

COMMODORE'S BLOG

Well, what happened to Spring? There we were with one of the sunniest, hottest Easters on record, much enjoyed by the club cruisers who were off for a long weekend. Now here we are back in the chilly drizzle requiring winter warmers. Maybe a night in the Clubhouse Bar trying our special selection of Gins & Tonics, currently on offer, may help to bring back the memories of the lovely sunshine.

As many of you may be aware, after many years of dedicated time, effort and energy Dick Smith and Mike Greenstreet have sadly decided it's time to retire from the RTYC Navigation School. Many, many members past and present, myself included, will remember Dick and Mike's teaching. I am sure all of you will have some wonderful memories and stories of these lessons. I certainly do. I also have the Navigation School to thank, and especially Dick, as I was encouraged to become an Instructor. On doing so I have, for the past few years, assisted Dick in the Ocean classes; something that I have very much enjoyed and appreciated Dick for showing me the ropes. Both Mike and Dick will surely be missed.

The Navigation School is a fundamental part of the club raising much needed funds through the hard work of the many dedicated volunteers who assist in training. We are truly grateful to all involved.

On a spicy note: With the ongoing success of Fishy Friday we are looking to introduce a Wednesday evening supper starting on the 15<sup>th</sup> May with a Chilli Con Carne. If you like a bit of hot stuff, I hope to see you there.

Finally, good luck to our two finalists in the Snooker Competition playing tonight. Why not pop in and cheer them along or enjoy one of the other games on offer.

Happy sailing and socialising

**Andy Beaumont-Hope**



**THE EASTER RAFFLE**  
**raised £175 for the Roof Fund**  
*The winner was Mark Andrews*



**250 CLUB DRAW**  
**APRIL 2019**

£25	Nº 56	Mr A Nicholson
£50	Nº 165	Nr N Baggott
£100	Nº 29	Mr P Russell
£200	Nº 132	Mr M White

**ROLLOVER**

£75	Nº 167	Mr M Ross (P)
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**NEXT DRAW**  
**Sunday 26 May at 3pm**

# ENTERTAINMENT

## CLUB EVENTS DIARY



JUNE	
Saturday 15	Masked Summer Ball at The Sir Stanley Grey
JULY	
21-26	Ramsgate Week
SEPTEMBER	
Saturday 28	Supper & Prize Giving hosted by the Cruisers – All Welcome
OCTOBER	
Sat/Sun 5-6	Trafalgar Race St Katharine's Dock
Saturday 12	RNLI Supper
Sunday 20	Sailing Crews' End of Season Lunch
Wednesday 23	Curry & Conkers Competition for School Kids of All Ages!
Saturday 26	Halloween Fancy Dress Party featuring "International Gin Day" Raffle
NOVEMBER	
Saturday 2	Sailing Prize Giving
Sunday 10	Remembrance Sunday
Thursday 21	Quiz Night £5 pp incl. Cheese Platter per Table
DECEMBER	
Sunday 1	Sunday Lunch, 250 Draw & RNLI Shop
Thursday 12	Decorating the Club for Christmas
Sunday 15	Children's Christmas Party
Wednesday 18	RTYC Service
Thursday 19	Officers' Drinks
Friday 20	Illuminations Presentation
Saturday 21	Christmas Dinner (Members Only)
25-26	Opening Times tbc
Monday 31	New Year's Eve



*With thanks to Martin Ross for his sponsorship; We will now also have a Magician to entertain us – keep an eye on your valuables!!!*

### **MASKED SUMMER BALL GRAND RAFFLE**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Prize**

**1 week in a Luxury Villa that sleeps 6 people in Moraira, Costa Blanca, Spain**



#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**

**A Hot Air Balloon Flight**



#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**

**Bed & Breakfast at The (fabulous) Dog at Wingham**



#### **4<sup>th</sup> Prize**

**A Two-Course Lunch for 2 also at The Dog, Wingham**

**For those Members unable to attend the Summer Ball, Raffle Tickets may be purchased beforehand from NORMA RUSSELL**

**CRUISING SOCIAL**  
 Next date for your diary!  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
 From 7.30pm Everyone welcome

A great way to catch up with old friends and make new ones!  
 And enjoy something to eat with Fishy Friday from 6.00pm



**Fishy Friday**

- 1.00pm to 3.00pm
- 6.00pm to 9.00pm

**Weekly wine offers for diners**

New menu options available

**Booking highly recommended to avoid disappointment**

Please book through the office or bar

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**Sunday Lunch**  
**12<sup>th</sup> May**  
 1.00pm to 4.00pm

ENJOY A BOTTLE OF WINE WITH YOUR MEAL WITH OUR SPECIAL OFFERS ON RED OR WHITE WINE FOR DINERS

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**Royal Temple Yacht Club**  
**Masked Summer Ball 2019**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

