



Royal Temple Yacht Club

Annual General Meeting

**Sunday 7th December 2014
11.30 hrs.**

PLEASE NOTE:

No member will be admitted to the Annual General Meeting unless his/her subscription has been paid in full in accordance with Rule 9 or having signed a Direct Debit for deferred payment. Gold membership cards must be produced at the door. Staff will then confirm the 2014/15 subscription has been paid by referring to the database. The attendants register can then be signed.

Any member wishing to pay their subscription(s) on the day of the Annual General Meeting **must attend between 10.00 and 10.30 am** in order that payments can be processed and entry authorised. Members wishing to pay on the day but arriving after 10.30 am may be required to wait until all other members have been registered, thereby running the risk of non-entry to the meeting.

The purpose of this is to reduce the time taken in order to register members for the meeting. Your co-operation to ensure delays are not incurred as a result of last minute payments will be greatly appreciated.

John Barrett
Honorary Secretary

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

In accordance with Rule 20, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Temple Yacht Club will be held on Sunday 7th December 2014 at 11.30 a.m. Please be seated by 11.15 a.m.

AGENDA

- Apologies
- To approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 1st December 2013
- To consider matters arising there from.
- To introduce Officers and Committee Members standing for election.
- To elect in accordance with Rule 6 the Officers of the Club, as enumerated in Rule 3, to serve for the coming year.
- To elect in accordance with Rule 6 a General Committee to serve for the coming year.
- To receive the accounts and balance sheets for the year ended 30th September 2014, together with the report of the Honorary Treasurer and to approve the same.
- To receive reports from the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore Sail, Rear Commodore Cruising, Honorary Secretary, Honorary House Officer, Chairman Entertainment Committee and Navigation School.
- Any Other Business allowed by the Chair.

John Barrett
Honorary Secretary

Dear Member,

Please find enclosed the annual reports from your Flag Officers and The Chair of Committees. Also the Annual Accounts for the year ending 30th September 2014. Since the last Annual General Meeting there have been 9 General Committee meetings with attendance as follows.

Commodore	9	Committee:	
Vice Commodore	8	E. Anderson	8
Rear Commodore Sail	4	T Adams	8
Rear Commodore Cruisers	7	B Booth	9
Honorary Secretary	9	N Collingwood	6
Honorary Treasurer	6	A Ketteringham	2
Honorary House Officer	3	K. Cox	8
G Greenfield – Trustee	0	P. Woodward	7
P Moore – Trustee	0	P. Mair	8
R Oates – Trustee	1	R. Smith (Nav. School)	7
W Tuddenham - Trustee	0		

Membership of the Club at 30th September 2014 was 498 (Full & Joint including academy). During this year 15 members were elected, 25 resigned and regrettably 2 died.

If a member wishes an item to be included under AOB, it is advisable that details should be submitted to the Commodore 7 days prior to the AGM. Also, if a member wishes to ask a question relating to the accounts, written notice of that question should be given to the Honorary Treasurer not less than 7 days before the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

John Barrett
Honorary Secretary

ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

ACCOUNTANTS` REPORT ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

We report on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2014

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

The Club's officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion on those accounts.

BASIS OF OPINION

We have carried out an independent examination of the accounts and our work consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the club and making such enquiries of the officers of the club as we considered necessary. These procedures provide only the assurance expressed in our opinion.

OPINION

In our opinion the club's accounts are in agreement with the accounting records and correctly disclose the club's financial position at 30 September 2014

Dudley Gore & Co (signed)
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19th November 2014
Date:

Dudley Gore & Co.
Certified Practising Accountants

50 Queen Street
Ramsgate
Kent
CT11 9EE

Honorary Treasurer's Report

The Accounts before you show that the club has held its own again. The appropriate measures taken at the beginning of the year are reflected in this result. Ramsgate Week has shown a healthy return again. This is due to the considerable voluntary efforts put in for which the club is most grateful as it yields a material contribution to the "bottom line", plus helping bar takings for the week, a considerable achievement much appreciated.

A gross profit of 55.31% in the Bar has been achieved, and it is pleasing that this has been achieved again this year. The more sales there are, the better the return to your club. This message remains the same, for another year, and thanks go to those who support the club in this way. The bar elective committee are thanked for their constant support and sterling hard work.

