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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Where did August go? And now we are nearly through September and holidays are behind us, it is time for a catch-up and Club news.

The clubhouse has now recovered from the madness that is Ramsgate Week, and what a good one it was. Racing every day and music and fun every night. Congratulations to all who took part and thank you to everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes. I know our Vice Commodore, Karen, will identify and thank individuals in her report, so I won't make a second list here. It was fantastic to see the club operating on three floors and the terrace simultaneously. Over 65 people dined upstairs on one night alone whilst a band played, and the main bar and terrace was buzzing!

The contractors are busy working on the roof, and we are keeping our fingers crossed that the Indian Summer continues to allow them to progress swiftly. The work is disruptive to our operations which means the office team is even more busy keeping members, guests, and neighbours in the loop and happy.

On the issue of the office, if there is any secretarial assistance sought, please do not approach Kelly directly, please email our General Manager Katie at generalmanager@rtyc.com. Please, also remember that our fantastic staff are sometimes on the premises when they are off duty. Please respect their downtime and do not approach them with club matters. Basically, if they are out of uniform they are out of office.

Alas, as reported, our planned partnership with restaurant Darcy's has been terminated before it began but the work on the kitchen and amenities has taken place so as soon as a new opportunity arises, we will be able to pursue it promptly. This has been a most frustrating experience, but one we will learn from. The damage to the restaurant ceiling has not helped the situation but we are discussing the options open to us with our insurers and will complete repairs as soon as is possible. I sure everyone understands that any unauthorised and unapproved repair can easily jeopardise our ability to claim for any future problems. Our House Officer, Alan, is certainly being kept busy at the moment and is being well supported by other stakeholders.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the roof fund, be it by donating prizes, buying raffle tickets, or by dropping change in the container on the bar. Special thanks to the person who made a significant personal donation, a beautiful gesture which came as no surprise given the source. Tickets for the Halloween Raffle are on sale now.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the Bar supporting your Club.

Martin Morgans

250 CLUB RESULTS

July Draw

£25	Nº 42	Jim Humphries
£50	Nº 31	Nick Baggott
£100	Nº 24	Hugh Mockett

August Draw

£25	Nº118	Mr A Walkling
£50	Nº 56	Mr A Nicholson
£100	Nº 81	Mrs J Dadds

**The next draw will be on
Sunday 1 October at 3:00pm**

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS



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

August was a quieter month for Entertainments due to summer holidays and cruising in Holland. The Quiz nights did continue with a big “Thank You” to Mike Neeser who stepped in as the guest quiz master. The quizzes will continue on the first and third Fridays of the month, so why not create a regular team to keep you busy through the upcoming winter months.

The Pool Competition has drawn to a conclusion for the summer season and we are awaiting the club’s position in the league table. Our team has shown dedication and adaptability as the team has fluctuated and changed due to holiday season. Pool captain Adrian has arranged practice sessions and friendly matches for the Thursday nights before the next season starts. If you are interested in joining the pool team please come along on a Thursday evening or email the office to be included in the pool WhatsApp group.

The raffles have been successful in raising money for the roof project. Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated prizes for the raffle and to all those who have been purchasing tickets to support the club. The next raffle is up and running, the prizes can be seen on the bar. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 29th October the Halloween weekend.



As the year draws to an end, planning for next year’s events has started. I booked a planning meeting on Sunday 17th September at 12 o’clock. If you have ideas for functions and events you would like to take place next year and you missed the meeting, drop an email to the office with your ideas.

**Rachel Morgans
Entertainments**

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TEMPLE TEASER No 70 Who Were These Famous Navigators? FROM STUART CARTER

Solution on page 8

1. A Venetian merchant and adventurer, who travelled along the Silk Road from Europe to Asia between 1271 and 1295.
2. The Portuguese prince has a legendary status in the early stages of European exploration – despite never having embarked on an exploratory voyage himself. His patronage of Portuguese exploration led to expeditions across the Atlantic Ocean and along the western coast of Africa, and the colonising of the Azores and Madeira islands.
3. Under the sponsorship of Ferdinand II and Isabella I of Spain, this navigator embarked on 4 voyages across the Atlantic Ocean between 1492 and 1504.
4. In 1497, this Portuguese explorer set sail from Lisbon towards India. His voyage made him the first European to reach India by sea, and opened up the first sea route connecting Europe to Asia.
5. This Venetian explorer became known for his 1497 voyage to North America under the commission of Henry VII of England. Upon landing in what he called “New-found-land” in present-day Canada – which he mistook for being Asia – he claimed land for England.
6. Around 1501-1502, this Florentine navigator renamed the “new World” after himself.
7. The first Englishman to circumnavigate the globe in a single expedition from 1577 to 1580.
8. A favourite of Elizabeth 1st, he was instrumental in the English colonisation of North America, having been granted a royal charter that allowed him to organise the first English colonies in Virginia.
9. A British Royal Navy captain, he embarked on ground-breaking expeditions that helped map the Pacific, New Zealand and Australia.
10. This man was the first to sail through the Arctic’s treacherous Northwest Passage, from 1903 to 1906.



