

# TEMPLE BELL

The Newsletter of the Royal Temple Yacht Club

November 2023

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## ACTING COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

As you are all aware, the past couple of weeks have been difficult for us on Committee with the resignation of Martin Morgans as Commodore and also due to the ill health of Stuart Carter who has stepped down as Hon. Sec. Sadly, Rachel Morgans has also stepped down from Committee too. I would like to thank all three of them for their service to the Club, the time and commitment they have put in has to be applauded.

It's fallen to me to step up from my Vice Commodore role into Acting Commodore and I would like to advise you that I will stand for election for that role at the AGM in February.

Judy Pearson has stepped into the Acting Vice Commodore role and will be standing again at the AGM. John Barrett and Elizabeth Anderson have taken on the task of joint Acting Honorary Secretary but this is only for the interim and we will be looking for a new Hon. Sec at the AGM.

May I say how grateful I am for them stepping up to the plate, there is a lot to hand over especially with the AGM fast approaching and their steadying hand is much needed to keep the Club going in the right direction.

So, how can you, our Club members, help?..It's quite simple, we need you in the Club! Come and meet your friends for coffee in the afternoon, use us as a place to catch up with people over a pint, attend events and bring friends along. Recommend us to friends, if life events need a venue then suggest us for funerals and wedding receptions. Basically, do what you do best, get together for a drink and support the Club.

We have lots coming up in the run up to Christmas and we are looking at 2024 and plan to fill your diaries with events.

To ensure we keep our costs under control we have taken the difficult decision to close the Club after 5pm on Monday and Tuesday nights. We will still be open during the daytime but in order to deploy our staff when we need them most we will close at 5pm on those two days starting on 27th November and we will advise you when this situation changes.

This Sunday, the 26th November we have the 250 Draw and also our local RNLi shop will be in attendance selling Christmas Cards from 1pm. Just a reminder that purchases will need to be made in cash only.

Our Christmas Tree arrives early December and we would like to invite you all in to "Deck the Halls" (and the tree) and make it look festive on Thursday 7th December. Encouragement will be provided in the form of mince pies and mulled wine.

The Navigation School will be holding their party on Wednesday 13th December and a festive quiz will take place on Friday 15th December.

A huge thank you to Andrew Ketteringham who has saved Christmas and will be our caterer for the Yacht Club Christmas Dinner on 16th December. There are very few spaces for that left so please contact the office to reserve your space.

Andy has also taken on the Illuminations as well, so speak to him if you need lights for your boats and I hope to see Club members boats twinkling away. The Prize Giving for that will be Tuesday 19th December at the Club.

On the Wednesday 20th December, we have Officers' Drinks and a bottle of wine will be given to the best Christmas jumper.

Last night the Committee decided that as a thank you to everyone on New Year's Eve, we will put on light refreshments and offer a complimentary glass of sparkling for us to toast in the New Year whilst watching the fireworks from our balcony. We will have a DJ to help us dance the night away and all members and guests are invited to attend free of charge. We want you to enjoy coming into the Club and we thank you all for bearing with us in this period of adjustment and we welcome back those past members who have recently re-joined.

Thank you all for your support and best wishes,

*Karen*  
**Acting Commodore**

## Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas Eve	12.00 – 6.00pm.
Christmas Day	Closed
Boxing Day	Closed
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Normal Hours
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Normal Hours
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Normal Hours
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Normal Hours
New Years Eve	12.00 – 1.00am
New Years Day	12.00 – 3.00pm.



## 250 CLUB RESULTS

### October Draw

£25	Nº 90	Mr T Strong
£50	Nº 14	Mr M Morgans
£100	Nº 82	Mr B Carthew

**The next draw will be on  
Sunday 26 November at 3:00pm**

## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS



Join our WhatsApp Group to keep up to date with forthcoming Club events

### UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1<sup>st</sup> December – Quiz Night

7<sup>th</sup> December – Decorating the Bar for Christmas

8<sup>th</sup> December – Cruising Social & Festive Games

19<sup>th</sup> December – Illuminations Prize Giving

20<sup>th</sup> December – Officers' Drinks

31<sup>st</sup> December – New Year's Eve Party

Our Special **Christmas Raffle** tickets are now on sale with all proceeds going towards the very important work being carried out on the roof. Lots of fabulous prizes are available, all donated by members.