The Ravenscliffe Suite Pegwell Bay Hotel

1800-1900 1930-2100  
 Cocktail Hour 3 course Dinner

2130-2330  
 Dancing to **The Tokays**  
 Carriage 2150  
**£45.00**

Limited numbers  
 Book early to avoid disappointment

Charity Raffle - Fabulous prizes All proceeds to the RTYC Good Fund And remember: RTYC Charity Race on Sunday 16th



*Look!.....  
 new at the club...*

**Wednesday Supper Night**

Starting 15<sup>th</sup> May From 7.00pm

There will be a Chilli con Carne

£10.00 pp

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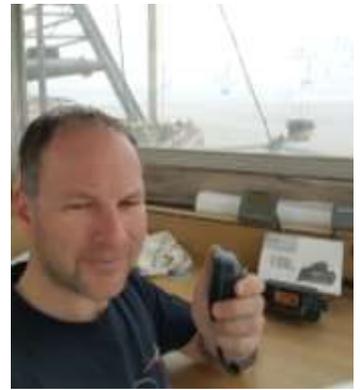
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With my social media hat on I'm pleased to say that I've been kept busy promoting the various events in the club and I've also been posting photographs of crews around the pontoons before sailing. So if you see me walking along the pontoon give me a smile just like the crew of our newest yacht *Warrior* owned by Nick and Fiona Rawbone below.



The Navigation School Prize Giving was also featured on our social media sites and thanks to Chris Cox for taking the photos, below and with Dick's report later in the newsletter.



As always if you would like to let people know about a special event or just something for fun then send it to me at [Coxinthebox63@gmail.com](mailto:Coxinthebox63@gmail.com).

And lastly, with my RNLI hat on, I'd like to remind people that the RNLI's main fund raising event is this month, the Mayday Appeal which funds the crews' kit and we have the Yellow Welly badges on the bar for people to make a donation towards

See you in the bar,

**Karen**  
**Ramsgate Week Chairman/ Social Media**

## NAVIGATION SCHOOL End of Term Report

The Navigation School year 2018/19 has now finished and I can report a very pleasing and successful set of results. The RYA use a very different grading system to the 'A' to 'G' or more recently '1' to '10' as used for grading GCSE results. The RYA Theory courses are graded as follows:

- 'G' (Good) is the top grade, which we would class as an excellent pass, 85% - 100%.
- 'A' (Average) is a Satisfactory Pass, which we would class as a 'Good' Pass, 65% - 84%.
- 'F' (Fair) is a Pass, but with some fundamental errors, 55% - 64%.
- 'P' (Poor) is a Fail, requiring a re-take - below 55%.

Based on that criteria our Yacht Masters achieved a 100% pass rate, 7 at grade 'G' and 3 at grade 'A'. Our Day Skippers also achieved a 100% pass rate, 8 at grade 'G' and 3 at grade 'A'.

Student Certificates and our Special Awards were presented on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April in the main bar at the Club. The Award winners were:

### **The Navigation School Trophy**

For the Most Improved Day Skipper  
Jane Algar

### **The Roy & Mary Trophy**

For the Best Day Skipper  
Glenn Rolfe

### **The John Quartermain Trophy**

For the Most Improved Yacht Master  
James Morley

### **The Noel Smythe Trophy**

For the Best Yacht Master  
Alan Thomas

### **The Muscateer Tankard**

The Principal's Special Award  
Geoff Philpott.

I would like to thank all our Tutors who, as always have worked very hard in order to achieve these results:

Mike Greenstreet  
Roy Fomison  
Simon Gasston  
Michelle Stoneley  
Debbie Thomas  
Bernard Beale

Now that our 2019 season has come to another successful end, looking back over 25 years of teaching in the Navigation School, 9 years as Principal, I have witnessed many changes. Over those 25 years I have had the privilege of working with an enthusiastic and competent team of Tutors

who have run the Navigation School as an efficient and most successful unit. However, since the onset of the 'Limited Company' I feel that the Navigation School has lost its identity and the roll of Principal is now only a sinecure post. I have therefore decided it is time to step down and make way for new blood.

I wish my successor the same fulfilment in the job as I have had over the past 25 years.

**Dick Smith**



## TEMPLE TEASER FROM STUART CARTER Weather

**Solution on page 7**

1. In meteorology, what 'catch-all' name is given to any product of the condensation of atmospheric water vapour that falls under gravity?
2. Name the famous Mediterranean wind that comes from the Sahara region which can reach hurricane speeds in North Africa and Southern Europe?
3. If meteorology is the study of short term weather systems lasting up to a few weeks, what is the study of the frequency and trends of those systems?
4. In which direction does a katabatic wind blow?
5. Name the lowest portion of Earth's atmosphere where nearly all weather takes place?
6. What name is given to an area of high pressure which brings long periods of settled weather?
7. Name the following shipping forecast weather areas: (a) directly south of Ireland, (b) directly north of Forties, and (c) named after an island in the Bristol Channel?
8. Starting with the letter 'v', what in meteorology is an observable shaft of precipitation falling from a cloud that evaporates before reaching the ground?
9. What can be classed as columns or dendrites?
10. What type of cloud is a dense towering vertical cloud associated with thunderstorms?

