



# **Royal Temple Yacht Club**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday 6th December 2015**

**11.30 hrs.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

No member will be admitted to the Annual General Meeting unless his/her subscription has been paid in full in accordance with Rule 9 or having signed a Direct Debit for deferred payment. Gold membership cards must be produced at the door. Staff will then confirm the 2014/15 subscription has been paid by referring to the database. The attendance register can then be signed.

Any member wishing to pay their subscription(s) on the day of the Annual General Meeting **must attend between 10.00 and 10.30 am** in order that payments can be processed and entry authorised. Members wishing to pay on the day but arriving after 10.30 am may be required to wait until all other members have been registered, thereby running the risk of non-entry to the meeting.

The purpose of this is to reduce the time taken in order to register members for the meeting. Your co-operation to ensure delays are not incurred as a result of last minute payments will be greatly appreciated.

**John Barrett**  
**Honorary Secretary**

# **TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB**

In accordance with Rule 20, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Temple Yacht Club will be held on Sunday 6th December 2015 at 11.30 a.m. Please be seated by 11.15 a.m.

## **AGENDA**

- Apologies
- To approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 7th December 2014
- To consider matters arising there from.
- To introduce Officers and Committee Members standing for election.
- To elect in accordance with Rule 6 the Officers of the Club, as enumerated in Rule 3, to serve for the coming year.
- To elect in accordance with Rule 6 a General Committee to serve for the coming year.
- To receive the accounts and balance sheets for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015, together with the report of the Honorary Treasurer and to approve the same.
- To receive reports from the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore Sail, Rear Commodore Cruising, Honorary Secretary, House Officer, Chairman Entertainment Committee, Navigation School and Academy.
- Appointment of Trustee
  - 1) Following the death of Trustee Gordon Greenfield, the remaining Trustees propose the appointment of M. Brand as a Trustee.
  - 2) The Trustees propose that with effect from this appointment, the term of office of Trustees shall expire on the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Trustee, unless terminated earlier for reasons stipulated in the Trust Deed.
  - 3) The Trustees propose that the Commodore be appointed as the Club's Agent as co-signatory with the existing Trustees and the new Trustee in executing the Appointment Deed and in giving effect to the amendment to the Trust Deed in respect of term of office as proposed.
- Any Other Business allowed by the Chair.

**John Barrett**  
**Honorary Secretary**

Dear Member,

Please find enclosed the annual reports from your Flag Officers and the Chair of Committees. Also the Annual Accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
Since the last Annual General Meeting there have been 10 General Committee meetings with attendance as follows:

Commodore	10	<b>Committee:</b>	
Vice Commodore	10	E. Anderson	9
Rear Commodore Sail	7	T Adams	7
Rear Commodore Cruisers	10	John Adkin	6
Honorary Secretary	8	A Ketteringham	8
Honorary Treasurer	6	K. Cox	10
Honorary House Officer	9	P. Woodward	6
P Moore – Trustee	0	D Parish	10
R Oates – Trustee	1	J Stoneley	4
W Tuddenham - Trustee	0	R. Smith (Nav. School)	6

Membership of the Club at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 was 492. During this year 14 members were elected, 13 resigned and regrettably 7 died.

***If a member wishes an item to be included under AOB, it is advisable that details should be submitted to the Commodore 7 days prior to the AGM. Also, if a member wishes to ask a question relating to the accounts, written notice of that question should be given to the Honorary Treasurer not less than 7 days before the meeting.***

Yours sincerely,

**John Barrett**  
**Honorary Secretary**

**ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB**

**ACCOUNTANTS` REPORT ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

We report on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2015

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CLUB**

The Club's officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion on those accounts.

**BASIS OF OPINION**

We have carried out an independent examination of the accounts and our work consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the club and making such enquiries of the officers of the club as we considered necessary. These procedures provide only the assurance expressed in our opinion.

