

COMMODORE'S BLOG

I'm pleased to report once again we have had another busy, successful month on the water and in the Club House.

I had the pleasure, earlier in the month, of hosting my first Commodore's Choice Race. After much deliberation it was decided a "pursuit race" would be a different challenge for both the Race Hut Team and the Racers. The idea is the slower handicapped boats go off first with the faster boats having to work their way through the fleet thus giving everyone the opportunity to engage in some tactical sailing and, if the handicaps were worked correctly, we should all finish around the same time. Well, a little more work will be required on that one! The crews did, however, finish close enough to get back into the bar to enjoy a wonderful Paella, freshly cooked on the terrace, and a drink or two.

It was also a great pleasure to host the EAORA fleet for their final race of the season; the Buckley Goblets. Despite light airs, a number of yachts took the challenge to navigate their way through the shifting sands of the Thames Estuary, cheating the tides when they could, to be finished by our Race Hut Team who took the opportunity to test the idea of setting up a finish line controlled from the Club House. A very sociable afternoon was had by all involved and some photos are featured later in Karen's report.

As the evenings draw in our social program starts to fill. I hope to see many of you at the various functions coming up over the next few months

Andy Beaumont-Hope
Commodore

250 CLUB DRAW SEPTEMBER 2017

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£50	Nº171	Mr J Collard
£100	Nº109	Mrs P Thompson
£200	Nº 18	Mrs E M Barrett
SNOWBALL		
£175	Nº 163	Mr A Goodman (A)

NEXT DRAW
SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2017

VICE COMMODORE'S BLOG

Having returned from a long, hot, busy but very enjoyable holiday aboard *Muscateer* in the Med (reports of the holiday and my involvement in the NACRA 17 World Championship will follow) it's now time to get to grips with the job of Vice Commodore.

After 5 or 6 British boats were fined up to 750 Euros in Ostende at the end of July for having Red Diesel in their tanks, the EAORA fleet switched their 'Buckley Goblets' race from Ostende to Ramsgate on 16th September. The fleet were greeted as they arrived at the Pontoons by Andy Ketteringham who presented each Skipper with a Ramsgate Week Report and each crew member with a can of beer. They then held a Prize Giving in the Main Bar followed by a Carvery upstairs and live music in the Bar until late. The evening was a great success, was enjoyed by all and I am sure we will be seeing much more of the EAORA fleet next season. Congratulations to all at RTYC for arranging this event.

As for the Red Diesel, the fight goes on! Our MP, Craig Mackinlay, sent me a copy of the reply he received from the Belgium Ambassador, H.E. Rudolf Huygelen. He was sympathetic towards the British boats and said that "No further fines will be levied until the next EU Meeting when the problem will be discussed"... but don't hold your breath! The Ambassador also went on to say that according to EU Directives, Belgium are simply following EU Law on the use of Red Diesel and at the EU meeting, Belgium will urge other EU Countries to follow suit! That meeting was held on September 18th. I look forward to hearing the result!

My next job was to catch up on Ramsgate Week 2018 - July 22nd-27th - make a note in your diary, your help will almost certainly be needed. We have a really strong and dedicated RW Committee and arrangements are already well underway.

Finally, on the entertainments side, we have a busy calendar between now and the end of December and the organisation all looks pretty much 'tied up', we just need your support. My part of these social functions is the Christmas Dinner. I am looking for **volunteers** to do a little bit of acting and anyone who would like to sing a solo or duet or even join up to form a small choir. Please contact me if interested.

Dick Smith
Vice Commodore

SOCIAL MEDIA

Yet another month has flown by and we're speeding towards the winter and the end of the sailing season. September saw 9 entries, all of a brilliant standard, in our Photographic Competition but as always there can only be one winner and it's Lawrence Mayne with this misty shot of the Thames.



The cruiser section continued to travel but this time with just one yacht, *Pintail* owned by Martin Morgans. In true roving reporter style he continued to send me pictures and, as he had the RCC Stan on board, this is being claimed as a RTYC cruise. I was very grateful of them taking the time to visit our Ramsgate Week sponsor, Copper Rivett Gin Distillery, and much appreciate the hardship this entailed of trying the gins!



