

TEMPLE BELL

The Newsletter of the Royal Temple Yacht Club

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May 2026



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,
What a great few weeks we have had! Club racing is back in full swing and the cruising section venturing to both Dover and West Mersea, the hotel is busier than ever and events happening in the clubhouse.

The club has been very busy over the past few weeks and the sunshine seems to have encouraged many of our foreign visitors over to Ramsgate, creating a lively atmosphere.

Happy Hour is proving very popular with members and visitors alike. A big thank you to all of our new staff members who have jumped straight in and are proving to be a real asset to our club.

As part of our ongoing efforts to strengthen the club's finances, we have been encouraging members to volunteer. The club truly thrives when members get involved and we have had a wonderful response from volunteers who have stepped up to help. Thank you to all who have helped so far, every hour given makes a huge difference. Please contact us if you would like to join in - it's been fun and is a great way to meet fellow members while helping out! This does not necessarily have to be behind the bar but could be in helping with some of the many other tasks involved in running the club; helping to do a few of the maintenance jobs, the flowers for the terrace, in the office with some admin ... the list is long - many hands make light work.

There have been several functions at the club with our very popular monthly quiz which is always sold out weeks in advance. Well done to our resident quizmaster, Karen Cox, and her team. While my table did not meet the superb efforts of the winners this time round, we will endeavour to sharpen our skills ahead of the next quiz on the 29th May. At the moment, we have a few spaces left - please book now if you would like to join in.

We had a fabulous evening with 'Turn to Starboard' who are travelling around the UK, bringing the club to life with sea shanties and popular sing-along songs. Last weekend we celebrated Nigel Collingwood's 80th birthday in the club with a sit-down dinner for his friends and family then an evening of music. A fun evening with the special event of one of Nigel's family joining in with the band to sing! Don't forget, as members, you can use the club to celebrate your birthday or special occasion.

As we head into the summer months, here are some dates for your diary:

- **13th May:** First Evening Race with meal available in clubhouse after
- **14th May, Ascension Day:** many visiting yachtsmen racing over from RNSYC in Oostende to stay in Ramsgate until Saturday.
- **May Bank Holiday Weekend:** Return of the Dunkirk Little Ships where RTYC will open their doors to help celebrate a fantastic occasion. There is a full entertainment programme in the club over the weekend.
- **29th May:** Quiz Night.
- **30th May:** Yacht Club Boulonnais race from Boulogne to Ramsgate for the Link Cup
- **1st June:** the **club will be going CASHLESS.** You will still be able to use your gold membership card and this can be topped up via the Upay App. If you are not sure about how to use this app, there is a guide on our website or speak to a member of staff.
- **19th June:** we will be hosting an "Antiques Roadshow" type evening which should be fun – more details to follow.

Please note, the club is now back to summer hours as follows:

Day	Opening Time	Closing Time
Monday-Thursday	12:30pm	8.00pm
Friday	12.30pm	11.00pm
Saturday	12.30pm	8.00pm ***
Sunday	12.30pm	6.30pm

***Please note that the club will be open till 11pm if we have an event on a Saturday.

Whether you join us for the racing, the cruising, a meal or a sundowner on the terrace, this is your club and we'd love to see it full of life.

I look forward to seeing you in the sunshine on the terrace soon.

Judy Pearson-Parish
Commodore - Royal Temple Yacht Club.

200 CLUB RESULTS

APRIL 2026 DRAW

£25 N° 110 R Thornley
£50 N° 34 R Keen
£100 N° 79 T Adams

**The next Draw will take place on
Sunday 31 May at 3:00 pm**

WHAT'S GOING ON?



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

RTYC VIBES
Happy Hour is Back Baby!

No boat required. Just turn up.
Message us or drop in.

Every
Monday thru Saturday 5-7pm

Saturday 9th May – from 6.30pm
Clive Nicholls finally retires from RNLI

PILATES CLASSES
Wednesday 13th May 12:00-1:00
Classes continue through to the July summer break.

MIDWEEK RACING COMMENCES
Wednesday 13th May
Look out for further details including catering.

RNSYC RACING FROM OSTEND
Thursday 14th May
Approximately 35 yachts here until Saturday

DUNKIRK LITTLE SHIPS 86TH RETURN
22nd to 25th May
Full programme of events – see poster for details.

Quiz Night with Quizmaster Gareth
Friday 29th May
Filling up fast so don't forget to book your table!

Link Cup with Boulonnaise YC
Saturday 30th May

W6NATIONS

F.I.R. ITALIA VS **ROSE**

Italy against England
Come down and enjoy the game with us
9th May - 2pm Start

BOGOF
Cans of Guinness: 1hr before the game and 1hr after the game ends.