**OPINION**

In our opinion the club's accounts are in agreement with the accounting records and correctly disclose the club's financial position at 30 September 2015

*Dudley Gore & Co (signed)*  
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*19th November 2015*

Date: .....

**Dudley Gore & Co.**  
Certified Practising Accountants  
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## **HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Accounts before you show that the club has held its own again. Careful cost control, balancing the need to make a surplus with the supply of services for the members, are reflected in this result. Ramsgate Week, without a lead sponsor, but with a lot of hard work and support, has shown a positive return again. This is due to the considerable voluntary efforts put in for which the club is most grateful as it yields a material contribution to the "bottom line", plus helping bar takings for the week. This considerable achievement is much appreciated.

A gross profit of 55.91% in the Bar has been achieved. A pleasing result, again contributing to the healthy result for the year. Total sales are down but the gross profit percentage is marginally up, the result of which is that the Gross return to the club is £7000 down on last year. The message remains the same for another year, and thanks go to those who support the club in this way. The bar elective committee are thanked for their constant support and sterling hard work.

Income from accommodation and functions has picked up significantly in the year, following on from the trend set at the end of last year. Club functions and catering continue to present challenges which keeps everyone on their toes. The letting out of the rooms has been a very important positive contribution to the club finances, without which the financial result would be very different. We are all grateful to the staff working efficiently for the club and to the entertainments team for their hard work.

It should be noted that the bank account includes about £11,000 due to the Academy and also, due to the members' Gold Card balances, about £22,000, both of which are significantly up on last year.

The Club is most grateful to the Navigation School for its valuable donations during the year.

As always, looking to the future, I would propose that the General Committee be given discretionary authority to raise the 2016/17 subscription by an amount deemed by the committee to be appropriate to secure the continued financial security of the Club, if such an increase is required.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Elizabeth Anderson for her continued invaluable help and support. Thank you Elizabeth. Last of all, many thanks to JEB for his constant support over many years.

**Nicolas Irwin**  
**Honorary Treasurer**

# ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

## TRADING, PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	£	£
<b><u>BAR</u></b>		
Sales	154,123	165,290
Opening Stock	9,516	9,085
Purchases	65,957	74,301
Closing Stock	7,518	9,516
Cost of Sales	67,955	73,870
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>£ 86,168</b>	<b>£ 91,420</b>
	<b>55.91%</b>	<b>55.31%</b>

# ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

## RAMSGATE WEEK 2014 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	£	£
Sponsorship and Advertising	8775	16510
Entrance Fees	7060	6735
Catering & BBQ income	1018	1133
Sub total	16853	24378
Refreshments for sponsors	1292	1446
Printing and advertising	2688	1931
Race packs and fuel	731	636
Trophy Engraving	1074	450
Sundries	121	150
Boat Hire/Charter	2695	2100
PR	520	1905
Glassware	1634	600
Video & RIB		1400
Marketing / Yacht charter	1046	4000
Donation	350	300
Canon blanks & maintenance.	320	362
Sub total	12471	15330
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>£ 4382</b>	<b>£ 9048</b>



# ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	£	£
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>		
Balance b/forward	277405	268345
Surplus for the year	9227	9060
Roof Repair Reserve	5000	
	<b>£ 291632</b>	<b>£ 277405</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:-</b>		
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Freehold premises and improvements	186082	188452
Furniture and equipment	816	5345
Sub total	186898	193797
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stocks Bar	7518	9516
Insignia	100	100
Stationery	50	50
Debtors and prepayments	0	11865
Bank current account	33919	23025
Bank deposit accounts	105182	70131
Cash in hand	9304	5280
Sub total	156073	119967
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors and accrued charges	39696	31524
Subscriptions in advance	11643	4835
Sub total	51339	36359
Net Current Assets	104734	83608
	<b>£ 291632</b>	<b>£ 277405</b>

# ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	£	£
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Bar profits	86168	91420
Insignia profits	102	696
Subscriptions and entrance fees	74501	79106
Accommodation, functions & catering surplus	36930	34278
Donations	3710	0
Interest received gross	51	56
Ramsgate Week surplus	4382	9048
Return on Catering	7914	9440
Warrants	90	210
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>213848</b>	<b>224254</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Rates, water and refuse	14147	13460
Insurances	8253	8265
Staff wages & NIC	81159	81574
Lighting and heating	13619	27103
Repairs and maintenance	16292	33743
Printing and stationery	1892	1900
Laundry and cleaning	8293	11425
Newspapers and periodicals	626	1047
Postage and telephone	2095	4378
Stocktaker and bar expenses	1680	1680
Accountancy and book-keeping	1790	1671
Sailing and racing	16836	7443
Subscriptions & Licenses	1717	1236
General expenses	701	804
Bank charges	3142	3545
Equipment replacement/service	15481	8384
Depreciation	6898	7536
Academy	5000	
Roof Reserve	5000	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>204621</b>	<b>215194</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>£ 9227</b>	<b>£ 9060</b>

ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB - 250 CLUB - FINAL ACCOUNTS

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For the year 1 October 2014 - 30 September 2015

	12 months	12 months	12 months	12 months
	2015	2015	2014	2014
	£	£	£	£
SUBSCRIPTIONS	11840		12090	
PRIZES	8825		<u>8000</u>	
<b>GROSS SURPLUS</b>		3015		4090
<b>Add: OTHER INCOME</b>				
Transfer from Deposit	0		0	
Bank Interest Receivable	<u>1.62</u>		<u>1.51</u>	
		3017		4092
<b>Deduct: EXPENSES</b>				
Bank Charges	100		96	
Refund			60	
Postage and Stationery			100	
Cost of Buffet	<u>200</u>		<u>271.82</u>	
		300		528
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>		2716		3564
Payments to RTYC		<u>0</u>		<u>1600</u>
<b>TRANSFER TO ACCUMULATED FUND</b>		2716		1964

ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB - 250 CLUB - FINAL ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS

For the year 1 October 2014 - 30 September 2015

	12 months	12 months	12 months	12 months
	2015	2015	2014	2014
	£	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash at Bank	18074		15134.24	
Deposit A/c	3763		3761.67	
	21837		<u>18896</u>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Subscriptions in Advance				
Sundry Creditor	225			
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		21612		18896
<b>Represented By:</b>				
ACCUMULATED FUND				
Balance Brought Forward		18896		16932
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year		2716		1964
		<u>21612</u>		<u>18896</u>

**Signed: J E Barrett**

**Treasurer:** Elizabeth Anderson

## **Honorary Secretary Report**

It has proved another busy year for the Secretariat and staff. Carol and Barry are an excellent team and must be thanked for the smooth running of the club. They have a very willing and able staff who also must all be congratulated for their commitment to the club and the well being of the members and visitors. We must always be aware that attention to our members needs is paramount although in these continuing financial uncertain times the commercial aspect of the club is very important. Outside functions and corporate meetings continue to be sought and the listing of the clubs accommodation on Booking.com has been successful even though we have certain restrictions listed. Rest assured, members will not be inconvenienced, rooms are always kept aside for members and on club function nights all rooms are taken offline. I have decided to stand down from my position as Honorary Secretary having completed 9 years in office. I will not be abandoning the club or the office completely as I have promised to assist wherever I can to ensure a smooth handover to my replacement. I can honestly say I have enjoyed my years of service to the club and hope I have contributed to its continued well being.

## **250 Club Report**

The 250 Club has kept its powder dry this year as it has promised to contribute to the refurbishments of the bedrooms by paying for the new carpets and curtains and buying replacement tables for the dining room. I guess, because of the pressure on members personal finances the 250 Club membership is declining. I would like to stop that trend and urge all to consider its function, which is to provide the club with the things that make it that bit special and help pay for major works. Everyone admires the crest in our carpets and the leather chairs, all funded by the 250 Club.

