



Royal Temple Yacht Club

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 4th December 2016

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 and commenced payment on a Direct Debit Mandate for deferred payment terms. Gold membership cards must be produced at the door. Staff will then confirm the 2016/17 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 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.

**Elizabeth Anderson
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 4th December 2016 at 11.30 a.m. Please be seated by 11.15 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. To approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 6th December 2015
3. To consider matters arising there from.
4. To introduce Officers and Committee Members standing for election.
5. To elect in accordance with Rule 6 the Officers of the Club, as enumerated in Rule 3, to serve for the coming year.
6. To elect in accordance with Rule 6 a General Committee to serve for the coming year.
7. To receive the accounts and balance sheets for the year ended 30th September 2016, together with a Treasury Report and to approve the same.
8. 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.
9. Club Constitution: The following Resolution will be put to members at the AGM:

“Whereas Royal Temple Yacht Club is currently an unincorporated body, this Meeting resolves in principle to constitute the Club as a company limited by guarantee controlled by current and future Proprietary members. To this end the Meeting instructs the General Committee, following receipt of appropriate professional advice, to establish or acquire a new company limited by guarantee, to draw up and/or revise as required the Memorandum and Articles of Association of that company and to draw up the necessary documents for the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the Royal Temple Yacht Club to that new company. The final authority to make this transfer will be sought from Members at a future general meeting.”

Notes to resolution:

- 1) Following the receipt of appropriate advice and the formation or acquisition of a Company Limited by Guarantee for the purpose of the transfer of the assets and liabilities of RTYC to that Company, a General Meeting of the Club will be called on a date to be fixed, during 2017. At that General meeting resolutions will be put to the meeting to effect the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the Royal Temple Yacht Club to the new Company and to adopt the Company's Memorandum and Articles of association as the new Constitution of the Royal Temple Yacht Club.
 - 2) The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the new Company, together with explanatory notes will be circulated to members in advance of the General Meeting for their consideration. It is intended that the current Club rules will form the basis of the Memorandum and Articles. Further briefing meetings will be offered prior to the General Meeting so that Members may raise any questions they may have, prior to the General Meeting.
10. Any Other Business allowed by the Chair.

Elizabeth Anderson
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 30th September 2016
Since the last Annual General Meeting there have been 9 General Committee meetings with attendance as follows:

Commodore	9	Committee:	
Vice Commodore	8	T Adams	8
Rear Commodore Sail	4	John Adkin	7
Rear Commodore Cruising	9	K. Cox	8
Honorary Secretary	9	D Crampton	7
Honorary Treasurer	0	M Green	5
Honorary House Officer	7	M Hasler	7
M Brand – Trustee	3	A Ketteringham	8
P Moore – Trustee	0	D Parish	7
R Oates – Trustee	2	R. Smith (Nav. School)	7
W Tuddenham - Trustee	0		

Membership of the Club at 30th September 2016 was 497. During this year 27 members were elected, 16 resigned and regrettably 6 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 Secretary not less than 7 days before the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Anderson
Honorary Secretary

ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

ACCOUNTANTS` REPORT ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

We report on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2016

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

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the professional and ethical regulations of the Institute of Certified Practising Accountants. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the club and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the officers of the club concerning any such matters. 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 2016

Dudley Gore & Co (signed)
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16 November 2016

Date:

Dudley Gore & Co.

Certified Practising Accountants

50 Queen Street

Ramsgate

Kent

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Treasury report

Following the resignation of the Hon Treasurer earlier this year, we decided not to seek a replacement until the 2016 AGM. I am therefore writing a brief note to cover the main points in respect of the Club's finances.

The appointment of a part time Book-keeper and the closer involvement of our Accountants Dudley Gore have facilitated the preparation of the 2015/16 accounts on a clear and transparent basis. Unfortunately the basis of the coding of prior year income and expense categories is less clear. Members should therefore not place undue reliance on the individual income and expense categories in the prior year figures for comparison purposes. However the overall result for the prior year is not in question.

The systems that are now in place will allow for regular management accounts to be made available to the General Committee during the course of the year, and reliable recording of income and expenses in the preparation of the accounts from now on.