JUNE

19th June: we will be hosting an “ANTIQUES ROADSHOW” evening

ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

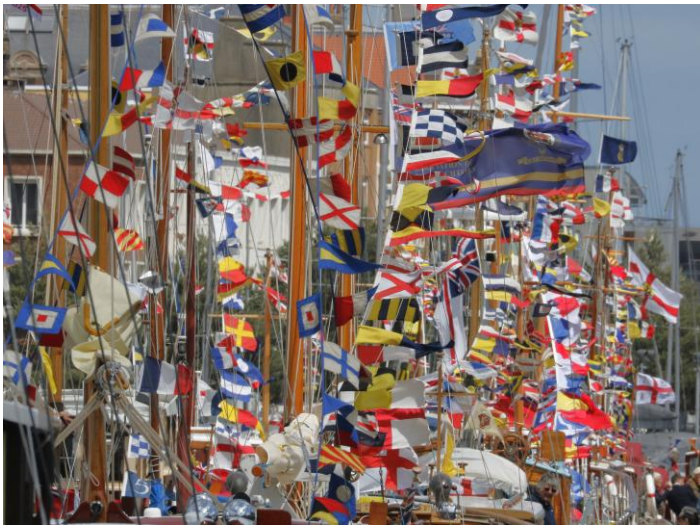
OFFERING **RYA** ROYAL YACHT ASSOCIATION COURSES
Learn | Develop | Explore

RYA Training Centre

	SRC VHF RADIO COURSE Saturday 10th October 2026 10:00 till 17:00 For more information please email us at: rtynavigationschool@gmail.com	RYA SRC VHF RADIO
	DAY SKIPPER COURSE Tuesday evenings from 2nd February 2027 18:30 till 21:30 For eight weeks to include two Saturdays: 6th & 20th March 2027 9:30 till 17:30 For more information please email: rtynavigationschool@gmail.com	RYA DAY SKIPPER
	YACHT MASTER COURSE Wednesday evenings from 3rd February 2027 18:30 till 21:30 For eight weeks to include two Sundays: 7th & 21st March 2027 9:30 till 17:30 For more information please email us at: rtynavigationschool@gmail.com	RYA YACHT MASTER

OUR ON THE WATER PRACTICAL COURSES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH **RAMSGATE SAILING SCHOOL**
www.ramsgatesailing.com

So let's get everyone ABOVE and ONBOARD!



A reminder of last year's celebration in wonderful sunny weather



THE DUNKIRK LITTLE SHIPS RETURN FOR THE 86TH OPERATION DYNAMO COMMEMORATION!

Get ready for an extraordinary Bank Holiday Weekend — 22nd to 25th May is shaping up to be one of the most exciting events in Ramsgate's calendar! We're thrilled to be welcoming over 25 legendary Dunkirk Little Ships back to our Royal Harbour, alongside nearly 50 visiting boats making the Marina a spectacular sight. This is a landmark occasion for our town, our Royal Harbour, and our Club We really want to see as many members as possible there to be part of it.



Adding to the spectacle, the incredible charity **Standing with Giants** will be installing 338 striking Tommy Soldier silhouettes around the inner marina; representing one for every thousand of the 338,000 Allied forces rescued from the beaches of Dunkirk. It promises to be a profoundly moving and unforgettable sight, and we are proud to be hosting such a powerful tribute right on our doorstep.



Come down, soak up the atmosphere, and help us give our visitors the warmest of RTYC welcomes. Our restaurant will be buzzing across four fantastic Club Nights, with live music from *Star Fire* and *Totsy* keeping spirits high, and rumour has it a certain Mr Winston Churchill may even drop in for a well-deserved tippie. We couldn't possibly comment!

THE FULL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS HAPPENING IN RAMSGATE TO CELEBRATE THIS EVENT FOLLOWS:

Don't miss it — this is history, hospitality, and a good time all in one!

