

COMMODORE'S BLOG

Phew, what a busy month, both in and out of the Club. Our festivities really started with the decorations going up in the clubhouse. Many thanks to all involved in making the clubhouse so festive.

We were yet again honoured to have Father Christmas take time out of his busy schedule to pop along to give out presents and entertain our younger members. What a lovely sight all those enthralled little faces (and some of the larger ones). Our thanks to Santa and all his helpers for making such a wonderful day.

If you'd seen the early evening news in the run up to Christmas or had been down to the harbour you would have seen the amazing harbour lights. It was a pleasure, once again, to host the prize giving for the best dressed boat, business, etc. More on the results later. But, I must take this opportunity to thank everyone who made the effort to pop up Christmas lights. It's a great spectacle and brings many people to the area just to wander around and gaze in awe. Excellent job everyone.

The following evening, we all gathered for Christmas Dinner with much merriment and some great singing, though not on my part! If you've ever heard me sing you'd know why. We had the all-time Christmas favourite, Charades, producing some fine acting and a lot of amusement. The raffle of donated prizes raised £193. Again, well done to the organisers.

This is my final newsletter as Commodore as I will be standing down at the AGM. It has been a pleasure overseeing the running of the RTYC for the past three years but without the support of a great team, Officers, Committee members, volunteers, members and our excellent staff this would not be possible. I would like to take this final opportunity to thank you all.

As mentioned our AGM is at the end of the month. Please take your opportunity as a company member to have your vote, either by nominating a proxy or preferably attending where you can show your support for the committee who work tirelessly to keep the club running smoothly. Following the AGM, you can round your day off with a fabulous Sunday lunch in the dining room from 13:00. Please book your table to avoid disappointment.

This just leaves me to wish one and all a very Happy New Year.

Andy



JOIN US ON
SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY
FROM 8 PM
THE BIG BIG DRAW
DRAW AT 9 PM
LIGHT BUFFET AND A
GLASS OF WINE

250 CLUB DRAW
December 2019

£25	Nº 120	Mr R Sparrow
£50	Nº 11	Mr J Humphries
£100	Nº 56	Mr A Nicholson
£200	Nº 38	Mr D Smith

ROLLOVER

£25	Nº 2	Mrs S Foster (A)
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THE NEXT DRAW WILL BE THE BIG DRAW
Saturday 1 February 2020

ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
For Company Members

Sunday 26th January 2020 at 11.30 am

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on 01843 591766 or email info@rtyc.com



The Club is open as usual to all Members for Sunday Lunch which will be available from 1 pm.

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Monday 20 January
10 am—12 noon

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ENTERTAINMENT CLUB EVENTS DIARY

2020	
JANUARY	
Tuesday 7	Coffee & Cake
Friday 10	1pm – 3pm : Friday Dining
Friday 17	Cruising Social and Games Night
Sunday 26	AGM
FEBRUARY	
Saturday 1	250 Club BIG Draw
Tuesday 4	Coffee & Cake
Friday 14	Valentine's Cocktail Party
Friday 21	Cruising Social & Talk by Frank Martin "The One:One Collection" A Railway Museum in the Making
Saturday 29	Magical Leap Year – Extra Day Party
MARCH	
Tuesday 3	Coffee & Cake
Wednesday 4	Pie & Mash Night
Friday 6	International Women's Day
Sunday 15	Lifejacket Clinic
Tuesday 17	St Patrick's Day
Friday 20	Cruising Social
Saturday 21	Canterbury Auction Valuation
Sunday 22	Mothers' Day

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

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

Valentine's Evening

Friday 14th February from 7 pm

Join us for a romantic evening with live music, bar
snacks and cocktails!

Cruising Social

Friday 21st February 19.30



A great way to catch up with old friends and make new ones!
All members welcome

**FEATURING A TALK ON BY FRANK MARTIN
"THE ONE:ONE COLLECTION"
A Railway Museum In The Making**

Magical Leap Year Day

Saturday 29th February
at 7pm

Cocktails Magician

Come along to the Club for games and fun in the bar!

