

COMMODORE'S BLOG

Yet another month full of activity here at the RTYC, with the highlight being the weekend of the Royal Wedding.



After weeks of hard work on the front of the clubhouse the scaffolding was finally struck just days before the wedding. Saturday morning started early decorating the bar and giving the terrace a good clean post building works. With the new pointing, fresh paint, bunting and lovely flower arrangements the club looked fabulous. A big thank you to everyone who turned up early to help. Even the weather worked its magic to add to the wonderful atmosphere. A few glasses of bubbles, a short blessing and a toast to the happy couple made a very memorable morning.

No time to stop though, the Cote D'Opale, a few days of racing incorporating Boulogne, Calais and Gravelines, were just finishing the first of their races, before taking that well deserved trip into the bar for refreshment, always appreciated after a hot channel crossing. Additionally, the RCPYC had organised a cruise to Ramsgate to join in the festivities.

The bar was bulging at the seams with all the various members and visitors; oh, and the FA Cup showing in the TV room. A great supper was enjoyed in the dining room followed by dancing to *The Moments*. A very enjoyable, albeit exhausting, day!

Still, no stopping as the next morning our French visitors joined us on the water for a morning's racing and a lively prize-giving later (see photos in the reports).

The following Sunday saw the last race in the Spring Series; a great course was set by the race management. And for the few lucky ones on the right side of the wind shift even the light winds got them round in a sensible time. For those on the wrong side it became a hard fought slog against the tide. Or the heat, lack of wind and haunting call from the bar overtook their will to finish.

Let's hope the weather holds as Wednesday the 6th June is the first race of the Evening Series; a fun, light-hearted series and a great way to break up the working week. Even if you're not competing why not pop along to enjoy the evening with a beer and a bite to eat. The following weekend the cruisers are off to Holland and the race fleet to Eastbourne. So, no slowing down.

Hope to catch up with you all at one of these events.

Andy Beaumont-Hope
Commodore

Welcome to the following New Members:

- Heather Borg Confirmed Associate Membership
- Graham Eggleton Confirmed Full Membership
- Geoffrey Philpott Confirmed Full Membership
- Bernard Beale Confirmed Full Membership
- Robert Gunston Confirmed Probationary to Full Membership

We look forward to seeing them around the Club and enjoying our facilities and events

HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

A reminder to members if you wish to attend to please contact the office on 01843 591766 for details

Club House Opening Hours

The Clubhouse will normally be open to members during the following hours.

The bar opens at 12 noon daily.

These hours may be extended or curtailed at discretion of the Honorary Secretary.

Summer Season 1st April to 30th October	
Monday to Saturday	1200 - 2300* **
Sunday	1200 - 2200*
Autumn Season 1st November to 23rd December	
Monday to Wednesday	1200 - 2200* **
Thursday to Saturday	1200 - 2300* **
Sunday	1200 - 2000*
Christmas Opening Hours 24 December 2018 to 2 January 2019 To be advised	
Winter Season 4th January to 31st March	
Monday to Saturday	1200 - 2200*
Sunday	1200 - 1800

* The Club will close earlier if no members are present
 ** Midnight or at the discretion of the Bar Manager on function evenings

Elizabeth Anderson
Honorary Secretary

250 CLUB DRAW

MAY 2018

- £25 N° 173 Mrs L Tweddel
- £50 N° 32 Mrs L Hatley
- £100 N° 25 Mr I McDonald
- £200 N° 175 Mr L Nielsen

ROLLOVER

- £100 N° 19 Mrs E Barrett (A)

Due to holiday absences and the various summer sailing and cruising events taking place, the June, July and August 250 Club Draws will take place on Sunday, 29th July, with the following Draw taking place on Sunday, 30th September.

With apologies for any inconvenience caused.

SOCIAL MEDIA

This month we have mainly been SAILING! So our Facebook and twitter pages have been full of lots of photographs of our own yachts, and also those from the Grand Prix international de la Cote d'Opale 2018 and the Royal North Sea YC visiting us for the Oostende - Ramsgate - Oostende Race.