Chris Cox
07540 739652



EVENTS ALL WEEKEND

Ramsgate Tunnels, RNLI displays and special Operation Dynamo Exhibits. 10am - 4pm Ramsgate Harbour and Tunnels, Marina Esplanade, CT11 8FH more details: ramsgatetunnels.org **A T**

Standing With Giants
338: Ramsgate Remembers
 A public installation around the harbour railings of 338 'Giants' - each one representing 1000 soldiers rescued from the shores of Dunkirk in May 1940. **A**

FRI 15TH MAY

Arrival of the Dunkirk Little Ships
 The Dunkirk Little Ships will be arriving in the Royal Harbour over several days to commemorate the 86th Anniversary of Operation Dynamo. Mooring in Ramsgate Harbour, CT11 8LP **A**

FRI 15TH MAY - 28TH JUNE

A Six Week Harbour Installation by Standing With Giants
 The largest installation of 'Giants' this side of Portsmouth will be around the harbour for 6 weeks. **A**

SAT 16TH MAY

Local History Day at Ramsgate Tunnels
 A free event showcasing Thanet and East Kent's rich, vibrant and exciting history. 10am - 4pm Ramsgate Tunnels, Marina Esplanade, CT11 8FH **T** more details: ramsgatetunnels.org

EUROVISION Viewing Party

Join us outside Queen's Head to cheer on Ramsgate's own **LOOK NUM NO COMPUTER** competing in the Eurovision Song Contest. Prizes for best Eurovision inspired costumes! 7pm - Midnight. Harbour Parade CT11 8LP **Q** more details: visitramsgate.co.uk

SUN 17TH MAY

The Ellington Park May Fayre
 Fun Fair, stalls, live music and entertainment for all! 11.30am - 6.30pm Ellington Park, Park Road, CT11 9TL **PLUS** a vintage bus runs from the Harbour to the Park throughout the day! **E**

THUR 21ST MAY

UNESCO Cultural Diversity Day
 A vibrant celebration of global culture, here in Harbour Street, with free food, music & community spirit. 10am - 3pm Harbour Street CT11 8LS **MB**

SAT 23RD MAY

The Little Ships in Concert - Screening
 Rolling screening of the 2025 moving performance of musicians calling to the Dunkirk Little Ships in the Royal Harbour, who responded in tum with their horns and whistles! 10am - 1pm, Visitor Information Centre, Harbour Parade, CT11 8LP **A**

WWII Commemorative Service at the Ramsgate Cemetery War Graves
 Meet inside the Cemetery gates, on Cecilia Road. Arrive for 10.30am, service 11am. CT11 7DZ

Ramsgate Tunnels Railway Tunnel Tour
 In addition to the usual Tunnel Tours, this special tour takes place in the large tunnel section. 11am - 1pm, Marina Esplanade, CT11 8FH **T**

Children's Fun Fair
 Plus a GIANT Ferris Wheel in the turning circle, offering aerial view over the sandy beach and harbour. Harbour Parade, CT11 8LS **A**

Children's Workshops
 Decorate gifts for the Little Ships crews. 11am - 4pm. Big Yellow Tent, next to the King George IV Obelisk, CT11 8LP **A**

Handmade & Vintage Fair plus Charity Stalls
 Vintage treasures and handmade products, and Charity Stalls including RNLI and SWG. 10am - 4pm at Pier Yard, CT11 8LS **A**

Visit the Dunkirk Little Ships!
 A chance to see some of the original legendary craft that took part in Operation Dynamo 86 years ago. Half hour slots 2pm - 4.30pm - tickets available via Ramsgate Tunnels website or use red QR to book. Pier Yard, CT11 8LS **A**

Tea Dance at The San Clu
 Fundraiser for Standing With Giants - dust off your dancing shoes & jive and swing to live bands. 11am - 4pm at The San Clu Hotel, Victoria Parade, CT11 8DT **S** more details: www.sancluhotel.co.uk

Children's Fun Fair
 Plus a GIANT Ferris Wheel in the turning circle, offering aerial view over the sandy beach and harbour from 5pm. Harbour Parade, CT11 8LS **A**

Queen's Head:
Live Music at the Royal Harbour
 5.30pm - Squeeze Get Alley
 9pm - Plastic Orange
 Queen's Head, Harbour Parade, CT11 8LP **Q**

Seabird Pop Up at Gather & SEABIRD x CATCH Pop-up
 Seafood Supper Club, £40 for 4 courses. Tables available from 5.30pm. Gather & 17 Military Road, CT11 9LG **NR** Book: www.seabirdramsgate.com/catch

Royal Temple Yacht Club - Live Music
 Starfire 98 will be performing in the main bar, 8pm - 10pm. Royal Temple Yacht Club, 6 Westcliff Mansions, CT11 9HY **MB** more details: www.rtcym.com

SAT 23RD (continued)

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 Procession featuring QRA Drum Corps and their illuminated batons. 8.50pm from the top of Harbour Parade, pausing at the Queen's Head for a 10 minute performance and then on to Ramsgate Tunnels. **A T**

Sea Cadets Evening Colours Ceremony
 9.20pm a 3-minute bugle performance outside Ramsgate Tunnels. **T**