## CRUISING

### The next Cruising Social Friday 17 May



#### Easter Cruise 2019

Good Friday and four yachts set off to Gravelines. Led by RC Cruise Martin Morgans on *Pintail*, *Assumpta Ann*, *Stella Maris* and *Stay Young* followed behind basking in the superb Bank Holiday sunshine and a pleasant enough slight breeze. We arrived in Gravelines as predicted just before high water, having squeezed our way past what seem like a thousand dinghies laden with children at Port De Peche. Night one and a very pleasant meal was enjoyed at the Yacht Club.

Day two and the sun shone brightly and glistened off the Gravelines mud at low water whilst crews took to the shore for some serious sightseeing and shopping. The 'Gin Flag' (yes, we really do have one) flew from *Stay Young* and all gathered in an attempt to reduce the Gin ballast in the hold!

Sunday and after a good breakfast we waited patiently for the arrival of some water before heading up the coast to Dunkirk. The slight breeze was useful to whisk us into port. Here the 'Gin Flag' found its way onto *Assumpta Ann* as did all the crew to enjoy more Gin and Ann's amazing Sangria.

Monday morning and a staggered start as *Pintail* headed off early in the knowledge that she would still arrive home last! A 5 knot breeze on the beam helped us all chug home where we arrived easily in time for the afternoon lock. A very enjoyable second cruise of the season.

Anyone wishing to join in the cruising should contact RC Cruising, Martin Morgans on 07815149630.

**Martin**

## THE WALKING GROUP



The next walk is on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**. Start at the Look-Out Café, West Cliff, Ramsgate and walk down to the artificial beach and back up the Chine then onto the Viking Ship. If the café is open we can have a coffee before walking back to the club for **Fishy Friday**. As everyone seemed to enjoy this last month, it was decided we could repeat it this month and boost the Club's coffers!

Last month our walk took us along the Ramsgate sands to Broadstairs and back through the Park. A beautiful sunny day, albeit a little windy. Thirteen walkers (+Stuart!) enjoyed a very tasty Fishy Friday lunch in the Club.



## TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY

Our Captain, John, was again unable to play today due to a severe 'tummy bug' and no commodes available from the Pro shop at Birchington and Westgate Golf Club. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

A disappointingly low turn-out was more than compensated for by the sheer quality and enthusiasm of the six Templers who braved the searing heat and storm flies to take on the eighteen hole challenge.

Mike Foote, David Say, Sam Matsubara, Mike Brand, Dave Allen and myself enjoyed a fine round of golf in what could only be described as 'perfect conditions'.

I managed to scrape into the winning position with 32 points with David close on my heels with a commendable 31 points (with an 8 handicap) and Mike winning the, 'Nearest the Pin' competition with a magnificent shot on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Many Templers were unable to play today due to prior commitments but again I would urge you all to take full advantage of the opportunity to play in the fine weather expected in the coming months and it would be particularly pleasant if our lady members put in an appearance and demonstrate how the game should be played.

Wishing you all a relaxing, restful Bank Holiday and hoping to see many of you at our next game at Westgate on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Happy Golfing - My Very Best Wishes  
Don

Next game: **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

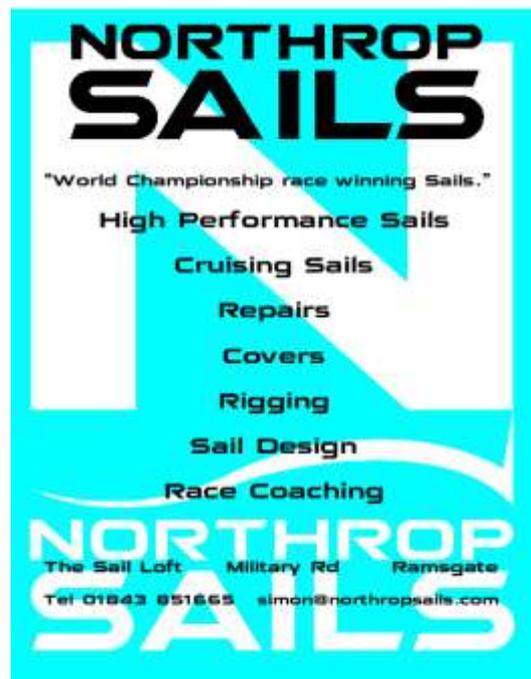
Tee off 10.15 sharp!!



## TEMPLE TEASER SOLUTION

From page 5  
Weather

1. Precipitation
2. Sirocco
3. Climatology
4. Down a slope
5. Troposphere
6. Anticyclone
7. (a)Fastnet, (b)Viking, and (c)Lundy
8. Virga
9. Snowflakes
10. Cumulonimbus cloud



**Instructors Ahoy!**

Ever dreamed of talking about Sailing & Navigating all evening?

The RTYC Navigation School is looking for new instructors for the coming season. Please contact the club to express an interest.