudent to move the AGM into the New Year.

During January we are intending to update the décor in the main bar, TV lounge and office area. Whilst the works are underway we will be opening the revamped Hold Bar. So watch this space.

With the decorating, etc restricting access we will be holding the first AGM in February, then in January in future years; Information and dates to follow shortly.

Club Security:

On another note in light of recent events in the area we have been looking into the security of the clubhouse, its members and staff. We have already had a couple of incidents with unwelcome visitors gaining access to the club and snooping around. To assist the staff in alleviating this potential problem may I ask all members to use their membership cards to gain access to the Clubhouse via the card readers mounted by the door, as leaving the door on the latch allows anyone to walk in unchecked. If you are having trouble entering with your card please ring the bell and be patient as the staff are required to check the security camera prior to opening the door, and during busy times they may be serving. Thank you for your help and understanding.

I look forward to meeting up with you all at the coming winter events.

Andy Beaumont-Hope
Commodore

250 CLUB DRAW
OCTOBER 2017

£25	Nº 135	Mr M Wallis
£50	Nº 178	Mr T Peacock
£100	Nº 9	Mr D Peters
£200	Nº 200	Mr D Tweddell

SNOWBALL

£200	Nº 23	Mrs F Tomlinson (A)
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NEXT DRAW

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2017



Team Cobra – one of the major winners at this year's Prizegiving

VICE COMMODORE'S BLOG

Racing Crews Lunch

The Sailing Season culminated with the Racing Crews Lunch, followed by the usual 'Temple Crown Court' Hearings with Judge Stuart Carter residing and yours truly, prosecuting. It was quite clear that nobody in the room had any friends, as the offences against Crews and Skippers came thick and fast, and I didn't write them, I only read them out! These heinous crimes were many and varied, and included; flying a spinnaker horizontally from the masthead, hitting the Needles, resulting in a crew member receiving a broken nose, picking up little Buoys during Ramsgate Week, not once but three times, launching a spinnaker bag as well as the spinnaker, running out of fuel while single-handed with no wind on a return trip from Dover and hitting the pontoon, which required a lift out and a quick fibreglass repair. All of these crimes, plus numerous others, were deliberated on very carefully by Judge Carter before he found them all guilty and issued fines of five or ten pounds, which raised a total of just over £200.00 for the Race Hut fund. During the proceedings two mobile telephones went off; the owners too being fined and one quick thinking member, hoping to get his own back, actually rang the Prosecutor. Unfortunately, I had left my phone at home and when Bev answered it, the member said "Damn, he should have it with him!"

The final prize of the afternoon was the Vice Commodore's 'Bucket & Spade' for the Skipper who has run aground. It was initially awarded to the Commodore, but he claimed mitigating circumstances since he ran aground at the Stonar Buoy on a course set by his Honour Judge Carter, which was admitted and so the prize went to Don Gray in *Blown Away* who was hoping his short stay on the sand had not been noticed by anyone.

A Ramsgate Week up-date

Your Ramsgate Week Committee has been working hard to attract more boats next year and 'Breaking News', I can announce that after an application was sent to the Lords and Masters of IRC, we have been awarded the IRC East Coast Championship which will run alongside Ramsgate Week. That's fantastic news and well done to Paul Woodward and Mike Brand who did the spadework for that. But things haven't stopped there. We have other irons in the fire, so watch this space!

Christmas Dinner

The next function the Committee are letting me loose on is the Christmas Dinner. As usual, apart from the singing of the Christmas Carols, and I would welcome any volunteers who would like to sing a solo, there is also an on-going theme for which I also need readers. The Theme this year is 'Pantomime' - Oh no it's not! Oh yes it is! So any

budding singers or actors please contact me as soon as possible because these things don't happen without your help.

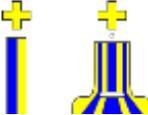
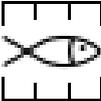
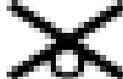
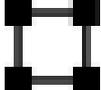
Dick Smith
Vice Commodore



TEMPLE TEASER from Stuart Carter

Answers on Page 11

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SOCIAL MEDIA

October has seen a lot of activity on Social Media and I will start off by announcing the winner of October's photographic competition. Out of 10 entries this month, Sylvia Mayne was a clear winner with her photo taken in Vathi on Ithaca of a lovely sunset taken whilst on Anthony and Julie Child's yacht *Juniper*.