Membership of the Club is restricted to 250 people, the subscription being £5 per month. 75% of the proceeds are returned as prizes in a monthly draw and an annual bonanza draw. Please consider joining, application forms are always available from myself or the office. Friends and family are very welcome to join.

**John Barrett**

## **Commodore's Report**

This is my second report as Commodore and I am pleased to say that your Club has enjoyed another successful year.

A year ago I said that we would try to build on the foundations laid over the previous five years. I am delighted to report that our Club continues to deliver sound financial results and our reputation as one of the leading Clubs in the South East continues to grow.

Our positive financial performance owes much to the continued efforts of our dedicated and professional staff. I again offer my sincere thanks to them on behalf of all the members, for another year's great efforts and successful delivery of service to our members and visitors.

Our thanks also go to those members who are willing to accept and discharge, on a voluntary basis, the duties of the Officers of the Club, and Members of the General Committee. This group is further supported by those members who continue to carry out various functions in support of the Club; assisting with the Navigation School, the race hut, and the many social functions. Our thanks go equally to them.

Ramsgate Week 2015 was again a great success. This year, with no title sponsors to provide financial support, the Ramsgate Week Committee worked even harder to ensure that the Week was a success both from a sailing and competitors' point of view and also from a financial standpoint. And they succeeded! Our thanks go to the Ramsgate Week Committee and all those members who helped to make Ramsgate week 2015 such a great success.

Our Academy programme continues to go from strength to strength as more local schools begin to see the benefits for their students of joining the programme. From the Club's perspective, it is gratifying to see a new generation of sailors learning their basic skills and extending the appeal of our sport into the wider community.

Continuing on the theme of community engagement, we are planning that the Ramsgate Illuminations, previously known as "Light the Harbour" will be bigger and better this year and will hopefully lay the foundations for a much bigger event in future years.

At the AGM this year one of the Club's longest-ever serving Officers will stand down from General Committee. John Barrett joined the General Committee in 1986 and served as Vice Commodore 1994-2000, Commodore 2001-2005 and as Honorary Secretary 2006-2015. This extraordinary length of service to our Club at General Committee and Officer level sets an example to us all. The thanks of all members go to John for his many years of service.

The Royal Temple Yacht Club continues to be in a strong position. With your support, we shall continue to strive to develop the Clubs activities and expand its reach both in our local communities and more widely.

**Frank Martin**

## **VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT**

Oh how time flies! I cannot believe I am sitting down to write this report for the AGM. Never mind where the summer went I appear to have missed the autumn.

Well yet another successful week, thanks to the amazing effort by the RW team we are still managing to attract a good number of racers from up and down the coast and across the Channel. Even regardless of the rather unpleasant weather the few days leading up to the weekend, it was great to see so many competitors make what must have been a rather unpleasant trip to join us.

Following our usual format Sunday kicked off with Round the Goodwins race. Again the weather was not playing ball. Round the Goodwins became up & down inside the Goodwins. Followed by a lively prizegiving with a number of our competitors from across the channel showing us how to dance the night away.

Monday saw the Official start of Ramsgate Week:

The three very popular cruiser classes, our biggest growing class, enjoying some excellent inshore racing, very ably attended to by the race hut team with the support of Peter Holland from Broadstairs SC. The IRC classes headed out for their start in what were quite windy conditions, after a few attempts to get the start line at right angles to the wind the committee boat team lead by Peter & Kay Rumbelow from Torquay sent us off on our way.

The racing for the week continued very successfully which included on Thursday the IRC fleet racing for the QE2 cup, two races back to back, just like sailing in the Med.

Friday saw class 5 joining the IRC fleet for the Gold Cup, it appeared we may have had too much wind for the week as the weather was looking a little benign. Well benign it was, at one stage part of the fleet were drifting backwards, thankfully we managed to finish.