Dynamo: Spirit of Ramsgate
 9.50pm. Projection by Illumiscape onto the Tunnels cliff face. Back by popular demand, this 17 minute film depicts life before WWII, through the darker days of the conflict, and leading up to Operation Dynamo. **T**

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Dunkirk Little Ships Town Parade
 Military & Public Parade from The Sailors' Church, via the Cross Wall, East Pier Yard and then to St George's Church (returning after service). Starts 10.15am at The Sailors' Church, Military Rd, CT11 9LE **B A G**

Dunkirk Little Ships Service at St George's Church
 Public Commemorative Service for the 86th Anniversary of Operation Dynamo, featuring a concert of sea shanties and 1940s songs by The Thanet Big Sing Community Choir. 11am. St George's Church, Church Road, CT11 8RE **G**

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 3pm - Neon Rush.
 6pm - Play
 9pm - QRA Drum Corps
 9.45pm - Tundra
 Queen's Head, Harbour Parade, CT11 8LP **Q**

Special Blitz Tours with Blitz Bob
 Starting at the Library, Blitz Bob guides you through the areas in town that were bombed in August 1940, and a chance to meet 'Winston Churchill' outside the Royal Pub! 3.30pm - 5.00pm. Meet at Ramsgate Library, Guildford Lawn, CT11 9AY **L**

Royal Temple Yacht Club
 4pm - 6pm Live entertainment from Hotsy Totsy 'Winston Churchill' will join them for a drink after the show! Royal Temple Yacht Club, 6 Westcliff Mansions, CT11 9HY more details: www.rtcym.com **T**

Winston Inspects the Little Ships
 At 4.30pm, watch 'Winston Churchill' inspect the Little Ships moored at the harbour. **A**

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MON 25TH MAY

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Queen's Head:
Live Music at the Royal Harbour
 1pm - Donnie Pe.
 5pm - The City Suits.
 5.30pm - J.C. & The Sunshine Bus
 Queen's Head, Harbour Parade, CT11 8LP **Q**

SAT 23RD - SAT 30TH
Ramsgate Lit Fest '26
 Ramsgate's first Book Festival at The Book Hotel (AKA Falstaff Hotel). Ticketed events taking place all week, showcasing local authors in the beautiful Falstaff Hotel, Addington Street, CT11 9JL **www.thebookhoteluk.com**

MON 25TH - 1ST JUNE
active Ramsgate
 get active, be inspired
Active Ramsgate Week
 A week of activities for everyone - check out www.visitramsgate.co.uk or scan the QR for details on how to book your space. From guided walks and cycle rides, Seashore Safaris, beach yoga, kayaking and much more! Various locations. **A**

SAT 30TH - SUN 31ST
Addington Street Vintage Trail
 The popular street for vintage, retro and much more! 11am - 4pm various locations all along Addington Street, Ramsgate CT11 9JL **F**

Visit Ramsgate
 The UK's only Royal Harbour

As we approach the 86th commemoration of Operation Dynamo I wanted to share with you this article that I found in the Isle of Thanet News in 2019 written by Isaac Naylor. If you walk around our Club you will see reminders of those fateful days. The brass plaque over the side table in the main bar commemorates the event and upstairs on the wall of the Snooker Room is a painted piece of wood with Royal Canadian 29th Motor Torpedo boats painted on it. This was used as a black out blind for the arched windows in the main bar. Hope you enjoy it,

Karen

Ramsgate's close proximity to the continent, has meant in times of war, the population has had to form a close relationship with the Royal Navy. With the outbreak of the Second World War, Ramsgate's inhabitants welcomed their naval guests once again with the formation of shore base *HMS Fervent*. An official flag raising ceremony took place on the 10th October 1939 and various buildings across Ramsgate's waterfront were requisitioned. *Fervent's* officers were housed in the grand Royal Temple Yacht Club; accompanied by their wardrobe and the bases intelligence library. The ratings were billeted in the old buildings of the 'Merrie England', funfair (latterly the Pleasurama site). The former bar area and dance floor were converted into the mess decks. The chalk cliffs, which already housed the town's expansive air raid shelters, had fresh incisions made to make room for the base's communications centre and storage facilities. The entrance to these tunnels has since been sealed off. The tunnels remain however, covered with graffiti drawn by servicemen long ago.