The draw will take place on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm**

**Christmas raffle**  
Wednesday 20th December 8pm

£1 ticket  
£5 a strip

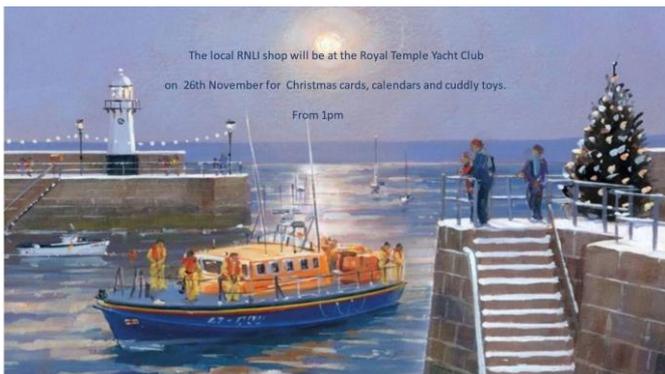
No cash necessary, tickets can be added to your gold card or drinks round

Lots of prizes to be won

- Wine & Chocolate hamper
- Pink Prosecco
- Red & White Wine
- Tower of Pots
- Wine & Life Jacket
- North Sail Hat & Belt
- Weatherman Radiotelex

All proceeds to the roof fund

Another opportunity to support the RNLI when the local RNLI shop will be at the Club selling Christmas Cards, Calendars, etc on **Sunday 26 November** come along and stay for the 250 Draw at 3pm.



**NB – The RNLI Shop is cash only**

Please send any contributions for compilation into the next issue or comm

## An opportunity to put on the “glad rags” for our annual Christmas Dinner Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Dinner at The Royal Temple Yacht Club 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.00pm

**Starters**

- Medley of Prawns with a Marie Rose sauce.
- Cauliflower and Broccoli soup.
- Brussels Pate on Melba toast Salad garnish.
- Spinach and Ricotta Filo Baskets.

**Mains**

- Sliced Turkey Breast Cranberry sauce.
- Roast Beef Yorkshire pudding Horseradish Sauce.
- Roast Pork Homemade Apple sauce.
- Parsnip and Porcini Wellington.
- Seasonal Veg and all the Christmas trimmings

**Dessert**

- Traditional Christmas pudding with Brandy Butter sauce.
- New York Cheesecake.
- Tiramisu.
- Cheese and Biscuits.
- Tea and Coffee.

£38.00 per person  
Please contact the office on 01843 591766 to book your place

Early booking is highly recommended for this very popular event

### DRESS CODE: BLACK TIE

(Should you find last year's suit has “shrunk”, there is a very good hire shop at Manston called *Well Suited for Men*)

## POOL TEAM NEWS

Our Pool Team has had an excellent start to this season, winning four out of four matches, including one “whitewash”.

Please come along to the Club on a Thursday evening and support the home matches – always a great, competitive atmosphere and good fun.



### TEMPLE TEASER No 71

#### Maritime Disasters

#### Match the Dates with the Vessels

FROM STUART CARTER

Solution on page 10

1545	HMS Thetis
1799	RMS Titanic
1839	Mary Rose
1872	Marchioness
1805	HMS Lutine
1912	ARA General Belgrano
1987	The Marie Celeste
1939	La Redoubtable
1989	Herald of Free Enterprise
1982	The Amistad



## RAMSGATE WEEK SPONSOR'S NEWS

On Sunday 15th October we introduced about twenty young people to the joys of sailing and motor cruising when our Ramsgate Week sponsors, St Lawrence College Ramsgate, brought some of their year 3 through to year 7 pupils down to the harbour.