The accounts for 2015/16 show that the Club has again produced a satisfactory trading result. During the year a considerable sum has been spent on repairs and maintenance, and £12500 has been transferred to Reserves to cover future anticipated expenditure on the roof and on the bar floor. The Club will need to continue to produce trading surpluses in order to continue to cover such essential maintenance and improvement costs.

The bar produced a similar cash contribution to the figure reported for last year, but on a reduced revenue. This increase in margin percentage has been achieved by close attention to stock management and waste reduction.

Contribution from accommodation and functions is marginally down on the prior year reported figure. This arises as a result of an increase in the proportion of services attracting VAT. Accommodation income remains a key contributor to the Club's financial strength.

Staff wages and NIC have risen, due primarily to the introduction of the higher minimum wage and also the introduction of mandatory employer pension contributions. These and other costs are certain to continue to rise and therefore authority will be sought at the AGM for the General Committee to raise the 2017/18 subscription by an amount required to continue to assure the financial security of the Club, if such an increase is deemed necessary.

It should be noted that the Bank Account holds approximately £10,000 on behalf of the Academy.

I would like to record on behalf of all members our gratitude to the Honorary Secretary Elizabeth Anderson. Her first year in this vital post has presented more challenges than we might have expected, including the resignation of the Hon Treasurer and the consequent need for the Hon Sec to shoulder more of the administrative burden. Elizabeth has risen admirably to every challenge - thank you. We might hope for slightly fewer challenges in the coming years.

Frank Martin
Commodore
November 2016

ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

TRADING & PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

		2016	2015
		£	£
<u>BAR</u>			
Sales		144,053	154,124
Stock at 1st October 2015	7,518		9,516
Purchases	58,911		65,957
	<u>66,429</u>		
Less: Stock at 30th September	(9,245)	57,184	(7,518)
GROSS PROFIT	<u> </u>	<u>86,869</u>	<u>86,169</u>

RAMSGATE WEEK 2016 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

		2016	2015
		£	£
Sponsorship and advertising		6,550	8,775
Entrance fees		6,134	7,060
Catering and BBQ income		-	1,018
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		12,684	16,853
Refreshments for sponsors	-		1,292
Printing and advertising	1,320		2,688
Bands	-		350
Race packs and fuel	340		731
Trophies	1,295		2,708
Postage and copying	584		520
Sundries	590		121
Committee boats	2,650		2,695
Marketing/Yacht charter	-		1,046
Officials	676		-
Cannon blanks and maintenance	-		320
Equipment	862	8,317	-
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Net profit		4,367	4,382
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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30
SEPTEMBER 2016**

<u>INCOME</u>	2016	2015
	£	£
Bar profits	86,869	86,169
Insignia profits	15	102
Subscriptions and entrance fees	59,101	74,501
Sundry income	6,052	-
Accommodation, functions and catering surplus	34,460	36,930
Donations	9,148	3,710
Interest received (gross)	69	51
Ramsgate Week surplus	4,367	4,382
Return on catering	4,746	7,914
Warrants	90	90
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	204,917	213,849
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Rates, water and refuse	10,457	14,147
Insurance	10,387	8,253
Staff wages and NIC	90,716	81,159
Lighting and heating	16,133	13,619
Repairs and maintenance	24,088	16,292
Printing and stationery	2,099	1,892
Laundry and cleaning	7,215	8,293
Newspapers and periodicals	728	626
Postage and telephone	2,015	2,095
Advertising and promotion	2,465	-
Stock taker and bar expenses	1,680	1,680
Legal fees	780	-
Accountancy and bookkeeping	3,345	1,790
Sailing and racing	4,407	16,836
Subscriptions and licences	3,321	1,717
Donations	480	-
General expenses	174	701
Bank charges	3,773	3,142
Academy	-	5,000
Equipment replacement	-	15,481
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	184,263	
Depreciation of furniture and equipment	5,767	6,898
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	190,030	199,621
Surplus for the year	<hr/>	<hr/>
	14,887	14,228
Transfers to reserves	<hr/>	<hr/>
	12,500	5,000
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	2,387	9,228
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BALANCE SHEET AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