Not only does the team work tirelessly on the water, the shoreside is an event in its self. And again I must thank all the effort put in by the RW team and all RTYC staff. We had a number of lively evenings drinking and dancing into the wee small hours. Wednesday was again 80's night, great to see so many dressed up for the occasion, I hope the brightly coloured shots didn't scupper any crews for the following days racing! To cap the week off a very lively prize giving with great support from our sponsors, followed by more drinking and dancing, this time invaded by pirates, I'm sure I saw Black Beard lurking in a corner!

Finally thank you to everyone who took part making RW 2015 another great event.

Anyone who would be interested in offering their time and assistance before and during RW this would be most appreciated. The Club also needs a Title and daily sponsors for 2016, so any leads please pass on to me or Carol.

**Andrew Beaumont-Hope**

## **Rear Commodore Cruising Report**

The Cruising Section had another very successful year in 2015. For cruising, we were blessed with beautiful weather for most of the year, which enabled us to undertake a record number of enjoyable and successful cruises.

The first of these was a weekend trip to Dover where we were welcomed by our friends at the RCPYC. At the beginning of May, four boats took part in a trip to Boulogne.

This year was the 75th anniversary of the evacuation by the Dunkirk Little Ships, Operation Dynamo. Over sixty of these ships gathered in Ramsgate for the start of the celebrations. On the 21st May the Little Ships left Ramsgate Royal Harbour and sailed to Dunkirk, accompanied by six boats from the RTYC. We had a wonderful time in Dunkirk and were proud to show the flag on behalf of the RTYC.

Our most successful cruise this year was to the East Coast. Ten boats took part in what was the biggest gathering for many years. While we did not have to brave great ocean swells, we did have some tricky piloting around the Deben and the Orwell. And two of us had some adventures with our anchoring.

In addition to our cruising trips, we organised a number of other activities including talks by visiting speakers. This is continuing during the winter season, and allows our community to keep in contact and socialise.

I would like to thank the Cruising committee for all the help and assistance they have given me for the last year. In particular I would like to acknowledge the great contribution by Dennis Payne and also to Elizabeth Anderson who has guided us in our endeavours. We are in the process of preparing our Cruising programme for 2016 which will include other activities as well as traditional cruises. Hopefully we will have the same weather and support.

**Stan Jacob**

**Rear Commodore Cruise**



## **Rear Commodore Sail Report**

Once again we enjoyed a good season's racing. The resurgence of class two being particularly pleasing. We now need to concentrate on classes three and four. Any of our club boat owners that currently do not race but who would like to get involved please contact me.

All race series were hotly contested and well attended, with more boats taking part in the offshore series this season which is encouraging.

The Euro Regatta proving as popular as ever with the RNSYC sending almost forty boats to Ramsgate in the Ostend race. My own boat, Didgeridoo, takes part in this race nearly every year and Principessa apart no other club boats enter. I will once again make this race part of our Offshore series as it is a true, at times, very challenging proper offshore race. It would be so good to see a few more RTYC boats take part in this classic race.

The new buoys have not been the success I was hoping for. They will have a topmark added to make them more visible and only used as intermediate marks with Northrop and ICOM reverting back to the large sphericals. Hopefully I can make the combination of large and small buoys work. It's all about making the laying and retrieval of the buoys easier.

Two years ago we started the process of training our own Race officers. We successfully trained six members of the club but I did not carry on pushing the concept and it all fizzled out. I intend to restart this process with the ultimate goal being our own Race management team to work in conjunction with our race hut team. All aspects will be covered in our training programme, from Race officers to Race mark laying and Rib handlers. Any club member, particularly those with some racing experience, that might be interested please contact me. With enough interest all training can be carried out at the club and our local waters.

On the social side of club racing, the crews' lunch, prize giving and Euro regatta once again proved a success. These events work well due to our various club committees combining their efforts. A big thank you to you all.

My thanks go to all club members that volunteer to help in various unseen roles from helping with the race buoys, race hut, results, serving food after evening races, etc. All of this helps make the club racing the success that it is.

Finally a big thank you to Carol and Elizabeth in the office without whose help I could not organise our club events.