They loved their time exploring the yachts and we hope that this becomes a regular event and we are able to work more with them in the future.

Thank you to our cruiser section, arranged by our RCC, Don, who kindly allowed the children onboard their boats, *Remi II* owned by Alan and Sharon Page, *Happy* owned by Andy and Sarah Beaumont-Hope, and Don and Mandy Gray's *Blown Away*. Also huge thanks to Peter Jackson owner of *Assassin* who allowed them to explore a racing boat.

**Karen  
Commodore  
& Ramsgate Week Chair**

Photographs courtesy of St Lawrence College



Assembled for action



"Learning the Ropes"



Broad smiles aboard *Assassin*



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## SAILING/RACING NEWS

Well, the racing season is done and after a couple of fun events to mark the occasion we now start the cycle of preparing for next year's activities, which I hope will build upon the successes of this year and incorporate lessons learned from to make racing more fun and competitive.

I'll be stepping down this winter and handing over to Andy Ketteringham, but I shan't be totally hands-off next year and intend to support Andy in a number of areas as part of his team.

My particular highlights have been to prove the viability of using divers and 'wet storage' of the heavy train wheel sinkers to deploy and re-set the racing marks which has saved the club £000's in costs that would have been spent using the wind farm support boats. Also, our return to cross-channel events started in a small way this year, with our thoroughly enjoyable jaunt to Boulogne; rest assured we'll be setting it in the calendar for 2024.

As we see the growth of Cruiser Class racing numbers, we will certainly be taking this on board and assessing the feasibility of expanding the number of classes to provide more competitive racing.

### Crew Lunch

After a race to repair the dining room ceiling we held the informal Crew Lunch in October. After the iffy food, which saw the local pizza delivery shops receiving a few orders, (refunds are available by contacting the office), the imposition of fines lightened the mood and ensured the event was remembered as a "bit of a laugh". No boats represented went without the receipt of a fine, and over £375 was raised in aid of the RNLI. Notable fines imposed included the Race Officer for starting at least one race whilst wearing pajamas and Andy K, for being in possession of three sailing boats but with zero masts fitted. The Club Prosecution Service did however exercise a degree of leniency for the Gold Cup capsizes!

### Prize Giving Supper and Ceremony

Hot on the heels of the Crew Lunch we enjoyed a hearty curry buffet in lieu of the planned 3 course meal for the Prize Giving Supper. A big debt of gratitude goes out to Lawrence Mayne for working with *Spice Fusion* and Andy & Angie K plus others who helped with the service of the food on the night.

This year saw the trophies spread around the fleet a little more evenly than in the past and it ensured many cups were filled with various concoctions to celebrate victories on the water. Congratulations to the owners and crews of Foxy and Pippy who won the Club Championships in IRC and Cruiser classes respectively.

### Dealing with Port Control – Again!

Following yet another incident with our overly officious port controller, I felt it necessary to write a formal letter of complaint to the harbourmaster regarding the controllers' conduct. I have yet to hear back on the outcome of this letter and will let everybody know when I receive a reply.

### A Heartfelt Thanks

Serving you as RCS has not been without its challenges as I learned my way around the many facets of the role, and I most certainly couldn't have managed any of it without the hard work of the volunteers who guided me and helped in so many ways. They include Paul Woodard for all matters handicapping and *Halsail*, David Tomlinson (RW course setting), Stuart Carter (Race Officer), our regular Race Hut Crew of Fiona Rawbone, Steph Martin and Jean Conron and other *ad hoc* volunteers "Thank You All!"

