

COMMODORE'S BLOG

After all the activity of the previous month one may have expected August to be a little quieter. But still we've been as busy as ever with even more successful events.

The Summer Series Short Course Weekend proved popular with many boats back out on the water with hardly a break from Ramsgate Week.

The Commodore's Choice race proved to offer some varying but exciting weather.

What started as a light airs race, looking like we were going to have the course shortened, ended with a 43 kt. squall. The rain was coming at us horizontally, stinging face and eyes whilst reducing the visibility to a few feet and soaking everything immediately. Five minutes later back to light winds and beautiful sunshine. If you had not been out there you'd never believed it had occurred. From one extreme to the other.



*The ominous black clouds heralding the squall
(photo from Martin Law)*

The Cruising section mustered a good number of boats and headed off to Boulogne for the long Bank Holiday weekend, and what a glorious one. Despite the rather light airs at least one boat had their spinnaker filling whilst basking in the sunshine, a feature enjoyed all weekend, as it turned out to be the hottest August Bank Holiday on record. Hope you all remembered your sun cream.

Not to be out done, the racers set course to Dover to join the offshore regatta (some photos are featured on page 5) then rushed back to partake in the Dyson Dash, an annual event organized by Broadstairs Sailing Club in aid of the Pilgrims Hospice. Well done.

Meanwhile, many of our boats have been off sailing, not just with club events. Our RCS sailed off to find the sun, luckily for us they appear to have left a bit for our enjoyment.

Still on the weather theme, the terrace has been an excellent spot to catch some rays whilst enjoying Fishy Friday or a good Sunday roast in the club house.

Andy



Congratulations **Stiletto**



250 CLUB DRAW

August 2019

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| £25 | Nº 107 | Mr & Mrs J Barratt |
| £50 | Nº 57 | Miss P Colensa-Gyde |
| £100 | Nº 18 | Mr F Martin |
| £200 | Nº192 | Mr S Carter |

ROLLOVER

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| £100 | Nº 27 | Mrs J Brammer (A) |
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NEXT DRAW

Sunday 29 September at 3pm

ENTERTAINMENT CLUB EVENTS DIARY

| SEPTEMBER | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 | Thames Trafalgar Race 2019 |
| OCTOBER | |
| Thursday 3 | Frontier Engagement Team Presentation |
| Friday 11 | RNLI Supper |
| Saturday 12 | Antiques Valuation |
| Saturday 19 | Supper & Prize Giving hosted by the Cruisers – All Welcome |
| 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 |
| Date tbc | RTYC Service |
| Date tbc | Officers' Drinks |
| Friday 20 | Illuminations Presentation |
| Saturday 21 | Christmas Dinner (Members Only) |
| 25-26 | Opening Times tbc |
| Monday 31 | New Year's Eve |

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Sessions will be held at Royal Temple Yacht Club, Ramsgate, CT11 9HY. For more information on classes and times, please contact me via telephone or email.

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Friday Dining
1.00pm – 3.00pm
6.00pm – 9.00pm

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New menu options available

SERIOUS INCIDENT

You will all be aware that within the last two weeks the Ramsgate Lifeboat was able to bring into Ramsgate 19 people found on rib near the Goodwin Sands in horrendous weather. This makes it important that all of us, racers/cruisers, are aware that we must be alert 24/7 – keeping our eyes open for anything which seems out of the ordinary. **The Frontier Engagement Team**, who endeavour to protect our coastline and rivers, will be in the Club on **Thursday 3rd October at 2000 hours** to give us a short presentation on how they work and how WE can help. Please take advantage of this evening – your input is important!

Do you have Cash in your Attic?

Bring it along to our Antiques Valuation Day which we are holding with The Canterbury Auction Galleries Saturday 12th October 2019 - 11a.m. to 2p.m. 3 items for ONLY £5.00 Larger items can be valued by image and everyone will be seen
Proceeds to RTYC Roof Fund

SAILING & SOCIAL MEDIA NEWS

A brief update on next year's **Euromarine Insurance Ramsgate Week** - we have the dates for next year - 26-31st July 2020. Put it in your diary now! We are already starting to get the Bands booked; I know everyone will be pleased when I tell you that we have booked **Ozzie and the Ugliers** for the Friday already. They are getting so popular that I had to get in early! We will also be reinstating the **80's Night Fancy Dress Competition** with **Hyperactive** booked for the Wednesday. So search your wardrobes and attics for your old gear!

On Social Media we have been busy supporting yachts *Cobra* and *Stiletto* on their campaigns at Cowes Weeks. *Stiletto* achieved a bucket list goal by coming 1st in Class 3; a win that meant a huge amount to John Barrett, Paul Woodward and their crew, especially as there was a great rivalry on the water against *La Reponse* owned by friend of the club and Admiral of RORC, Andrew McIrvine. Andrew opened our renovated bar and a plaque commemorating the event is on the bar.

Cowes Week



The Winning Crew



Stiletto and *Cobra* crews celebrating ("Temple on Tour")



Action on the water



Cobra is pictured on the right!