	2016	2015
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Freehold premises and Improvements	186,083	186,083
Furniture and equipment brought forward	816	7,714
Additions	19,805	-
Less: Depreciation	<u>(5,767)</u>	<u>816 (6,898)</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock on hand	9,395	7,668
Debtors	19,983	-
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>156,507</u>	<u>148,405</u>
	<u>185,885</u>	<u>156,073</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors and accrued charges	64,474	39,696
Subscriptions in advance	<u>10,829</u>	<u>11,643</u>
	<u>75,303</u>	<u>51,339</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	110,582	104,734
NET ASSETS	<u>311,519</u>	<u>291,633</u>
FINANCED BY:		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
Balance brought forward	291,632	277,405
Net profit after transfers to reserve	2,387	9,228
Roof reserve	7,500	5,000
Bar floor reserve	10,000	-
	<u>311,519</u>	<u>291,633</u>

ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB - 250 CLUB - FINAL ACCOUNTS

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For the year 1 October 2015 - 30 September 2016

	2016	2016	2015	2015
SUBSCRIPTIONS	12235		11840	
PRIZES	<u>7983</u>		<u>8825</u>	
GROSS SURPLUS		4253		3015
Add: OTHER INCOME				
Transfer from Deposit	0		0	
Bank Interest Receivable	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>	
		4254		3017
Deduct: EXPENSES				
Bank Charges	94		100	
Refund				
Postage and Stationery				
Cost of Buffet	<u>160</u>		<u>200</u>	
		254		300
NET SURPLUS		4000		2716
Payments to RTYC		<u>5945</u>		<u>0</u>
TRANSFER TO ACCUMULATED FUND		-1945		2716

Honorary Secretary/Honorary Treasurer Report

This year has proved very busy and at the same time enjoyable for me. Carol and Barry are an excellent team and must be thanked for the smooth running of the club and their support of me. They have a very willing and able team who also must all be congratulated for their commitment to the club and the well being of the members and visitors.

There have been a few changes around with staff, Carol continues as Club Manager on reduced hours, Barry continues as Duty Manager but now lives off the premises and Val has taken on the role of Housekeeper/Assistant and lives in the Club, the rest of the staff have stayed the same. These changes have proved successful and it is hoped that this arrangement will continue. We are always aware that attention to our members' needs is paramount and hope that these small changes will contribute to the continued good atmosphere in the Club.

Outside functions and corporate meetings continue to be sought and the listing of the club's accommodation on booking.com continues to be successful. We do our best to ensure that members are not inconvenienced, a room is kept aside for members and on club function nights all rooms are available for members only.

Members will be aware that the club has not had an Hon Treasurer this year following a resignation from the position. A decision was taken not to replace the Treasurer and we appointed a Book Keeper who has been excellent in managing the day today accounting in liaison with the club's accountants Dudley Gore. We are hopeful that the role of Honorary Treasurer will be filled at the forthcoming AGM.

The club's finances are in a healthy position at the end of the year but members do need to be aware that we have a number of large maintenance costs to meet therefore a reserve has been built into the accounts.

The Academy Trust continues to thrive but a decision was taken to bring the finances back under the club umbrella to enable easier management of funds. This will not impact on the Academy going forward nor the money which has been donated by members but is for easier management until an appropriate person is found who can take on this area of financial management responsibility.

This was my first year as Honorary Secretary also taking on the interim role of Honorary Treasurer. To say this year was interesting is an understatement. I would like to thank the Club staff and members for their patience in dealing with their new Honorary Secretary.

Elizabeth Anderson
Honorary Secretary

Royal Temple Yacht Club 250 Club

This past year the 250 Club has been able to assist with the refurbishment of bedrooms in the club by providing the funds to replace the carpets and curtains in all the rooms. I have just been advised that the red leather chairs in the bar and TV room are showing signs of wear and I am sure the 250 club would be prepared to fund their repair. Our club is an expensive building to maintain and the 250 Club is always on hand to provide the funds for the things that make it special.