There has been much discussion on social media regarding the banning of single use plastics which has gained even more attention since David Attenborough's Blue Planet II aired on Sunday. Twitter and Facebook has been full of articles; the most scary I read was that every single piece of plastic that was ever created, if it has not been burnt, is still around. That's quite mind boggling. I'm pleased to say that as a club we are doing our part and you may have noticed during Prize Giving that we have switched over to recyclable paper straws instead of plastic. If you are out for a social sail and notice any plastics in the water and are able to safely gather them in then please do your little bit to help.



Another article on a potential hazard that received much airtime was the grounding of the cargo ship next to the Anthony Gormley statue in Margate. I received a message from RCS Matt Green which really made me laugh: "Nice to see that the race mark we lent the Turner Centre to mark their submerged sculpture is doing well at keeping the shipping away 😊"

As a club we have been extremely generous this month in our fund raising. First the Quiz Evening, which was a sell-out, raised over £400 towards Race Hut repairs. Thank

you to everyone that came and in particular Andy Ketteringham for doing the catering and Clive for helping me with the scoring.

We then had the Crews' Lunch, another sell out and again we raised over £600 towards the Race Hut repairs. Dick Smith and "hangin' judge" Stuart Carter did a great job and our caterers did an excellent job for that and the Prize Giving.



After the penultimate race of the year we decided to raise money for the RNLI by taking part in their Fishy Supper. But being the Yacht Club it was decided to do something different and so a BBQ was held with all food and time being donated by extremely generous club members and ALL proceeds were donated to the RNLI. We raised over £1,000 so a huge thank you to everyone that took part. The local news picked up our Social Media on twitter and it was reported on the Kent Live News Blog.



Ian Cannon receiving the cheque from our Commodore and with the donators



We shared the lovely news that Ron Cannon was presented with his MBE for his selfless services to the RNLI.

We heard the sad news that Georges Blondel, a member of the Boulogne YC, has died. He was well known by many of the Club as this tribute by Paul Woodward relates.

"Georges Blondel was a member of YC Boulogne, and was one of the leading persons to encourage the Challenge du Channel series which included Ramsgate Week in the late 1990's when the Woolwich were sponsoring. He had two boats both of the name *Milo*, first was a First followed by an IMX38. He was a very successful sailor in Ramsgate and Northern France and was a great ambassador for the RTYC in France. Those of us who raced, and those shore side in the late 1990's will remember him and his crew very well, they raced hard and played hard. One of my memories was seeing them in the Crew parade sitting around a table in the middle of the mini roundabout in the road at the bottom of the hill drinking beer."



Malcolm Kirkaldie continued to support me during the month by sending pictures of our yachts out sailing to share. We have used one of his photos to update our profile picture on Facebook, as shown below.



In the near future I hope to put all of his pictures on our flicker page on our new club website so that you can all share them. He has given all rights to the Yacht Club which is extremely generous of him.

And finally our club members are continuing to travel. Anthony Nicholson and Julie Childs are now in Greece and enjoying their time with a well-earned holiday having been joined on occasion by Lawrence and Sylvia Mayne. They have had amazing weather for the main as this picture of topless sailing in October shows!



Fiona and Nick Rawbone posted this recently about Yacht *No Stress*....

Packed up the boat yesterday and she's looking pretty good, although we are still waiting for the rig to be finished, boom to arrive and be fitted, then this will all need testing. It's down to the crew to help Nick with the finishing touches before the ARC. Our pontoon was rather like the United Nations with our neighbours made up of Germans, Norwegians, Portuguese, transient French, Aussies and a live-aboard British couple. We are very lucky to speak English because it truly is the universal language although, that said, we do try and pick up phrases in the local lingo – "vino tinto por favor!" Apparently there are about ten boats that have withdrawn from the rally. Sadly one, very well kitted-out, boat is because the wife has cancer. It reminds us all about YOLO. I hope my next post will direct you to *No Stress's* Blog address. Good luck and fair winds to the ARC plus sailors who leave on 5.11.17.