Income from accommodation and functions has picked up significantly in the year, following on from the trend set at the end of last year. Club functions and catering continue to present challenges which keep everyone on their toes, and we are all grateful to the back office and entertainments team.

As always, looking to the future, I would propose that the General Committee be given discretionary authority to raise the 2015/2016 subscription by the Government published Retail Prices Index at 31st July 2015, if, at the time, any increase is justified.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Elizabeth Anderson for her continued invaluable help and support. Thank you Elizabeth.

Nicolas Irwin

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TRADING, PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
	£	£
<u>BAR</u>		
Sales	165,290	170291
Opening Stock	9,085	10644
Purchases	74,301	75048
Closing Stock	9,516	9085
Cost of Sales	73,870	76607
GROSS PROFIT	£ 91,420	£ 93684
	55.31%	55.01%

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RAMSGATE WEEK 2014 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
	£	£
Sponsorship and Advertising	16510	8430
Entrance Fees	6735	6925
Yacht Charter		3725
Catering income	1133	511
Sub total	24378	19591
Refreshments for sponsors	1446	600
Printing and advertising	1931	1276
Race packs and fuel	636	475
Trophy Engraving	450	813
Sundries	150	239
Boat Hire/Charter	2100	1800
Officials		176
PR	1905	1055
Glassware	600	800
Committee boat, RIB and fuel		2588
Video & RIB	1400	
Marketing for Sponsors	4000	
Donation	350	
Canon blanks & maintenance.	362	
Sub total	15330	9822
Net Profit	£ 9048	£ 9769

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
	£	£
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
Balance b/forward	268345	257741
Surplus for the year	9060	10604
	£ 277405	£ 268345
REPRESENTED BY:-		
FIXED ASSETS		
Freehold premises and improvements	188452	190823
Furniture and equipment	5345	10510
Sub total	193797	201333
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stocks Bar	9516	9085
Insignia	100	100
Stationery	50	50
Debtors and prepayments	11865	1069
Bank current account	23025	27968
Bank deposit accounts	70131	79075
Cash in hand	5280	5399
Sub total	119967	122746
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors and accrued charges	31524	45254
Subscriptions in advance	4835	10480
Sub total	36359	55734
Net Current Assets	83608	67012
	£ 277405	£ 268345

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>		
Bar profits	93240	93684
Insignia profits	696	412
Subscriptions and entrance fees	79106	79748
Accommodation, functions & catering surplus	34278	23613
Donations		1200
Interest received gross	56	36
Ramsgate Week surplus	9048	9769
Return on Catering	9440	6633
Warrants	210	120
Sub total	224254	215305
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Rates, water and refuse	13460	12081
Insurances	8265	8100
Staff wages & NIC	81574	90412
Lighting and heating	27103	16647
Repairs and maintenance	33743	22142
Printing and stationery	1900	1367
Laundry and cleaning	11425	9027
Newspapers and periodicals	1047	635
Postage and telephone	4378	3572
Stocktaker and bar expenses	1680	1640
Accountancy and book-keeping	1671	1170
Sailing and racing	7443	8169
Subscriptions & Licenses	1236	1589
General expenses	804	2018
Bank charges	3545	3979
Photocopier charges		1998
Equipment replacement/service	8384	8237
Depreciation	7536	6918
Academy		5000
Sub total	215194	204701
Surplus for the year	£ 9060	£ 10604

ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB - 250 CLUB - FINAL ACCOUNTS

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For the year 1 October 2013 - 30 September 2014

	12 months	12 months	12 months	12 months
	2014	2014	2013	2013
	£	£	£	£
SUBSCRIPTIONS	12090		12075	
PRIZES	<u>8000</u>		<u>8049</u>	
GROSS SURPLUS		4090		4026
Add: OTHER INCOME				
Transfer from Deposit	0		-	
Bank Interest				
Receivable	<u>1.51</u>		<u>1</u>	
		4091.51		4027
Deduct: EXPENSES				
Bank Charges	96.15		98	
Refund	60		-	
Postage and				
Stationery	100		-	
Cost of Buffet	<u>271.82</u>		<u>175</u>	
		527.97		273
NET SURPLUS		3563.54		3754
Payments to RTYC		<u>1600</u>		<u>1200</u>
TRANSFER TO ACCUMULATED FUND		1964		2554