**Piers  
RCS**

**Photographs from the PRIZE GIVING courtesy of the very busy Andy K – many thanks Andy**



*Pippy – Class 3 & 4 Championship*



*Bad Boys Autumn Series Class 3 & 4  
(originally awarded to Pippy but they noticed that there had been a mistake with the results – no discard. They graciously passed it over to Bad Boys)*



*Warrior Summer Offshore Series Class 2*



*Young Sailor – Gray Jackson*



*Foxy Class 1 & 2 Overall Club Championship*



*Academy Student of the Year Jacob aka Bob*



*Manyana Summer Series Class 3&4*



Kubluzo Class 2 Club Championship

## RTYC CRUISERS



Please remember to join us for our regular,  
**SOCIAL EVENINGS**  
**ALL WELCOME**

The **Cruising Prize Giving and Supper** was held on Saturday 28th October. Repairs to the Dining Room ceiling had been completed just in time by House Officer, Alan, and his team of contractors and volunteers. Thanks to a last minute surge in demand the Supper was a sold out success and 60 diners enjoyed the splendid Indian Buffet prepared and delivered by Raushan and the staff of the Ramsgate Tandoori Restaurant.

Our Awards and Prize winners were :

**RAF Cup** For the most outstanding cruising performance - Mike Brand for his voyage with *Fox Out The Box* from Scotland via Ireland to Ramsgate.



Assassin – Autumn Series Class 1



**Stuart MacKenzie Cup** Contribution to Cruising Jointly awarded to Jonathan Hague and Mark Andrews for planning and organising so much of our Cruising this year.

**Fred Randell Plate** For the most Club Cruises undertaken to Colin Chapman with *Bamboo*

**Variety Club Cup** For the most Memorable Event of the Year awarded to RTYC members, Kevin and Jill Finn. Kevin is also Commodore of The Dunkirk Little Ships Association.

Many of our Cruisers sailed to St Katherine Docks in May for the occasion of the King's Coronation, this visit coincided with the DLSA Coronation Rally to St Kats. Our members were royally treated by Kevin, Jill and all of their Dunkirk Little Ship owners whose

wonderfully presented ships totally filled the central dock at St Kats.



**Stanislaus Sextant** For the most ports visited in the cruising year to Colin Chapman, *Bamboo* with 22 Ports visited.

Many thanks to Elizabeth, Anne, Alan, Andy and of all of the helpers who worked so hard to make this evening possible.

For our **Cruising Evening** on 10<sup>th</sup> November, Nick Nottingham from RYS came and gave us a presentation on the RYS 2023 Cruise to the Baltic, which we held upstairs in the Club Dining Room. We were treated to a very professional and spellbinding account of his 2023, 4300nm cruising adventures with his yacht *Spellbinder*.

The next Cruising Social Evening is our regular 'second Friday of the Month' on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Our Cruising Committee is planning places to go next year. Please come along and let us know where you would like to go, and have a great evening too.

In the new year we are pleased to tell you that Kevin Finn, RTYC member and also Commodore of the Association of Dunkirk Little Ships has kindly offered to give an Evening Presentation and talk on the

Association, their efforts to maintain their ships and their continuing legacy.

Paul and Norma Russell have also agreed to give us a talk and presentation on their Atlantic crossing and passage to Newfoundland with their yacht *Spectra*. Exact dates for these Evening presentations will be confirmed soon.



On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Armistice Day, the RNLI's new Lifeboat *Diamond Jubilee* was welcomed into Ramsgate harbour by a flotilla of Lifeboats plus a contingent from RTYC which included, *Warrior*, *Bamboo* and *Avventura*. Crews and crowds were blessed with great afternoon sunshine and calm seas, its not often that you can see 7 lifeboats at sea together!

A huge welcome to *Diamond Jubilee*.



**Don Gray**  
**RCC**

**Following on from Kevin & Jill Finn's recognition at the Cruisers' Prize Giving, Karen reports on a fabulous trip her and Chris took with them aboard their beautiful Little Ship, *Brown Owl***



Chris and I were lucky enough to be invited for a fantastic few nights away with our great friends and club members Kevin and Jill Finn on their Dunkirk Little Ship *Brown Owl* on the Thames in September.