Claire Thomas continues to send **Tips for Lady Sailors**..... When at berth in Portugal, try not to annoy the security guards at the marina by swearing at them when they say you have to go to the dock office, when you are looking for your lost friends. They may do 24hr observations on you, call the police, who then board your boat and check it is not stolen. It is also useful to have the correct boat registration, not a 8m motorboat from France !!!

Top Tip for lady sailors: If you invite Germans round for a beer to say "thanks" for a loan of a spanner, always ensure you have prepared dinner first (as I have done lovely veg curry, can't beat a multi-cooker on board) you will be slightly squiffy and not able to chop the veg and one's darling husband will knock over the empties and stick his feet to the deck with dregs..

Hope I haven't bored you all too much, lots to report on this month! Happy tweeting!!
All the best,
Karen

Just one other thing.....



A PLEA FROM OUR LOCAL RNLI!

Third year students at Kent University are making a short film to go on YouTube in support of the RNLI and they are looking to interview on film anyone who has been rescued locally by the RNLI.

If you are interested in appearing on film then please message me your details so that I can pass them on. Speed is of the essence as this needs to be completed by the end of November.

Thank you.
Karen

DIARY DATES

November

Thurs 9 Cruising Social
 Sat 11 Cruising Supper & Prizegiving
 Thurs 16 Walking Group

2018

Sunday 25 February

11.30am Annual General Meeting

December

Sun 3 Carvery / 250 Club Draw /RNLI Shop
 Thurs 7 Decorating the Christmas Tree
 Sun 10 Children's Christmas Party
 Thurs 14 Cruising Social
 Fri 15 Illuminations Presentation
 Sat 16 Christmas Dinner
 Sun 31 New Year's Eve Party

WALKING GROUP

16th November 2017

This walk should incorporate the four water mills in Wingham (as long as we don't go the wrong way as done previously!!!!)

We will meet at the Public Car Park in Wingham at 11am. The walk is about 5 miles.

I plan to test the terrain and will give more information later so please watch the notice board and look out for emails.

This will be the last walk this year and I will inform walkers what month we will start next year.

Davena
 07760 402479



Twelve walkers joined took part on the 19th October which took us along the Stour in Sandwich and through Royal St Georges Golf Course and back (about 5 miles) on a lovely sunny day, ending up in Charlie's Bistro for a well- earned lunch.



CLUB CARVERY

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2017
 12.30 - 3.30 PM



- ★ One Course £9.95
Please book - Pay on the day cash please
- ★ November 250 Club Draw
- ★ RNLI STAND Libboots
Buy your Christmas cards and gifts in support of the RNLI

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 10th December 3pm - 5pm
 Open To Members Children and Grand-Children



RNYC Presents
CHRISTMAS DINNER
 Saturday 16th December 2017
 6.45pm Cocktail Reception - 7.30pm Dinner (Black Tie)

<p><i>Menu</i> Prawn & Crayfish Salad Turkey and all the Trimmings Christmas Pudding Mince Pies Coffee</p>	<p><i>Ticket Price: £35.00</i> Phone the club to book your place or ask at the bar</p>
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Traditional Christmas Singalong

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER

Black Tie
 7pm for 7.30pm
 Tickets: £45.00

Shimmer & Shine Theme

Menu
 FISH CROWLER
 Assou-Bouche
 ROAST BEEF & TRIMMINGS
 PROFITEROLES with WARM CHOCOLATE SAUCE
 COFFEE

SAILING

2017 RACING SEASON AND 2018

The club's racing season came to a blustery finale on the 22nd October 2017 with the final race of the Autumn Series and, as a few pots were still to play for on the day, it was only appropriate that we donned our lifejackets and defied the forecast.