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STATEMENT OF FUNDS

For the year 1 October 2013 - 30 September 2014

	12 months	12 months	12 months	12 months
	2014	2014	2013	2013
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank	15134.24		13172	
Deposit A/c	3761.67		3760	
	<u>18895.91</u>		<u>16932</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Subscriptions in Advance			-	
Sundry Creditor			-	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		18895.91		16932

Represented By:

ACCUMULATED FUND

Balance Brought Forward		16932		14378
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year		1964		2554
		<u>18896</u>		<u>16932</u>

Signed: J E Barrett

Treasurer: Elizabeth Anderson

Honorary Secretary Report

It has proved another busy year for the Secretariat and staff. Carol and Barry are an excellent team and must be thanked for the smooth running of the club. They have a very willing and able staff who also must all be congratulated for their commitment to the club and the well being of the members and visitors. We must always be aware that attention to our members needs is paramount although in these continuing financial uncertain times the commercial aspect of the club is very important. Outside functions and corporate meetings continue to be sought and our first year of listing the clubs accommodation on Booking.com has been successful even though we have certain restrictions listed. Rest assured, members will not be inconvenienced, rooms are always kept aside for members and on club function nights all rooms are taken offline.

250 Club Report

During the past year the 250 Club paid for the installation of a new telephone system throughout the club and has made a major contribution to the refitting of the kitchen.

I guess because of the pressure on members personal finances the 250 Club membership is declining. I would like to stop that trend and urge all to consider its function, which is to provide the club with the things that make it that bit special and help pay for major works. Everyone admires the crest in our carpets and the leather chairs, all funded by the 250 Club.

Membership of the Club is restricted to 250 people, the subscription being £5 per month. 75% of the proceeds are returned as prizes in a monthly draw and an annual bonanza draw. Please consider joining, application forms are always available from myself or the office. Friends and family are very welcome to join.

John Barrett

Commodore's Report

This is my first report as Commodore and I am pleased to say that your Club has enjoyed another successful year.

My predecessor as Commodore, Mike Brand, left a great legacy of innovation, imagination and sound business direction. I would like to record my thanks on behalf of all our members to Mike for his prudent yet imaginative stewardship of our Club.

I will try to build on the foundations laid over the previous five years. We have a Club that is financially sound, well respected and I believe, well positioned to build upon its reputation and financial position over the coming years.

We are very fortunate in having dedicated and professional staff. I offer my sincere thanks to them on behalf of all the members, for another year's great efforts and successful delivery of service to our members and visitors.

We are also fortunate in having a dedicated group of members who are willing to accept and discharge, on a voluntary basis, the duties of the Officers of the Club, and Members of the General Committee. Our sincere thanks go to them. We must also thank that group of members who carry out various functions in support of the Club; assisting with the Navigation School, the race hut, and the many social functions – all of which make this Club a vibrant and engaging entity.

The highlights of 2014 include the visit by the Duke of Kent to award certificates to our Academy students. This Royal visit is a powerful recognition of the work that we are doing, as a club, to contribute to society generally by offering the opportunity to youngsters to expand their horizons, build their confidence and prepare themselves for life. We will continue to develop our Academy programme to bring more young people into the sport of sailing and develop that shared interest in sailing which lies at the heart of our club.

Ramsgate Week 2014 was another great success. Our sponsorship partners were more active than in previous years, generating interest and revenue for the Club and also building commercial momentum for their own businesses. Our thanks go to the Ramsgate Week Committee and all those members who helped to make Ramsgate week 2014 such a great success.

The Royal Temple Yacht Club is in a strong position. With your support, we shall continue to strive to develop the Clubs activities and expand its reach both in our local communities and more widely.

Frank Martin

School of Navigation and Sail Training

The Navigation School can report another very successful year. Our numbers for the three theory classes, which ran from October 2013 to March 2014, were slightly down on the previous year, with 7 students on the Day Skipper course, 9 students on the Yacht Master course and 5 students on the Ocean Master course, but we are pleased to report a 100% pass rate on all courses.