**Rear Commodore Sail**  
**Steve Stokes**

## House Officer Report

Another year in the position of House Officer, has again flown by. We have a beautiful clubhouse however the upkeep is a never ending project.

We have had a very busy year, and I must say "thank you" again to Carol, Barry and Sue as a team, for their help and support throughout the year. Managing the day to day tasks, cleaning duties and general maintenance required in the clubhouse. Also thanks to Clive Nichols for dealing with minor repairs and, many smaller "in house" jobs, which are never ending.

During the year, the usual tasks have been carried out, such as the carpets cleaned regularly, the annual check to the roof and guttering, safety testing of all the electrical equipment, The regular cleaning of the silverware in the trophy cabinet, and various white goods have been purchased including an extra Microwave and Tumble Dryer. The hand rail to the main stairs has also been replaced. One of the hot water boilers has been replaced in order to be more fuel efficient. The stained glass in the Snooker Room door has been restored and is now back in place with a protective layer to aim to preserve this piece of history for years to come.

As this has become a major source of income to the club, the main project for this year, has been to completely refurbish and upgrade the club bedrooms. This has included the removal of old disused fireplaces and the walls being re-plastered and decorated. There have been new carpets fitted to all bedrooms, upper stairs and landings, and new blinds fitted to some of the rooms. During the year the Duvets and pillows in each room have been upgraded, and we are in the process of purchasing new items of furniture for some of the rooms to complete the modernization.

Another important project this year has been to address the leaking from the terrace into the hold bar and Navigation School office. The main leaking was found to be from the base of the flag pole, which upon further investigation was only held in place by a wing and a prayer. The pole was removed and redecorated whilst the works to the terrace were undertaken. All works were carried out by contractors JJ UK, completed on time, with minimum disturbance to the general workings of the club, and finished under the allocated budget. The hold bar, Storage cupboards and Navigation School office then were treated for the damp and redecorated.

The never ending tasks of repair and redecoration of the building continues with our ongoing improvement programme I can report that the upgrade and redecoration of the Gents and Ladies cloakrooms will be scheduled for early in the New Year. I would also like to create a dedicated space for some of the many artefacts relating to the history of the RTYC which rarely see the light of day.

I would like to thank, members of the General Committee and members of Staff for their support over the year and those Club Members who have willingly given their advice, time and assistance throughout.

**Judy Pearson**  
**Hon. House Officer**

## **ENTERTAINMENT REPORT 2015**

So my first year as Chairman and I hadn't realised what big shoes I had to fill taking over from Bob Booth, but with the assistance of my committee and massive support from Elizabeth Anderson I think we managed to pull it off.

The year started out well with Willson Ford welcoming in the New Year after a formal meal upstairs. We decided against providing a coach to the London boat show due to lack of numbers but the club supported the Harbour staff on their stand during the week. Then sadly we had to cancel Burns Night due to the main participants being unable to attend.

February started with the Grand 300 club draw, on the 1st. Then on St Valentine's Day we had a joint Masqued Ball at the Pavilion with Broadstairs Sailing Club, a 4 course dinner followed by dancing to Helluvaday. This was very well attended. And at the end of the month we had our annual RNLI supper for our local branch, which went down well as always.

March was busy with a quiz evening on 14th, on St Patrick's Day we had an evening of Guinness, and Irish jokes, a great combination, all done whilst wearing silly hats! Then the Fitting Out supper was on 21st March, well supported by cruisers and racers. Then in April we had the St Georges function in its traditional format.

In May we had our friends from the continent over for the Euro Regatta and we celebrated the life of Michelle Jonette with a disco kindly provided by Malcolm Hasler. We continued to celebrate on 20th May, this time with afternoon cream tea in the club for the visit of the Dunkirk Little Ships.

In June we had our very own Dick Smith's jazz band playing in the club, always enjoyable. And at the end of the month we had the EAORA fleet here again boosting the bar takings!

