

## COMMODORE'S BLOG

Another busy month at the RTYC.

The Navigation Class of 2017 had their prize giving earlier this month. It is always a pleasure congratulating everyone on passing their exams. We hope to see you all back next year, hopefully a number of the Yacht Masters will rise to the challenge of the Ocean course, before Dick and I get rusty.



Photo - Chris Cox

For those of you who missed St George's night, what a treat; though one confirmation we will not be starting the Temple choir in the near future. I have not laughed so much in ages. Excellent job Stuart and the team. (See more on that on page 6.)

Very happy to see the weather on Monday did not scupper Josh and Julia's plans to set off around Britain aboard *Luna Sea*.

Wishing you fair winds, calm seas, welcome anchorages and the most enjoyable adventures.

When our friends set off to for-fill their dreams it leaves you pondering your next adventure.

Happy dreaming

**Andy Beaumont-Hope**  
**Commodore**

### 250 CLUB DRAW

#### APRIL 2017

£25	Nº 12	Mr I Braithwaite
£50	Nº 187	Mr A Walking
£100	Nº 43	Mr B Young
£200	Nº 42	Mr J Humphries
		<b>SNOWBALL</b>
£50	Nº 28	Mr C Brearley (Absent)

**NEXT DRAW**  
**SUNDAY 28 My 2017**

#### BY POPULAR DEMAND



**Coffee Morning**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in every Month  
Coffee Morning 10am – 12  
Come for Coffee  
We are now offering freshly ground coffee!

**Coffee & Cake £ 3.50**

Coffee is available all through the day, the morning is simply a way of bringing members old and new together.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

April has been another manic month for the club's social media. Engagement continues to grow with both Facebook and twitter followers growing.

At the start of April we covered the first race of the season, and the first race with Stuart Carter as Race Officer assisted by a new team. The 160th Anniversary of the club was celebrated in style with the all-girl group Hotsy Totsy singing in the Club Bar. Malcolm Kirkaldie continues to send in photos of our yachts out racing and also some videos, and we have updated the cover photograph of the page with one of his images.

*Stuart Carter at the helm.*



The new cover photo for the Facebook page, thanks to Malcolm Kirkaldie



We also covered a BBC news report about local girl Meg Dyos. You may remember that she gave a talk at the club last year and there is now a film out called "*Losing sight of Land*" which documents her exploits as part of the Coxless Crew on the 2015 Pacific Ocean row.

As previously mentioned by the Commodore, the Navigation School held its annual prize giving and my trusty photographer Chris Cox and I were there to document the event. Pictures are available on the club website [www.rtyc.com](http://www.rtyc.com).

The photography competition continues to grow with 13 entrants this month. Remember you don't have to be a member or on Facebook to enter just email me your picture at [coxinthebox63@gmail.com](mailto:coxinthebox63@gmail.com) to be in. It's a chance of winning a £20 top-up on your gold card, or a drink allowance alternative. The winner this month was sent in by Martin Morgan although his partner Rachel

Please send any contributions for compilation into the next issue or comments, etc to Sue Foster at [sueandtommyfoster@gmail.com](mailto:sueandtommyfoster@gmail.com)

actually took the photo. It is of *T.S. Royalist* which visited our harbour during the month.



Josh and Julia Lidstone held farewell drinks at the club before setting off on their adventures around England. You can follow their blogs on [www.lunar-sea.com](http://www.lunar-sea.com). Also don't forget you can keep track of Nick and Fiona Rawbone on their Facebook page Yacht NoStress.



*Josh and friends at pre-sail drinks*

Carol and I have had a meeting with Shepherd Neame and Whitstable Bay who are our sponsors for Ramsgate Week about how we can support each other more on social media which was very encouraging.

So remember if you want to advertise an event, bearing in mind it does not only go out to club members, or you want to send in a photo please contact me on the email above. I am off on holiday for a few weeks so will update the sites when I have wi-fi.

All the best

**Karen**

## What's Happening in May?

### Thursday 4th May

**Coffee Morning 10am - 12.00**

Coffee and Cake available. £3.50.

### Thursday 11th May

**Cruising Social from 7.30pm**

All Welcome

### Wednesday 17th May 7pm – 9 pm

**Introduction to Navionics** using an android or iPad. Navigation School and all RTYC Member's welcome.

Please let us know if you are coming and bring your device with you.

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

**RTYC Walking Group & ALL Club members** and their friends and family. This month we are walking to support the

**MAY DAY EVERY DAY  
RNLI WALKING EVENT**

Meet at RTYC 11am. Walk to Dumpton Gap and back. Lunch at the Club (optional). £5 per walker. Please let Carol know if you would like to join the group

### Thursday 25th May

**Michelle Jonette Party**

We will be welcoming back NSYC once again for their annual race to Ramsgate.