Our Temple Ramblers had a lovely walk on 17th May starting at the Crown Inn at Sarre. They seem to be going from strength to strength and a great way to get some exercise along with great company. Another thing I notice is that they always seem to have great weather!



On our Ramsgate Week page we have been busy welcoming yachts as they sign up for Ramsgate Week. The draw for May is to win a bottle of Vela Vodka and also Dockyard Gin from our sponsors Copper Rivet, so I urge you to sign up quickly.

Being a Royal club we couldn't let the Royal Wedding go by without celebrating it. Sadly I couldn't attend due to work but from all accounts it was a great afternoon with the sermon causing much amusement. Sadly no pictures from anyone, if you have some please email them through to me so I can share them.

The evening continued with the arrival of the Royal Cinq Ports Yacht Club and the French from the GPICO 2018 and over 60 people ate upstairs in the club, a lovely lasagne from club caterer Dave Comiski and his staff. Then it was downstairs to the bar to dance to the ever popular Moments Duo. I can personally say it was a fabulous evening, although it may take me a while to recover after being spun around the floor by Christian Ratel. There were a few sore heads when the next morning some of the French joined us for our club racing. And then we held a Prize Giving at the club afterwards, and I will quote from the sailing report...

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So that's really all I have to say this month, so please carry on sending me your photographs for sharing. I feel that anyone looking at our Facebook and twitter would want to join in the fun, hopefully we can attract more members as well.

All the best,
Karen

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TEMPLE TEASER

from Stuart Carter

NAME THE SAILS

Solution on Page 11



VICE COMMODORE'S BLOG

Apologies for the very short Blog in the last Newsletter, but what was the reason you may ask! So here's the long and sad story. Well, when on board in La Grande Motte, whether on our Berth or, as we were last month, in the Boat Park, we can only get a Wifi signal when in our local Bar, but that's when the problems start. The only means we have of picking up and answering E-Mails is Bev's little 'Kindle'. However, with the sun beating down on us, the screen is difficult to read and the Function Keys almost impossible to see, let alone use. Add to this the small screen and my fat fingers, which frequently hit two Function Keys at the same time and the problems increase. The final ingredient for disaster is of course my total lack of expertise with anything to do with computers. So with those points in mind, I read the E-Mails and see if any urgently need a reply. Then the fun starts. I started typing my Blog for the last Newsletter and found that 'Predicted Text' was in operation and I didn't know how to cancel it. When I wrote that we were down on 'Muscateer', the word 'Muscateer' came up as 'Discarded!' How does that

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work? So, I gave up on that and went on to say something about Ramsgate Week. That was no good either as Ramsgate Week came up as 'Sandgate Week'! At that point I lost the will to live which is why there was such a short Blog last month.

Ramsgate Week

The Ramsgate Week Committee is expanding gradually as the jobs that can only be organised nearer the event come on-line. All departments have a coordinator and we have reached the stage where we are now just dotting the 'i's' and crossing the 't's' and all the coordinators are happy that everything that can be done has been done. Our Advertising Banner that started off at Burnham, is now down at Eastbourne and will soon be on its way to Rye. Entries are coming in nicely, we are up to 27 so far with many 'Regulars', including some of our own boats still to come. Yes, Ramsgate Week is looking good. Bring it on!

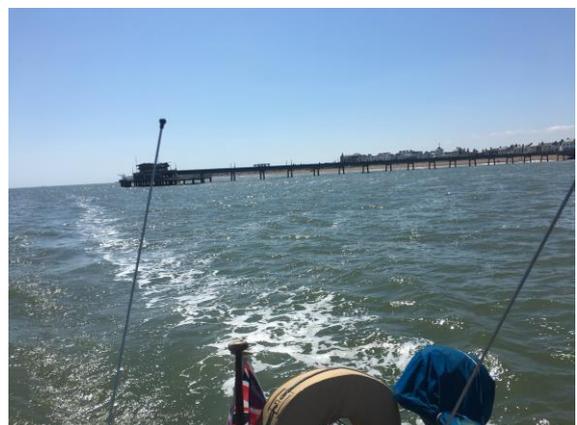
Navigation School

Our winter Theory Courses finished in April and the Presentation Evening Buffet and Piano Bar was a great success.