Our 'End-of-Term' Presentation Evening and Buffet took place at the end of March when, certificates and special awards were presented. The winners of the special Trophies were as follows: The Navigation School Trophy *for the most improved Day Skipper* was awarded to James Mair, the Roy & Mary Trophy *for the best Day Skipper* went to Keith Stone, the Noel Smythe Trophy *for the most improved Yacht Master* was won by Evan Ingram, the Quartermain Trophy *for the Best Yacht Master* was awarded to Mark Stedman and the Denys Tweddell Cup *for the Best Ocean Master* was won by John Adkin. The 'Muscateer' Tankard, the Principal's Special Trophy, was this year awarded to our 'Classroom Assistant', Michelle Stoneley, for her services to the Navigation School and to the Academy and the Mini Academy. In addition to our Navigation Theory courses, we also ran a First Aid Course in March, which was attended by 12 students and two VHF/SRC Courses, one in March, which was attended by 4 students, and one in November with 9 students.

During the summer months we continued to offer Competent Crew, Day Skipper and Coastal Skipper Practical Courses either aboard 'Torbellin', a 'Sigma 38', that is fully coded and is the dedicated teaching yacht for the RTYC Navigation School, but which we charter from 'Heron Sailing' or aboard members' own boats. In June 2 Students took the Yacht Master Offshore course, followed by an RYA Exam afloat and both were successful. Also in June we had our Mini Academy students from Chilton Junior School when six 11 year olds had a 6-week Module in Navigation which included 4 sessions afloat as an 'Introduction to Sailing' and in September 2 students took their Competent Crew Course, which included a trip to Boulogne. Members were also able to complete the 'ICC' course - International Certificate of Competence, which is required for sailing in European waters, and the CEVNI Course - the Inland Waterways Certificate which is required for the French, Belgian and Dutch canals and inland waterways.

With our 2014/15 theory season now under way, we are all looking forward to yet another successful year. This coming year, our numbers are back up to our expected average with a total of 29 students, 13 enrolling on the Day Skipper course, 10 are studying for the Yacht Master Offshore and we have 6 students on the Ocean Master course.

None of this would happen without the dedication of our instructors, to whom I give my sincere thanks. The Day Skipper course this year is being run by Mike Greenstreet with the assistance of Roy Fomison, Nigel Collingwood and Chris Cox. Michelle Stoneley is assisting me in the Yacht Master course and congratulations to Andrew Beaumont-Hope who, earlier this year, qualified as an RYA Shore-Based Instructor and has joined me as an 'Ocean' Course Tutor. We also have to thank Elizabeth Anderson, our Administration Officer, who has again done a superb job in looking after the enrolment of our students, ordering all our student packs and keeping a firm hand on our purse strings.

In addition to the teaching services we offer to members of our Club, a further aim of the Navigation School is to make annual donations to the Royal Temple Yacht Club, and I am pleased to announce that the Navigation School's finances are in a very healthy state. So far this year we have bought a Defibrillator for the Club at a cost of £845.00 and we are now looking forward to funding new projects, small or large, as and when requested by the General Committee.

Richard Smith
Principal

Rear Commodore Cruising Report

2014 was a very highly enjoyable year for Cruising members. We started off with a very successful Boat Jumble at The Hop Farm which allowed members to empty their boat lockers and garages of old and unwanted gear. The proceeds were donated to the Academy. On this point I must acknowledge the generosity of Sarah and Andy Beaumont-Hope who provided transport.

For cruising, we were blessed with beautiful weather for most of the year, which enabled us to undertake a record number of successful cruises. The first of these was a weekend trip to Dover where we were welcomed by the by our friends at the RCPYC. This was followed by a very enjoyable cruise around Sheppey, which attracted seven boats. This was the largest cruiser gathering for many years and is hopefully a pointer for the future.

Neville Petts organised a number of talks during the year. The most important of these were the two given by Des Crampton, he described his planning for his Arctic Adventure and on his return, the trip itself.

The success of the year was due in large part to the efforts of Norma and Paul Russell. As we know they are well in to their round the world cruise and will not be back to these shores until late 2015, so we wish them well.

I would like to thank the Cruising committee for all the help and assistance they have given me for the last year. We are in the process of preparing our Cruising programme for 2015 which will include other activities as well as traditional cruises. Hopefully we will have the same weather and support.

Stan Jacob

Rear Commodore Sail Report

Overall we have enjoyed a good season's racing. The three main series were well attended and enjoyed by all. The evening series was run by our Race Hut Team for the first time this year and proved to be an all-round success.