COFFEE & CAKE

£3



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RESPECT THE WATER

**LIFE JACKET CLINIC
SUNDAY 14 MARCH**

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

RAMSGATE ILLUMINATIONS



Looking back with 2020 vision we can see that the 2019 Christmas lights were an absolute success. Boats were being lit from the 1st of December and as I pen this in January a few remain beacons during the dark January evenings.

Visits from both the BBC and ITV local news channels brought much needed attention to the town, although they attended very early in the lighting-up process. By the night of the judging, when the harbour was in full twinkle, the sight was truly inspiring with a record 89 vessels lit, that is seven up on last year. What made it all the more stunning was that many of the serial illuminators added even more lights to their already magnificent displays. Visitor numbers were clearly up; every night seeing many, many families walking the harbour perimeter viewing the display from every angle. I must also mention social media, the illuminations FaceBook page has also received record numbers of visits, with donations to the RNLI up significantly.



The awards evening at the club on the 20th December was very well attended with our new Lady Mayor presenting the awards. The winners were:

Arches:
1st Greek Arch
2nd Ship Shape
3rd Something Fishy



Best Barge:
1st Cory
2nd Snipe
3rd Mystical Dragon

Best Power Boat:
1st Gloriana
2nd Ambre
3rd Dolce Tarniente

Best Yacht:
1st Oyster
2nd Blown Away
3rd Magnum



As we boat owners carefully roll up our strings of lights and seek storage for another year it leaves me only one thing left to say "thank you". Thank you for your time, thank you for buying your lights, thank you for paying for the electricity, and thank you for making our harbour the most amazing Christmas spectacle in the country!

Martin Morgans

RAMSGATE WEEK & SOCIAL MEDIA NEWS

EUROMARINE INSURANCE RAMSGATE WEEK progresses slowly with various people working hard behind the scenes making sure all the important bits and pieces are put in place, like permission to hold the event, racing instructions and an email was sent to all competitors wishing them a Merry Christmas and reminding them of what a fantastic event last year's was.

Euromarine Insurance will be hoping to see an increase in referrals for boat insurance, I know a few of you have already spoken to them. When you are calling for a quote please feel free to use mine and the yacht clubs name and hopefully they will provide a competitive good value price for you. This is what they had to say about the forthcoming year....

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The flyer for Ramsgate Week 2020 is a dark blue and white graphic. It features a large white starburst shape containing the text 'Euromarine Insurance' and 'RAMSGATE WEEK 2020'. Below this, it lists the event dates '26-31 JULY' and the website 'ramsgateweek.com'. A blue banner at the bottom says 'Book early for discounted entry fees!'. On the left side, there is a list of racing classes: '3 IRC/ORC Racing Classes', 'IRC Regional Championship', '3 Cruiser Handicap Classes', 'Team Championship', and 'Classic Yachts'. A small blue starburst in the top right corner says 'Legendary Apres Sail'. At the bottom left, it says 'All enquiries: ramsgateweek@rtyc.com'.

Our new flyers have already been sent out to clubs, and if you are planning on visiting a yacht club over the next few months please talk to the office staff about taking some flyers with you. You are our best ambassadors, you know the event, both on the water and off. Please help us promote this event so that it continues to grow.

So, all I can really do now is sit back and wait for the entries! Got very excited the other day when an entry form came through, but it was only Paul Woodward testing the system. Darn It! So please can I encourage you all to get your entries in earlier rather than later, show your support and make that commitment.

On the Social Media side. the club was its usually busy self over Christmas which will be covered no doubt by the other departments. It was great to see more people at the bar having fun on the occasions I was there, sadly I couldn't attend everything due to this annoying cold that is doing the rounds.

Chris and I were away over New Year celebrating a friend's significant birthday but I hear that there was a great atmosphere and that the place was full. I was hoping to get few pictures but obviously everyone was too busy to take any! Instead I'll finish with a few photos from the **Officers Drinks** where the **Best Christmas Jumper Competition** was held. Frank and Jean took first place with Deborah and Pauline running up. Well done everyone that took part.



All the best, see you at the bar!

Karen
Chair of Ramsgate Week and Social Media



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CRUISING



Join us at our next Social Evening
Friday 17 January

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME – NOT JUST CRUISERS

We have survived another Festive Season! As Spring gradually approaches, it is time to start using any good weather days to bring our boats back to fighting fitness in readiness for our new season. As this is written in early January it is difficult to confirm dates for February and March so please keep an eye open for emails from the office for the latest updates.

