

COMMODORE'S BLOG

Winter is, hopefully, finally behind us. The good weather on Friday saw a huge amount of activity in the marina making final preparations for the the first race of the season.

Here we are Saturday evening what a great first race. Good course and a nice breeze gave everyone the opportunity to stretch their legs and blow the cobwebs away. Back ashore for a lovely curry in the club followed by dancing. Great start to the season.

On another note many of may have noticed the club is momentarily covered with scaffolding. One very wet winter from the wrong direction leaves us with no alternative than to address the re pointing of the front elevation of the club house. Hopefully these works will not be too intrusive. I realize they follow very quickly behind the redecoration but needs must. We really did not want the works going on through the summer. Apologises for any inconvenience, we hope to complete the repairs ASAP and leaving the club house looking refreshed and watertight for many years to come.

The cruisers are off again at the weekend, and I'm sorry to not be able to join them. They are off to jolly old Queenborough. Always an adventure.

If you are not off to Sheppy please join us for the Murder Mystery evening at the club on Saturday, if you dare!

Whether cruising or racing or socialising we wish you a great season.

Andy Beaumont-Hope
Commodore



BUILDING WORK AT THE RTYC

There will be scaffolding up for approximately three weeks at the back of the building for repointing work therefore the gate entrance will be closed for safety reasons. During that time would members please use the front entrance. The Terrace will be open as usual but please be aware of the builders.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

GDPR or General Data Protection Regulation will come into effect on the 25th May 2018.

How will it affect us? The GDPR's focus is the protection, collection and management of personal data, (i.e. data about individuals) and it applies to all businesses who hold or otherwise process personal data (including sole traders).

Within the next few weeks we shall be sending out a simple email or letter asking you to give us permission to store your data – i.e. names, address, contact details and use such data to contact you and send you information regarding the Club and your Membership. We ask you please to tick the relevant boxes and return to us so we can continue contacting you.

This is to comply with UK Law.

Thank You.

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- £25 N° 58 Mr & Mrs M Brand
- £50 N° 18 Mr F Martin
- £100 N° 60 Mr R Fryars
- £200 N° 102 Mr R Hopper

ROLLOVER

- £275 N° 56 Mr A Nicholson (A)

MARCH 2018

- £25 N° 8 Mr & Mrs M Brand
- £50 N° 13 Mr S Flegg
- £100 N° 33 Mrs B Rich
- £200 N° 31 Ms M Barry

ROLLOVER

- £50 N° 29 Mr P Russell (A)

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Ramsgate Week

We have hopefully said our final goodbyes to winter, the sailing season has started and Ramsgate Week is gaining momentum. Our Social Media, Marketing and Advertising coverage is now high profile and we have an opportunity to further enhance this coverage during the Euro Regatta weekend in May.

Our Monthly 'Entry Competition' is going well and is receiving plenty of on-line coverage from Karen Cox and if you have been on Face Book, you may even have seen 'Yours Truly' drawing the name of the winning boat for March.

Even at this early stage we are not forgetting our Sponsors and we are taking every opportunity to give them all as much advertising as we can on Face Book and Twitter, and when we do, we notice that they receive hundreds of 'hits'.

At the last Ramsgate Week Committee Meeting on 20th March, we were satisfied that all the important parts of the puzzle, the race organisation teams, the shore-based teams and the tedious official form –filling, are in place. The next meeting in May will be to dot the 'i's and cross the 't's to keep everything on course. What we need now is Entries.

Navigation School

We are nearing the end of our winter Theory Courses with final exams this week. The students are in 'Panic Mode' and my teaching staff are holding extra sessions to make sure that they are all up to scratch. The Commodore has also run an 'Electronic Navigation' session, which proved very useful and was enjoyed by all who attended. In the last month we have also run two VHF Courses, both of which were fully subscribed. All-in-all, it's been a very busy time of the year for the Navigation School. Our Theory season finishes with a Prize Giving & Buffet, including 'Piano Bar' in the Dining Room on Friday 20th April. The evening is open to all, so if anyone wishes to join us, tickets are £15.00 each and available from me.

Once the Theory side is put to bed we have an exciting summer to look forward to. Michael Bennett's boat, a Victoria 34 'Seonaidh' has been brought up to 'Coding' standard, is ready for RYA Practical Sail Training and is being officially signed over to the Navigation School for instruction.