New members are always welcome; the cost is £60 a year which can be paid at £5 per month. £400 is paid out every month at the Sunday draw then annual bonus prizes totalling £3750. Membership is restricted to 250 people. Application forms are available on the club website or from the office.

I should like to thank Elizabeth Anderson who keeps the accounts and Jean Beale who oversees the Sunday draw when I am away sailing and most especially all the 250 club for their unselfish support of the RTYC

John Barrett

Commodore's Report

This is my third report as Commodore and I am pleased to say that your Club has enjoyed another successful year. However, I have decided not to stand again as Commodore at this year's AGM as I feel that it is time to hand over to a fresh "helm".

When I took on the role as Commodore three years ago I said that we would try to build on the foundations laid by my predecessors. 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, Ramsgate week, and the many social functions. Our thanks go equally to them.

Success in the future will depend upon our being able to encourage members to continue to play such voluntary roles as Officers and Committee Members.

At the General Meeting held in April of this year, at which it was resolved to indemnify Committee Members out of Club funds in the event of a personal claim being brought against them, I said that we would be taking further advice in respect of the corporate structure of the Club and that we would make a recommendation to members, based on our findings.

We are now in a position to recommend that RTYC takes the next steps towards becoming a Company Limited by Guarantee. This position is supported by advice from the RYA and also from independent Solicitors. At this year's AGM a resolution will be put to members to instruct the General Committee to take further advice and form a not for profit Company Limited by Guarantee, and to draw up the documentation in preparation for the transfer of the Club's assets and liabilities to that Company. The transfer of the Club's assets and Liabilities to the Company would be the subject of a resolution to be put to members at a further General meeting.

In essence the resolution being proposed at the AGM is an enabling motion to allow the General Committee to take further advice and draw up the necessary documents for circulation to members during the early part of 2017 for consideration. We would then hold a separate General Meeting of Members at which the proposed resolution would be the final authority for the General Committee to effect the transfer of assets and liabilities. It will not be until after that separate General Meeting that the Club's constitution would change.

Your Club Officers and General Committee believe that this change to the Club's constitution is necessary in view of current legislation and the need to remove the risk of personal liability falling on individual Committee Members, and ultimately potentially on all Members as members of an unincorporated group – as we are currently structured. Whilst I will be standing down as Commodore at this AGM I have undertaken to continue to support the new Commodore and the General Committee in bringing forward these proposed changes to a General Meeting in early 2017.

The Royal Temple Yacht Club continues to be in a strong position. With your support, and with the added security offered by Limited Company status, I have every confidence that the Club will continue to prosper, and in doing so continue to fulfil the underlying aim of our founding fathers in 1857 – the promotion of yachting as a sport.

Frank Martin
November 2016

Vice Commodore's Report

Well hasn't time flown by again, it's hard to believe it's December, what with the wonderful weather we have had throughout October, and still seeing some nice sunny days into November.

Ramsgate week now seems like a distant memory. Though a very enjoyable one.

And what a successful week. The Ramsgate week team, appear, through hard work and tenacity to pull off another great event.

With other regattas suffering from ever falling numbers we appear to be almost bucking the trend. Only a few boats down on last year, but what felt like nearly the same number of visitors in the Club House, always handy where bar profits are concerned, creating a great atmosphere. The evenings appeared to get busier as the week progressed, so fancy dress must be the attraction!!

Weather for the week did not start promisingly with the Round the Goodwin's Race becoming up and down inside the Sands. But for the rest of the week we could not have asked for better weather, I even heard the comment it's just like the Riviera.

With the weather helping, our on the water and race hut teams created a most enjoyable week of racing in the IRC Classes and equally in the Cruiser (Gentleman's) Classes. The race hut and on the water teams excelled themselves for another season. Thank you.

Through all the effort of our Team, Staff, Broadstairs Sailing Club, Sponsors and Competitors, Ramsgate Week turned a similar profit to last year and I believe almost managed to match the bar profits as well. A huge thank you to everyone involved in making Ramsgate Week the success it is.