As previously mentioned, on the weekend of 16th September we welcomed the EAORA fleet as they raced from West Mersea to Ramsgate. There were some familiar faces amongst them and they thoroughly enjoyed the Club's hospitality and the music by club favourite Steve Huckle in the evening. They said this was the first time a party had been thrown for them and so we continue to live up to our Friendliest Club reputation. Here are a couple of pictures from the race and the evening. *Oystercatcher* owned by Richard Matthews was the winner of the race.

Another local photographer, Nick Powel, sent me some pictures of our yachts out on Sunday racing. It's great the way the local community is starting to support us. A couple of his pictures are below.



Claire Thomas and Peter Binskin-Barnes continue with their adventures; they are currently in Lagos. Claire is still posting her **Top Tips for Lady Sailors**, a couple of which are:

- If your darling husband washes the covers for the bunks and shouts "shall I peg them on"? The answer is "yes"! Not "no" as I said. One is now at the bottom of the marina and I don't have enough material to make a replacement. He still got pudding though.
- When going ashore to get some much needed supplies always remember to leave the dingy in an accessible place and some lights on the boat. Otherwise, if your darling husband suggests a meal out when you have finished the shopping, you may find yourself in a bit of a predicament. It's really not easy to climb a dingy park fence using bins, get down a harbour ladder 10 metres (was 3 when you left, the tide's gone out) and find a dark blue boat in the pitch black, rowing against 29 knots of wind, after a steak supper and two large glasses of white wine.

Anthony Nicholson and Julie Childs have reached the Amalfi Coast in Italy, having been joined on their journey by Lawrence and Sylvia Mayne for a while. They were able to take the time to visit Rome as detailed in this Blog.....

Well, we had been holed up for 3 days sheltering from stormy weather. Lawrence and Sylvia have headed home. All looked calm this morning so Julie and I headed out towards Rome. Zero wind turned into the perfect wind for a good sail, which lasted an hour or so! Then she turned the volume up to 35kts+ for a 3 hour white-knuckle roller-coaster ride to port! Arrived soaked to the skin! A hot shower and all seems well except the interior of the boat looks like something resembling a war zone! Two days on land in Rome to follow!



Maybe even a room with a bath! Luxury!!! They have recently been back to Ramsgate for a visit but as of this Tuesday were driving back to the boat taking a leisurely route, I'm so jealous! This picture was taken in Rheims where they were **enjoying the champagne again!**

The owners of Yacht *No Stress*, Nick and Fiona Rawbone, have been home for the past few weeks celebrating their daughter's 21st birthday, but they are flying out to Gran Canaria soon to begin preparations for the ARC, so watch this space for more blog information.

As usual, if you have any Photographic Competition entries please email me, and the same for anything you would like me to promote.

All the best,

Karen

Karen

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WALKING GROUP Thursday 19th October

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Sandwich Quay Car Park at 11am.

We will walk by the river and across the golf course following a public footpath. It's about 5.78 km – if we don't get lost!! and will take about 1hr 15mins.

There are plenty of places to eat when we get back, including a fish & chip shop. If you want to continue in Sandwich you could visit the Salutation Gardens or just walk around the lovely village.

Davena

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DIARY DATES

October

Fri	6	Quiz Night
Thurs	12	Cruising Social
Thurs	19	Walking Group
Sat	21	Trafalgar Night
Sun	22	Racing Crews' Lunch
Sat	29	Prize Giving Supper

November

Thurs	9	Cruising Social
Sat	11	Cruising Supper & Prizegiving Tickets £24
Thurs	16	Walking Group

December

Sun	3	AGM
Thurs	7	Decorating the Christmas Tree
Sun	10	Children's Christmas Party
Thurs	14	Cruising Social
Fri	15	Illuminations Presentation
Sat	16	Christmas Dinner
Thurs	21	Walking Group
Thurs	21	Officers Drinks
Sun	31	New Year's Eve Party

It's Quiz Time!