RAMSGATE WEEK 2023

What a fabulous week we had! After a blustery Round the Goodwins Race the sun came out for us and we had just the right amount of breeze for the rest of the week. The EAORA feeder race on the Saturday from Harwich to Ramsgate and also the expected yachts from Boulogne were unable to get over due to bad weather, however some had left earlier arriving Friday for the Round the Goodwins race on the Sunday so we had about 40 yachts taking part. There would have been more but sadly a lot of the EAORA fleet had sustained damage in the Fastnet Race so the likes of Richard Matthews (*Oystercatcher*) and several other regulars, were unable to attend. The race did not, in fact, go around the Goodwins due to the strong winds but an inshore course allowed the shorter race to go ahead. *Tiente Forte* had to be rescued by the RNLI as they lost their rudder during the race. All crew were safe except for the skipper/owner Simon who sustained bruising when he fell over, luckily off duty volunteer RNLI crew member Lance Oram was onboard and kept the situation calm and called for the RNLI to attend.

The Mayor of Ramsgate opened the Regatta on Monday with main sponsors St Lawrence College in attendance as well as the Harbour Master and Ramsgate Week Committee members.



It was so lovely to be able to have breakfast on our balcony with our own caterers preparing the meals. After breakfast we watched the start of the races from the end of the pier before heading up to the Race Hut to introduce the race team and then, as is a tradition in Ramsgate Week, we went into Port Control to meet the Dock Masters and acknowledge all their hard work. For the rest of the week we had champagne sailing and very happy crews for the IRC and Cruiser Classes. Much praise for the course setting and the control of the race was heaped on our Race Hut team, lead by visiting Race Officer Chris Knox from Royal Lynton, as well as our Committee Boat team. As Chris Knox was new to the area and needed local knowledge he met with Paul Woodward, David Tomlinson, and Piers Hodges, RCS, about 7am each morning which was when the courses were set, a difficult job as they needed four different courses most days. My thanks go especially to them for their hard work and dedication.

Sadly, Andy Ketteringham lost his boat when it capsized during Friday's race; the crew were picked up by nearby yachts uninjured. After spending the night on Sandwich Beach bailing it out, the boat is now back in the harbour minus its rig, however everyone says that Andy likes a project so no doubt we will see *Daylight Robbery* out sailing again.

Throughout the week we had live music downstairs in the Hold Bar. Now there has been much debate about the Hold Bar, but I have to say that it worked perfectly for the week. From Wednesday on-wards the room was packed with people dancing and creating a great atmosphere but allowing people who wanted to catch-up and chat the relatively quieter areas of the main bar or patio. Monday and Tuesday were the quieter nights; this is normal as people don't want to wear themselves out until the end of the week. So, for next year we will probably have gentle live music on the balcony from 3pm onwards and not have the evening music on those days.

On the Friday morning six of St Lawrence College's marketing team, our main sponsors, were taken out on *Brown Owl*, owned by club members and also Commodore of the Dunkirk Little Ships Assoc Kevin Finn and his wife Jill. They followed the fleet from a distance and had a marvellous time. My thanks to Kevin and Jill as that helped me retain their sponsorship for next year.



Great photo by Nick Champion, check out his website at championmarinephotography.Co.uk

Whilst all of the racing was going on, the everyday running of the Yacht Club continued with the Commodore and Rachel turning their hands to everything from changing the hotels beds to hoovering and cleaning the toilets! They worked their socks off and my heartfelt thanks goes to them and the rest of our hardworking staff who came in early, stayed late and worked crazy hours. Working alongside his team for the final time was Barry, who left on Sunday for his new life in Lincoln. I shed quite a few tears when saying goodbye to him on Sunday; he has been a rock, anticipating our every need and will be a hard act to follow. He has promised to come back and have a beer or two with us. Good luck Barry.