Looking forward to next year we are hoping to reintroduce a Classic Class. In years gone by we had many beautiful Classics Yachts coming to compete, hopefully with a bit of persuasion we will entice them back again.

So, if any of you have a beautiful Classic or friend with one please encourage them to consider Ramsgate Week in their itinerary for next season. It's always a wonderful sight to see these graceful vessels around the harbour many of them originally worked from or visited in their heyday.

Every year we work towards forming stronger bonds with our Sponsors and encourage new sponsors. We were, and I am sure the competitors were very happy to welcome Rook & Son's butchers who supplied the meat for the BBQ and the Copper Rivett Distillery to our event, they did a superb job of kicking off the Competitors' Reception with their lovely Gin. It is also great to have the continued help and support from Shepherd Neame who have been sponsoring Ramsgate Week for many years now. We look forward to encouraging all their participation further. I have only picked out a couple of our sponsors as I could go on for ages, but our thanks and appreciation go out to all. Without you we would not have the successful event we do.

Andy Beaumont-Hope
Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore Cruising Report

This year has been quite an eventful and successful one for the Cruising section. We arranged three major cruises and a number of minor ones. The main venture was our Summer Cruise along the French coast at the end of June. Eight boats left Ramsgate for our first stop at Boulogne. We continued down the coast as far as Dieppe, but unfortunately the weather gods were unkind to us and we were unable to make our planned destination of Honfleur. In spite of this, all the participants enjoyed themselves and resolved to continue on with other cruises.

The East Coast cruise was our second major outing of the year. Seven boats took part in this trip and we visited many small marinas in the Blackwater and Crouch areas. This was quiet sailing in sheltered waters, with lots of social interaction and good weather. Again, very enjoyable.

Cruising is our main activity but as we cannot sail throughout the year we also arrange a range of other events and activities. During the year, we had a number of guest speakers who gave interesting talks on nautical subjects. Notable among these were Paul and Norma Russell who entertained us with a description of their Caribbean cruise. This was accompanied by a display of the headwear they picked up during their trip. Another interesting speaker was Mike Greenstreet who gave us a talk on engine maintenance, which was well received by Club members.

The RTYC, the Cruising section along with the Ramsgate Town Team and Ramsgate Marina Association will again be organising and hosting the competition for the best lit boat in Ramsgate Harbour at Christmas. For the last two years, the Club received many plaudits for our efforts, and this time we plan to make the event bigger and better and hopefully get the involvement of more local businesses and community organisations. It is fast becoming an important part of our community and we are working hard to achieve an even better event and encourage even more boats to light up.

Our Cruising Socials are now an established date in the RTYC calendar and attract a growing number of members. This is an ideal opportunity for new members to meet up and establish links.

Dennis Payne, our hard-working navigation specialist is planning a number of cruises for next year and our 2017 programme will be published shortly. I would like to acknowledge the work and dedication of all the Cruising Committee members during the year, but I would like to say a particular thank you to Dennis and his wife Ann for their efforts.

If you have any suggestions on particular destinations, or if you wish to take part please email me at rcc.rtyc@gmail.com

Stan Jacob
Rear Commodore Cruising

Rear Commodore Sail Report

Once again we have enjoyed a good season's racing. We have seen the shape of the classes change one again with classes one, three and four all increasing with class two getting smaller. Overall we have a healthy, growing racing fleet which at the end of the day is all that matters.

All series were well supported. The offshore series could do with some minor changes. The Dover and Boulogne races are a success. The Ostend and back races are not. Calais is once again a viable destination so the change is obvious.

We have four members wanting to take this winter's Race Officers' course. As we are in the process of building a new race hut team, any club member wanting to take this course or get involved with our race hut, results, etc please contact myself or Carol.

On the social side of club racing (most important), the prize giving, crews lunch, get togethers after off shore races, notably Dover and Boulogne all proved a success. The Euro Regatta both in terms of racing and social is as well attended as ever with a big thankyou to the Entertainments Committee and Club members that help to make this event a success.

After five years as RCS it is time to hand over the role to someone new with their own approach and different ideas of how to take club racing forwards. I wish them every success.