On the Practical side, our Victoria 34 'Seonaidh' has completed her first Day Skipper Course with three of our Theory Students enjoying a trip across to Calais during their five days aboard.



Julian Pitts takes a rest from helming as we scream across the Channel at 8/9 knots in a North Easterly Foce 5/6.



We had a 2m+ swell but Seonaidh treated it with contempt as we made the crossing Pier Head to Pier Head in 4 hours 5 minutes.



Safely back in Ramsgate but the crew had obviously misunderstood my instructions and thought that they had to supply their own body for Man Overboard Drill.



Yours Truly with Grandson, Dave, who is looking quite at home as he takes us out of Dover Harbour.

Dick Smith
Vice Commodore

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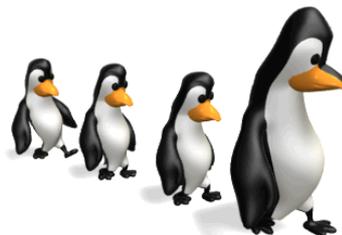
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If you haven't already joined Davena's *WhatsApp Group* to keep you informed of the walking group's plans, please contact her on 07760 402479.

The next walk will be organised by Rosemary and will be notified by the Club on email.

COTE D'OPAL, CHALLENGE DU CHANNEL – 2018

19-20 May

The traditional Link Cup / Penguin Trophy, Cote d'Opal weekend returned to Ramsgate after the last five years being contested in Boulogne / Dunkerque

After feeder races in from Dover, Boulogne, Calais & Gravelines on Saturday, over 50 competitors enjoyed dinner on Saturday evening in the club followed by Live Music from the 'Moments' in the main bar.

On Sunday morning the fleet joined together in two Classes with 13 IRC entries and 10 in the Cruiser Class, making a busy time for our Race Hut team lead by PRO Stuart Carter at the Start.

The wind was a chilly North Easterly 6-7 knots and a Southerly-going tide for the duration of the race. The the Cruiser started first followed by the IRC fleet 10 minutes later. From the start a short beat to the first mark for all classes was the North Quern, first round was *Kylla* from the IRC Class followed by leading Cruiser, *Carpe Diem* from Gravelines. The fleet split at this point with the IRC class rounding the Brake and the Cruisers rounding South Brake before all classes re-joining the course at the Downs Buoy off Deal. The fleet then enjoined a spinnaker leg head to beach to find less tide and around the Deal Dolphin before heading home via the B2. The leg to the B2 was a fetch with some boats flying Code 0's and some trying their luck with symmetrical kites for a short while. From the B2 to the Finish it was a true light airs foul tide beat. The fleet split with some taking the left hand side via Pegwell Bay and some edging up the Brake Sand's side to the Finish.

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The weekend's entertainment and racing was a success and, hopefully, will repeated and expanded on in 2019.

Cruiser Class results - Penguin Trophy

Carpe Diem
Miss Amelia
Maverick
Pippy
Splash

IRC Class results - Link Cup

Kylla
Assassin
Foxy !!
Scorchio
Slingback

PRIZE-GIVING CELEBRATIONS



AROUND THE HARBOUR



Further Adventures with Lunar Sea
On their Fabulous Round-Britain Trip
Locks and Lochs!
Julia's Version

Day three, Macaroni Cheese
 June 21, 2017

Day three captain's log 19 June 2017, day 49 of our adventure to go where no man or woman has had the sense to go before!



First mooring at Fort Augustus with Loch Ness in background.

