

TEMPLE BELL

The Newsletter of the Royal Temple Yacht Club

April 2022

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RAMSGATE WEEK 2022
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- Sunday - Round the Goodwins (stand-alone)
- Monday - Regatta race
- Tuesday - Regatta race
- Wednesday - IRC East Coast Championship to Friday
- Thursday - QEII cup
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We will now be pressing on with a campaign to attract new members, our goal is to find an average of 10 per month. It may seem a challenge but if every existing member introduced one we would more than double that figure!

A quick mention of the events we have coming up: we have a busy Easter with the Cruisers off to Dover on their shakedown cruise, Clive Nichols is celebrating his birthday on Easter Saturday. Friday 22nd is Music Night, Sunday 24th April is the St George's Day Luncheon and the 29th is the first Quiz Night of 2022. Something for everyone.

I look forward to seeing you in the club over the coming weeks.

Martin Morgans

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

As I write this I cannot but wonder if it is Winter, Spring, or Summer for you as your read it! Since the last Temple Bell we have had gales, brilliant sunshine, and snow! With racing starting on the 10th, I am hoping things will settle down.

I am pleased to welcome to the team Piers Hodges as Rear Commodore Sail, Stuart Carter as Honorary Secretary and John Stonely as Honorary Treasurer. All came into post at the recent EGM.

Both the amendment to the membership rules and fees and the amendment to Past Commodores' fees were adopted by those present at the EGM. Changes in existing membership will not take effect until October, the start of the new membership year, and there is nothing you need do until that time. If you are experiencing difficulties with regards to how and what to do at that time please speak to me, the Honorary Secretary (Stuart) or the Club Manager (Barry). We will make every effort possible to assist you in being able to continue your membership.

The results of the double draw which took place on Sunday 3 April 2022

200 CLUB DRAW

February 2022

£25	Nº 26	Mr P Orrell
£50	Nº 9	Mr D Peters
£100	Nº 51	Mrs L Twedell
£200	Nº 108	Mrs A Fitzpatrick

March 2022

£25	Nº 48	Mr C Rook
£50	Nº 87	Ms J Pearson
£100	Nº 80	Mr R Smith
£200	Nº 74	Mr C Cox

NEXT DRAW

In the Bar on Sunday 1st May at 1500hrs

This is the members' newsletter, so if you have anything of interest to share with your fellow members, please email it to Sue Foster at sueandtommyfoster@gmail.com.

Thank you

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

March was a reminder to us that the start of the sailing season is nearly upon us with a well-supported RNLI Life Jacket Clinic.



Friday nights are becoming busy and we are starting to see some regular faces each week. In April we will have the same Friday format:

- On the first Friday is the **General Committee Meeting** when the team will be in the bar from around 20:30 to discuss any concerns and welcome members into the club.
- The second Friday of the month is **Games Night** which is becoming very popular. A range of new games have been donated to supplement the pool competitions and the, somewhat competitive, card games.
- The third Friday is traditionally the **Cruising Social** but this month, as it is Good Friday, the Cruisers will be off cruising!
- The fourth Friday (22 April) is **Music Night** with *Two's Company* featuring a special guest.
- With April having a fifth Friday, we will be running our first **Quiz Night** of the year on the 29th.

£1
Cheese will be provide

Quiz night
Teams of 6

Friday 29 April 19:30
Please call the club to book

The St Georges Day celebration will be held on Sunday 24th April. This will be the full, traditional event with buttonhole on arrival, a four-course menu, speeches followed by a singsong. Please remember that these events need pre-bookings, as the caterer requires final numbers a week before the event.

St George's Day Celebration Luncheon

Sunday 24 April 13:30 for 14:00

Menu:
 Hearty soup
 Traditional roast beef with all the trimmings
 Jam roly poly
 Cheese & biscuits
 Coffee, mint.

£36

Order of service:
 Grace
 Four course meal
 The Loyal Toast
 St George's Day and "This Scepter'd Isle"
 The Charge to St George
 Traditional singalong

Don't forget gentlemen left lapel, ladies right side and upside down.

I would like to say "Thank You" to the club members who have booked parties and family events this month, taking advantage of the magnificent building and exceptional views. Their commitment to keeping the club busy is greatly appreciated.