Ramsgate Week doesn't take a break, we have already set the new dates for next year **11-16th August 2024**, we have booked Chris Knox again as well as the fantastic, very professional guys from Downs SC and also started booking the bands. Also, St Lawrence have said they will sponsor us again! It looks like I'm roped into running next year as well BUT I really need someone to work with me with an aim to handing it over so if you fancy joining a very small but dedicated team willing to roll-up your sleeves and get on with it, then please let me know. Thank you to all my helpers, Race Committee, bar staff, supporters, sponsors, competitors, and to you the members of the RTYC for coming out to support our main event of the year.

All the best from an exhausted **Karen Vice Commodore & Ramsgate Week Chair**



Griel and Stiletto crews together
Just one second separated them for the Gold Cup.

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SAILING/RACING NEWS

Well, after a “blink and you missed it” couple of months which has seen a lot of activity we find ourselves into the Autumn Series, in weather that would be more appropriate for the Summer Series!

Club Racing

The Summer Series is now in the books with *Warrior* winning the IRC class. In cruising class *Manana* took a well-deserved series victory. Likewise, the evening series is over with *Warrior* taking the win in IRC, and *Daylight Robbery* topping the standings in Cruiser Class.

Well done to all crews involved!



Aboard *Assassin* in Autumn series 1, with Alex's step-son (Gray) trimming the kite.

Permission has been granted to use the photo (as it depicts a minor).

Ramsgate Week 2023

I'm sure everyone who participated will agree this year's event was a great one! It goes without saying that it's all due to the hard work of the volunteers behind the scenes and our staff front and centre in the Club House. So again, I'd just to express by heartfelt thanks to numerous volunteers and staff that made it all possible.

Dealing with Port Control

On the 3rd of September a particularly officious Port Controller seemed hell bent on disrupting our activities by refusing one boat permission to exit the harbour, due to his lack of knowledge of the available depth at the prevailing state of tide, and then dealing with a non-event as if it were a serious near miss. I met with the Harbour Master the next day to ensure we worked through the issues, and prevent any potential damage to the clubs standing with the Harbour Authorities. I posted a detailed

account on the relevant WhatAapp groups, but in summary; the HM agreed that the Controller required some education in the way things are done in Ramsgate (he's recently transferred from Dover), retracted the heavy-handed response to the non-event, and confirmed that we are conducting ourselves in the proper way.

Upcoming events

Catering permitted, we will hold the ever popular and fun Crew Lunch after the last race of the season on 22nd October. Our Club prize giving supper is planned for 11th November. Further details for both events are imminent, please put the dates in your diaries.

**Piers
RCS**

POOL TEAM REPORT

Our regular pool team from the Winter Season, continued playing through the summer in the Ramsgate League. Aply Captained by Adrian Smith, the core team consisting of Ryan Smith, Simon Northrop, Eric Ball, Martin Morgans, Nick Cole, Piers Hodges, and bolstered with a few 'guest appearances', took on several other pubs, and set up a new 'derby' rivalry with the inclusion of a Royal British Legion team in the league.

Much like the winter season, results were mixed and with summer holidays and other commitments getting in the way there was rarely the same entire team from week to week, as had been the case in our inaugural season.

Most matches were close throughout the season, but no closer than our final game, with the score standing at 4-4 it went down to wire (or black ball, in fact), which was potted by our player giving us victory, for a split second that was, until the cue ball found its way into the middle pocket at a ridiculously acute angle, resulting in a 5-4 victory to the away side.

Another mid-table finish for the improving RTYC team with the promise of better things to come when we knuckle down in the winter and take fewer holidays! But, as before it was fun season welcoming guests to the club and visiting other venues.

Piers

RTYC CRUISERS



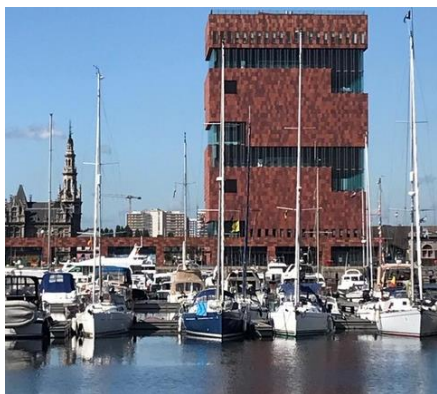
Please remember to join us for our regular,
SOCIAL EVENINGS
ALL WELCOME

Our Cruise to Holland left for Breskens just before dawn on Saturday 19th August.

Together with *Avventura*, *Sir Francis*, *Denali*, *Bamboo*, *Emily* and *Leyla* made their way across in a freshening breeze and, with the exception of *Emily*, arrived at Breskens late in the afternoon.