FERVENT: The Merrie England site, circa 1945, complete with camouflage paint and anti-blast walls. *Fervent's* initial tasking of contraband control, is one which has received scant attention in the history books which have followed. Contraband control itself came into effect on 4th September 1939, when the Admiralty announced that all merchant vessels were now liable for examination by the naval contraband control service and any goods bound for Germany subject to seizure. Given the magnitude of the necessary preparations, the required bases including *Fervent* were not operational until October. While on hold, selected vessels were held between Deal and the Goodwin Sands, with requisitioned Thames tugs on hand to transport the boarding teams to the waiting vessels. To carry out searches there were just 42 naval personnel between Ramsgate and Margate by the end of 1939. Many were older, less active reservists, supplemented by inexperienced men, called up for wartime service. The dedication of those initial 42 sailors should not be forgotten. From October 1939 to April 1940 they searched 937 vessels, of which 98 were seized, denying Germany's war effort thousands of tonnes of supplies. *H.M.S Fervent's* finest hour came in late May 1940, with the start of one of the most famous episodes of the Second World War, Operation Dynamo. With Allied forces, forced to retreat to the town of Dunkirk, the order soon came to prepare for evacuation. Preparations began across the country; with Ramsgate becoming a hive of activity, and the ranks of *H.M.S Fervent* swelled to some 650 naval personnel, under the Command of Captain W.R. Phillimore. He was ordered to make all possible provision for the assembling, maintenance and repairs for the small naval and civilian vessels, which were soon to descend on the harbour. The vast majority of the vessels being assembled at Ramsgate were the now famous Little Ships.

Over the next nine days, from 26th May to 4th June, *Fervent's* sailors alongside their civilian counterparts worked tirelessly to rescue some 41,327 Allied servicemen.

Following the success of Operation Dynamo, *Fervent's* role changed once again, this time supporting vessels engaged on anti-invasion patrols. In January 1941, the role changed for the last time with Ramsgate becoming the overflow base to Dover for units of the Coastal Forces. With vessels that carried the nickname 'Spitfires of the Sea', the crews were quickly engaged in fighting deadly cat and mouse games with German E-Boats, helping to defend the vital shipping lanes of the English Channel.

Most of Ramsgate's Motor Torpedo and Motor Gun Boat crews were made up not only of British personnel, but Polish, Dutch, French and Canadians too. Collectively they played their part in some of the most important actions of the war. Including the ill-fated Channel Dash and the triumphant D-Day landings. The vast majority of *H.M.S Fervent's* history, however, is yet to be written as many of the official records have been either destroyed or misplaced.



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RTYC REGALIA



The Club Regalia and your crew shirts, etc may be purchased from Kent Workwear

All information is available on both the RTYC and Kent Workwear websites
www.kentworkwear.co.uk

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR CREW SHIRTS FOR RAMSGATE WEEK



We are looking for volunteers to help cover the **Race Hut**. You will not be needed every week as the plan is to train up a small team and arrange a rota. You should be willing to use the radio once trained in the process and procedures.

Please contact either Andy Ketteringham or Steve King via *Whats App*



RAMSGATE WEEK
ramsgateweek.com

19th to 24th July 2026

CLUB RACING NEWS

As we move further into the 2026 sailing season, it has been encouraging to see a strong turnout across the Spring Series so far, despite the mixed conditions we have experienced over recent weeks. The early part of the season has once again demonstrated the enthusiasm and commitment of our racing members, with competitive racing across IRC and YTC classes.

A special thank you must go to all those involved behind the scenes in making racing possible each Sunday - The Race Officer Steve King and his race hut team; their efforts are hugely appreciated by all racers.

Looking ahead, we now move into what is traditionally one of the busiest and most enjoyable parts of the sailing calendar. Preparations are already underway for the Summer Series and several key club events planned over the coming months. We are also continuing planning work for Ramsgate Week, which remains one of the premier regattas on the East Coast calendar and something we are all looking forward to later in the season.

One of the highlights of the coming weeks will be the return of the Wednesday Evening Series, which is due to start shortly. These evenings continue to be one of the most popular and sociable parts of club racing, providing excellent short-course racing followed by the opportunity for members and crews to enjoy the atmosphere ashore afterwards with a meal at the club. We would encourage as many boats as possible to take part, particularly newer racers or members considering getting involved in club racing for the first time. The Wednesday series has always been a fantastic introduction to competitive sailing in a relaxed and friendly environment.

We are also continuing discussions around future race programmes, participation growth, and ways of encouraging new members into racing. Maintaining strong numbers on the water remains a priority for the club, and it is encouraging to see positive enthusiasm from members as we head towards the summer months.

Finally, thank you once again to everyone who continues to support sailing at the club. Whether racing, volunteering, or supporting events ashore, your contribution is what keeps club racing thriving at Royal Temple Yacht Club.

Fair winds and good racing to all for the remainder of the Spring Series and the start of the Wednesday Evening Racing.