Kevin is the Commodore of the Dunkirk Little Ships Association (DLSA) and we have been actively working hard to build great connections between our two clubs, especially as RTYC will be the host club in 2025 when the DLSA return to Dunkirk, something they do every five years.

The weekend event took place around Penton Hook Yacht Club, an amazing venue on the Thames directly opposite the entrance to Thorpe Park. This was the largest event so far for the DLSA with 22 boats being present playing host to veterans from Operation Dynamo up to more recent battles like the Falklands War. The Yacht Club were very keen to make a good impression and had gone out of their way to make the weekend a great success and had spread the word with the locks and the locals, so everywhere we went we were greeted by bunting, recordings of Vera Lynn singing and Union Flag waving by young and old.

Saturday started early with breakfast for the Veterans in the club to prepare them for their day ahead. There was a contingent of Ratings from HMS Collingwood along with Captain Tim, who is in charge of the Maritime Warfare School which is the largest naval training organisation in Western Europe. The oldest gentleman there was 103, he had been a Rear Guard at Operation Dynamo tasked with protecting the beaches from the German Army. He was captured and spent 5 years in a POW camp.



The Ratings were divided amongst the boats to assist in mooring, pouring drinks, serving sandwiches and generally helping out. We did feel sorry for our Rating, Martin, as it was a very hot weekend and his uniform was very thick, however he was allowed to remove his cap whilst we were sailing. It had to be worn whilst going through locks, and he was allowed up to 2 beers but they had to be drunk from a mug, to pretend it was tea!

At midday after a blessing service we set off with our guests which included a past Ambassador of Vietnam and his wife, as well as the Commodore of the Penton Hook Yacht Club. The flotilla of Dunkirk Little Ships headed down stream through various locks, and I have to admit to a tear in my eye at the outpouring of love and support the boats received from the crowds. Chris and I felt incredibly privileged to be part of this event.



Jill, Rating Martin and I were kept busy making sandwiches and pouring gin and tonics, the whole weekend we were only asked for 1 cup of tea! But we also had time to chat with our guests, especially the Ambassador's wife who had the most incredible stories to tell about her life in various postings, three times in Vietnam as well as Hong Kong, San Francisco and Nairobi.

After a few hours we headed back to the Yacht Club to be serenaded by a 'Rat Pack' style singer who had the Ratings up as well as some of the Veterans singing and high kicking to *New York, New York*.



On the Sunday we had more recent Veterans onboard from the Falklands, who were ex-SAS, and their wives. We struggled to keep up with demand for beer!! The SAS sure know how to drink! This time we headed upstream through the locks before returning to Penton Hook. There were quite a few Chelsea Pensioners onboard various Little Ships with their thick red coats on but not one of them removed his coat in the heat. After the Veterans had departed we partook of many a drink,

it was hot, and a very enjoyable evening was had at the Yacht Club, from what I can remember!

Then on the Monday we moved upstream to Windsor when we met up with the Military Knights of Windsor and also Captain Tim from HMS Collingwood, for a cruise past the Castle to pay respects to HM Queen Elizabeth II.



The Knights of Windsor live in the Grace and Favour houses opposite St George's Chapel in the grounds of the Castle. Originally called Poor or Alms Knights', which came about when Knights who had raised armies for the King were ruined financially by having to ransom themselves after the battle of Crecy, and who were given pensions and lodgings in Windsor Castle by Edward III. What interesting people they were, sharing stories about the various people who live on the Windsor Home Farm. Whilst we were chatting on the river bank, which is part of the private estate of Windsor Castle a group of horse riders came along. "what are you folk doing here?" asked a familiar voice and we looked up to see Prince Andrew astride his horse. He spent a while chatting to us, telling us about the horses that were there, his own a beautiful black stallion, and also a lovely grey which was the horse that King Charles rode for the Trooping of the Colour, as well as three of the late Queen's horses.

