COMMODORE'S BLOG

Hello Everyone

This is my first contribution to the monthly newsletter, so here goes:

Firstly, a big thank you to Andy Beaumont-Hope and Sarah and his Committee for leaving our club in such good shape.

Welcome to the new committee:

Nick Rawbone, our new Rear Commodore Sail, is working hard to ensure we have an exciting racing season and a big "thank you" to Paul Woodward for helping him get up to speed quickly.

Anne Peers has taken on Rear Commodore Cruising duties and already there is a good range of cruises planned for this year.

Rachel Morgans is looking after Entertainments for us. This is one area of the club's activities where we really need your support. We have lots of new events and are bringing back some old favourites, ranging from coffee mornings, fun events with magicians, casino nights and St Patrick's Day jokes evening. So, hopefully, an event to suit all tastes and dress codes from casual through reefers to black tie.

In June we are bringing the Summer Ball back inhouse so that members can enjoy an important summer event in their clubhouse.

I am very keen to increase value for members. We have had a beer price increase from our supplier, however our plan is to increase prices but also increase the discount on the gold card. I am waiting for Martin Morgans, our Vice Commodore, to return from his holiday as he is taking over the bar from me - watch this space!

- We are bringing back the RTYC shop for people to buy polo shirts, hats, etc.
- We are sourcing new furniture for the terrace
- We have invited Tom Smith onto the committee to look at ways to encourage younger members to join
- All our bedrooms have been given a refit ready for the season

There is more but I'll leave it there for now as I've taken up too much space. If you would like any more information, email me at info@rtyc.com or catch me in the club

David Parish Commodore

Officers, General Committee and Non-Executive Positions for 2020/2021

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Commodore David Parish
Vice Commodore Martin Morgans
Rear Commodore Sail Nick Rawbone

Rear Commodore Cruisers

Anne Peers

Hon Secretary Elizabeth Anderson

Hon Treasurer John Adkin

Hon House Officer Judy Pearson-Parish
Past Commodore Andrew Beaumont-Hope

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Terry Adams
Nigel Collingwood
Karen Cox
Andrew Ketteringham
Rachel Morgans
Tom Smith

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

John Barrett Mike Brand Frank Martin

PRINCIPAL OF THE NAVIGATION SCHOOL

Simon Gasston

250 CLUB DRAW February 2020

£25 N° 99 Mr N Collingwood £50 N°127 Mr A Beaumont-Hope

£100 N° 13 Mr S Flegg £200 N° 31 Mrs M Sperryn ROLLOVER

£25 N°141 Mrs R Cleverdon (A)

THE NEXT DRAW

Sunday 29 March 2020 at 3pm

THE BIG DRAW 2020

February 2020 £250 N°143 Mr J Horton

£500 N°147 Mr P Woodward £1000 N° 2 Mrs S Foster £2000 N°169 Col J Dilliway

ROLLOVER

£50 N° 25 Mr I McDonald

ENTERTAINMENT CLUB EVENTS DIARY

2020	
MARCH	
Tuesday 3	Coffee & Cake
Wednesday 4	Pie & Mash Night
Friday 6	International Women's Day
Sunday 15	Lifejacket Clinic
Tuesday 17	St Patrick's Day
Friday 20	Cruising Social
Saturday 21	Canterbury Auction Valuation
Sunday 22	Mother's Day
Friday 27	Cruising Fitting Out Curry

THE ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE WILL ISSUE FURTHER DETAILS AND MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY NEXT MONTH.

IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE ADD THE ABOVE DATES TO YOUR DIARIES

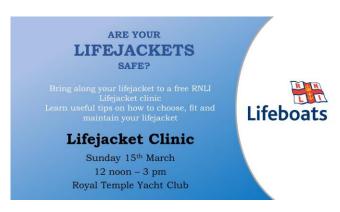
















ENTERTAINMENTS

February brought St Valentine's Day at the club which was well supported. Tom Abraham was back with us to serenaded members for the evening. A special thank you to Davena and Sue for kindly donating the flowers to decorate the club which helped to create a wonderful atmosphere.

2020 being of course a leap year brought that rare item - the 29th of Feb. The club celebrated with a magical leap year games night.

The events committee have been working hard to fill the diary for 2020 with lots of events throughout the year. March will bring:

Coffee and Cake (Tuesday 1st) the club will be serving coffee and cake from 11am on the first Tuesday of every month. The cake will be available throughout the day but be quick because once it's gone, it's gone. This is a brilliant opportunity to catch up with other club members or bring a few friends in to share the club experience.