Andrew Ketteringham
Rear Commodore Sail



NOTICE TO SMOKERS
KINDLY DO NOT PUT YOUR CIGARETTE
ENDS IN THE NEWLY PLANTED FLOWER
POTS ON THE TERRACE.
PLEASE USE THE NUMEROUS ASHTRAYS
PROVIDED.
YOUR CONSIDERATION TO CLUB
PROPERTY WILL BE APPRECIATED



TEMPLE TEASER No 80
Nautical Trivia
Solution on page 11

1. What is the name of the archipelago that includes Hirta?
2. What commonly separates a coastline from a nearby island?
3. What must binoculars include to enable the measurement of distance at sea?
4. Anagram of OVERLENT. Harbour famous for its smuggler's moorings.
5. What does the nautical 'A' flag signify?
6. How many compass points are there?
7. A dog watch lasts for how many hours?
8. A tide that has two equal daily high waters and two equal daily low waters is known as what?
9. What is the name of the most reliable and effective fuel fume detection system you can have aboard your vessel, and how is it activated?
10. What are the light characteristics of a navaid when it is shown on the chart as "ISO", for ISOPHASE?



CLUB MEMBERS
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A BUDDY?

As part of our ongoing efforts to grow and strengthen our club, the Committee is launching a new member recruitment campaign — and we need your help to make it a success.

While we've worked hard to make joining RTYC as straightforward as possible, we know that feeling truly welcome is about more than a smooth sign-up process. One of the key challenges we've identified is early retention: some new members drift away in those first few months simply because they haven't yet found their footing — unfamiliar with the Club's facilities and events, or yet to make a connection with fellow members.

To address this, we're introducing a **New Member Buddy** scheme. The idea is simple: an existing member volunteers to be a friendly point of contact for a new joiner — helping them get to know the club, understand what's on offer, and feel at home from day one.

If you're a welcoming face who enjoys meeting new people and taking pride in what RTYC has to offer, we'd love to hear from you. No formal experience is needed — just enthusiasm for the Club and a willingness to make someone feel part of it.

To register your interest, please contact either Terry Adams or John Shears via *WhatsApp*.

Thank you — your support in building our membership community means more than you know.

John Shears
RTYC General Committee

RTYC CRUISERS



2nd Friday Monthly Cruising Social ALL WELCOME

Don't forget to come along and enjoy a social evening with the Cruisers

The first cruise of the season was the Easter shakedown cruise to Dover. Of the ten boats originally intending to join the cruise, only *Avventura* made it in the end, due to a combination of technical issues on some boats and the threat of Storm Dave.

As it happened, Storm Dave remained centred over Iceland and *Avventura* had a very pleasant sail to Dover with beam reached both ways and slight seas.

The trip was slightly nostalgic as we paid our last visit to the old RCPYC clubhouse on the seafront. The Club had been due to move the week before we visited but the new premises on the dockside were not quite ready, so the lease on the old building had been temporarily extended. The move should have been completed by the time this article is published.

The early Spring Bank Holiday saw *Avventura* and *Bamboo* set sail in fine weather for the traditional West Mersea rally. We were warmly welcomed by the new WMYC Commodore who joined us for dinner with the crews of four Little Ship Club boats that made the trip.



Sunday morning saw the traditional Company Shed seafood brunch, which was delicious as ever.



Bamboo looking for a buoy in front of Packing Shed

On Sunday afternoon, the fleet split with most LSC boats returning to Ipswich, *Bamboo* remaining in West Mersea for another day, while *Avventura* went to Bradwell to meet up with Ross & Sally McAllister who are now based there & were finishing their pre-season

maintenance on *Denali*. Ross & Sally are hoping to join us on the Calais and Holland rallies.



Jonathan Hague admiring the view of the Blackwater from *Avventura's* masthead.

The next cruise is less than three weeks away, in the form of the ever popular **Allez a Calais**, where hopefully a good turnout of RTYC boats will join Little Ship Club, RNSA and Maldon Little Ships for the late May Bank Holiday.

Mark Andrews, RCC

A RIDDLE FOR ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB MEMBERS!

I rise and fall without a fuss,
I'm ruled by moon and sun's trust.
I shape the harbour, strong and true,
At Ramsgate I'm part of you.

Goodwin Sands I guard (or hide!),
A shifting patch beneath the tide.
With good wind's breath I come alive,
I help your sailing dreams to thrive.

I can be calm, I can be wild,
I've humbled sailors, I've made them smile.
I bring adventure, tales to tell...
But how this rhyme ends... you decide well!

≡ NOW IT'S YOUR TURN! ≡

Send us your cheeky or funny ending to complete the rhyme...

