



# July 2019 News Brief!!

Funny old summer this.....innit!

As many of our members are away enjoying time afloat, myself included, its been pretty quiet on the news front, but there are one or two things you may be interested to read, so here goes....

The DHB Community Regatta takes place on **Sunday 4th August**, the club stand will be up on the promenade opposite the club, any members wishing to help please let me know by email to either the honsec account. The club has been asked to put on a race in the harbour at 15:15hrs which means that yachts from both the Granville and Wellington Docks will be able to take part. Briefing will be at 2pm at the marina office steps, I believe that DHB will be providing some prizes as they did two years ago (that was 3 bottles of champagne) and we could put up one of the trophies that had to be cancelled due to the weather etc. Can you please let me or one of the Rear Commodores know if you intend to race. There will be live music from the stage which is to be positioned in the gap next to the club until late, so it will be loud, and there is also a live screening outdoor cinema showing "The Greatest Showman" which will be somewhere around the Hythe Bay Restaurant / Dover Sea Sports and is free but donations will be sought for the local worthy causes which DHB support currently. The Harbour Board have gone to great pains this year to ensure that there is something for everyone to enjoy the amazing resource which is our seafront, so let's hope it is well attended and that the weather doesn't do the same rebellion as did last year. The club will be open house for the day and subject to confirmation is likely to be open until late. Due to the number of water based activities programmed on the day the club will not be providing taster sails.

A quick shout out to those of our members known to be away cruising, David & Leslie Sinnock, Peter & Shirley South, Jim & Hilary Logan, Steve & Lucy Masters and children, Ed Ward, Richard Hart and Roger Moore somewhere in Germany, Roger & Gwynne Robson somewhere far away, Nick Lockhart (having engine problems) on the Canals / River Thames in his narrow boat, welcome back to Martin & Clare Walker from their round - Britain adventure, Mick Chatfield from somewhere West of Brest, David (E) Ford and Dave Ford from Gravelines, Jim White and Tim Laite from Boulogne (my head still hurts!) Rob & Kathy Govett with Amie and friend and Peter Hurd from Boulogne (although I see your boat is still tied up there Peter) and Bernard Sealy and vast crew along with Ken Lees and his crew both of whom are fresh back from the 2019 Ramsgate Week Campaign, I'd wager there are a few stories to tell and I look forward to hearing them in due course.

On the note of Ramsgate Week, Bernard Sealy kindly gave me the following words to include in this news brief:-

*"The Club was represented by over 30 members of the RCPYC at Ramsgate Week though perhaps regrettably there were only two yachts from Dover - a good number of our sailors being recruited by our good friends and neighbours at Rye Harbour and Downs. Everybody just about survived the heat though at least two days were a battle of will power in up tide and light wind conditions. Karibia Breezes jointly skippered by Bernard Sealy and Roger Ga-*

*briel with a basically novice crew (fourteen people sailed with them during the week on one day or more - not all at the same time it should be noted. But with only one of that throng having previously sampled Ramsgate Week and its buzz and atmosphere it was a great introduction to serious racing. And most importantly they all enjoyed it. Bernard kept up his record of consistency in the event over the last decade in Class 7 with a race win, two seconds and two thirds eventually finishing a hugely creditable third with only two points splitting the leading contenders.*

*Ken Lees and his trusty yacht Rush fresh from their Round Britain adventure seemed to have sailed over the proverbial black cat with a monopoly of finding just about every hole in the wind or being in the wrong place for every change in the wind direction - very unlike them and unfortunately did not feature as they normally would at the top end of the fleet. Certainly those fortunes will change come our own Regatta at the end of August"*

I would like to thank Ken, Bernard and their respective crews for representing the club, putting on a good show and for being as usual, excellent ambassadors for us, for sailing generally and for sail racing more significantly.

Tonight, another well attended dine-in takes place, you all know the strap line ".....all for a mere tenner!" so I shan't bang on (but you really are missing out if you haven't tried it yet.

Just under a month to go until the club's annual regatta weekend, Saturday & Sunday 24th & 25th August, the apes sail being a Hog Roast and live singing by the very lovely lady who's name I keep forgetting but she belted out some crackers earlier this year and was enjoyed by all. We expect (weather permitting) to have two races across the 2 days, one long and one not so long and up for grabs will be the Prince Of Wales Cup and the Marquees of Reading Bowl as well as the traditional Davidson Plate and the Iverson Cup for the highest placed RCPYC boat in the two races.

We also have the much anticipated Wine Tasting evening on the (Friday) 13th September, no feedback from members at all (not a single one) as to your preferred format, in which case I shall determine that and advise you accordingly.

I leave you with a photo I took a mile and a half from Boulogne on our way in, when former Vice Commodore Jim White, Tim Laite and myself managed to repel boarders on the "high seas!" It was chucking it down, it was lumpy (and quite unpleasant) and I decided that we weren't stopping, heaving too, being boarded and that if anyone wanted to do so, they'd have to follow us into Boulogne!



Until next time, fair winds and following seas.

Geoff