I have also been keeping the club updated on the whereabouts of our RCC Martin Morgans and Rachel as they have now entered the Med and are rounding the bottom of Spain. You can follow their adventures and their video diaries are particularly funny!

I have reported on the Dyson Dash in a separate article and the final total raised on Monday is £1,646.50 for the Pilgrims Hospice

Our cruisers have also been out and about and Frank Martin sent me this gorgeous photo of *Emily* and *Willowind* leaving Boulogne at dawn on Bank Holiday Monday.



Please check out our social media; just one glance shows what an active club we are with lots of sailing and socialising happening. If you have anything of interest

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to the Club, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am away for a couple of weeks - my daughter's wedding - but feel free to email me.

The Dyson Dash

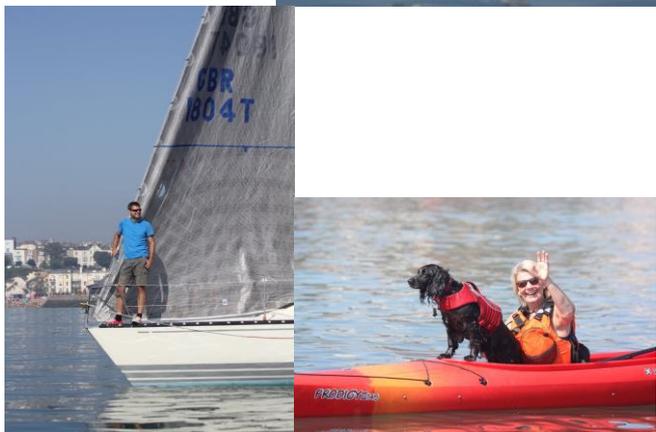
Well done everyone who supported Broadstairs Sailing Club today for the 11th Anniversary of the **Dyson Dash**.

Six of our yachts set off but sadly due to a complete lack of wind only 3 finished, in class 1/2 *Xpedite* won over *Assassin* on corrected time and *Magnum* in class 3/4. Prizes were awarded by John Barrett.

Our becalmed fleet - Photos by Adrian Trice



Wonderful hospitality as usual from Broadstairs Sailing Club, and we should all feel proud as over the past eleven years we have helped them raise over £30k for the Pilgrims Hospice and the final total raised on Monday was £1,646.50.



Trophy winner - Macie

Due to a lack of wind the 30 dinghies due to compete were unable to race but they still had great fun with paddling competitions. In the end the **2 Fat Ladies Trophy** was awarded to a dog called Macey who went out on the paddle board!
See you soon,

Karen
Chair of Ramsgate Week and Social Media



PHOTO GALLERY FROM THE MONTH

Commodore's Choice



Sarah & Andy generously provided a delicious paella lunch for the wet and hungry sailors



..... and some very imaginative, attractive trophies



Warrior won the quiz – being the ONLY crew who didn't Google the answers!

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Andy Ketteringham sent in some photos from the Dover Regatta



Another beautiful Kentish sunset

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CRUISING



19th October 2019

Cruising Supper and Prize-giving
 with music from the *Shanty Men*
 (More details will follow soon)

ALL WELCOME

Having completed the postponed East Coast Cruise with *Assumpta Ann*, *Stella Maris* on her return to Ramsgate immediately joined the six yachts taking part in the Bank Holiday cruise to Boulogne – making this a ‘back to back’ cruise – must be a first for the Cruising Fleet! Conditions were hazy with a flat calm with bright sunshine and gentle breeze albeit on the nose. Two nights in accelerating heat – but it didn’t cause many problems. After fireworks on our arrival (!) next day a few went off to Nausica – at least it was cool there, others enjoyed the Market and the Saints Day Parade. There is an amazing boulangerie close to the quay, so we were well fed. Off early Monday morning for a motor sail by all in calm seas – fortunately with some mist to keep off the sun. Kept busy spotting cross channel swimmers from Shakespeare beach.

Our next cruise is Gravelines/Dunkirk September 13 – 16th. Contact anniepeers@gmail.com for details. This is our last official cruise of the season but doubtless we will find a way to visit a couple of ports before the dark cold nights settle in.

Our cruises for next year are planned to take in the North French coast, Cadzand Bad, our most loved East Coast Cruise and of course a shakedown cruise in April. The cruisers are also likely to be involved in the 80th Dunkirk Little Ships anniversary rally in May.

Hopefully we will be able to plan a couple of talks for the winter evenings

On behalf of Rear Commodore Cruising, Martin Morgans, we would like members to submit nominations for the following Cruising Trophies to be presented at the **Cruising Supper and Prizegiving on 19th October**. Please send these in to info@rtyc.com. Closing date: - 20th September 2019.