Friday 6th October - 7.30pm

6 Persons per table

Tickets: £5.00 incl Platter and Wine

This is a fundraising event for
The Race Hut refurbishment



TEMPLE TEASER NAUTICULTURE from Stuart Carter

Answers on Page 6

- Who wrote the popular song La Mer?
a) Serge Gainsbourg b) Charles Trenet
c) Jacques Brel?
- Which award-winning fantasy novel charts the exploits of puppeteer John "Jack Shandy" Chandagnac?
- In what orchestral suite does the movement "the Sea and Sinbad's Ship" feature and who is the Russian Composer?
- What Quality does the Submarine Red October possess?
- Who is the skipper describing in this poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: "and he saw her hair, like the brown seaweed on the billow's rise and fall"?
- Where are the miniaturised submarine and crew of sci-fi film "Fantastic Voyage" sent on their mission?
- Which English singer-songwriter wrote and recorded the haunting "River Man"?
- What is Frederic's problem in The Pirates of Penzance?
- In the 2000 film U-571, the German U-boat is boarded by American submariners. For what were they looking?
- Which Shakespearean character sings "Full fathom five thy father lies; of his bones are coral made?"

PRIZEGIVING SUPPER Saturday 28 October - 7 for 7:30 Tickets £24



SAILING

Have you heard of the NCI? (National Coastwatch Institution)

As many of you might know, the Maritime & Coast Guard Agency (MCA) have closed down a number of Coast Guard Stations around the UK, including Thames Coastguard and Solent Coastguard, in order to, in their words, streamline and improve the service offered by the Coastguard Agency. The heart of this new network is the Maritime Operations Centre (MOC) based at Fareham, with a standby MOC at Dover. Eight other Maritime Rescue Coordinating Centres (MRCC's) around the country link to the National network operating around the clock. These are further backed up by a number of Maritime Rescue Sub-Centres (MRSC's)

In order to fill the gaps left by these closures, the NCI was set up as a charity in 1994 after the unfortunate loss of life of two fishermen near to a closed station in Cornwall.

Their Motto is 'Eyes Along the Coast' and our nearest station is on the Cliffs above Folkestone, originally housed in an unheated Martello Tower, but now in a designated lookout (next to Martello Tower No. 3) with Galley, toilet and training room. It is manned by two watch keepers, from a team of 60 volunteers, from 10.00-18.00 (17.00 in the winter) 364 days a year. With 50 stations around our coastline now open, the NCI provide a visual and listening watch to spot accidents, report details to HM Coastguard and to assist as required. They operate on a dedicated Coastwatch Marine VHF Channel, 'Channel 65' and the Folkestone Station's Call Sign is 'Folkestone NCI'. They are available for radio checks, weather reports and general support. Next time you are crossing the channel or sailing to or from the Solent, why not give them a call!

Dick Smith
Vice Commodore

CRUISING

Social Drinks at the Club
2nd Thursday every month

Cruising Calendar

- 11 November Cruising Supper & Prizegiving
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- 24-24 Nov Beaujolais Nouveau Weekend
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Another one for you Quizzers!
RAISING FUNDS FOR RAMSGATE'S
13 VICTORIAN SHELTERS

Good news: The two shelters on Nelson Crescent were cleaned and painted by Pfizer Volunteers.

Bad news: The Eastcliffe Shelters been badly vandalised again but CCTV footage is now with the Police for action

The Ramsgate Society desperately want these shelters to look good so please support our quiz

Our Quiz Master is: **Stuart Carter**

The Ramsgate Society

(Shelters maintenance Fund)

A General (and Local) Knowledge

Quiz

Thursday 26th October '17



19:00 for 19:30 at The Churchill Tavern
Nibbles and Raffle at half time!