The Offshore series is working but only to a point. The Foreland Fifteen, Dover and RTG races are all well attended but getting a fleet to race to France or Belgium is proving difficult. I will put on a Boulogne race in early summer for next year to make a five race series and hopefully our cruising section will join us.

The 2014 Temple on Tour was a nonstarter with very little interest. The Temple on Tour concept is a good one and for 2015 I intend to organise for both the racing and cruising sections to go to the Felixstowe Regatta, July 11th and 12th.

The Racing Crews Lunch and Prize Giving were both proved a big success.

Thank you to all of you that offered your help during the course of the year, it is so appreciated.

Steve Stokes

Rear Commodore Sail

House Officer Report

Another year in the position of House Officer, has again flown by. We have a beautiful clubhouse however, the upkeep is a never ending project.

We have had a very busy year, and I must say “thank you” again to Carol, Barry and Sue as a team, for their help and support throughout the year. Managing the day to day tasks required in the clubhouse, the daily cleaning duties, and dealing with minor repairs and, many smaller “in house” jobs. Clive Nichols, our previous Bosun, has come in on a part time basis, attending to some of the general maintenance requirements that have arisen, thus getting things done on time and representing a considerable saving to the club without the need to use outside contractors.

The highlight of the year was in May, with the royal visit to RTYC by His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent. To show the clubhouse at its very best, there were weeks of preparation including decorating, cleaning, polishing and making sure everything had been perfectly prepared for the visit. The result of all the hard work, being the Club looked terrific. A great team effort!

The main project for this year, has been to completely refurbish and upgrade the club kitchen, All works were carried out by contractors JJ UK, completed on time, with minimum disturbance to the general workings of the club, and within the allocated budget. This all went ahead without any unforeseen problems and we are now seeing the benefits of this investment in the form of the improved service and reliability. A storage cupboard for the catering equipment has also been built on the landing to prevent the use of the Snooker room as storage.

During the year, the usual tasks have been carried out, such as the carpets cleaned regularly, the annual check to the roof and guttering, safety testing of the electrical equipment, The regular cleaning of the silverware in the trophy cabinet, and various white goods have been purchased including an extra microwave and washing machine.

The modernization of the bedrooms is still ongoing , with the purchase of new items of furniture, the sponsored Brass Name plates for the bedroom doors are now in place, and Bedroom 7 the family room, is due to be online soon. The Public Address/Music system has been upgraded, allowing us to use this throughout the clubhouse and also outside on the terrace, especially during functions such as Ramsgate Week. The reorganization of the store rooms in the hold bar has allowed for more efficient use of the space, and the CCTV has also been extended again with the installation of a new up to date monitor adding to the club security. There have been repairs to the Terrace, and the handrail to the lower steps, and the purchase of new Terrace furniture and sun umbrella.

The never ending tasks of repair and redecoration of the building continues with our ongoing improvement programme I can report that the upgrade and redecoration of the Gents and Ladies cloakrooms will be scheduled for early in the New Year. Along with the works already in place to cure the damp problem in the Hold Bar and Navigation school area. I would also like to create a dedicated space for some of the many artefacts relating to the history of the RTYC which rarely see the light of day.

I would like to thank, members of the General Committee and members of Staff for their support over the year and those Club Members who have willingly given their advice, time and assistance throughout.

Judy Pearson
House Officer

Entertainments Report

We saw in 2014 with our now customary black tie dinner with music provided in their inimitable fashion by 2Bro.

In January Burns night was celebrated with a supper, Stuart Carter addressed the haggis and Bill Williamson the Selkirk grace, a great evening was had by all.

Following on from this we held the 250 club draw and then the ever popular RNLI supper, which quite justly is well supported by the membership a raffle was held for their benefit.

During the year various people held parties in the club to celebrate birthdays. Please consider the RTYC facilities for your functions as the club is an excellent venue.

In May we held a quiz night which represented excellent value with 2 bottles of wine and bread and cheese per tables of six, all great value for £5. May, also saw the return of our colleagues from Belgium, France & Holland for the annual Oostende to Ramsgate race, followed by our tribute evening to the late Michel Jonnette.