Sadly our trip to Henley in July was cancelled, lack of numbers and the cost of the coach meant we had to decline the offer. But at the end of July we had a successful Ramsgate Week, a packed bar with sailors staying to listen to fantastic bands. The 80's night particularly stands out in my mind, those who made the effort to dress up made it a fun evening.

August Bank Holiday Saturday we had Alan Lovell from the Swinging Blue Jeans perform in the club. Boosted by visiting sailors, it was a very successful evening.

September there was another cream tea to celebrate Queen Elizabeth becoming the longest reigning monarch. And on 19th we had the Officers Reunion/Riflemans Dinner.

The Rugby World Cup was watched in the club during September and October. We did serve curry to encourage people to stay and watch but sadly we were knocked out in the early rounds. Helluvaday returned to the club on 10th October as a birthday was being celebrated. And sadly due to a clash of dates the Trafalgar Night dinner had to be cancelled. A lesson learnt, it will return to a Friday for next year.

The racing crews lunch was on 25th Oct and a sold out Prize Giving on 31st. November we had Grumpy Night, raising £110 for the RNLI. And another packed quiz night was held at the end of the month.

December will be its usual manic self. Christmas tree decoration 10th, with mulled wine and mince pies. The annual children's party complete with magician and Father Christmas on 13th. The Navigation and Academy Christmas drinks on 16th, a candlelit carol service at the Sailors Church on 17th, Ramsgate Illuminations prize giving in the club on 18th, and the Christmas Dinner on 19th, sadly that is sold out! Then if that's not enough we have Officers Drinks on 22nd December. And to complete the year we are now taking bookings for New Year's dinner followed by dancing to Jeepster afterwards.

A busy year, and plans are already in place to make next year even busier. Payment at the time of booking is now essential, we can no longer afford to run a function at a loss, which is why the difficult decision to cancel them has to be made. So to avoid disappointment please book early. Also we are grateful to everybody who has used the club to celebrate private events, we really do appreciate you all supporting our club.

**Karen Cox**

**Entertainments Chairman**

## School of Navigation and Sail Training

The Navigation School can report another very successful year. Our numbers for the three theory classes, which ran from October 2014 to March 2015, were up on the previous year, with 13 students on the Day Skipper Course, 10 students on the Yacht Master Course and 6 students on the Ocean Master Course. Three students failed to complete their course, but we are pleased to report that the remaining 26 students all achieved a successful pass on their respective course.

Our 'End-of-Term' Presentation Evening and Buffet took place at the end of March when, certificates and special awards were presented. The winners of the special Trophies were as follows: The Navigation School Trophy *for the most improved Day Skipper* was awarded to John Bird, the Roy & Mary Trophy *for the best Day Skipper* went to Jennifer Munns, the Noel Smythe Trophy *for the most improved Yacht Master* was won by Abbie Ruck, the Quartermain Trophy *for the Best Yacht Master* was awarded to Daniel Hawkes, the Denys Tweddell Cup *for the Best Ocean Master* was jointly won by Trevor and Irene Brooks and the 'Muscateer' Tankard, the Principal's Special Trophy, was this year awarded to Dr. Anthony Nwabudike, who, over the last three years has achieved his Day Skipper, Yacht Master Offshore & Yacht Master Ocean Theory Certificates plus his Competent Crew Practical Award.

In addition to our Navigation Theory Courses, we also ran a VHF/DSC Radio Course in March, which was attended by 8 students, seven of whom achieved their Radio Operator's Certificate.

During the summer months we continued to offer a full range of Practical Courses with a number of our members achieving their Competent Crew, Day Skipper, ICC & CEVNI or Coastal Skipper Certificates, and in September Mark Thomas achieved his Yacht Master Offshore Award. In June we again ran a 6-week 'Introduction to Sailing' Module for our 'Mini Academy' students from Chilton Junior School when ten 11-year-old students enjoyed six sessions afloat. Also in June we were asked to deliver, at short notice, a 2-Day Navigation Theory Course to a group of 20 Italian students from the Churchill School of English, which proved to be a useful source of revenue at an 'off-peak' time for the Navigation School.