With the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** just around the corner, and knowing the Royal Temple Yacht Club will be hosting members of the **Dunkirk Little Ships** over the weekend, my thoughts turn to decorating the club. I am hoping to create some hand-made bunting which will celebrate the Jubilee and demonstrate the collaboration of club members. *If you have a flair for creativity, skills in sewing, knitting or crochet and would like to get involved please contact me via the office.* The bunting triangles will be a standard size of 23cm by 25cm and will need to be in the club Sunday 8th May in order to be strung together.

Rachel Morgans



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

RAMSGATE WEEK 2022



Ramsgate Week is progressing nicely, with all of our sponsors signed up once again, plus a few new ones.

One major hurdle that I had been trying to sort has just been finalised – the Principle Race Officer! Thankfully, after a month of emailing, texting, phoning, etc, Dr Chris finally called me back to notify me that he will be more than happy to join us again. It turns out that he went away on holiday for a month, leaving his mobile phone charging in the kitchen, dropped his ipad and smashed it and didn't take his laptop so, no communications. He came back to panicked calls from myself, plus other club members that I'd roped in to call him, in case he was avoiding me!

We are going back to having *Cristabel* as a base for the Offshore Race Committee. However, with not having Kay Rumbelow with us, this now creates a vacancy for a radio operator to do the countdown, etc. We cannot ask our usual race hut team as they are needed for the Inshore Class, so if anyone out there, or more than one person, would like to join our happy team at sea then please let me know. I can promise you a great tan by the end of the week



Today I went out to Herne Bay to meet the young marketing team at Miles & Barr. They have brand new premises, and you can tell that they are an innovative team as they had breakout rooms, and mindfulness gardens! Looks a great place to work!! They were making suggestions regarding our social media. Now I really will struggle to take on any more but is there anyone out there who can do TikTok and Instagram and fancy running a page for me? Again, please come and find me if you do.

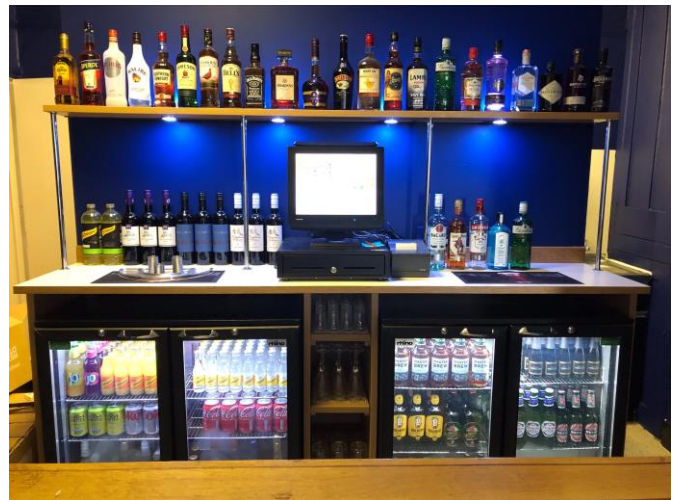
Once again, **a general call for volunteers for the regatta** – if you're free from the Friday 15th July until Saturday 23rd July I could do with help putting up the feather flags, and then taking them down again. Also putting the banners up around the patio as

well. Catch me at the bar, or ring me on 07779848431.

Karen

Vice Commodore / Chair of Ramsgate Week

COMPETITION OUR HOLD BAR HAS HAD A REVAMP!



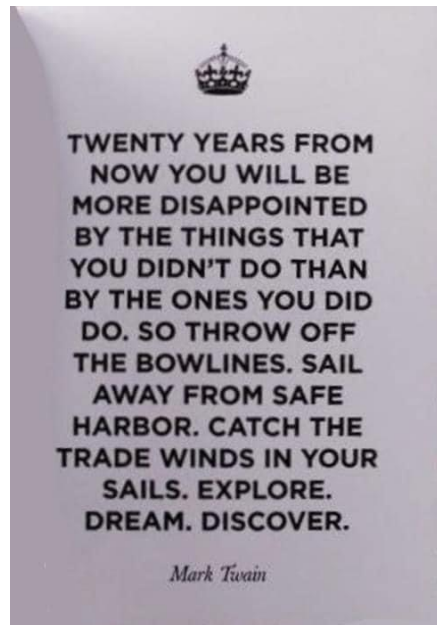
Commodore Martin Morgans has been spending many hours down in the Hold Bar, painting, cleaning, and sorting out the bar area. As a result, we now have a function area that is fit for purpose, with mood lighting, dance floor and a fridge for bottled beers.