The combined clubs summer ball held at the Winter Gardens did not go as planned due to a mix up over the administration of the advertised band, there was frantic phone calls being made on the Saturday afternoon before the event and Willson Ford very kindly bailed us out at very short notice, they are also performing for us at this new year's dinner.

Ramsgate week came and went without a hitch with live music every night, more of which in a separate report.

In September Dick Smith and the Temple Jazz band performed providing a thoroughly enjoyable evening. In the same month we held the Officers re-union.

The sailing season was rounded off with the crew's lunch with prize giving the following week. Both events were superbly supported with entertainment organised by Dick Smith and the usual fluid dispatching of silver ware by Judy Pearson. I extend a special thank you to Mack for looking after the trophies

Dates for your diary are the Children's Christmas party December 14th, Christmas dinner (black tie members only) December 20th New Year's Eve dinner, again formal dress and moving into 2015 Valentines night masked ball at the Broadstairs Pavilion in conjunction with Broadstairs Sailing Club.

I am signing off from general committee and I would ask that you support my successor by attending the events that are arranged, and please give consideration by booking in good time, a lot of effort goes into preparation with table plans and catering and it is regretful to have to turn away last minute bookings.

I would like to extend my thanks to Terrie Booth, Elizabeth Anderson, Karen Cox, Carol Jackson, Clive Nicholls and Nicola Andrews for their input and help during the past year, without their help and dedication none of this would happen.

Rob Booth
Entertainment chairman

RTYC Academy

In February this year the Commodore, Dave Parish and Dick Smith again took our Power Point Presentation out to Dane Court School, St.George's school and The Marlowe Academy to recruit 'The Class of '14'. Twenty students from these three schools signed up for our six theory sessions on Wednesday afternoons in March, with instruction given by members of the Navigation School and Academy Committee. Attendance and enthusiasm was high and on May 27th all 20 students attended an award ceremony held at the Club, where they were presented with their Certificates of Basic Navigation (shore Based) by HRH Duke of Kent.

Throughout May and June the 20 students from the Class of '14 joined the 8 students who had re-joined from the previous year and were allocated to one of our racing boats each Sunday to put into practice the skills they had learnt in the classroom. By the end of the Spring Series, 6 students had failed to take up the opportunity to go out on the water and, although very keen, 8 more had to return to Norway at the beginning of July. The remaining 14 students continued to sail throughout the season, taking part in Ramsgate Week and the Autumn Series, with 12 being signed up as permanent crew on one of our racing boats.

At the annual Club Prize Giving, Commendation Awards were presented to Olivia Britton (X-Waves) and Courtney O'Toole (Principessa) for their achievements in sailing during the season. The Junior Cup was awarded to Mitchell Stokes-Carter who has now completed his second year as 'Foredeck' aboard Principessa.

In July the Navigation School also provided a 10 week Navigation Module for a small group of 11 year old students from the Chilton Junior School which formed part of their Year 6 'Sports Syllabus'. The 'Mini Academy' course included some classroom tuition as well as practical sessions afloat. Those students are now attending one of our 'Feeder Secondary Schools' and we would hope to see them again as fully-fledged Academy members in a few years time.

For the 2015 season we have again been asked if we can re-visit Dane Court, St.George's and The Marlowe Schools for the next in-take of Year 11 pupils and we will also be approaching St Lawrence College and Chatham/Clarendon House, who have indicated that they would like to be included this year. Two of our 'Class of '14' Academy members have offered to join our 'schools visiting team' to talk to their peers about their own experiences this year and an invitation will be extended to them to join our Academy Committee. The Theory Course, again run by the Navigation School with the assistance of members of the Academy Committee, will take place, in the New Year, after our School visits.

We are delighted to see Academy members using the Club and joining in Club activities ashore as well as afloat. For this success, thanks must go to our Boat Owners/Skippers who are willing to take these young novices to sea in Club races and mould them into useful crew members and we look forward to seeing this new section of the Club grow during the coming years.

Finally, Breaking News – Toby Wood, who is currently studying for his Yacht Master Ocean (Shore-Based) Certificate with the Navigation School and who has recently finished his third season crewing aboard X-Waves, has just heard that he has been accepted into the UKSA British Keel Boat Squad. Well Done Toby.

That is what the Academy is all about.

Richard Smith

Academy Officer