

A reminder that you may contact the office for information/advice. Please email Kathryn at info@rtyc.com or Elizabeth at Elizabeth.anderson@rtyc.com

A message from Martin Morgans, Vice Commodore, sent before he set off on the first post-lockdown cruise.

As, at the very least, a hint of normality has returned to our lives it is great to see that at last sailing has returned to the Royal Temple Yacht Club. The Cruisers have taken some small steps with a few ad-hoc run outs, with two weeks in Holland only days away followed by the East Coast and France. The racers are out all be it double handed, but they are out, with three races already completed. Six handed racing begins shortly. And lastly the RC Laser racing has returned to the club with new vigour and fresh faces. Saturdays at the Royal Harbour is fast becoming a tourist attraction thanks to the high-spirited competition which, after only four outings, has all the commitment of Formula One!

The bar has taken its first tentative steps in the process of returning to normality with limited weekend opening 12.30 until 4.30pm.

As the new chair of the Bar Committee I ask you to support the bar more than ever before. The current limited opening will increase to reflect the need for it, the goal being to return to normal opening hours just as soon as you, the members, indicate by your attendance that it is justified. As the hours increase we will be able to return the cellar operations to normal complete with the high standard of draft ales. As the bar flourishes, and Government Guidelines allow more of the club will return to normality, or is it a new normal, or as I like to call it Normal Plus!

Here's to a happy, fluid based, sailing and socialising, remainder of 2020.

Martin

IT'S AUGUST AND WE'RE SO HAPPY TO BE BACK ON THE WATER



250 CLUB DRAW RESULTS SO FAR

February 2020

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£100	Nº124	Mr C Richardson
£200	Nº121	Mr S Coleman

March 2020

£25	Nº 54	Mr M Foote
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£100	Nº154	Mr B Stone
£200	Nº 50	Mr P Curtis

April 2020

£25	Nº 33	Mr B Rich
£50	Nº 81	Mr J Dadds
£100	Nº148	Mr N Wright
£200	Nº 7	Mr G Lewis

THE ROLLOVER IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED
May, June, July results will be in the next issue.
Date of the next Draw TBC

RAMSGATE WEEK & SOCIAL MEDIA NEWS

So, this is what Chris and I have been up to since Sunday 26th July Honorary club member, Alex Alley, got us involved once again in a crazy adventure as Jordan Wylie from the TV show **Hunted** is weather bound in Ramsgate. Keen to help we offered them accommodation for a few days as the carbon monoxide alarm was going off in their motor cruiser, as a result they are all staying with us until Wednesday when Jordan hopes to set off again. Chatting over dinner to Jordan, as you do, about spending 9 months with Tom Hanks as advisor on Captain Philips film, being in charge of security on a container ship that was ambushed by Somali pirates, giving a talk to UN Security Council in New York, delivering a \$14million ransom for a boat in Africa to two young teenagers who got away with it!! And James, next to him, talking about being a sniper in Middle East watching terrorists blow themselves up! Enjoyable dinner! I told them about my shopping spree to Tesco's – lol!

Press Release: On the weekend of the 26th July 2020, Jordan Wylie (36) from Blackpool, Lancashire will attempt to be the first person in the world to Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP) around Great Britain, a complete circumnavigation of over 2,000 miles of paddling. He left Essex Marina at Wallasea Island today Sunday 26th July at 11.18am with a strong tide pushing him out into the Thames Estuary into a choppy sea. The wind gradually built during the day reaching gusts of 18 knots meaning that conditions were at the upper limit for paddle boarding. Ideal conditions would be up to 10 knots. As a result, his first seven-hour day was mainly spent on his knees however a great performance considering the conditions with just under 22 km covered at an average speed 4.3km. This is a feat that has been attempted previously in recent years but, to date, no person has been successful in achieving this highly ambitious endeavour due to the extreme physical and psychological barriers, combined with the relentless and unpredictable British weather system all year round.

Jordan, who is no stranger to risk or danger, served in the British Army for 10 years, and ran through the three most dangerous countries in the world in 2018, which was also the subject of his latest book; *Running For My Life*. Last year he completed another world first when he rowed across the perilous Bab El Mandeb Straits, the gateway to the pirate infested Gulf of Aden, coined the most dangerous stretch of water on the planet.