With our 2015/16 theory season now under way, we are all looking forward to yet another successful year. This coming year, our numbers are as high as they have ever been with a total of 33 students, 10 on the Day Skipper Course, 17 on the Yacht Master Offshore Course and 6 on the Ocean Master Course.

None of this would happen without the dedication of our instructors, to whom I give my sincere thanks; Mike Greenstreet, who ran the Day Skipper Course, with the assistance of Roy Fomison and Nigel Collingwood, Michelle Stoneley, as my Classroom Assistant on the Yacht Master Course and Andrew Beaumont-Hope, who jointly ran the Yacht Master Ocean Course with me. We also have to thank Elizabeth Anderson, our Administration Officer, who has again done a superb job in looking after the enrolment of our students, ordering all our student packs and keeping a firm hand on our purse strings.

In addition to the teaching services we offer to members of our Club, a further aim of the Navigation School is to make annual donations to the Royal Temple Yacht Club, and I am pleased to announce that the Navigation School's finances are in a very healthy state.

So far this year we have bought a Base Station VHF Radio set, at a cost of £457.00, which is to be stationed in the Bar to allow members and visitors to listen to events on the water and if necessary to monitor or take over Emergency situations at sea. At the beginning of the season we also purchased, on behalf of the Sailing Committee, 6 racing Marks plus ground tackle at a cost of £3,045.60, we have made a donation of £206.78 to the Club for stationary and we have recently made a further donation of £5,000.00 for the General Committee to use for a meaningful project of its choice.

We are now looking forward to funding new projects, small or large, as and when requested by the General Committee.

**Richard Smith**  
**Principal**

## **Academy**

2015 has been another great year for the Academy. In February Dave Parish and myself again took our Power Point Presentation out to Dane Court School, St. George's School and The Marlowe Academy, to recruit 'The Class of 15'. Thirteen students from these three schools signed up initially, but news of our Academy had spread and we had requests from students at King Ethleberts, Simon Langton and the Ursuline College which resulted in a total of 18 students attending our six theory sessions on Wednesday afternoons in March, with instruction given by members of the Navigation School and Academy Committee. Attendance and enthusiasm was high and on April 29<sup>th</sup> all 18 students attended an award ceremony held at the Club, where they were presented with their Certificates of Basic Navigation (Shore Based) by Richard Falk, Chief Examiner and Training Officer of the RYA.

After two 'Briefing Sessions' aboard, our 'Class of 15' were allocated to one of our racing fleet for five races throughout May. Again enthusiasm was high with an average of 10 students on the water for each race. By the end of the Spring Series 14 students continued to sail up to the end of the Summer Term and 9 continued throughout the summer on their allocated boats, taking part in Ramsgate Week and the Autumn Series.

At the annual Club Prize Giving, Commendation Awards were presented to Valentine Goesel (Surprise), Elliot Town (Miss Amelia), Elliott Ball (Principessa) and Harry Brown (Principessa) for their achievements in sailing during the season. The Junior Cup was awarded to Mark Thomas who has achieved his Yacht Master Offshore Practical Certificate, has competed in the Round-the-Island Race and the Fastnet Race and is now Captain of his University Sailing Club.

Nine of our 'Class of 15' students have now joined nine 'Old Hands' as regular crew members and we are delighted to see as many as 18 young members on the water and in the Club on a regular basis. Four of our Academy members, have, this year, joined our Navigation School evening classes, Lewis Poole on the Day Skipper Course and Elliot Town, Elliott Ball and Harry Brown on the Yacht Master Course.

We are delighted to see our Academy members using the Club and joining in Club activities ashore as well as afloat. For this success, thanks must go to our Boat Owners/Skippers who are willing to take these young novices to sea in Club races and mould them into useful crew members and we look forward to seeing this new section of the Club grow during the coming years.

**Richard Smith**  
**Academy Officer**