Pie and Mash night (Wednesday 4th). This coincides with the 196th Anniversary of the RNLI, so we are hoping to see some of the life boat crew join us for the evening.

International Ladies day (Friday 6th) where the club will host Emma Sutton RNLI sharing her inspiration story. This event is not only for women but open to all. Come and share the celebration of truly amazing women. Purple is the internationally recognised colour to symbolise women, so please dig out something purple from your wardrobe to show your support for International Women's day.

St Patrick's Day (Tuesday 17th) in years gone by St Patrick's day has been celebrated by jokes and laughter accompanied by a Guinness or two or three. This year the only change will be the addition of our new promotional 'mini Guinness' to help release your inner leprechaun.

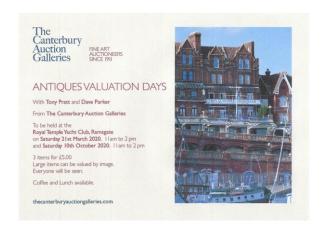
Antiques Valuation Day (Saturday 21st) brought to you by The Canterbury Auction House. Have a good look around, search through the attic as there may well be a hidden treasure which you can bring in and have valued.

Mother's Day (Sunday 22nd) A time to honour and treat your mother or your children's mother, for all the hard work, love and support she provides all year round. This special Mother's Day afternoon tea will provide all the usual treats in a relaxed environment, with a beautiful view to enjoy spending time with your loved ones.

Please note that some of the above events require a booking, this is to ensure that we know how many to prepare for. Knowing how many people will be attending the events allows the team to maximise your enjoyment. Please give the office a call in order to book onto these awesome events. Remember, all events are for club members and are open to guests, please bring friends and family along to support the club. The more support the club gets, the bigger and better the social calendar can become.

The Entertainments Committee is always looking for new members. If you have new ideas, you are creative, have a passion for events or just fancy meeting up with other club members on a regular basis, please get in contact with me on 07895950078.

Rachel Chair Events Committee



MAGICAL EVENING – 29 FEBRUARY 2020

Those members who braved the bad weather were rewarded with a super evening with **Clint, the Magician**, who produced some jaw-dropping tricks amid much laughter and exclamations of disbelief.

Jacko, who claimed to have taught Clint all he knows (?) also entertained us with a rather convoluted card trick. Great fun and a super atmosphere in the Club.



RAMSGATE WEEK & SOCIAL MEDIA NEWS



Euromarine Insurance Ramsgate Week fast approaches, it's only five months away so now is the time to get your entries in!

Everything is ticking along nicely and we have our fabulous sponsors in place, however if anyone knows of any other companies happy to sponsor us, whatever the amount, then we will be delighted to approach them.

I would also like to reach out to the non-sailors in the club and ask if anyone is willing to give up a day or more to help out our small team of volunteers. This can range from collecting glasses around the club, helping us put the cups and glassware out for prizegiving, to coming out on the committee boat as a radio operator or time keeper.

With Peter and Kay Rumbelow stepping down after so manv years successfully running the Management side of the regatta this has left two vacancies on the committee boat. Dr Chris and Doug Spooner have kindly stepped up to run the regatta, having shadowed and assisted Peter and Kay for many years, which leaves their previous positions vacant. And with Kay having been the voice of the radio on the water for many years we need a confident, clear voice to make announcements and countdown on the water. This role would be great for any cruisers who are free; we would make a rota so that you don't have to work the whole regatta.

If you are interested then please speak to myself, RCS Nick Rawbone or Paul Woodward, or phone me on 07779848431.

We already have entrants signing up; a new boat owned by Des Cowan is joining us from Haven Ports YC, they had previously only done the Round the Goodwins Race. And a regular, Simon Farren from Colne Yacht Club, has signed up as well as our RCS Nick Rawbone and John Barrett and Paul Woodward, also setting a good example.



As an added incentive for the first three yachts (not including the RAMSGATE Week committee) that sign up for the full regatta we are entering them into Draw to win a bottle of Dockyard Gin donated by our sponsors, Copper Rivet Distillery. A reminder to all last

year's competitors that the *Copper Rivet Tour Vouchers* that were in your race packs are valid until 22nd July 2020, so a great excuse for a day out when it's cold and miserable!

Our regatta headline sponsors Euromarine Insurance will be in attendance at our other sailing events during the year so if you have any questions please feel free to speak to them when they are around.