This year he was scheduled to run marathons in the 10 coldest places on earth but having completed Siberia, Yukon, Alaska and Iceland, his plans came to a grinding hold on his way to the North Pole when the world went into lockdown as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

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

Jordan will return to his polar running challenge in December by heading to Antarctica, however, in the



his mission to inspire young people around the world using the spirit of adventure in his role as the UK's national ambassador for Army Cadets with The Great British Paddle. Jordan, who is also one of the stars of Channel 4's BAFTA nominated and award-winning shows **Hunted** and **Celebrity Hunted**, is on a mission to inspire young people by building a school for refugees on the Horn of Africa that have been displaced by the conflicts in Yemen and Somalia. He hopes The Great British Paddle can contribute towards the £100,000+ he has already raised in the last 12 months to finish the school build which is now well underway.

The Great British Paddle will be supported by an experienced team of world class professionals including world record breaking sailor Alex Alley, a local lad born in Ramsgate and who attended Chatham House, who will skipper the support boat and act as the overall project manager. Adventure psychologist and polar explorer Paula Reid (Alex's wife) will head up the onshore team and former military adventurer turned film maker James May will be documenting the official Guinness World Record attempt for the world to share in.



Photo by Chris, Jordan arriving in Ramsgate

This is a challenge like no other and Jordan will be giving it his best shot as always. To find out more about Jordan check out his website www.thegreatbritishpaddle.com

All the best



Karen
Chair of Ramsgate Week and Social Media.



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RTYC CRUISERS

Now the brakes are off we find our boats already cruising to France and Holland. The programme for our Cruisers has been put away by the Covid virus but already V.C. Martin Morgans is off on the 14-day cruise from **1st August** into the **Veerse Meer** – always a popular destination.

We can now, at least, follow the programme set out at the beginning of the year ... so...

East Coast Cruise

17 – 22 August

Bank Holiday Cruise to France

27 – 31 August

Cote d'Opale Cruise

12 – 19 September

Already there is a lot of interest in these cruises. It is important that we have numbers to book into the various ports should these be needed by the authorities. If you need further information or haven't already registered an interest please do so by contacting me on annie60.peers@gmail.com.

The usual recommendations for face masks and social distancing apply, but vary, so please make sure you keep safe and of course '**good sailing**'.

Anne Peers
Rear Commodore Cruisers

News Release

21 July 2020

HMRC LAUNCHES RED DIESEL CONSULTATION

Don't miss your opportunity to have your say on the future of red diesel.

HMRC is seeking information about the proposed changes to the rules surrounding the uses of red diesel. At this year's Spring Budget, Chancellor Rishi Sunak shared plans to review the current use of red diesel, and as such announced that he would be launching a consultation with red diesel users later in the year. During the Budget the Chancellor also shared plans for the intended removal of entitlement to use red diesel from April 2022, except for the agriculture sector (including forestry, horticulture and fish farming), railways, and where red diesel is used to power non-commercial heating systems, such as in homes, narrowboats and places of worship.

The anticipated red diesel consultation has now been launched by Government and seeks to gather evidence as to whether other sectors, including recreational boating, should be allowed to maintain use of the fuel beyond April 2022.

The decision by the Government to withdraw red diesel from wider use has been motivated by their intention to tackle climate change by incentivising businesses to improve the energy efficiency of their products.

The RYA supports a move to increase energy efficiency in the short term and to develop a pathway to zero carbon for all sectors in line with UN goals. The RYA's case for retaining red diesel is about existing supply needs, not colour, tax status or price. Recreational boaters already pay the full rate of duty and VAT when purchasing fuel for the purposes of propulsion.

The RYA will therefore be looking at the proposals to reform the tax treatment of red diesel closely to see how this might affect the supply of fuel for recreational use for both propulsion and how it will impact supply for domestic usage such as heating.