Emily stopped at Oostende to give medical assistance to crew member Brad, whose head had made contact with the boom. Fortunately, *Emily* and crew were able to rejoin the fleet later in the week.

On Sunday, *Avventura*, *Denali*, *Bamboo* and *Leyla* made their way up the Schelde to Antwerp for a two day stay in the City's Willemdok.



A dawn departure from the Willemdok was followed by a run down the Schelde into the Zuidbeveland Canal and then on to Goes by the afternoon.



Here the fleet was re-joined by *Sir Francis* for a two day stay in this picturesque Town. Some members enjoyed a visit to the Battle of the Schelde Liberation Museum.

On Friday morning our Cruisers departed Goes to attend the 2023 Zierikzee Harbour Festival.



After two days of merrymaking the flotilla departed for the Veerse Meer and the harbour at Veere.



Stella Maris and *Blown Away* had left Ramsgate a week late and met up with the Fleet in Veere. *Remi 2*, *Happy* and *Happy 2* also joined in to make a record RTYC attendance.



Blown Away in Browenshaven

Blown Away stayed for another week enjoying a mini heatwave and visiting new destinations in the Grevelingen Meer. All of us had a great time on the Cruise and my thanks go to Jonathan for organising and making all the arrangements.

Please don't forget our Cruising Supper and Prize Giving which is arranged for the evening of Saturday 28th October 2023. Details to follow shortly. Hope to see you there!

**Don Gray
RCC**



There were 28 of us at the Cruise Dinner held in the Veere Yacht Club.

The fleet now began their journey home stopping at Middelburg and then on to Oostende with some boats breaking their passage at Blankenberg.

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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 16 August 2023

Another good day's golf with glorious weather and a course in first class condition. We really couldn't have asked for more! The fine weather and condition of the course led to some very high scores.

Howard (Wilton), Alan (Stag), Neville (Redvers-Mutton), Sam (Matsubaru) and John ("The Wheels" Barrett), Roy (Naylor), Simon (Maloney), David (Withers) and Yours Truly enjoyed a day that produced some high scoring rounds of golf.

Again, I entered the Clubhouse thinking that I would have a good chance of winning with a score of 39 points, only to be overtaken by David (The Bandit) with his magnificent score of 40 points.

Five players out the nine who took part carded scores in excess of 30 points and the others were in the high 20s. At least I managed 2nd Place this month!

The overall winner was David with 40 points with Simon winning the cake for the "Longest Drive" and Neville winning "Nearest the Pin".

With several "Regular" golfers away due to holidays, etc, including our Captain Robin, it was encouraging to see so many taking part in this month's completion, including a new member, Simon.

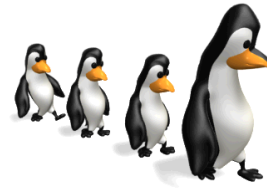
Our next Golf Day is Wednesday 20 September and it would be so good to see more Templars turning for an enjoyable and friendly round of golf. Please put the date in your diaries – the more the merrier.

My best wishes to you all

Don (Cross)

(For and on behalf of your Captain Robin)

THE WALKING GROUP



Email Davena with your phone number at 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.

Weather permitting, a walk to Broadstairs and lunch at Enoteca is arranged this month. Please contact Davena if you wish to join the *WhatsApp* group where full details are posted.

The walks are not too taxing and always incorporate a stop at a pub or similar for a light lunch or refreshments.

Non-walkers are very welcome to join us for lunch and enjoy some convivial company.

TEMPLE TEASER SOLUTION

From page 2

1. Marco Polo
2. Henry the Navigator. Although he did not earn the title 'the Navigator' until three centuries after his death, Henry was considered the main initiator of the Age of Discovery and the Atlantic slave trade
3. Christopher Columbus
4. Vasco Da Gama
5. John Cabot
6. Amerigo Vespucci
7. Sir Francis Drake
8. Sir Walter Raleigh
9. James Cook
10. Roald Amundsen

Continued from last month's issue

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

RTYC TRUSTEES

The defining Articles relating to the Royal Temple Yacht Club Trustees are the Trust Deed of 6th March 1897, the Supplement of 31st Jan 1911, and the Trust Act 1925 together with the Trustee Act 2000.

Originally, our Trustees held the "freehold Club-house with the fixtures and furniture therein" upon trust for the holders of the Debentures who had advanced money to purchase and fit out the Ramsgate Club House. When the Debenture Holdings were wound up in 1917 the ownership passed "upon Trust for the Club" in accordance with the original Deed. It was agreed that "the Club" meant the Full Members of the Club.