The cruise was followed by more refreshments moored up in the private grounds with the Castle in the background, again Chris and I felt so honoured to be part of this event.

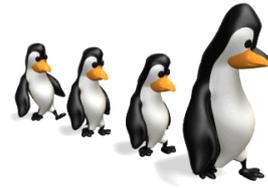
Then up to Teddington Lock where we moored overnight before sadly we had to leave our friends as we were off on holiday and they were headed down to St Katherine's Dock for another event.

A weekend of fantastic memories, incredible conversations and beautiful scenery. Thank you so much to Kevin and Jill Finn.

**Karen**

## JUST SOME OF OUR FABULOUS SPONSORS

## THE WALKING GROUP



Email Davena with your phone number at [davenagreen42@gmail.com](mailto:davenagreen42@gmail.com) to be added to the group *WhatsApp*

Details of the next walk will be posted on the RTYC Walking Group *WhatsApp* so please contact Davena if you wish to be included.

The very inclement weather recently has put off the walkers. Please watch your *WhatsApp* for notifications of future walks.

## TEMPLARS GOLF SOCIETY



The Templars Golf Society was started about 20 years ago for members and friends of the Royal Temple Yacht Club in Ramsgate. Our net is cast even wider now and anyone who would appreciate a friendly, sociable round of golf is very welcome. We play off IG handicaps with monthly adjustments at the Captain's discretion!! Those who don't have a registered handicap will be allocated something suitable.

### Westgate & Birchington Golf Club Wednesday 18 October 2023

The gentlemen of the Templars' Golf Society showed their true mettle at Westgate and Birchington Golf Club. Braving strong winds and scorning the risk of being caught on the top of the cliffs at Westgate by the impending Storm Babet, this year's best turnout saw 10 intrepid golfers take to the sward. With the course in good condition, there were some commendable scores despite the high winds. Six of the 10 players scored 30 points or more. Scoring 35 points Don Cross came 3<sup>rd</sup>, 'Stirling' Barrett with 36 was 2<sup>nd</sup> while the winner, with 37 points, was the captain. Roy Naylor won the prize for nearest the pin and John Barrett secured the cake for the longest drive. It was a very enjoyable day and everybody cleared the course before the rain came down!

Our next Golf Day is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, and it would be so good to see more Templars turning up to enjoy an enjoyable and friendly round of golf. Please put the date in your diaries - the more the merrier.

Happy Golfing  
**Robin Curtis**  
Captain

## TEMPLE TEASER SOLUTION

From page 2

1545	Mary Rose
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**For the benefit of our new members who may not be aware of the long, illustrious history of The Royal Temple Yacht Club, and as a reminder to all, we are re-printing for your enjoyment some articles written by our late, much missed, Archivist and former Commodore, DENYS TWEDDELL**

**THESE ARTICLES COMMENCED WHEN THE RTYC MOVED FROM LONDON, WHERE THE CLUB WAS STARTED AT THE TEMPLE STEPS ON THE THAMES, TO RAMSGATE**

## **FLAGS OF DISTINCTION**

In the seventeenth century during the Anglo-Dutch Wars, Admiral Tromp tied a broom stick to his mast suggesting that he would sweep the channel free of the English. The British Admiral, not to be out-done, hoisted a horse whip indicating what he would do to the usurper. From that time the long coach-whip pennant has been the mark of the fighting man.

The Dutch have another call to fame. In the same century they were running short of active senior personnel in the navy. Facing the dilemma, that an admiral was on the pay-list for life, they had the original idea of creating a new rank – that of Commodore. Commodores were given the right to fly a fish-tailed broad pennant; hence the expression “The Commodore’s Privilege” – namely to display an open fly. The days of distinguishing flags date from early times of Chivalry. Knights carried the pennon, a pointed flag; it was the custom that in the field of battle to reward an act of bravery or distinction by cutting off the end of the pennon thus making the square banner of the Baron. It is from sources such as these that our Burgees and Ensigns have developed.