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AIS CLASS M EXPLAINED IN 2026: WHAT CHANGED FOR MOB BEACONS IN EUROPE (AND WHY IT MATTERS)

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If you carry an AIS man overboard (MOB) beacon in your lifejacket, or are in the market for a new AIS MOB, you may be aware of new regulations that came into effect as of 1 January 2025: AIS Class M Regulation.

Why the Regulation Was Introduced

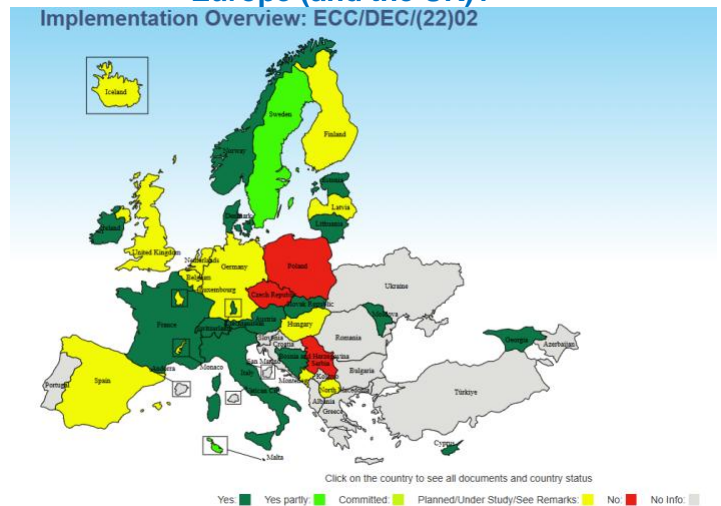
Before Class M, many AIS MOB devices simply transmitted an AIS message without interacting with other communication systems onboard vessels. Over time, regulators identified two growing issues:

- **AIS Channel Congestion**– AIS Channels 1 and 2 are primarily intended for vessel traffic and safety-related communications. However, increasing numbers of autonomous maritime radio devices (AMRDs) such as fishing gear markers and AIS beacons were beginning to flood the network with signals. This raised concerns that critical navigation data could become harder to detect or prioritise.
- **Limited Alerting Capability**– Earlier AIS-only MOB devices relied on nearby vessels noticing the AIS target appearing on their chartplotter. In busy or stressful situations, this alert might go unnoticed. By requiring Digital Selective Calling (DSC) distress alerts, the Class M standard ensures that nearby VHF radios sound an audible alarm, significantly increasing the chance that the emergency will be recognised immediately.

While the Ocean Signal MOB1 does incorporate DSC distress alerting (it contains a DSC transmitter), it does not contain a DSC receiver (making the MOB1 non-Class M compliant). Based on the Class M regulation that came into effect as of January 1, 2025, Ocean Signal introduced the MOB2 at that time in order to have a Class M AIS MOB option available. The MOB2 contains both a DSC transmitter and receiver and is thereby capable of not only transmitting an AIS MOB message and DSC distress signal message, but also capable of receiving confirmation that the distress alert has been acknowledged.

Are Class M AIS MOB required everywhere in Europe (and the UK)?

Implementation Overview: ECC/DEC/(22)02



Source: <https://docdb.cept.org>

One of the most common questions since the introduction of Class M is whether existing AIS MOB devices can still be used. The answer varies depending on the country, but the overall trend is toward full Class M compliance. In several European nations, non-Class M compliant devices can no longer be sold or licensed, and in some cases their use has already been prohibited. The significance of implementation of the Class M regulation for existing MOB1 owners is that MOB1 beacons may no longer be used in countries that have implemented the new regulation

Do I need to throw away my older AIS MOB beacon?

If you already own a legacy AIS MOB beacon (such as a rescueME MOB1,) it may still technically function (AIS is AIS), but it may not be compliant in jurisdictions that restrict non-Class M devices. Also worth remembering: in a real distress situation, the aim is saving life. The point of Class M is to make alerts more reliably noticed, not to discourage carrying safety gear.

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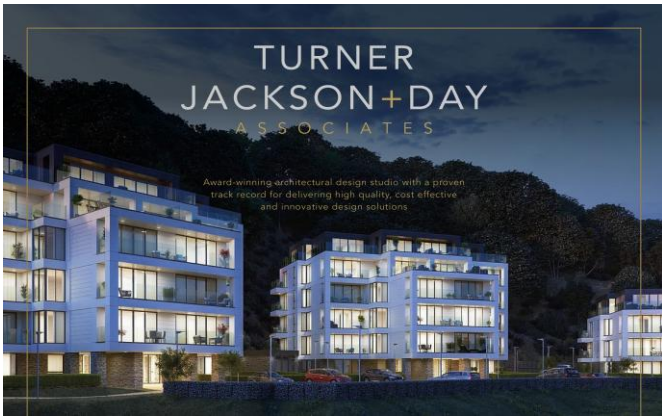
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- The Champion: Don Cross put on an absolute masterclass in wind management. Keeping the ball low and finding the fairways when others were visiting the rough, Don emerged as the incredibly worthy winner of the day.
- The Runner-Up: Hot on his heels was Howard Wilton, who played some brilliant recovery golf to secure a very close second place.