It was established in 1959, after consultation with Counsel, that if, at a General Meeting, a majority of Full Members agreed to sell the property, the Trustees had to proceed with their wishes. The important point here is that Property and indeed effects can only be disposed of by agreement of the majority of Full Members at a General Meeting and that the Trustees have the duty to carry out the wishes of the Members.

The Trust Deeds and the Trust Acts define the length of term of Trustees.

"If and so often as any Tree of the Trust Deed and the Supplemental Trust Deed should die or remain out of the United Kingdom for more than 12 consecutive calendar months or desire to be discharged or refuse or become unfit or incapable to act in the trusts thereof then the surviving or continuing trees or trees or exors of last surviving or continuing tree should appoint such other persons or person as shall be chosen by a majority of the regd debenture holders at a meeting convened as provided by the Trust Deed.

The important points here are that Trustees are chosen at a meeting of the Club; accordingly, a new Trustee is chosen by Full Members at a General Meeting. The 1925 Act requires that, in addition, a person be appointed to testify the approbation of the Members and to sign the new Deed with the exiting Trustees and the new Trustee.

There is no special qualification needed for a Trustee, generally speaking Trustees are held to be prudent persons of standing and reputation and able to meet fiduciary responsibilities

The position of Trustee is one of active responsibility. As mentioned, all funds and Property of the Club are vested in the Trustees. The term Property can assume wide interpretation. For example, it embraces Intellectual Property and it could be argued that this extends to preserving the ethos of the Club. Trustees are Guardians of standards and, in a constructive way, they could play an important role in ensuring that decisions

taken or actions followed are indeed in keeping with the Rules, ethos and moral obligations of the Club.

RTYC TRUSTEES – THEIR HISTORY

The purchase of No.6 West Cliff Mansions on 26th March 1896 was financed by means of a loan from the National Provincial Bank. Certain Members were guarantors of the loan; they have not been named but it is possible that they were the later and first Trustees:

Capt. Charles Vernon Anson, RN (retired)
John Humphreys Gretton, Barrister at Law
Charles Baker, Auctioneer

A conveyance of the property was made to the Trustees for it to be used as a Club House. The Trustees were to raise money to pay off the loan by the issue of Debentures each of £5, to the value of £3,000.

The Trustees were responsible to, and chosen by, the Debenture Holders, holding their interests in Trust. Originally there was a requirement that they be Flag Officers of the Club; this was waived in 1910 as will be detailed later.

The Trustees leased the Club House and furniture to the Members on 8th March 1897, for a term of 20 years at a rent of £285 per annum.

On 14th October 1898 Capt. Anson and C. Baker retired and John Henry Clutton and Sir Henry Seymour King joined JH Gretton as Trustees.

On 1st February 1906 these Trustees leased the adjoining property No.5 West Cliff Mansions from JH Clutton. – he had bought it on 17th September 1903 from Mrs Jesse Paramor for £1,100 ostensibly having in mind that the Club would seek to expand in the future. There was a proviso in the Lease Agreement that the Club could purchase at a future date.

William John Paul Peacock and Leslie William Thomas joined JH Clutton on the retirement of H Seymour King and JH Gretton on 25th February 1909. JH Clutton had been elected Commodore in 1907. On the February date the Trustees resolved to purchase No.5 from JH Clutton for £900 to be paid for by Debentures valued at £5 each; this transaction was completed on 8th June 1909.

The original Trust Deed required Trustees to be Flag Officers of the Club. A problem arose in that JH Clutton and LW Thomas were standing down as Flag Officers for 1911. Mr Clutton had filled the post of Mayor of Ramsgate for the years 1907, 1908, 1909 and these duties were requiring his constant attention.

In anticipation of the problem, the Debenture Holders, at an Extraordinary Meeting on 11 April 1910, resolved to delete from the Deeds the relevant Clause regarding Flag Officers and in the coming year on 1st February 1911 JH Clutton, WJP Peacock and LW Thomas were again named as Trustees.

The Lease of the property and furniture was due to end in 1917, a new Lease for Nos. 5 and 6 was agreed on 28th February 1916 at a rent of £285 per annum.

The Club, over the years, had been redeeming Debentures and had set up a Repayment Fund. By 1917 all the Debentures had been redeemed. The freehold of Nos. 5 and 6 West Cliff Mansions together with Furniture were now the property of the Royal Temple Yacht Club, with the Trustees holding all in Trust.

next month "Flags of Distinction"