My thanks go to our Race Hut and Results Team, Judy Pearson organising the trophies, for their enthusiastic support during my term as RCS.

Finally, a big thank you to Carol, Elizabeth and Paul Woodward who have all supported me when needed.

Steve Stokes
Rear Commodore Sail

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 Val 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 and for dealing with minor repairs and, many smaller "in house" jobs, which are never ending.

As House Officer, I had been requested to maintain a stringent control over expenditure again this year, and with this in mind building and maintenance projects have been prioritized whereby some projects are being queued till 2017. However any urgent works have been given budget priority and dealt with as they arose.

During the year, the usual tasks have been carried out, such as the carpets cleaned regularly, the Kitchen has had a professional "Deep Clean, 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. We are also in the process of upgrading the security system which will include night vision cameras.

Following advice from a building surveyor, we have had to undertake strengthening work to the main bar area floor and the ceiling to the hold bar, this work is nearly completed and should allow us all to be dancing in the bar again for the festive season!!

Over the course of the year we have been unlucky to have some incidents caused by leaking. A major leak from the shower in Room 5 caused the flooding of the main stairwell, landing and hallway, resulting in new ceilings and the redecoration. Also, damage to the roof causing leaking into the Snooker room which again warranted ceilings to be replaced and redecorated. As Scaffolding had to be erected to access the roof repairs it was decided to obtain a report on the condition of the roof. This led to some immediate urgent repairs to the rear of the building. It is an old building and the roof has been of some concern for many years, however we will soon have an idea of what we should be budgeting for in terms of future maintenance.

The work to the central heating system for the bedrooms is underway with the installation of a new boiler and pipework in order to be more fuel efficient. The refurbishment of the club bedrooms, has now been completed and there have been new carpets fitted to all bedrooms, upper stairs and landings. During the year the various items of furniture in each room have been upgraded to complete the modernization.

Following the works to the flag pole last year, we have this summer completed the works to the terrace including the tiling on the steps and recoated the paint on the terrace. New patio furniture and a new BBQ have also been purchased. As the step to the front door was crumbling away and becoming a trip hazard, we have had to rebuild the step and at the same time repainted. All works were completed by outside contractors JJ UK and Galaxy Builders on time and within the allocated budget.

The never ending tasks of repair and redecoration of the building continues, with our ongoing improvement programme for 2017 already in place. 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

Yet another busy year for the club, but it has also seen quite a few changes in the way in which members chose to socialise. Sadly we have had to cancel many of the traditional formal evenings due to lack of attendance, I refer to Burns Night, St Georges and Trafalgar Night. But the less formal evenings have been very well attended, like Dick's Jazz Band, and Alan Lovell playing in the club. Quiz evenings in particular seem very popular and we hope next year to have at least 3 possibly 4. We also had arranged a couple of interesting talks, one by our Honorary member Alex Alley on his round the world sailing adventures. And another by the lovely Meg Dyos part of the all women crew that rowed across the Pacific. Both of these were very well attended and I thank our members who used their contacts so that we can arrange these talks.

Also another thank you to those members who have chosen to celebrate their birthdays in the club, it's a great way to support the bar! If you would like to consider us as a venue I can always help you with booking bands.

We had a royal event to celebrate with our Queen reaching 90 years of age. My thanks to Meg Chater for making a beautiful cake for us to enjoy with a glass of bubbly on 21st April. This was also marked by the Lighting of the Beacon at the end of the harbour. And the Queen's official birthday on 11th June was marked by Dick's Jazz Band with a finger buffet in the club.

On 18th June we had the joint clubs, Margate, Minnis, Broadstairs and ourselves, Summer Ball at the Winter Gardens but once again this was not well attended and so we will have to reconsider this again for next year. It was a shame because it was a brilliant evening, great band and lovely food.

You may recall that I sent out a questionnaire in the year to gauge people's opinions about events in the club. This was non-conclusive, it was equally split between formal and informal but people were questioning why we had to cancel so early. Sadly the days of paying on the night have gone, with a club caterer it's only fair that we advise him in time so decisions about staffing etc can be made. If you really want to attend an event please book early and encourage your friends to do so too. The decision to cancel is never taken easily but we cannot afford to run a function with too few numbers, we are not looking to make a profit but we cannot make a loss.