The Notice of Race is already on the website so take a few minutes to familiarise yourself with the requirements before heading to the application form to sign yourself up. The Early Bird Discount is available until the end of May.



with damage. He started his attempt on Monday 24th February and as I write this Yacht *Panther* is lying 9th in class IRC 2. In complete contrast to 2018 this year the winds are extremely light so

With regard to social media I have been keeping people updated on Chris Cox's 2nd attempt at the Caribbean 600. You may remember that he attempted it in 2018 but dreadful winds meant over half the fleet retired



they are not expected to complete the race until Friday 28th. Once again, he is accompanied onboard by Honorary Club Member Alex Alley, and well-known female sailor Pip Hare, who will be competing in the singlehanded Vendee Globe Race later this year and who has been broadcasting the race from onboard.

No doubt Chris will write a report in next month's magazine letting you know how he got on!



It was also nice to cover the award given to Dirk Sledson from the Royal North Sea YC, and a regular visitor to our club for many years.

At an awards ceremony held in the Brussels Yacht Club he was presented with Manager of the Year Award. Congratulations Dirk!

Last but not least I had a lovely meeting with Andrew Gibson and Gemma from the Ramsgate Festival of Sound. This year their event take place at a slightly different time from our regatta 19-26th July so hopefully you will be able to enjoy it before Euromarine Insurance Ramsgate Week starts on 26th.

All the best, see you at the bar!



Karen
Chair of Ramsgate Week and Social Media

CRUISING



Join us at our next Social Evening
Friday 20 March
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME – NOT JUST CRUISERS

The **Cruising Curry Evening** will take place Saturday 27th March, all welcome.

Cruising Socials: Frank Martin gave a very interesting presentation on the *One:One Collection* on the 21st February, many members attended and enjoyed the evening. Thank you Frank.

The next Cruising Social will be held on Friday 20 March, all cruisers and members welcome. Martin Morgans has kindly agreed to give a talk on his sailing exploits in 2019 on Friday 24th April.

We have an extensive **Cruising Programme** for 2020 highlights of which are set out below:

April 10 - 11 Easter Cruise to Dover

May 21 – 26 Dunkirk Little Ships 80th Anniversary

Cruise to Dunkirk

May 23 – 25 Calais Rally with Little Ship Club

June 15 – 29 Summer Cruise to Holland

July 18 – 23 Crouch (or Dunkirk/Gravelines) leaving

dates/places open at present

July 26 – 31 Ramsgate Week

Aug 18 – 24 Rivers Orwell and Deben

Aug/Sept Boulogne/Calais/Gravelines/Dunkirk

Individual boats may, of course, join in for part of any cruise or alternatively extend a cruise if they so wish.

The **Cruising Prizegiving** has been arranged for Saturday 17th October.

Anne Peers Rear Commodore Cruising

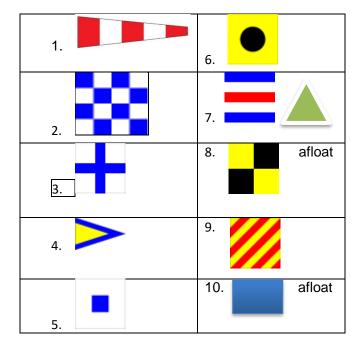


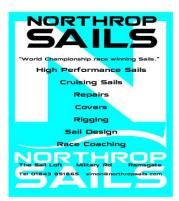




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Under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, what do the following flag signals mean?





REAR COMMODORE SAIL - FIRST REPORT

Firstly, let me introduce myself, my name is Nick Rawbone and I have been a long-standing member of RTYC. Having moved back to East Kent and bringing a new race boat to the fleet, I decided with some encouragement from other members to stand for RCS this year. Being fortunate and thanks to Frank Martin and Julian Poupard, my proposer and seconder, I have been elected to join and Support our new commodore David Parish and his Armada.

So having been handed the keys to the good ship RCS, my first job was to elect the ship's crew. I am delighted to announce that Stuart (who is continuing as Race Officer), Paul, Karen, Deborah, John, Clive and Piers have joined me on the bridge to look after the RCS duties, and my thanks go to them for joining the team

Our first task was to prioritise a few demanding issues that gave us a challenging passage at the start at the helm. Our first task was to get the racing calendar sorted and agreed for 2020; my thanks goes to Paul Woodward for his help. We met with the racing competitors and it was well received, so then we moved onto buying four new buoys and their ground tackle, these will arrive in the very near future, so we will have buoys to race around. The next job was to start work on sponsorship and Ramsgate Week and thanks to Karen, that passage plan is sorted out and she has that under control. Deborah has, with the assistance of Judy Pearson-Parish, has the Trophies under control and these are being engraved with last year's winners now. We have the new Halsail software for recording and producing the results of the races, and this has been tested and with Paul, Stuart and Fiona's help, will be implemented for the start of the spring series. So, lots of business already sorted, but a few uncharted issues to resolve and thanks to the team of the good ship RCS we will have our hands on a controlled tiller and a charted safe passage ahead.