Anne Peers
 Cruising Committee

Trophies to be Awarded

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|-----------------------------|--|
| RAF Cup: | Most Meritorious Cruising Performance. |
| Stuart MacKenzie Cup | For the Most Meritorious Contribution to Cruising |
| Fred Randell Plate | Most Club Cruises Undertaken |
| Variety Club Cup | Most Memorable Event. |
| Stanislaus Jacob Cup | To be awarded within the Cruising Section for the most Meritorious Contribution by an Individual |

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TEMPLE TEASER
FROM STUART CARTER
Solution on page 8

1. Who is the roman god of the sea?
2. In maritime time-keeping, how long is eight-bells?
3. Which German pocket battleship did her own crew scuttle in December 1939 in the river plate?
4. Which ship was the first to use the international distress signal SOS in 1912?
5. In which disaster film was an ocean liner overturned by a massive wave?
6. What is captain Hook's pirate ship called?
7. What noun describes a fast pirate ship, often operating with official sanction?
8. Which of the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas is about navy life?
9. Which two British destroyers were sunk off the Falklands in 1982?
10. Which port authority was fined 4m in 1999 because of the Sea Empress oil spill?

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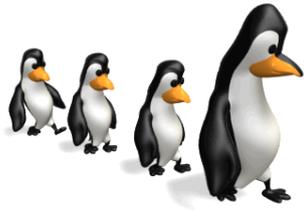
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THE WALKING GROUP



The next walk will be on **Thursday 19th September** to the Viking Ship, meeting at 11:00 at The Lookout Café on the Westcliff Promenade, Royal Esplanade, Ramsgate. Rosemary has very kindly invited us to her home for a BBQ afterwards. As she lives at the Royal Esplanade, we can park near her home beforehand. Please advise me if you intend to join us for catering numbers.

Here are some photos from last month's walk along the cliff tops at Dover – a lovely walk which we must do again.



Davena

TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY

21st August 2019

The weather was wonderful, with very little wind which is unusual for a course on a cliff top. Westgate Golf Course was in excellent condition and we managed to tee off just after 10.00

Our numbers were somewhat depleted by members' holidays and various ailments but it was nice to see stalwarts Rod Oates and Derek Smith return to the fold. Derek introduced us to Ruben (a grandson or nephew, I forget which) who played as a guest and returned a useful score of 29.

The match was won by Sam Matsubara with 34 points. Sam's game is improving with leaps and bounds and for his sins was cut 2 shots. Runner-up was Roy Naylor with 33 and cut 1. There was a tie for the wooden spoon, it went to John Barrett and Rod Oates who were delighted with their slight increases in handicap.

Derek Smith won a £5 voucher from the Pro Shop for being nearest the pin on the 14th and the match winner and runner up took home £10 and £5 respectively.

The Templers Golf Society meet at Westgate Golf Club on the 3rd Wednesday in every month for a social round of golf, tee off at 1015. Our subscription of £50 (pro-rata from when you join) gives you small cash prizes and lunch with any year end surplus subsidising the prize giving dinner. RTYC members and friends are welcome to join us. Generous handicaps will be given to newcomers.

John Barrett
Captain

Next game: Wednesday 18th September 2019

Tee off 10.15 sharp!!

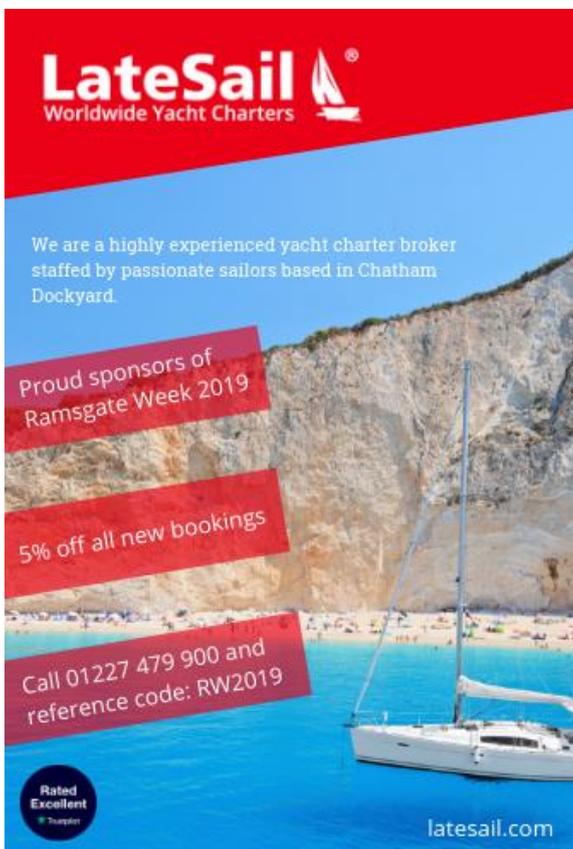


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TEMPLE TEASER SOLUTION

From page 6

1. Neptune
2. Four hours.
3. Graf Spee.
4. The Titanic
5. The Poseidon Adventure
6. The Jolly Roger.
7. Corsair.
8. HMS pinafore
9. HMS Sheffield and HMS Coventry
10. Milford Haven.



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