After our lock in at the Bothy and our last two days experiences we decided to stay in Fort Augustus for a night. We left our first mooring and went up the flight of locks to the other side so that we would be ready to go tomorrow. The locking up went without incident, but it proved to be a tourist attraction as literally coach loads of tourists would line the canal watching all the boats go through the flight of five locks. This is our last long flight up, after this we will be going down which is much easier. Going up requires more skill and the idea is two crew stay on the lock side with the lines (one bow and one stern) and "walk" the boat through. This is safer as no getting off and on the boat, although there is the danger that someone might slip and fall into the lock from the top. Some of these locks are quite deep. You start low down in the lock and the water rushes in and causes quite a stir which can swirl all the boats around in the bottom of the lock, which does happen. There are a lot of hire craft on the locks, some of the crews/skippers have never been on a boat before and their first experience is facing five locks going up. (Going down the water is much calmer, you can all stay on the boat and just gently sink as the water drain out. You don't get the same turbulence as you do going up when the water rushes in. Think of filling a bath as opposed to letting the water out.)



The start of the flight of locks at Fort Augustus, evening, after the tourists have gone.

That evening we decided to go out for a meal at the other local pub, the Lock Inn. I had been chatting earlier to a Scottish lady who lives in Aberdeen and she recommended the Macaroni Cheese at the Lock Inn. Let me explain; here in Scotland, on almost every menu, you see Macaroni Cheese, either as a main or a starter and usually with chips. My source had told me that it is a staple dish in Scotland, whereas as I explained that down South you only see it on a children's menu. So at the Lock Inn I had to try the Macaroni cheese, although not with chips, and it was very nice.

As the evening was sunny we decided to walk after dinner to the edge of Loch Ness, only a short stroll because Fort Augustus is right at the end of the Loch. It was a beautiful still and clear evening with a pink sky and the view of Loch Ness was simply stunning.



Loch Ness in the evening, looking back from Fort Augustus.

The remains of the fort, which is located right at the end of Loch Ness and gave its name to the town, then became an abbey and is now an exclusive hotel chain (£500 a night!). We did wander through the private grounds and saw amazing numbers of rabbits including baby bunnies. There is a boat house which was part of the fort/abbey which has been converted to a restaurant in the grounds. Fort Augustus is a lovely spot and I am so glad we decided to spend some time here.

Day four / five on the Caley Canal, day 50 of our trip.
 June 21, 2017

Day 50 of our trip and day four (or is it five?) on the Caley Canal. We awoke to mist and rain, while the rest of the country is basking in record temperatures! We left Fort Augustus and on to Loch Oich and Laggan.

We had two more "up" locks to do, Lock Kytra, only a small one. The lock keeper was a very amiable lady who gave us five gold stars for all wearing lifejackets, so we stuck those in the log! The next lock was Culloch, another small "up" lock, a couple of swing bridges and by 1.30 we had arrived in Laggan.



Our berth at Laggan

It was still cloudy but it had stopped raining so four of us (Mick, Linda, Pauline and myself) decided to go for a walk and try out our two folding bikes for the first time this trip. The sun did come out and the scenery was stunning. There is a path along the Caledonian Canal called the Great Glen Way, so we did about a mile of this up into the hills that looked down onto Loch Lochy.



Looking down onto Loch Lochy.

There was a subsistence hill farm with sheep spilling out of their fields onto the road with their lambs, a clear bubbling stream cascading down the hill over rocks and wildflowers.



I couldn't resist trying the water which was clear and tasted a bit peaty but very cool and refreshing.



When we got back to the boat a piper in full Highland dress was walking along the tow path playing the bagpipes! There was also a film crew from Channel 4 - all to do with the large barge, Scottish Highlander, which had arrived (and moored in front of us) and talk of a model railway line from Fort William to Inverness! More of that in a later blog.

We had expected a village or something but nothing at Laggan except the next lock to go through tomorrow into Loch Lochy. There was a floating restaurant on a small barge by the lock but this was closed, so we ate "Loch Oich Chilli" prepared by Mick and Linda on board. Pauline and I toasted day 50 of our trip with a glass or two of Prosecco in Dee's lovely wine glasses (plastic to avoid breakages!)



Josh's Blog

Day 48/50 - Caledonian Canal - Fort Augustus to Laggan

Fort Augustus was lovely and because of our decision to carry on through Loch Ness the previous day, we could afford to stay a couple of nights here. The only thing we needed to do was to go up the swing bridge and flight of 5 locks to the other side for a better start the next day.