From April fools day's Frostbite Cup opener through to the end of season we have been blessed with some fine conditions, an impressive fleet in all classes and some very close racing throughout the season. It might seem on paper that there were clear overall winners in both Cruiser and IRC classes, but it has not ever felt like that on the water. Eleven of 16 yachts which contended the IRC fleet won at least a race and a few seconds commonly settled the positions all the way down the results table. With a similar picture amongst the Cruiser fleet.

It has been mentioned by several skippers that we are enjoying probably the best racing of its kind outside the Solent and next year looks like we could push on further still with more teams arriving to join us in our racing in Ramsgate. EAORA have chosen Ramsgate for 3 of their races including readopting the Round the Goodwins Race. We have once again secured the Spinlock IRC Regional Championships as part of Ramsgate Week and hope in the winter months to confirm other links to racing organisation and clubs as part of our 2018 programme. Next year's programme is still in development, but racing will commence after Easter on Saturday the 7th April as last year with the Frostbite Trophy and the start of the Spring Series on the 8th April.

Matt Green

Club Racing Results 2017

1st, 2nd, 3rd

IRC Spring Series Overall - Corporation Cup

Cobra Matt & Roger Green, Paul Thomas & Will Steven
Slingback John & Mandy Barrett & Paul Woodward
Kylla Kym & Heather Leatt

IRC Class 2 Spring Series - Ladies & Gents Cup

Cobra Matt & Roger Green, Paul Thomas & Will Steven
Slingback John & Mandy Barrett & Paul Woodward
Only Magic Richard Sparrow

Class 3&4 Spring Series - Cicely Cup

Daylight Robbery Andy Ketteringham
Pippy John & Michelle Stoneley
Maverick Frank Barrett

IRC Summer Series Overall - Centenary Cup

Foxy !! Mike & Jo Brand
Slingshot Rod Oates & Gavin Magee
Kylla Kym & Heather Leatt

IRC Class 2 Summer Series - Hornet Trophy

Foxy!! Mike & Jo Brand
Xpedite Julian Poupard
Slingback John & Mandy Barrett & Paul Woodward

Class 3&4 Summer Series - Ormande Cup

Daylight Robbery Andy Ketteringham
Pippy John & Michelle Stoneley
Entropy Martin Ross

IRC Offshore Series Overall - Excise Cup

Cobra Matt & Roger Green, Paul Thomas & Will Steven
Foxy!! Mike & Jo Brand
Principessa Andrew Beaumont-Hope

Class 3&4 Offshore Series - Duty Free Cup

Pippy John & Michelle Stoneley
Daylight Robbery Andy Ketteringham
Maverick Frank Barrett

IRC Class Autumn Series Overall - May Cup

Cobra Matt & Roger Green, Paul Thomas & Will Steven
Slingback John & Mandy Barrett & Paul Woodward
Kylla Kym & Heather Leatt

Class 2 Autumn Series - BMW Cup

Cobra Matt & Roger Green, Paul Thomas & Will Steven
Slingback John & Mandy Barrett & Paul Woodward
Only Magic Richard Sparrow

Class 3&4 Autumn Series - Foreland Challenge

Daylight Robbery Andy Ketteringham
Pippy John & Michelle Stoneley
Entropy Martin Ross

Ladies Cup, Spring Festival Cup - IRC Class

Slingback Mandy Barrett

Ladies Cup, Mary Cup - Cruiser Class

Pippy Michelle Stoneley

Millennium Shield

Best RTYC IRC in Ramsgate Week
Slingback John & Mandy Barrett & Paul Woodward

Crowdy Cup – Junior Trophy

Most Up and Coming Junior
 Wilhelm Robertson

Race Hut Team

Stuart Carter and all the Helpers

John Morris Trophy

Most Meritorious Performance - 2017

Principessa Andrew Beaumont-Hope

Temple Mug - Services to RTYC

Sue Foster

Boynton Bowl

Julian Poupard

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS 3&4
DEAL TROPHY**

Daylight Robbery

Andy Ketteringham

Pippy

John & Michelle Stoneley

Entropy

Martin Ross

**Club Championship Class 2
B N Carthew Cup**

Cobra

Matt & Roger Green, Paul Thomas & Will Steven

Slingback

John & Mandy Barrett & Paul Woodward

Only Magic

Richard Sparrow

**Club Championship Class 1&2
Trafalgar Bowl**

Cobra

Matt & Roger Green, Paul Thomas & Will Steven

Slingback

John & Mandy Barrett & Paul Woodward

Kylla

Kym & Heather Leatt



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The trophies set out before the party!