Dick Smith
Vice Commodore

**ICOM**

SOCIAL MEDIA

At the start of the month we held a Community Safety Day for the RNLI which was run by volunteer RNLI Community Officer Andy Mills. With the start of the sailing season only six weeks away at the time, it was a good occasion to get equipment checked. And good job too, as out of 72 lifejackets tested 41 failed and most worrying in the majority cases it was where people wore their lifejackets on a regular basis that they appeared to fail. Strangely the ones kept in a locker in their wrappers were all perfect! The photo below is a perfect example of rust on the inside. A further event will be held later in the year as it was so successful.



Then on 8th March we had the Cruising Social which is always a fun evening. Below is a picture from the night. We would like to encourage all new members to come along to these as it's a great way to make new friends.



In the middle of the month we had the VHF course being held in the hold bar. Always a popular course, and all participants were more than happy to have their photo

taken! This tied in nicely with ICOM sponsoring the prize draw for Ramsgate Week so the pictures were used on both Facebook sites, and our twitter site.



Club members Fiona and Nick Rawbone continued their blog coverage of their travels on Yacht *NoStress*, bringing a refreshing change to the cold images that we saw outside our windows. An extract from their blog is below:

"Well we are now in Spice Island Marina watching *NoStress* being secured in her hurricane cradle after this morning's haul out.



Nick still has a long list of jobs to do on board before we have a day off on Thursday to tour around Grenada. Sadly I cannot climb a ladder so can only do things that are at ground level, which is currently nothing! We have been advised to remove all food & clothing to prevent mould from the humidity & keep the ants at bay. The sails are hopefully coming off tomorrow to be taken away, washed and stored. Very impressed with the marina's security - two security guards patrolling last night and floodlights on. We have been issued with passes today so we can get through security. nWe are now off the boat staying in an apartment which has much appreciated AC, which will hopefully start to acclimatise up for the return to the UK's freezing temperatures."

Talking of cold snaps, I shared this image (not my own picture) of waves breaking over the harbour wall. Ridiculous that people were still trying to drive along the

wall. The restaurant and port control had to be evacuated twice! Hopefully things will calm down before the racing starts, as I'm not driving my car through waves like that!



We also covered the Snooker Final between Chris Cox and Peter Pearson, which was refereed by John Adkin. That has been covered separately.

On the Ramsgate Week site we had a busy month promoting our sponsors ICOM who were giving away one of their radios for the monthly prize draw. We had 8 yachts sign up and the winner was Lyra of London from the Royal Corinthian YC. We have also had coverage in Yachts and Yachting as well.

With the sailing season almost on us, a plea from the Sailing Committee and the Office - please would everyone please ensure they have signed up to Race online.

Thank you to everyone who was happy to pose for pictures. If you have any items you want promoting please do not hesitate to contact me.

All the best,
Karen

2018 DIARY DATES

14th April Murder Mystery
26th April Bluebell Walk (Details below)
19th May Royal Wedding Celebration (Details to follow)

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SAILING

The Frostbite Race launched the 2018 Sailing Programme on Saturday; ironically the warmest day of the year so far. With a SE breeze blowing between 12 and 20 knots, the fleet was sent on a course up around the Broadstairs Knoll. We had ten yachts out to claim the first trophies of the year:

<p><u>Classes 1 & 2</u> <i>Black Diamond</i> <i>Foxy</i> <i>Only Magic</i> <i>Principessa</i> <i>Scorchio</i> <i>Sling Back</i></p>	<p><u>Classe 3 & 4</u> <i>Entropy</i> <i>Manyana</i> <i>Miss Amelia</i> <i>Pippy</i></p>
Honours went to:	
1 st <i>Slingback</i>	<i>Entropy</i>
2 nd <i>Scorchio</i>	<i>Pippy</i>
3 rd <i>Principessa</i>	<i>Miss Amelia</i>

It was a tight start, with *Black Diamond* having to do a 360° and overall, a good, tight race. Feedback from the crews was very favourable and everyone seemed to enjoy the opportunity to get out on the water again.

The new **WhatsApp** group for the racers appears to have been readily accepted and will hopefully prove to be another useful form of communication.

In the clubhouse after the racing the crews were able to enjoy a very good curry and dance the night away to music from our old buddy, Steve Huckle. The Commodore had his dancing shoes on and it was a great, fun evening.