Lunar Sea at Fort Augustus - Castle and Abbey in background



The Lock Inn from the Lock

We had talked to some other travellers and they had recommended the Lock Inn for a meal as they had just had their lunch there. It seemed an excellent idea to have dinner there, but unfortunately you couldn't book a table and it was on a first come, first served basis. We were told if we arrived before 20 to 7 we should be okay. We did arrive at that time, it was nearly full already but luckily we did manage to get a table the food was great well recommended.

The evening was a different day. Wind and rain had disappeared so a little walk to see Loch Ness was in order and the grounds of the old Fort, then an Abbey that is now a very luxurious hotel and Restaurant.



Loch Ness from Fort Augustus



Narrow Laggan Canal



*Top of Laggan Lock - Piper for Americans on New barge
(Scottish Highlander)*



Day 50 - Fort Augustus and Loch Oich to Laggan

It was going to be a short trip to Laggan through Kytra Lock, then through Cullochly lock and swing bridge, all very straight forward - we had got this locking lark off to a tee by now. At Kytra we were even given 'Gold Stars' (by the lady lock keeper) - Sandy I think. We were all wearing life jackets in the actual Locks as opposed to the Lochs.



Loch Oich - flotilla of yachts behind us



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CRUISING



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Breaking News

Cruise to Holland leaving Ramsgate **9th June** for two weeks (replacing proposed cruises along the French coast and Channel Islands)

12 - 15th July Cruise to Boulogne for Bastille Day celebrations.
11 - 18th August East Coast Cruise.

Further information can be found on the Notice Board or from the Office.

Cruise to Gravelines and Dunkirk over the May Bank Holiday 4th - 7th May

Stella Maris and *Stay Young* were the only boats to take part due to some issues with the boat park preventing others from joining in. Great sail over to Gravelines, not much wind but plenty of sunshine. Gravelines has a good marina and restaurant. It is helpful to call up before arrival when marina staff will stand by to help with any mooring issues. Very interesting town with a museum and art gallery – 10 minutes' walk from the marina. Brass band obviously put on in the square to welcome our boats.

Sunday, *Stella Maris* took off to complete the cruise to Dunkirk returning safely some days later to Ramsgate after covering three countries sailing singlehanded. Meanwhile the crew of *Stay Young* stayed lazing in the sunshine. Interesting sail back with dolphins playing around the boat, an encounter with a warship and a close encounter with a tug towing 800 metres of partially submerged pipes!



**Anne Peers
Cruising (*Stay Young*)**

TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY

Once again we had a poor turnout for the May competition at Westgate & Birchington GC. Only four members in attendance, but we were very pleased to see guest Roy Naylor

The winner this month was John Barrett with 33 points followed by Mark Andrews on 30 points. No nearest the pin winner this month although guest Roy managed it but couldn't win a prize as a non-member. David Say managed the wooden spoon.

The winners received vouchers for the W&B pro shop and once again have had their handicaps adjusted. For next month, the captain has generously offered a fine bottle of Cote Du Rhone Village to anybody who can get on the green and nearest the pin in two on the 18th. (Hopefully this time he will remember to bring the bottle).

A quick lunch in the clubhouse was made where sarnies and drinks were consumed and prizes awarded. Hopefully we will see a significant increase in numbers next month.

The Eclectic results up to May now stand at:

1 st	David Say	44 points
2 nd	Don Cross	43points
3 rd	John Barrett and Mark Andrews	40 points



Next game is on

Wednesday 20th June 2018

Tee off 10.15 sharp!!

David Say
Captain

TEMPLE TEASER SOLUTION

From page 3

Name the Sails: Answers

1. Lateen Mizzen
2. Mizzen Topsail
3. Main Topgallant
4. Main Topsail
5. Mainsail
6. Fore Topgallant
7. Fore Topsail
8. Foresail
9. Jib
10. Foretopmast staysail
11. Sprintsail Topsail
12. Sprintsail

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