On a personal note I want to give a big thanks to Matt Green for holding the helm of the Good Ship RCS over the past years and look forward to his continued support and challenges on the race track.

In closing, I look forward to updating you with the next bulletin and keeping you informed of the progress we are making on the Good Ship RCS. Thank you for reading this BLOG

Nick Rawbone Rear Commodore, Sail

THE WALKING GROUP



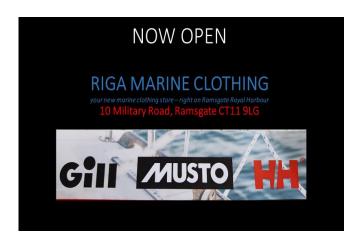
Contact Davena on 07760 402479 to be added to the group *WhatsApp*



February's walk took us around Broadstairs and the North Foreland lighthouse in gale-force winds but fortunately avoiding torrential rain that came in later that day. Five hardy souls and one doggie completed the walk with two more people and dogs joining for part of the walk. We enjoyed lunch in the Swan, Reading Street. Many thanks to Eric for organising this walk. Keep

a look out for details of the March walk.





WHAT HAVE THE MEMBERS BEEN UP TO DURING THE SAILING BREAK?



Jo and Judy went to a Yoga retreat in Goa





The Rooks went to Iceland (not Waitrose?) and retreated to to Spain for the sunshine





The Russells at the Royal Cape YC, Cape Town on their first trip to South Africa



The Morgans have been enjoying the sunshine in Malta for the past month





The Greens and Fosters took in a Test Match in Port Elizabeth, South Africa (we won)



.... and wine tasting



.... and of course, sun, sea and sand

TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY

Wednesday 15th January 2020

Unfortunately, the monthly Templers golf meeting was cancelled as a result of the appalling weather conditions. However, the day was not a complete failure as I had the pleasure of welcoming a new member to the Templers – Alan (BigAl) Bray.

Alan is a member at North Foreland where he plays an active role with the Old & Bold section and other groups within the main club. I'm sure he will make a valuable contribution to the Templers.

Apart from myself and Alan, I understand my Vice Captain, Dave Allen, also put in an appearance but chose not leave the comfort of his car unless he saw any other Templers, (sensible!).

As I mentioned before, each month my wife, Caroline, will bake a cake to be presented to the golfer who gets closest to the green from the tee on the 18th. With no golf having been played, I presented the cake to Alan for turning up to join us in such appalling conditions.

The next meeting is Wednesday 19th February, weather permitting

Wednesday 19th February 2020

I am pleased to say we had an impressive turn out for this month's round of golf at Westgate with 11 keen golfers teeing off.

The weather was kind to us with the rain starting only when the final 4 ball had completed their final hole. The course was in reasonable condition but the recent storms had left their mark particularly on the greens which were very 'soft' and in need of some TLC.

John Barrett, Roy Naylor, Mike Brand, Sam Matsubara, Dave Allen, Derek Smith, David Say, Robin Curtis and Astrid Watkiss enjoyed the golf. We also welcomed a new member, Alan Bray. (Alan finished in 2nd place!!!!!). Alan is a member at North Foreland and I'm sure he will play on a regular basis with the Templers.

The overall winner this month and winner of the 'Longest Drive' was John (JEB) with second place going to Alan and 'Nearest the Pin' going to Roy. Handicaps will be adjusted accordingly. We all enjoyed a well-earned and much needed snack in the clubhouse following the round.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 18th March and it would be so good to see even more members turning up to play.

My Best Wishes to you all

Happy Golfing

Don - Captain





TEMPLE TEASER SOLUTION

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- Races not started are postponed.
- 2) All races that have started are abandoned.
- 3) Individual recall.
- 4) General recall.
- 5) The course has been shortened.
- 6) Rule 30.1 is in effect. (the round-an-end rule)
- 7) The position of the next mark has been changed: to starboard.
- 8) Come within hail or follow this vessel.
- 9) Wear a personal flotation device.
- 10) This race committee vessel is in position at the finishing line.