Unfortunately, the same could not be said of the planned first race of the Spring Series on Sunday; it had to be abandoned due to no wind whatsoever.



VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

A plea from the Race Hut

Would anyone that may be available to help in the Race Hut on the occasional Sunday and Wednesday evenings during the summer please send their contact details to Julie Rook

julie.rook@btinternet.com or tel/text 07766960623

We have a few pinch points where we will struggle on race days and a few more people we could call on to help would be very useful

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SNOOKER COMPETITION



The much anticipated Snooker Final took place last Friday between Peter Pearson and Chris Cox. This annual event is organised by James Boorman and runs throughout the winter months. If you're interested in playing next year don't forget to speak to him at the bar, and sign up for next year. John Adkin was the referee and this is his report on the final which was won by Peter Pearson.

Chris Cox raced away in the first frame only to let it slide before snatching back victory on the black right at the end. In the second frame Peter Pearson snookered his way to a good win with his new found friend, the yellow ball. In the deciding frame the host of onlookers were roused from their somnolence by a brilliant rally at the end with Peter winning as Chris went in-off a super shot on the black. What a match!!



TEMPLE TEASER



from **Stuart Carter**

Solution on Page 8

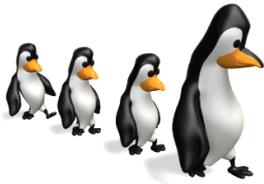
Give the correct definition (it might not be nautical!)

1. Accul
 - a. An arm of the sea with no port or river
 - b. An old Saxon term for the village of Acol
 - c. Sea ripples
2. Antigropelos
 - a. Legal defence against sexual misbehaviour
 - b. Old sailors interpretation of archipelago
 - c. Waterproof leggings
3. Capabarre
 - a. A large land mammal
 - b. Misappropriation of Government stores
 - c. Removable capstan handle
4. Deadwork
 - a. Retrieval of sailors bodies
 - b. Freeboard
 - c. Autopsies
5. Fanag Varry
 - a. Cormorant or Shag
 - b. Topmost spar on a sailing Barq
 - c. Sweep for a Thames Lighter
6. Galley Foist
 - a. A state barge used on ceremonial occasions
 - b. An apprentice RN Cook
 - c. Fuel for the old sailing ship ovens
7. Sny
 - a. A daisy
 - b. A penant flown from the mizzen boom
 - c. The upward sweep of a boat's strake
8. Voyal
 - a. A small shelter on a ship's boat
 - b. An endless rope
 - c. A water sail
9. Hamron
 - a. the hold of the ship
 - b. early form of Spam
 - c. a lugsail runner
10. Hawcubite
 - a. A falconer's glove
 - b. A small ornament whittled by a sailor in scrimshank
 - c. A street bully



Want to watch Ramsgate Week from the Club? We have a few rooms available for members Book through the Hon. Secretary in the office only on 01843 591766

THE WALKING GROUP



Rosemary Thornily led a very happy group around St Nicholas at Wade on the last walk, some photos of which are below



Gorgeous doggie



Why would you hang Jif lemons on your trees? How odd



Well wrapped-up against the elements but still smiling!



It is time for another walk in the Kent countryside. This walk takes us through magnificent Blue Bell woods which are bursting into life after the long, dark winter.

We will meet at St Mildred's Church, Preston at 11am and set off at 11.30 prompt for Wickhambreaux where we will have lunch and then return to Preston. We have permission to park at the Oasthouse behind the church.



Notes for Walkers: This walk takes approx 1½ hours each way. We allow 1 hour for lunch at the pub. Parts of the woods can be **extremely** muddy. Please make sure you have **suitable footwear**. There are a few stiles to negotiate.

Dogs are welcome on the walk. (but we do have to traverse fields with livestock) so do **please keep them on the lead**.

Lindy Tweddell will be leading the walk. If you intend to take part please contact Davena on *whatsapp* or the Office and this information will be passed on.




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CRUISING



Don't forget to come along for the
Cruising Social
2nd Thursday every month

RTYC CRUISE AROUND THE ISLE OF SHEPPEY
14TH AND 15TH APRIL 2018
Meet up at Cruising Social 12th April

FRIDAY 13th APRIL

Lock out. High Water Ramsgate 10.51

SATURDAY 14th April

Ramsgate to Queenborough. HW Queenborough 12.38 hrs (5.6 mtrs)

Pushing tide to North Foreland then favourable tide.