This coming Saturday, 9th April, will be the first time we try it out as a party venue with a DJ playing and we would love everyone to come and see it, and consider it as a more personal venue for your parties.

So, now we have this shiny new bar, we think it is time for a new name! Hold Bar isn't exciting and sounds a bit boring – so over to you – let us have your suggestions (keep it clean!) for a new name for the bar. AND if your name is chosen then we will have a naming and ribbon cutting ceremony and you will be the VIP!

Karen

LIVE MUSIC AT THE RTYC



RTYC ACADEMY

We are having an Open Day for potential Academy members for this season. We will be inviting the teachers and students to visit the RTYC to see what we are about and what training we can offer. We also hope to take them on certain yachts and see how they work and what they look like.

This is the first time we have been able to get something done for two years so any support you can give is extremely welcome. We are looking for a new member to assist with the Academy in the admin and teaching of the students. It is extremely important that our young people get the chance to experience the water.

We hope to have the Open Day on the 7th May, starting at 11:00 to 17:00.

Nigel Collingwood




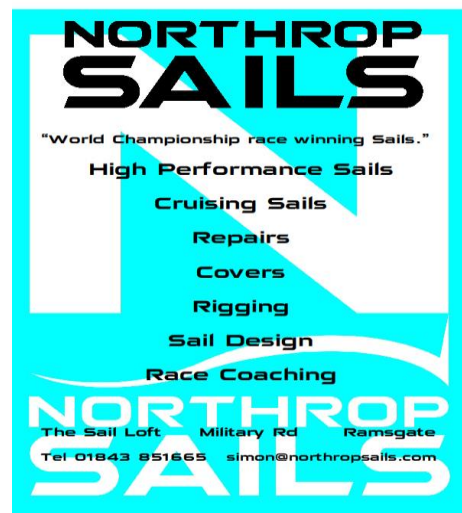
TEMPLE TEASER No 59

Nautical Trivia

FROM STUART CARTER

Solution on page 7

1. What is the meaning of the nautical term "Avast"?
2. Where on a sailboat are you most likely to find an angel?
3. Where does the phrase "Hunky-dory" meaning carefree originate?
4.  What is the International Code of Signals meaning of this signal flag?
5. How many hours does a dog watch last?
6. A seaman's name for a reef knot tied upside down is called what?
7. Why are they called "the Heads"?
8. What is a Napier Diagram?
9. On a nautical chart, you see an indication of the quality of the bottom, marked as "fly". What bottom quality characteristic can you expect?
10. How long is a "shot" length of anchor chain?



RTYC CRUISERS

Please remember to join us for our regular, 3rd Friday in the month, Social Evenings.



The next Social will be in May as April coincides with Good Friday and the first Cruise of the season when our Cruisers are off for a shakedown cruise to Dover/Boulogne. We look forward to the RCC's report and pictures from the cruise.

SAILING/RACING NEWS



THE FULL 2022 RACING PROGRAMME ON THE CLUB WEBSITE

RCS REPORT – APRIL 2022

I'll start my first article by saying that when elected to the General Committee I certainly didn't expect to find myself writing this article a couple of months later! I have been humbled by the trust placed in me, and support of Flag Officers, (past and present) as I stepped into the RCS role.

There certainly is a lot to get done to ensure we can go racing, certainly too much for one person to manage, and I have received a lot of help and advice which means, fingers crossed, we have what we need in place to go racing. I've summarised the key activities and news below.

Race Calendar

On March 6th I met with the owners where we achieved broad consensus in a number of areas and agreed the race schedule which is now available on the RTYC website, via the racing results and information section. You will see that we have included the proposed dates for cruising events

alongside the race dates to provide a more coordinated calendar. A key outcome of the meeting was the decision to re-instate the popular 'Barrel of Beer' race, which will be combined with the Commodore's Choice Race in August.

Race Hut

I am pleased to report that Fiona Rawbone and the race hut team have agreed to continue volunteering their valuable time and experience for the 2022 season. Many thanks to Fiona, David Parish, Steph Martin, Jean Carron and Julie Rook for their on-going support. Please be sure to give them a wave as you leave the harbour on race day!

I have undertaken the essential maintenance tasks in the hut. We have a bright orange start-line triangle that should be visible from the starting area. The old mast required making safe after some of the rigging was found to be missing or badly corroded. The fact I was able to remove the old steel shackles with a pair of domestic wire cutters gives you an idea of their condition! It was considered financially non-viable at this time to reinstate the lines to hoist flags, and a lightweight de-mountable pole has been purchased as an alternative.

