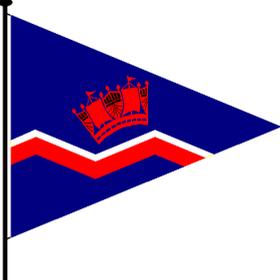


Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Yacht Club

e-Update

Spring 2017



Dear Members,

It is with a sense of both pleasure and trepidation that I accepted the position of Commodore of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Yacht Club. It is a pleasure to step into my predecessors shoes knowing that the continuing ethos of the club is at the heart of what we do and why we do it. Trepidation that those who have gone before me were excellent sailors and first-class leaders.

So - much to do and much to live up to.

Before I go further I would like to pay tribute to my immediate predecessor. Much of what happens in any club goes on below the radar and Nigel worked hard to see that the Club was run properly, particularly solving problems quietly and without fanfare. He also raised the necessary funds for the recommended actions arising from the Cheeky Rafiki incident and other upgrades to the yacht, ensuring that the Fastnet Campaign could go ahead in 2015. Above the radar - the two annual dinners on his watch were great successes and will be hard acts to follow.

Looking forward to this coming year, it is the club's 70th birthday and we have put in a very full year of activities on and off the water. I'm very pleased to see dinghy sailing back into the program and also an emphasis on trying to attract and retain younger members.

The Club wants to see as many people as possible at those events and members should remember that they can join in any event at any point as shore party. The Club can only exist if people support the events. The social side of the Club provides much of the glue that keeps us together and I am very keen to see those events continue to be the successes they have been in the past.

On the administration side during this year the committee will be working hard to revamp the website including electronic payment facilities. This will include optimising it for smart phone and tablet access. Additionally we have a subcommittee specifically tasked to augment our programme for existing members with some events designed to attract and retain younger members. In order to spread the load more evenly Tim Ware has taken on the role of Honorary Secretary from Peter Culver who has taken on the task of running the sub committee. All these tasks will mean some heavy lifting for all the committee and others who support us and I want to thank them in advance for the commitment this will take.

Looking to the future at the heart of what the club is trying to do is to provide sailing opportunities for all its members and particularly serving RNR's (our original ethos and the DNA enshrined in our objectives). So even if you are no longer an active sailor your continued support via your continued membership is important to the Clubs efforts.

Finally the committee can always use additional help whether assisting in organising events or helping with admin. You don't need to join the committee and your talents can be anything from marketing to accounting to legal to IT to boat maintenance. It can range from a number of days to one to two hours per month. Working from home in many cases. If you think you can help then please let me know. The Navy often relies on the skills its reservists bring from Civvy street. Whether List 1 or 2 your Club like the Navy needs your skills more than ever.

I hope to see as many of you as possible during this year.

Fair Winds, Calm Seas and Great Sailing
Peter

2016 Club Awards Presented at the Annual Dinner on board HMS Excellent by Sir Robin Knox-Johnston CBE RD*

Morton Smart Sextant. *Services to the club* - Alan Waters

Boatswains Bell. *Best article or Log Book* - Patrick Marshall

Elizabeth Cup. *First member home in the Round the Island Race* - Simon Harwood

Volunteer Cup. *For the most enterprising voyage* - Richard Snell

Commodore's Cup. *At the discretion of the Commodore for any deserving achievement* - Tim Ware .



We are pleased to report that Tom Cunningham's article relating his tales of the summer cruise in Alouette was selected as the best article by the RNSA on a completed cruise for which he was awarded the RNVR (Auxiliary Patrol) Cup.

He was invited to Whale Island for their AGM and Annual Dinner and was presented with the Cup by Vice Admiral Simon Lister, Cdre RNSA. The cup is large and substantial and is boldly engraved "RNVR (Auxiliary Patrol) challenge Cup presented to the RNSA 1937. The base is fully engraved with the winners and their yachts many of whom were RNVR Officers. The Cup, was first presented in 1937 just 2 years after the formation of the RNSA. The Auxiliary Patrol was, as we understand it, that part of the RNVR who were based at/mobilised from the Sparrows Nest in Lowestoft and went to sea in all manner of trawlers, fishing boats and anything else their Lordships could get their hands on that floated-albeit only just(!) and specialised in Anti Submarine and Minesweeping. Full article to appear in the Summer newsletter Ed.

Dear Members please see below an abstract of information regarding the small boat channel at Portsmouth

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth, that following the widening and re-orientation of the Portsmouth Approach Channel, as depicted on the newly published Admiralty Chart 2625 (2 March 2017), further adjustments have been made to the positioning of the Small Boat Channel that runs between 4 Bar Buoy (50 46.97N 001 06.48W) and Ballast Pile (50 47.62N 001 06.83W). This notice supersedes LNTM 23/17 (Small Boat Channel Re-alignment) and should be read in conjunction with the regulations contained in General Direction 7/10 (Portsmouth Harbour Entrance – Approach Channel, Small Boat Channel, Swashway and Inner Swashway).

Further information can be found on the QHM Website at www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/portsmouth/regulations/small-boat-channel

SkiEx 2018

20-27 January to Tignes in all found fully pampered accommodation, currently at £690pp; including an early flight from Gatwick and a full area 6 day lift pass. If interested please contact David on davidjwhitby@aol.com .



£12 ea

Slops! As Summer approaches just a reminder that floppy beige sun hats with adjustable chin strap and club burgee are back in stock at only £12 each. Also baseball style sailing caps with club burgee at £10. Available from the slops bosun. A **new** slops item are lapel badges/ladies brooch in the form of a 25mm club burgee. These have either a clutch or brooch fitting and are £3 each.



£10 ea

RNVRYC 2017 70th Anniversary

Main Programme

Please see the updated programme for the Next 12months

Registrations are open for the events in May and will shortly be open for events in June and July.

29th April-1st May	May Bank Holiday Meet	The Beaulieu River	Tim Ware
19th-21st May	YM Sail Training Weekend*	Solent	Peter Culver
27th-29th May	Spring Bank Holiday Channel Dash	Cherbourg	Mike Morgan
17th June	Dinghy Sailing and Training Day	Papercourt SC, Woking	Jonathan Otter
1st July	Round The Island Race	Cowes-IOW	
15th-22nd July	Summer Cruise	Falmouth-Fowey-Yealm-Dartmouth.	Peter Costalas
22nd July	70th Anniversary Mess Dinner	BRNC	Peter Costalas
19th-25th August	Five Sailors	Solent	Mike Morgan
9th-16th September	Warwickshire Ring Canal Trip	South Midlands Canals	David Whitby
23rd-24th September	East Coast Meet	Bradwell	David Whitby
29th September	70th Anniversary Lunch	RYS Cowes	James Hanratty
30th Sept-1st October	Autumn Meet	Cowes-Solent	David Monks
29th October	Laying up Lunch	RNC & RAYC Portsmouth	Peter Stonestreet
17th November	Annual Dinner	Little Ship Club	Peter Costalas
11th December	Christmas Party	Naval Club	Richard Snell
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17th January	AGM	Naval Club	Tim Ware
20th-27th Jan	Ski Ex	Tignes	David Whitby
24th Feb - 3rd March	Caribbean Cruise	Guadeloupe	Peter Costalas

* Keep up to date with Younger Member activities via their Facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/rnvryc