The Verdict: Practice Makes Perfect

As for the rest of the field? Let's just say the coastal breeze proved to be a formidable opponent. Rumour has it that local practice ranges are about to see a massive spike in bookings this week.

A collective decision has been made by the remaining pack to log some serious hours on the range, focusing entirely on the dark art of **hitting that stubborn little white ball in a straight line**. Congratulations to Don, commiserations to those who lost balls to the North Sea, and a warm welcome to Captain Molony. ere's to warmer weather and straighter drives at our next outing!

The Templers Golf Society meet at Westgate Golf Club on the 3rd Wednesday every month for a social round of golf, tee off at 1030. Our subscription of £75 (pro-rata from when you join) gives you small cash prizes and lunch with any year end surplus subsidising the prize giving dinner. RTYC members and friends are welcome to join us. Generous handicaps will be given to newcomers.

TEMPLARS GOLF SOCIETY



The Templers 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.

Royal Temple Yacht Club Golf Society Match Report: Blustery Beginnings at Westgate & Birchington
Date: April 2026
Venue: Westgate and Birchington Golf Club

A Cold Welcome and An Historic Captaincy
 The society gathered at the scenic coastal cliffs of Westgate and Birchington Golf Club for our highly anticipated first meeting of the season. Mother Nature certainly made her presence felt, greeting us with bitterly cold temperatures and blustery winds that swept in off the sea, testing everyone's resolve (and wardrobe choices) from the very first tee.
 This meeting marked a historic milestone for the society: our first official outing under the leadership of our new Captain, **Simon Molony**. In a brilliant testament to his popularity—and perhaps the tactical error of missing a meeting—Simon was elected to the captaincy by a unanimous vote of the members at the AGM back in March. He couldn't be there to defend himself then, but he led us with distinction through the gales today!

The Leaderboard: High Drama in the Gale
 Despite the challenging, wind-swept fairways making club selection a guessing game, a few players managed to tame the elements with some spectacular golf.



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JOKE CORNER



A man walks into a restaurant with an ostrich behind him. The waitress asks for their orders. The man says "a hamburger, fries and a coke please". She turns to the ostrich and asks "what's yours?". "I will have the same", says the ostrich. A short time later the waitress returns with the order. "That will be £9.40" she says, and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact amount for payment. The next day the man and the ostrich return, order the same meal and the man pays with the exact amount. This becomes routine until the duo enter again later in the week. "Hamburger, fries and a coke?" says the waitress. "No, this time it's a treat, so I am going to have steak, baked potato and salad," says the man. "Yep, same" says the ostrich. Shortly, the waitress brings the order and says "that will be £32. 50". Once again, the man pulls the exact amount out of his pocket. The waitress can't hold back her curiosity any longer. "Excuse me sir, how do you always have the exact amount of money?" she asks. The man says "well, several years ago, I was clearing out my loft, I found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was for the exact amount of money to pay for anything I needed." "That's brilliant" says the waitress "You will always be rich" Then, she asks, "but what's with the ostrich?" The man sighs, pauses and replies, "my second wish was for a tall bird with a big bottom and long legs who agrees with everything I say".

Assumpta Ann

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**I tried changing my Google password to Beef Stew, but
they came back and said it wasn't Stroganoff**

Paul Russell

**(with apologies.... Perhaps you could do better?
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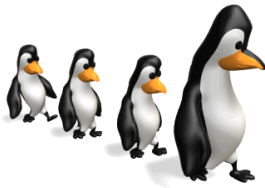
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No organised walks have taken place recently, therefore any keen walker who would like to start organising said walks would be greatly appreciated.

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SELF STORE CONTAINERS

TEMPLE TEASER SOLUTION

From page 6

Answers!

1. St. Kilda
2. A Sound
3. A Graticule
4. TOLVERNE
5. Alfa, "I have a diver down; keep well clear at slow speed."
6. 32
7. Two
8. Semi-durnal tide
9. Your nose and it is, of course, activated by "sniffing"
10. All durations of light and darkness are of equal length