Race Marks

The race marks represent the single largest investment in sailing infrastructure that the club has to bear. As we have sought to keep them on station with increasingly substantial anchoring solutions, the costs to the club, for purchase and deployment, have likewise been increasing. Of our eight marks - four are on location, but Northrop Sails, RTYC Navigation are lost with Rally Design onshore in Dover. Kent Decking is onshore in Ramsgate and will be deployed for the whole season, as soon as the opportunity presents itself.

In deference to club finances, and in consultation with the RO and other trusted advisors, I have decided that the three marks that have been lost will only be replaced for the duration of Ramsgate Week, to minimise the risk of further losses.

Looking Ahead

I hope that, like me, you are looking forward to an unencumbered full sailing season for the first time since 2019. I look forward to seeing you out on the water and will sign off by saying a big thank you to Nick Rawbone, Karen Cox, Paul Woodward and Matt Green for their help as I continue to settle into the role.

Piers Hodges

RCS

STOP PRESS!

Late postponement of 1st Race due to loss of the Quern markers.

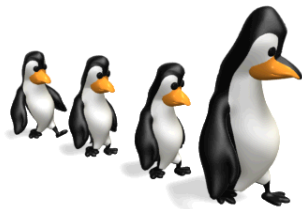
Keep up to date on the Race Fleet *WhatsApp*

CLIPPER RACE UPDATE

When last checked, *Punta del Este*, on which James Thomas is crewing, was in 3rd place. Follow progress on:

www.clipperroundtheworld.com/race/standings

THE WALKING GROUP



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

Our Walking Group had perfect, Spring weather when we met at the Prince of Wales for a circular walk around Hoath which took us through some beautiful woodlands that were awash with colour from the flowers brought out by the sunshine. The food provided for lunch at the pub was excellent - a most enjoyable few hours.



The next walk will be a **BLUEBELL WALK** on
Thursday 21 April departing at 11:30am

Meet at the Oast House farmyard opposite St Mildred's Church, Preston CT3 1DH. Lunch at the Rose Inn at Wickhambreaux then back to Preston.



**Non-walkers are very welcome to join us for
lunch at the pub approx. 1:00pm**

Please let Davena know if you are planning to join us to enable booking at the pub.

Please send any contributions for compilation into the next issue or comments, etc to Sue Foster at sueandtommyfoster@gmail.com

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.

16th March Report

The fine weather had the effect of attracting several more golfers out from their hibernation and it would be nice to think the trend continues as the weather continues to improve.

Those who enjoyed the Spring weather were Robin Curtis, Alan Stagg, Howard Wilton, David Say, Sam Matsubaru, Dave Comisky and yours truly, Don.

With the fine weather came some high scores and Alan won the day with an amazing 38 points and the cake awarded to David for the Longest Drive.

Another new member will be with us at our April meeting (Wednesday 20th) and it would be good to see even more members taking part in what has proved to be an enjoyable day's golf played in good company.

We look forward to seeing you all on 20th April. Your Captain, Roy, will message you with more detail in due course.

My Best Wishes

Happy Golfing

Don Cross
For and on behalf of
Roy (Captain) Naylor

TEMPLE TEASER SOLUTION

From page 4

Nautical Trivia

1. Stop Cease
2. An "angel" is another term for an anchor kelleet or sentinel. This is a weight suspended from the anchor rode to lower the angle between the lower part of the rode and the sea bottom, increasing its holding power while also providing slack to absorb the strain caused by gusts and waves.
3. The Japanese term 'honcho-dori' means something like 'main street' and many cities in Japan have one. There certainly were 'honcho-dori' streets of easy virtue in Tokyo and Yokohama that catered for the age-old requirements of sailors in port after a long voyage.
4. "I am taking in or discharging or carrying dangerous goods." (Originally used by the Royal Navy specifically for military explosives.)
5. 2 hours (half of a normal watch)
6. A rogue knot
7. The toilet was placed at the fore of the ship aft the bowsprit and to the side so the spray from the bow wave would wash it clean, the correct expression is going to the head i.e. Head of the ship.
8. a diagram used to plot deviations of a compass against headings, and to convert compass and magnetic headings.
9. Flinty
10. 15 Fathoms (90 ft)

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