Thank you to my committee for their help during the year. There is a lot of work goes on behind the scenes and I rely on the support of a large team of people, but in particular I need the members to support events as well, so thank you all for attending functions through out this year.

All the best

Karen Cox
Entertainments Chair.

School of Navigation and Sail Training

The Navigation School continues to flourish and after another very successful 2015/16 season, our numbers for the coming year are again very encouraging.

Our winter theory classes, from October 2015 to April 2016, were well subscribed with a total number of 32 students, which for the third year running, was up on the previous year, with 9 Day Skippers, 17 Yacht Masters and 6 Ocean Masters. Five students failed to complete their course, we had one overall failure, 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 Supper 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 Colin Chapman, the Roy & Mary Trophy *for the best Day Skipper* went to Lewis Poole, the Noel Smythe Trophy *for the most improved Yacht Master* was won by Mandy Gray, the Quartermain Trophy *for the Best Yacht Master* was awarded to Donald Gray, the Denys Tweddell Cup *for the Best Ocean Master* was won by Carine Bishop and the 'Muscateer' Tankard, the Principal's Special Trophy, was this year awarded to Elizabeth Anderson for her sterling work over the past years in keeping the Navigation School finances in such a healthy position.

In addition to our Navigation Theory courses, we also ran a VHF/DSC Radio course, in March, which was attended by 9 students, all of whom were successful and we have arranged a second course in November.

Regrettably we also have to report that Charlie Piggott, who was one of the best three students on our Day Skipper course and also one of the successful candidates on the VHF course sadly passed away after a tragic accident on his fishing boat in April. Our thoughts go out to his wife and family.

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 and Coastal Skipper Certificates.

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.

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 Nigel Collingwood, Simon Gasston who assisted me 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 and we have made regular donations to the Club during the year. We are now looking forward to funding new projects, small or large, as and when requested by the General Committee.

Richard Smith
Principal

Academy

The Academy this year started with great promise after Dave Parish and myself took our Power Point presentation into four of our local Secondary Schools to recruit 'The Class of 16'. Twenty students, 9 from Dane Court, 8 from The Royal Harbour Academy, 2 from Chatham/Clarendon House and 1 from St. George's, signed up initially for our six theory sessions on Wednesday afternoons in March, with instruction given by members of the Navigation School. Unfortunately however, after the first two Theory Sessions, due to other school activities, we lost the Royal Harbour Academy and St George's students. The remaining 11 students completed the Theory course but sadly only 6 turned up on the presentation evening to be awarded with their certificates.

The Theory sessions were followed by four Saturday afternoon sessions afloat on members boats and our 'hard core' of the Class of '16 appeared to be keen and enthusiastic. Then for the second half of the Spring Series, they were offered places aboard our racing boats on Sunday mornings, with four being offered a permanent place for the season. During the Summer Series enthusiasm and participation becoming spasmodic and by the time Ramsgate Week arrived, four or five students had signed up for one or two races but failed to show. As I left for my summer holiday, instructions were sent to all students with details of how and where to sign up for all races throughout August to the end of October and the Racing Crews Lunch. When I returned in September I was disappointed to see that although one or two students had signed up for one or two races, in fact none of the Class of '16 has been out sailing in the latter part of the season. Yes, a most disappointing end to an encouraging start! Where are we going wrong?

However, having experienced this 'Blip' in our Academy Programme this year, we must look to the positives. We still have 8 Academy students from previous years who are permanent crewmembers on our racing boats and can be seen in the Club and on the water on a regular basis. We are now looking to see what changes we could make to our programme of '17 to ensure the students' enthusiasm is maintained throughout the sailing season and we hope for a more fruitful season next year.

Finally, I would like to thank Dave Parish for assisting with our Presentation in the schools, Mike Greenstreet and Michelle Stoneley for their help with the Theory sessions and all our boat owners who took the students out for training sessions or for racing.

Dick Smith
Academy Officer