Andy K and his winning crew



THE THAMES TRAFALGAR RACES

The Thames Trafalgar Races of the weekend of 1st October were organised by the Little Ship Club of London. This annual event gives competitors a unique opportunity to race on the upper commercial stretches of the Thames. Each year the Little Ship Club negotiates special 14-day berthing arrangements at London's Limehouse Dock for participants.

Yachts *Principessa*, *Aventura* and *Blown Away* once again joined the fun to represent RTYC. *Aventura* left Ramsgate for a midnight run to Queenborough on the Saturday evening of Friday 22nd. *Principessa* accompanied by *Blown Away* departed for the half way stop on the Isle of Sheppey the following morning. A calm sea and little wind made for a five hour trip with *Blown Away* getting plenty of practice trying to untangle their knotted furling asymmetric spinnaker.

The nightlife of Queenborough was enjoyed by the Commodore and his Lady together with the crews of *Aventura* and *Blown Away*. Dinner at the 'Flying Dutchman' and at the end of the evening a careful negotiation of the long pontoons of Queenborough harbour to recover and retire for the night.

After a last minute arrival of extra crew all three boats left Queenborough on the rising tide; it was warm and sunny. A brisk following wind made for an epic ride around the Isle of Grain and up past the sights into central London.



Principessa and *Blown Away* motored up to Tower Bridge and returned to Limehouse. The river here seemed at its

roughest as speeding tourist boats and River Buses created quite a chop. Radio calls to Limehouse resulted in a short wait for the swing bridge to open and then on into the lock and through to the tranquility of the Limehouse Basin. *Aventura*, *Principessa* and *Blown Away* were safely rafted up to await the following weekend.

However, the Trafalgar race is not just about racing, the opportunity of accommodation in central London cannot be missed. The accommodation was fully occupied on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with celebrations, lunches, dinners and trips to the theatre.



Saturday's Race started at Blackwall Reach, down the river, through the Thames Barrier, under the QE2 road bridge then returning to finish opposite Erith Yacht Club, our hosts for the Saturday night. The weather was sunny and warm with a light to moderate breeze, conditions which favoured the smaller boats. The 6 hour idyllic run past the iconic sights of the Thames created a fantastic and memorable day which gave line honours to the Commodore and his crew on *Principessa*. On corrected time *Principessa* came 2nd in Class with *Blown Away* 5th and *Aventura* 6th. *Blown Away* was, though, hampered by the extra weight of crew's luggage and an excessive number of bottles in the ship's fridge. *Aventura's* excuse was that all crew had 'ailments'.

Our three boats all anchored for the Saturday night adjacent to the Erith Yacht Club. Their Vice Commodore, in the Club's trot boat, collected all crews to deliver them on shore for a superb dinner at the impressive Club's facilities. Their 1980 bar prices contributed to a memorable evening and all RTYC crews were lucky to return to their moorings unscathed on the last trot boat of the night.

Due to the time of the tides it was more than unfortunate that Sunday's race back up the Thames was arranged to start at 8.15 the following morning.

Despite wise heads advising that the start would be postponed, Sunday's race started on time at 8.15am. Regrettably, numerous crew members had not yet recovered from the night before and this resulted in poor starts for the RTYC yachts. Sunday's run was drizzly and the weather had turned cold but the tide made for a quick run with spinnakers, through the barrier and on to the finish line which had been brought down river, just past Greenwich. It was all over in under two hours. *Principessa* had come 3rd with *Blown Away* close behind in 4th. *Aventura* was seriously delayed with a torn genoa and came 7th.

The boats remained at Limehouse until the following weekend. *Principessa* and *Blown Away* returned to

Ramsgate in 9 hours on the Saturday. It had been a super fortnight and we hope that more yachts can represent RTYC for the 2018 Thames Trafalgar Races.

Donald and Mandy Gray



The Club's glamorous representatives!