The further west and north you travel in the UK the more likely it is that you will have to rely on waterside outlets that only supply red diesel for commercial purposes, such as to fishing fleets. In many places, some remote, the limited quantities of fuel used by recreational craft do not warrant the cost of installing additional equipment to supply white diesel for the recreational boating sector.

If the Government removes the entitlement to use red diesel from most sectors from April 2022 and white diesel is consequently made as widely available as red diesel is now, then supply of fuel will not be affected. The RYA will be responding to this call for evidence and urges users of diesel propelled craft, particularly private pleasure craft, and those involved in the supply of fuel to UK craft to participate in the consultation. The consultation closes at **11.45pm on 1 October 2020**.

If you have any questions regarding red diesel or any other current affair issues please visit the Current Affairs page on the RYA website or email cruising@rya.org.uk.

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Denys Tweddell has trawled his archives again for another piece of RTYC history. Thank you Denys

Trophies – Lost and Replaced

This is a story waiting to be told. To give it justice it should be accompanied by photos of before and after; but that is currently not possible. Perhaps we may do this later when we again have access to the Club House. Be that as it may, here is my tale:

I well remember April thirty-two years ago. At the time, I was Rear Commodore with Brian Martin, Commodore and Tony Peers Vice Commodore. Very early on the morning of the ninth I had an urgent call from Franz, our Steward; a serious problem. Hurrying along to the Club, I found we had had a break-in. Thieves had gained entrance to the Bar by cutting out the glass in the veranda door and releasing the locks. Having access to the Bar, they had, with sledgehammers, broken into the bottom quarter of the trophy cabinet and removed the contents.

Our losses included some of our highly prized Trophies:

The Europa Cup: a large silver cup with lid carrying a Viking ship, believed to have been won by Kaiser Wilhelm II's yacht *Meteor* in the early 1900s and subsequently won by RTYC yacht *Mariska* at the Europa Regatta 1912. Valued at £4,000

The Montieth: an oval solid silver Punch Bowl weighing over 120 ozs. Valued at £4,500.

The Boynton Bowl: a massive silver bowl weighing over 200 ozs – Value £8,000.

In all, fifteen trophies were stolen. The others were:

- Ramsgate Corporation Trophy
- Cicely Cup
- Silver Salver
- Snooker Cup
- Beadles Cup
- Davis Cup
- Doughty Cup
- Rear Commodore's Cup
- Ormonde Trophy
- Temple Mug
- Ailish Trophy
- Telescope

The insured value of the trophies was of the order of £25,000.

There was wide coverage of the loss by the Police, in the National Press and on TV, with full descriptions of the trophies given. With no news forthcoming, it seemed that this would be an unsolved crime until much later when there was a major discovery by a distant police force following up a series of incidents in another part of the country but that is another story waiting to be told.

To go back to the immediate aftermath of the break-in, the remaining trophies had to be secured, the cabinet repaired and the stolen trophies replaced. The Club's safety advisor, Standfast, gave safe storage. Arrangements were made to have the cabinet repaired and reinforced with steel shutters. It was expected that this would be completed by June. Now we come to Trophy Replacement; this was my area. Our insurers were most helpful, agreeing to replacements as like-for-like. My first thoughts were to look up the major firms in the Bond Street and Piccadilly areas of London; here I drew a complete blank, no interest whatsoever. So, I thought why not try the London Silver Vaults? Walking down Chancery Lane I found an establishment with a massive stock of silver items. This was my meeting with H. Perovetz Ltd. Explaining our problem, the Managing Director, Harry Perovetz, immediately responded by saying that he had, that day, put a cup up for action with Bonhams and he thought this could be of interest to us. This was a handsome cup made in 1861 by the London Jeweller, CF Hancock, to the order of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. It was described as a very highly finished and richly chased, silver, yachting cup with racing figures on dolphins supporting a Vase and Cover and reclining characters Cybele, Minerva and Amphitrite surmounted with a figure of a young Zephyr inflating a sail. It was inscribed as belonging to the Royal Western Yacht Club. This trophy would be the perfect replacement for the Boynton Bowl.