### **Ensigns**

Flags to be displayed by yachts include the National Ensign, the Club Burgee or Officer’s flag, a Courtesy flag when abroad and Flags concerned with racing (the latter are now largely replaced by distinguishing sail numbers). The White Ensign is reserved for vessels of the Royal Navy and the Royal Yacht Squadron; the Blue for the Royal Navy and certain privileged bodies; the Red for other users.

Before 1864, vessels in the service of certain UK public offices defaced the Red Ensign with the badge or seal of their office. In 1864 an Order in Council directed that such defacements were to be transferred to the Blue, other defacements were subsequently authorised by Admiralty Warrant. In the case of Yacht Clubs in May 1894 those authorised received new and more explicit warrants.

The Secretary of State for Defence in February 1985 issued general warrants to privileged UK clubs. This took effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April of that year and since then the Clubs themselves have issued permits to qualifying Members. Also, from that date the Royal Yachting Association has administered the system on behalf of the Ministry of Defence.

The privileged list was closed in 1952, however in the late 1960s it was agreed to include additional clubs in special circumstances. The list was ‘finally’ closed in

1983 although at least one addition has been made subsequently.

The warrant can apply to the undefaced Blue Ensign or to one defaced by a device or letters. The Red Ensign – defaced – can also be assigned by warrant. The Royal Temple Yacht Club was granted the privilege to wear the undefaced Blue Ensign by Admiralty Warrant on 27<sup>th</sup> April 1898.

### **Club Device**

The Club device was developed with the granting of the Royal title. The description is:

“A silver Pegasus rampant on the shaft of a fouled anchor, supported on each side by a branch of roses with rose leaves, surrounded by a Royal Crown. The whole is gold on a navy blue field”.

Pegasus is the emblem of The Inner Temple – it was from the Temple Pier that our yachtsmen sailed at the inception of the Club. Of Greek legend, Pegasus was the winged horse that sprang from the blood of Medusa when she was beheaded by Perseus. Athena captured Pegasus and took him to the home of the Muses - Mount Helicon. The youth Belerephon became friendly with the horse and rode him when he slew the Chimera, the female monster which resembled a lion in the forepart, a goat in the middle and a dragon behind. Subsequently Belerephon tried to fly to heaven so annoying Zeus who stinging Pegasus by a gad fly caused him to buck unseating his rider who fell to earth and spent the rest of his days lame and blind. Pegasus joined the Gods in the sky where he rests as the Square of Pegasus beloved by ocean going sailors for night time sextant sights.

The fouled anchor has a cable round its stock or flukes, it is the official seal of the Lord High Admiral and dates from the 16<sup>th</sup> century when it was incorporated in the Arms of Lord Howard of Effingham.

### **Burgee**

In the early years, the founding members devised their personal flag by adding the letters TYC to the Blue Ensign and they used this for a number of years until they realised that this was not ‘proper’ and they used a blue triangular burgee with the letters TYC in white.

In 1872 they designed a blue triangular burgee with a rampant yellow winged horse – Pegasus. This caused immediate consternation in the yachting press. The Corinthian Yacht Club, formed a few months previously, had chosen Pegasus the winged horse of Corinth as their emblem.

All was settled amicably by the Secretaries of the two Clubs. The Corinthian agreed to change the insignia to the present-day Laurel Wreath – the Temple being free to adopt the winged horse and agreeing to take over at cost the dies, etc. already purchased by the Corinthian. With the granting of the Royal Title the Burgee was redesigned as a navy blue triangular device with Pegasus rampant on the shaft of a fouled anchor surmounted by a Royal Crown. At that time it also carried a red T edged in white. This was removed in 1908 and the present-day Burgee took shape. Flag Officers have swallow-tailed burgees and Past Commodores rectangular flags.

**Next Month: RTYC IN WARTIME 1914-18**