Braving the elements

CRUISING

**Social Drinks at the Club
2nd Thursday every month**

The last cruise of the season will be to Boulogne to attend the **Herring Festival**. This will be on the 16th of November. It may be cold but we usually get a couple of boats to brave the elements, so get your wet weather gear prepared for this one. If you are interested, please let me know

The **Cruising Supper and Prize Giving** will take place on the 11th November. This is the first time for quite a few years that we have had a separate event so we are expecting a good crowd. We would encourage as many Cruisers to come along, so please add your name to the list at the bar or ring Barbara on 01843 591766 to book. The prizes to be presented will be:

- **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

In conjunction with the Rear Commodore Sail, we are planning next year's cruising programme. Cruising is becoming more popular so next year we are hoping to have to be a bit more adventurous. The main event will be the summer cruise starting mid-June or thereabouts. We have proposed a cruise to the Channel Islands, and so far we have had a great response. More details by next month.

Christmas is coming so that means one thing. - **Ramsgate Illuminations**. The RTYC has been hosting this event for the last three years, and as you all know it is now established as one of the highlights of Ramsgate's event calendar. Like last year, we will do this with the support of Ramsgate Town Team who will be encouraging the local traders to be generous in donating gifts and vouchers to those boat owners who have lit up. The prize giving will be on the 15th December and judging will be a day or so earlier. Last year we had a magnificent response from boat owners, so it is now time to be preparing for this year and getting your lights down from the loft.

Don't forget, the Cruising Socials are as popular as ever and are a great way to catch up with other Club members, particularly new ones. I look forward to seeing you at the next one at the usual time, 19:30 onwards

**Stan Jacob
RCC**

Cruising Calendar

11 November
24-24 Nov

Cruising Supper & Prizegiving
Herring Festival
Weekend

Boulogne/RCPYC

TIMELY UPDATE FROM ALEX ALLEY

PRESS RELEASE

30 October 2017

South Coast round the world sailor Alex Alley, is going to attempt to establish a new 'Solo Non-stop Around the World' sailing record next year in his 40' yacht 'Pixel Flyer'. Alex has already established himself as a phenomenal sailor. He already holds the records for: *Length of Britain* and the *Solo Round the Isle of Wight*. Early next year, Alex is aiming for several more world records and then in November 2018, the big one – *Solo Non-Stop Around the World Record for a boat 40' and Under*, to give it the full title – currently 137d 20h 1m 57s. Imagine being at sea, entirely on your own, racing at amazing speeds in treacherous seas, for something like 30 days longer than the crew of HMS Glamorgan were at sea when they returned to Portsmouth on 10th July 1982.

He is currently running a campaign to support this adventurous attempt and to that end he is asking companies and individuals to buy pixels to adorn the hull. For details see www.alexalley.com. The pixelated pictures will be on the hull for four years.

Captain Peter Galloway approached Alex saying that he wanted to support him by buying some pixels, in the form of a very special picture, and asked him if he would be prepared to lay 14 poppies on the sea at his closest point of approach to that spot where they laid their comrades to rest, 51° 50.5' S, 53° 31.2' W and he has graciously replied:

"I would be honoured to lay down the poppies at sea for you – I see it as a privilege to be asked".

When the pixels of the picture appear on the hull on Alex's website, www.alexalley.com anyone visiting the site can access the written explanation providing the story behind the picture. The words, which Peter showed to Alex, are at the end of this email. Anyone wishing to support this attempt by Alex, and to thank him for offering to lay the poppies at sea off the Falklands, should contact us at: team@alexalley.com

Poppies at Sea

When I asked Alex if he would be prepared to take time out on this brave adventure around the world, and spread poppies on the sea at the closest point of approach to the spot near the Falkland Islands, where we buried our shipmates who laid down their lives, following the Exocet attack, during the Falklands war he replied:

"I would be honoured to lay down the poppies at sea for you – I see it as a privilege to be asked".