I had reservations however. Why was it on the market, what were the opinions of the Royal Western? I contacted the club's Secretary who denied any knowledge of the cup and making the point that they were the Royal Western Yacht Club of England. He were quite emphatic that they had no interest in the cup and so the way was clear for us to purchase it.

Discussions with Perovetz covered replacement of the other Regalia. I asked that he gather a collection with specific instructions that these must be fitting for our purpose. They had to be trophies in keeping with the standing of the Club, handsome and not common, run-of-the-mill. Victorian to early Georgian Silver would find favour.

We had further discussions over the next few days and, by the middle of May, a collection had been made. A select Committee from the Club viewed this and selections from other sources. The Perovetz collection was outstanding.

At the General Committee Meeting, 19 May 1988, it was agreed that the Commodore, Roger Green and I

meet with Harry Perovetz and negotiate a price for the replacement of the trophies with a ceiling of £20,000.

The meeting took place at noon on 25 May at the Chancery Lane Showrooms and thereafter at a local hostelry. Over lunch, and in an alcoholic laden atmosphere, a deal was negotiated. This kind of ambience was home ground for the Temple negotiators and a deal was struck heavily in favour of the Yacht Club. *****

We had agreed to purchase ten trophies, with an insurance value of over £21,000, at a much-reduced figure. The trophies were delivered at the end of June to everyone's satisfaction and our reinforced cabinet was resplendent again.

Later, a further massive trophy was offered to us which we purchased, completing our insurance claim. Subsequently, her Majesty the Queen granted us permission to call this the Queen Elizabeth Cup, marking the visit of Her Majesty to the Club.

There is a remarkable sequel to this. Some years later the Club had a telephone call from the Hemel Hempstead Police in Hertfordshire. They referred to our robbery and asked if one of the trophies had a model of a Viking Ship? In replying to the call, I said that this had been carried on the Europa Cup. We were asked if we could come to Hemel Hempstead to see if we could identify other items among a large collection of scrap silverware they had recovered. Brian Martin and I were taken to Hemel Hempstead ... and that is another tale to tell.

The unfortunate Harry Perovetz didn't stand a chance!



TEMPLE TEASER
FROM STUART CARTER
Solution on page 9

Record Breakers

1. What is usually claimed to be the first recorded British sailing race?
2. What is the oldest yacht club in the World?
3. Where is the largest marina in the World?
4. How many boats took part in the largest yacht race ever held?
5. How heavy was the largest sailing vessel ever built?
6. What was the largest passenger ship ever built?
7. What was unusual about the barque Thomas W Lawson (5,218 tons) that sank in the English Channel in 1907?
8. What was the name of the first British ship to sail around the World?
9. How large is the World's largest cargo ship?
10. What is the current World Speed Record for a sailing boat?

Good luck!



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SAILING NEWS

How time flies when locked down; lots to report on from the sailing and racing side. Since my last report we have had made some really good progress. We have, with the help from Jim Boorman, Mike Brand and Adrian Tomlinson, got the RC Lasers up and running again.

We have managed to get in 5 RC Laser events so far this year, with between 8 and 16 races per event, and at least nine competitors with as many as 12 at the events. All the results are on the HALSAIL Results reporting system, which is now fully operational; many thanks go to Paul Woodward for implementing this and getting HALSAIL up and running. My intention is to run the RC Lasers racing events fortnightly throughout the year, in "anorak cove", which is in the outer harbour, adjacent to the old hover pad. This will be weather and covid-19 permitting.

Here is a picture of the last day's racing, with Adrian leading the pack again, strange that Adrian, you lucky, lucky chap. Mind you, as the saying goes "the more I practice the luckier I get". Well done to you leading the field at present; there are plenty of contenders on your heels!



Moving onto the big boats; well this was a challenge with so much information from so many places to consider, read about and, finally, make a decision on how to get the boats back out on the water. I took the decision with consultation of the RCS Team and our illustrious Commodore that we would get the yachts

out sailing two-handed with crews from the same households. Luckily, we managed to get four races in and congratulations to the Poupards on *Expedite* for bringing home a winning series, you will have made your Grandfather very proud. Thanks to all the other competitors who joined in for making this event a success.