### Friday 26th May

**Euro Regatta & Prize Giving** - times to follow.

### Saturday 27th May

**Bob Booth's Ashes will be Scattered**

With thanks to the Ramsgate RNLI, Terrie and the family will be leaving the harbour at 2pm. Any boats wishing to join in the flotilla should please follow the lifeboat out.

**Jazz in the Club.**

**The Celebration of Bob's Life** will continue in the Club with **Dick Smith's Jazz Band** playing from 7pm – 9.30pm

**Terrie** will also be celebrating her

**60th Birthday**

(no! can't be!!?) and invites all Club Members to the evening.

### Sunday 28th May

**Club Carvery 12.30 - 4pm**

Pre book only! call 01843 591766

[info@rtyc.com](mailto:info@rtyc.com)

**250 Club Draw** 3pm Main Bar

The **Summer Ball** 10th June needs your support, if you haven't already, please call to book your places, bring your friends and family to this great evening, which is supporting Sailability.

**Three Course Dinner and live music with CoCo at the Pavilion Broadstairs.**





## TEMPLE TEASER

from Stuart Carter

Answers on Page 7

These are all anagrams of places or objects around Ramsgate or nearby:

1. Hoary Oral Rub
2. Corn Plot Rot
3. No Wading Sods
4. Be A Skater
5. Phone Did All
6. Glum Alerts
7. Mortally Pee
8. Kilotons Bars Lard
9. Downlink Logo
10. Wren Quest



## INVITATION TO A TALK AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BROADSTAIRS

AN EVENING WITH  
DAME ZANDRA RHODES - IN CONVERSATION!



In a rare public appearance outside Southern California, Dame Zandra Rhodes has generously agreed to host what promises to be an entertaining and enjoyable evening at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, focusing on her extraordinary life and work,

on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm, where she will be

"In Conversation" with Dennis Nothdruff, the Curator of the Fashion and Textile Museum in London.

Zandra has designed for clients as diverse as Diana, Princess of Wales, Jackie Onassis, Elizabeth Taylor and Freddie Mercury. She continues to design for the rich and famous around the world from royalty to rock stars, including HRH Princess Michael of Kent, Bianca Jagger, Kylie Minogue, Anastasia, Paris Hilton, Joan Rivers and the late Isabella Blow. This is sure to be an extremely popular event, so please note the date now and tell your friends! Refreshments will be available.

Tickets £10 are on sale at Victory News in Nelson Place Broadstairs and also via Frances Lowden in the Parish Office open Tues-Fri 9.30am - 12 Noon e-mail [holytrinity2009@live.co.uk](mailto:holytrinity2009@live.co.uk) (01843-862921). Don't miss it!



### An introduction to Navionics

17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 19:00-21:00  
at the RUC

Following a request from a number of the "local" sea club members an evening to introduce all those who are interested in using the Navionics system of electronic charts and data collection.

The evening is open to all those who are interested in the system.

The evening is a casual, relaxed evening. There is no charge. Refreshments will be provided. The evening will be held at the RUC, 100 High Street, Ramsgate, Kent, TN38 9JL. Please contact the RUC for more information.

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# RAMSGATE WEEK 2017

23-28 JULY  
ramsgateweek.com

RTYC Member **Alex Alley** is aiming to break the **Solo Non-Stop Around the World Record** for a 40' yacht next year, currently set at 137d 20h 1m 57s by Chinese sailor Guo Chuan.

Alex will be at Ramsgate Week this year with his record breaking Class 40 'Pixel Flyer'. With two world records already under his belt, he needs your help. The crowd-funded campaign gives people the opportunity to have their picture or logo on the hull of the boat. Each 5cm x 5cm square or 'pixel' costs from £25 and any pixels bought by the beginning of July will be guaranteed to be on the boat for all to see at Ramsgate Week. There will also be a chance to win a sail onboard *Pixel Flyer* with Alex. Go to [www.alexalley.com](http://www.alexalley.com) to get on board or email [team@alexalley.com](mailto:team@alexalley.com)

## CRUISING

### Social Drinks at the Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month

Our first Cruise to Dover at Easter was a great success, with eleven boats and their crews enjoying very good weather and excellent sailing conditions. As always, we had a very warm welcome from our friends at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

Our next cruise is to Brightlingsea on the 26<sup>th</sup> May. So far nine boats have signed up for this trip and it promises to be a very good weekend. Our trip coincides with the Brightlingsea Regatta & Boat Show which will feature lots of entertainment and a Chandlery Jumble. So if you are interested in joining us, please send me your details.