I have been inspired by what Alex has already achieved in his lifetime and I am extremely proud to count him as a friend. Together with the members of the ship's company who wished to support Alex in this amazing venture and all those on board HMS GLAMORGAN who survived that

dreadful moment in 1982, I wish him the very best in his world record-breaking attempt and thank him most sincerely for agreeing to carry out this meaningful tribute to those we lost in 1982.

Captain Peter Galloway Royal Navy,
Weapon Engineering Officer,
HMS GLAMORGAN, 1982



The story behind the tribute

On the night of 11th/12th June 1982 HMS GLAMORGAN, a County Class destroyer, was supporting 45 Commando Royal Marines with naval gunfire bombardments during their assault on Argentine troops on the Two Sisters Heights overlooking Port Stanley. Having fired some 145 rounds of high explosive shells in support of the Royal Marines over eight hours at Action Stations and steaming away from the islands some 19 miles offshore, the ship was struck by an Argentinian Exocet Missile fired from ashore.

The missile struck the ship at 06.37 on 12th June on the port side aft, exploding on impact, destroying the Wessex helicopter, severely damaging the hangar, and wrecking the main galley below. Thirteen of the ship's company were killed, with a further fourteen injured, who were evacuated to HMS HERMES and HMS INVINCIBLE.

Although badly damaged and with serious fires raging and serious flooding, by 10:00 on that day, with all fires extinguished, she was able to leave the danger area at 20 knots.

The thirteen crew members who lost their lives that day were buried at sea that evening at 19.35, in position 51° 50.5' S, 53° 31.2' W, and it is them we remember as we, that are left, proceed with our lives

We will remember them.

In February 2011, a beautiful memorial to the thirteen who lost their lives that day, and the fourteenth who died soon after our return to Portsmouth, was erected at Hookers Point on the Falkland Islands facing the spot, out to sea, where HMS GLAMORGAN was hit.



TEMPLE TEASER SOLUTION

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1. Emergency wreck marking buoy
2. 2 channels meeting preferred channel to port
3. Danger Mark
4. Fish Farm
5. Windmill
6. Castle
7. Water Tower
8. Quarry
9. Visible Wreck
10. True radar reflector



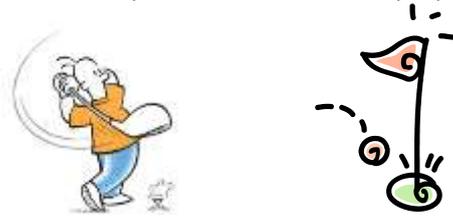
TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY

This was the penultimate game of the Templers year which runs from December to November each year. Captain Dave was still nursing his shoulder so was unable to play but we are hopeful that he will return soon. In the meantime twelve golfers attacked the course once again with differing results. Steve King had an excellent game finishing with 36 points including a "blob" on the 17th. Close behind again was Reg Collins (somebody said - same old faces) with 34 points. Piers Hodges managed nearest the pin on the 14th and prizes were awarded to all three golfers.

Once again the winners have had their handicaps cut giving the rest of us hope for the final November competition. So, as a result of this competition it's all very tight, at the top of the Eclectic:

Reg Collins	53 points
Dave Allen & Mark Andrews	52 points
Don Cross, Anna Oates & Steve King	51 points
Rod Oates	50 points

Wednesday 25th October saw nine Templer members play at Stonelees Golf Centre as guests of our Captain Dave Comiskey. Following coffee, three teams of three played a Texas Scramble match on the Heights course - a tricky nine holes especially with no previous experience. Anyway, team "B" lead by John Barratt and ably assisted by Reg Collins and David Say took the honours, even though they all put their second shots out of bounds, and won a days' free golf each on the Stonelees courses. Lunch followed with very tasty bacon baguettes. Very many thanks to Dave for his generosity and we hope to see him back playing shortly.



Next game is on
Wednesday 22nd November (4th Wednesday)
Tee off 10.15 sharp!!
The Templers Dinner follows.

David Say
Vice Captain

And finally.....



A warm 'thank you' from me to the Commodore and the Committee for my award at the Prizegiving. It was totally unexpected but it is so good to be appreciated. It was another great night in the Club; the RTYC certainly knows how to party! There were some serious hangovers being nursed on the Sunday.....