I can tell you that the 4th of April is one for the diary with our Fitting Out Supper ready for a shakedown cruise over the Easter weekend. May is busy, busy, busy with both the 80th Dunkerque commemoration followed a few days later by the Allez to Calais. Our Cruising Socials as usual will be on the 3rd Friday of the month and on the 21st February, Frank Martin will engage us all with a talk on possibly the world's most expensive train set.

This is my last posting to Temple News as Rear Commodore Cruise so I would like to thank all the cruisers who have supported me immensely over the past two years and I look forward to sailing with you and your new RCC, Anne Peers, in 2020.

Martin Morgans RCC



We hope the 2019 RAMSGATE WEEK photographs will soon be on display. Anyone who wishes to purchase a 2018 photograph at the very competitive rate of £25 should contact Anne Peers



TEMPLE TEASER

FROM STUART CARTER

Solution on page 8

1. How long was the shortest sailboat to be sailed solo around the world?
2. The classic Round the World "Clipper Route" Eastward passes several landmarks as you sail around the world. In which order are they?
 - a. England - Cape Leeuwin - Cape Horn - England
 - b. England - Cape Horn - Cape Leeuwin - Cape of Good Hope - England
 - c. England - Cape of Good Hope - Cape Leeuwin - Cape Horn - England
 - d. England - Cape Horn - Cape of Good Hope – England
3. In which hemisphere will you spend most of your time as you sail around the world on the "Clipper Route", northern or southern?
4. The "Clipper Route" means spending a lot of time in a stormy region. What is that region called?
5. What canals will keep you out of the stormy area?
6. Who was the first to sail around the world alone?
7. The first woman to sail around the world alone, came from which country?
8. What is the current name of round-the-world sailing race first sponsored by an English brewer?
9. In 1960, which submarine made the first submerged circumnavigation?
10. A Portuguese explorer is widely accredited as the first to lead an expedition which sailed around the world. Who was he?

TWO ARCs & TWO VERY DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES

Chris Cox

Last November I flew to Gran Canaria to join the crew of *Panther* a Grand Soleil 43 for my second Atlantic crossing.



I've sailed on *Panther* before, 1st was a Round the Island race, then several JOG races and then the 2018 Caribbean 600. In big trade winds 44 of the 80 strong fleet retired whilst *Rambler* set a course monohull record. Unfortunately, we retired after just 90 miles with a ripped mainsail. For the owner of *Panther*, David Hall, and his crew this became known as UNFINISHED BUSINESS. And so, a plan emerged to return and try to complete the C600 in 2020. Plans were made, the crew signed up instantly for the C600, including Pip Hare and Alex Alley. Now, how to get *Panther* from Malta to Antigua? In 2018 David shipped her from Southampton. This time he decided he would sail if he could get the crew and join the 2019 ARC Plus.

When he asked if I would join the him for the ARC Plus I agreed straight away. I know *Panther* and I know David and I know that the passage would be planned very carefully and competently. And so, it was. Nothing left to the last minute. Everything tried and tested. It was a textbook crossing. I even managed to get in some sun sightings in prep for Ocean Master!



What a difference to my 1st crossing in 2016. *Scarabaus*, a 50-foot Sweden yacht is a beautiful blue water cruiser and handled trade winds and the big Atlantic waves fantastically. However, she was not as prepared as *Panther* for an ocean passage and suffered some last-minute difficulties. The result was that some of the boat systems failed. The house battery charge alternator failed in the first week, and everything relying on electricity slowly packed up as the voltage dropped. We could not access the water tanks. We were becalmed for four days which challenged the provisioning plan. We ran out of gas four days before

reaching St Lucia. We did have the engine cranking battery and alternator which we jury rigged a cigar lighter to power the Sat phone and get a midday Lat and Long for navigation. And, thankfully, I had my hand-held GPS and a bunch of batteries, (literally last-minute item I packed thanks to Paul Woodward!).

However, and given all this, I still enjoyed the crossing and it was one hell of an experience. Before the crossing I read Tom Cunliffe's book on Heavy Weather Cruising and very glad I did that. This helped me immensely. We did not experience any heavy weather, just a squall here and there and some sustained 30 knot winds. But in his book Tom made four key points when dealing with heavy weather.