Our Summer Cruise to Holland so far has six boats and the East Coast Cruise in August five boats. If you are interested in any of these trips, please let me know. We have also pencilled in a number of other trips, but as always these will depend on availability of crew, school holidays and of course the weather. Consequently the programme may change slightly during the year, but we will keep you updated (see the Cruising Programme).

Our Cruising Socials are proving very popular, particularly for new members of the Club. Our next meeting is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May



Enjoying the Easter Dover cruise –  
Martin Morgan and *Pintail*

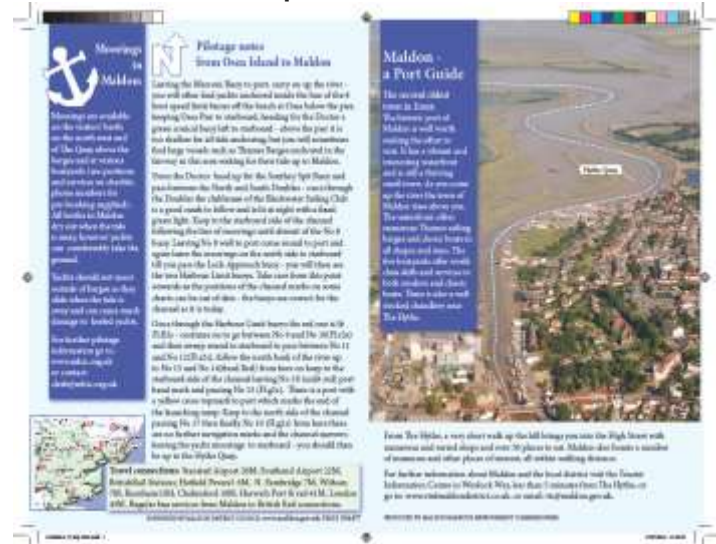
### Cruising Calendar (TBC)

26 May	Cruise	Brightlingsea
3 June	Cruise	Chatham
24 June-8 July	Summer Cruise	Holland
8-9 July	With the Race Fleet	Dover
23-28 July	Ramsgate Week	
15-27 August	East Coast Cruise	Orwell/Lowestoft
September TBA	Cruise	Brightlingsea
30 September	Thames Trafalgar Race	
24-24 Nov	Beaujolais Nouveau Weekend	Boulogne/RCPYC

**Stan Jacob**  
**RCC**

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When our pianist for the evening, Kay Blackmore, volunteered to play, little did she realise quite what she would be up against. Even Gareth Malone at his finest would have been hard-pressed to whip our singers into shape.

Nobody seemed to be singing in time with their neighbour and consequently everybody finished the songs at different times. It was truly hilarious.

If you are tone deaf please take a look Karen's video on the website – not pretty. *Jerusalem* will never seem the same again.

It was a super night but one that may not be repeated!

**Sue Foster**

## ST GEORGE'S NIGHT – REPORT

The Club celebrated our Patron Saint, St George, in great style this year. MC for the evening, Stuart Carter, devised a very entertaining programme for evening and the Dining Room looked splendid, awash with red and white flags and balloons.

Our traditional dinner, so ably provided by Dave and his team, was accompanied by a quiz (which produced some appallingly low scores!) and some readings from various members – as follows:



- Roger Green John O'Gaunt's speech from Henry V *This Sceptre'd Isle*
- Karen *Home Thoughts from Abroad*
- Tommy Rupert Brooke's 1<sup>st</sup> World War poem, *The Soldier*
- Stuart A "History" of St George
- Andy B-H Excerpt from Bill Bryson's *Notes from A Small Island*

Up to this point all was fairly civilised and well behaved but, as already alluded to in Andy's blog, the evening totally disintegrated when the singing began.

## TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY



Once again a good turnout of 12 golfers who enjoyed some great golf and glorious weather. It was a very close game all-round.

April's winner was Reg Collins coming in with a score of 33 points (Reg loses 2 strokes). Close on his heels was Ronnie Vaughan with 31 points, on countback, (Ronnie loses 1 stroke).

Nearest the pin on the 14th was Mark Andrews. There were some great distance shots for the longest drive on the 18th but none actually landed on the fairway. The Leader Board is looking very interesting with some of the highest scores yet and so soon into the year.

**Wednesday 10th May**, is the "**Captain's Invitation Fun Day**" which is taking place at Stonelees Golf Centre starting off with a basket of balls on the range, followed by a round on the heights playing Texas Scramble a bacon roll and coffee plus a prize for the winning team.

The next monthly round at Westgate is:  
Wednesday 17th May  
Tee off 10.15 Sharp

**David Comiskey**  
**Captain**



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## TEMPLE TEASER SOLUTION

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2. Port Control
3. Goodwin Sands
4. East Brake
5. Deal Dolphin
6. Gull Stream
7. Royal Temple
8. Broadstairs Knoll
9. Goodwin Knoll
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