We then reviewed the new Government guidelines which, after a lot of consideration and due diligence, the RCS Team and I felt that we could race with a maximum of six crew on a yacht.

We started our first of 13 races last Sunday and I was delighted to see so many competitors on the water. It was a lovely day. It's a shame we had a lot of retirements, but the wind gods decided to challenge us. Let's hope next week's race we will be favoured with some more consistent wind. Thanks to all who came out and raced, I look forward to seeing you next week.

Here's a picture of the start taken by the Race Hut Team; thanks go out to my race team, Stuart, Fiona, Steph and Jean; without you we wouldn't have courses, starts and finishes.



Future plans from my side is to get the starts and finishes videoed from the Race Hut and, hopefully if the blessed lock down will permit, we will be able to transmit this in the club house along with HALSAIL results.

Let's hope we can keep sailing and any future lockdown misses us on this corner of the country.

Nick

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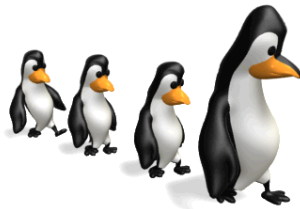
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TEMPLE TEASER SOLUTION

From page 5
Record Breakers

1. In 1661 John Evelyn recorded a competition between *Katherine* and *Anne*, two large royal sailing vessels both of English design, "...the wager 100-1; the race from Greenwich to Gravesend and back." [3] One of the vessels was owned, and sometimes steered, by Charles II, the King of England. The king lost.
2. The Royal Cork Yacht Club
3. Marina Del Ray, Los Angeles Cal. 8000 berths
4. The Round The Island Race IOW. Record 1,813 boats set in 1989
5. *The Royal Clipper* had a deadweight of 5000 tons. LOA 135m
6. The *Symphony of the Seas* at 362m long it is 5 times larger than the *Titanic*!
7. She had 7 Masts
8. Francis Drake's *The Golden Hind*
9. The world's biggest container ship, *HMM Algeciras*, measures 1,312ft (400m) long and 200ft (61m) wide - which is longer than the height of the Shard at 1,017ft (310m).
10. 65.45 knots, achieved by Paul Larsen (AUS) on *Vestas Sailrocket 2* in a WSSRC supervised event at Walvis Bay, Namibia.

THE WALKING GROUP



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

We had our first post-lockdown walk in July around the Nature Reserve at Pegwell, followed by a light lunch at the Belle Vue. The weather, unfortunately, wasn't brilliant but it was good to get together again and there was a good turn-out of eager walkers.



Eric will be leading the next walk on Thursday 20 August, meeting at 11:30 at St Crispin Inn, Worth, CT14 0DF for a circular walk before lunch back at the Inn. Further details will be on WhatsApp.

TEMPLARS GOLF SOCIETY

Another enjoyable and very close round of golf the Templars Golf Society on Wednesday 15th July at Westgate.

John Barrett (JEB), Roy Naylor, David Say, Sam Matsubara, Dave Alan (Vice Captain), David Comiskey and Howard Wilton made the most of the good weather and the well-maintained course to produce a very close round of golf.

Three players returned a score of 34: John Barrett, Roy Naylor and Dave Alan, but the eventual winner, on count back, was Roy Naylor with Dave Alan in 2nd Place.

A little confusion, on my part; I initially awarded the Longest Drive Cake to John Barrett but the actual winner was Roy Naylor. I'm not sure JEB will ever forgive me for the initial error but I'm sure he will be a firm contender for the August cake!!

It would be good if all those playing could wear their Templars shirts and if you don't own a Templars Golf Society shirt please let me know and I will arrange for one to be provided in time for our August meeting (shirts are fabulous value at £14.99).

Our next meeting is Wednesday 19th August so please keep this date clear in your diaries. In the meantime, stay safe and well and happy golfing.

Don



Reverend Gordon Warren RN (Hon)

*We regret to announce that **Gordon Warren***

passed away 16 July 2020.

Gordon had been an active and supportive member of the Club since 2001, and he will be sadly missed.

Our condolences to his wife June and family.

**Elizabeth Anderson
Honorary Secretary**