- I. Make sure there is no sea water coming aboard – don't sink!
 - a. No problem for *Scarabaus*, she handled the big seas fine and was great surfing down them, dry too.
- II. Means of propulsion – you need to get to land.
 - a. Again, no problem for *Scarabaus* and we ran under full mainsail most of the crossing and, in fact, we made up a lot of places in the last week.
- III. Navigation – where are you and where do we need to go?
 - a. Thankfully we had the sat phone which gave us a Lat and Long and we used my hand held 3 days from St Lucia
- IV. Provisions – do you have enough water and food.
 - a. After the first week we were becalmed for 4 days and this did concern us and kept a close eye on drinking water consumption and food that did not require cooking.

So, these four key points helped focus on what was important. Yes, it's not great having no electricity, head torches only for light, no fridge, no water maker, no GPS plotter and only one cooked meal per day and no tea or coffee to preserve gas and having to wash everything in sea water. But *Scarabaus* kept us safe, we had great propulsion, knew where we were going and provisions to get there. And yes, the 1st shower on land was marvellous.

Quite the contrast to *Panther's* text book crossing.

David has now moved *Panther* from St Lucia to Antigua and on the 20th February, we fly back and get ready for the **C600 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**.



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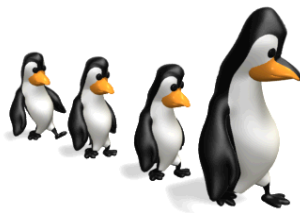
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THE WALKING GROUP



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Unfortunately, no photographs, but by all accounts, the last walk of 2019 was most enjoyable followed by a delicious lunch at the Belle Vue at Pegwell.

Eric will lead the next walk as Davena is still away, sunning herself. The details are:

On **Thursday 16 January, at 11.30** walk to North Foreland Lighthouse via the golf course and back to the White Swan in Redding Street for lunch.

Meet up by Eric and Sally's house:
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TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY

The first day of The Templers golfing year and my first outing as Captain was Wednesday 18th December at Birchington and Westgate Golf Club.

The weather was incredibly kind to us with lots of sunshine and a light breeze but, in the days leading up to the 18th we had plenty of rain which resulted in a very 'muddy' course.

Four intrepid Templers played, John Barrett, Roy Naylor, David Say and yours truly.

The overall winner was Roy with 30 points with David the runner up with 27 points. David also won a separate prize for a 'magnificent drive' (that's how he described it!) on the 18th. A separate prize will be awarded each month throughout the year for the best drive on the 18th.

I'm hoping many more members will take advantage of the opportunity to play a round of golf at Westgate and also enjoy the company of other Templers. It would be so good to see many Templers turning up to play on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and specially some of our lady members!

I'm hoping to arrange at least one outing to another golf club within sensible travelling distance of Thanet – any suggestions/ideas would be most welcome. I think Spring or early Summer when the weather is a little more predictable would be ideal and it doesn't have to take the place of our regular visit to Westgate but, perhaps, additional to it!

I think the £50 membership represents really good value and so a gentle reminder for those of you who have not yet paid their subscription to do so at your earliest convenience.

It just leaves me wish you all a very Happy New Year together with plenty of happy golfing.

Don - Captain



TEMPLE TEASER SOLUTION

From page 5

1. Italian Alessandro Di Benedetto currently holds the record for sailing around the world in the smallest boat, completing the voyage in a 6.5 metre vessel in 2010.
2. C
3. Southern
4. The Roaring Forties
5. Suez and Panama
6. Captain Joshua Slocum
7. Krystyna Chojnowska-Liskiewicz of Poland
8. Volvo
9. USS Triton
10. Ferdinand Magellan

Richard Sparrow

*We regret to advise that Richard passed away after a long illness on
Thursday 12th December 2019*

He was a long-standing Member of the Club for many years

*A thanksgiving memorial service for Richard Sparrow will be held on
Monday 3rd February at 12 noon at St. Mildred's Church, Tenterden
No Flowers please, if you would like to make a donation please
donate to RNLI Ramsgate branch*

Elizabeth Anderson
Honorary Secretary