Suggest we go via Princes Channel to make it more interesting – passing close to old forts / towers. This is a deep water route and less than 2nm further than inside route. Leaving Ramsgate 07.00 hrs. 36 nm. Arriving Queenborough around 13.00 – always depending on wind of course.

Depending on number of boats going we may get alongside moorings or we might be put on the concrete lighter – a trot boat should be available until 21.30 hrs. Electricity is unlikely to be available.

In the afternoon perhaps a stroll along Queenborough Creek and check out the evening menus, followed by drinks on the *Assumpta Ann*.

In the evening there is the choice of eating on board or going to the Flying Dutchman that does an excellent daily carvery.

SUNDAY 15th APRIL

QUEENBOROUGH to RAMSGATE via Kingsferry Bridge. HW Queenborough 13.16 .

Leaving around 11.30ish having contacted Kingsferry Bridge to arrange a time.

Should have favourable tide all the way home

Copies of the Proposed Passage Plan may be collected at the Cruising Social. Please add your name to the list on the Cruising Board or ring in to the office should you wish to go.



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MICHAEL THOMAS 1945 – 2018

TRIBUTE by BRIAN MARTIN

Most long-standing members will remember Mick who sadly passed away aged 72 on the 8th March.

Proposed for membership of the RTYC by Rod Oates and seconded by the late Brian Florey in 1981; he was a member for 32 years.

As a local entrepreneur, he started the sign-making company of Euroneon (now Blazeneon) which he sold in 1987 when he moved to Javea on the Costa Blanca in Spain.

During his term of membership he supported the Club greatly by sponsoring races, starting the hugely successful 250 Club Lottery, and providing the "Royal Temple Yacht Club" sign which adorns the sea-facing elevation of our club building.

His yacht was a Bavaria 38 which he kept in Ramsgate Harbour, often lending it out to competent club members until 1990 when he sailed it out to Spain.

He will be sadly missed by his two daughters and many friends.

TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY

It's not been good golfing weather since the Templers started the new season in December. Following a fairly damp and miserable December game with only four participants the January game was cancelled due to conditions at Westgate and Birchington Golf Club and the need to carry clubs with a trolley ban in force.

The February game was slightly better having a reasonable day with a bit of wind so we managed a massive increase in turnout to five golfers. Once again it was a close fought game with Colin Chapman just pipping Mark Andrews. Nearest the pin was a non-event with nobody landing on the 11th green, due we were informed, to the excessive side wind (it's never operator error). Once again poor weather and other commitments in March resulted in only three keen golfers in attendance. This month the winner was Don Cross with Dave Allen close on his heels.

The winners received vouchers for the W&B pro shop and once again have had their handicaps cut. Ronnie Vaughan was delighted to be tail-end Charlie as his handicap has been enhanced by two strokes bringing him ever closer to the main pack.

For the February game the captain had generously offered a fine bottle of Cote Du Rhone Village to anybody who could get on the green and nearest the pin in two on the 18th. Once again none of the golfers managed it, (obviously the wind effect), so the bottle has been held over now until the next game in April.

A hasty retreat to the clubhouse was made where sarnies and drinks were consumed and prizes awarded. Hopefully we will see a significant increase in numbers once the weather improves.

The Eclectic results for the first few games:

1st Don Cross	43 points
2 nd David Say	36 points
3 rd Colin Chapman	30 points



Next game is on

Wednesday 18th April 2018

Tee off 10.15 sharp!!

David Say
Captain

TEMPLE TEASER SOLUTION

From page 5

1. a. An arm of the sea with no port or river from the ancient French word for a place with no exit
2. c Waterproof leggings
3. b. Misappropriation of Government stores
4. b. An old term for the freeboard of a vessel - the part of the hull between the deck and the waterline
5. a. An Erse word for the Cormorant or Shag - still in use in the Isle of Man (but only just)
6. a. A state barge used on ceremonial occasions
7. c. A boat building term referring to the upward sweep of a boat's strake before attachment to the ribs. The strake has a horned or crescent shape the upward sweep from the middle to the ends being the Sny
8. b. An endless rope that was led around a capstan and through leading blocks to allow cable to be hauled by lashing it to the Voyal
9. a. An archaic term for the hold of the ship
10. c. One of a band of dissolute young men who roamed the streets of London ca 1700. A Street Bully, a Ruffian