£5 per person

Maximum 6 people in each team

Please email Davena
thegreens@uwclub.net to book your table

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TEMPLE TEASER SOLUTION

From page 4

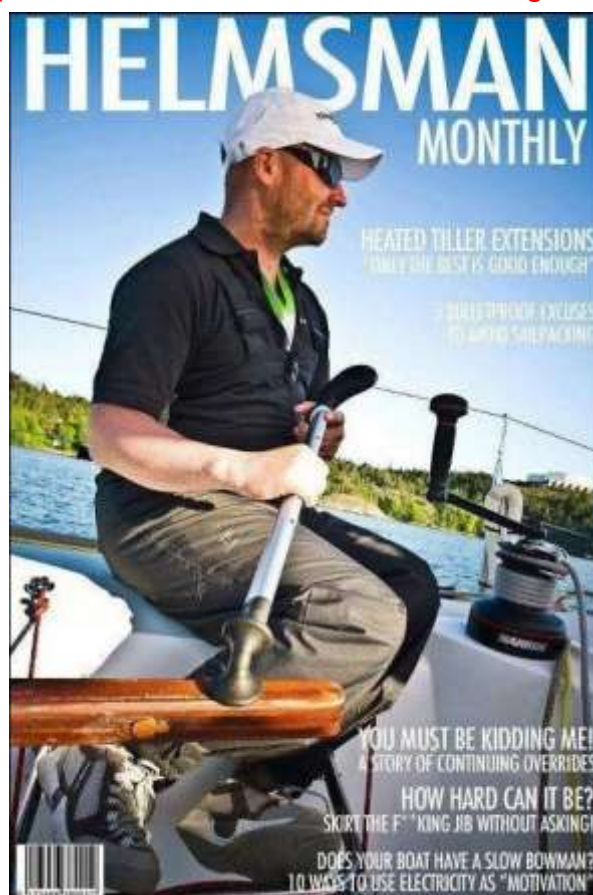
1. Charles Trenet
2. On Stranger Tides
3. Scheherazade, Rimsky-Korsakov
4. It can be rendered undetectable (By a "Caterpillar drive I the film, by a pump-jet I the novel)
5. His daughter - from "The wreck of the Hesperus"
6. Into the veins of a man
7. Nick Drake
8. He must remain apprenticed to the pirates until his 21st birthday, unfortunately having been born on February 29th he will be for many years to come
9. The Enigma machine
10. Ariel in "The Tempest"

KAREN THOUGHT OUR READERS
WOULD APPRECIATE THESE
PICTURES!

(...we want to read the stories!)



(could this be the answer to frozen fingers?)



Please send any contributions for compilation into the next issue or comments, etc to Sue Foster at sueandtommyfoster@gmail.com

TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY

August Report

While Captain Dave Comiskey was recuperating from his shoulder surgery, the Templers once again took on the Westgate & Birchington golf course with another excellent turnout for our ninth outing of this season - eleven players including Mike Foote. Must have been the weather that encouraged them!!!

Once again there was no excuse for poor play, so any faults emerging were down to operator error (or apparent equipment failure!) The scores were not as high as in the past, only 36 points for our winner Reg Collins (again!!), closely followed by Don Cross with 35 points. Prizes were awarded to first and second places this month.

Once again the winners have had their handicaps cut giving the rest of us hope for the September competition.

So, as a result of this competition it's all very much the same, but very tight, at the top of the Eclectic:

Mark Andrews & Reg Collins	52 points
Don Cross	50 points
Steve King	49 points
Dave Allen, Sam Matsubara, Anna Oates and David Say	48 points

David Say
Vice Captain



September Report

A good turnout of nine golfers tried their best once again for the 10th event of the year in September at Westgate & Birchington golf course. Good weather and excellent fellowship resulted in a very close match with winner Ronnie Vaughan on 32 stableford points and David Say second on countback with 30 points. Steve King, although not having his best game managed nearest the pin. Once again the two prize winners have had their handicaps cut!! Hopefully we will have a good turnout for the last two matches in October and November and we especially look forward to the return of Mark Andrews, Mike Foote and of course Cap'n Dave Comiskey. (John Adkin where are you?). As a result of this competition it's all very much the same, but very tight, at the top of the Eclectic:

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Sam Matsubara, Anna Oates and David Say	48 points



Next game is on
Wednesday 18th October - Tee off 10.15 sharp!!

PLEASE NOTE!

The **November game** will be on the **4th Wednesday** ie **22nd November** with the **Golfers Supper & Prize-giving** on **Thursday 23rd November**. (More details from Cap'n Dave later)

David Say
Vice Captain