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FROM OUR COMMODORE ANDREW BEAUMONT-HOPE

I would like to take this opportunity to say, “a BIG thank you” to everyone involved in Ramsgate Week.

Yet again another excellent Week. We have received praise from both local and visiting Yachtsmen complimenting us on the professionalism of our Regatta and the friendly reception they receive from the RTYC members, staff and other visiting crew. At a time when other regattas are suffering from diminishing numbers we are managing to buck that trend and have achieved an increase in competitors, who equally appear to be enjoying the entertainment laid on in the Club House.

All of this would not of course be achievable without the enthusiastic support of our dedicated team of volunteers and the continued support of our sponsors, many of whom have supported us for many years.

Without sponsorship, we would not be able to make Ramsgate Week the amazing success it is. From the Feather Flags fluttering around the Harbour brightening the sidewalk, the bow numbers to assist the Race management, prizes for the Prize Giving through to our competitors’ reception Gin & Tonics and never forgetting the amazing Beer and Lager constantly available at the Bar. The list goes on, but these are all the big and little things that make our regatta great.

With the addition of the Ramsgate Festival running events on the weekends either side of Ramsgate Week this only adds to the entertainment available to our crews and helps to increase the footfall around the harbour and thus our exposure to the general public as well as future competitors.

Next year is believed to be the 120th anniversary of Sailing Regattas in Ramsgate and with a number of competitors already booking the dates for next year and a number of Sponsors onboard we hope to make Ramsgate Week 2018 an even more incredible year and we hope you are able to join us.

Thank you again for your support for this year’s very successful Ramsgate week.

See you next year 22nd to 27th July 2018

If you would like to be involved in Ramsgate Week or just like more details please contact us at the RTYC on Tel: 01843 591766 or email: Info@rtyc.com

THE FEATHER FLAGS (ABOVE) AROUND THE BUSY ROYAL HARBOUR DURING RAMSGATE WEEK

Mayor Trevor Shonk and Dave 'Guns' Peters starting the regatta.

Sunday 23 July 2017
Ramsgate Week Day 1
Round the Goodwins

Ramsgate Week got underway with sunshine, blue skies and a moderate westerly breeze. A reaching start sent competitors south for an anticlockwise circuit of the Goodwin Sands for an approximately 30 nm circumnavigation of the infamous 'Ship Swallower.' The fifty boat fleet comprised two IRC classes and three Cruiser handicap classes.

Favourable spring tides initially gave the boats a welcome boost towards the South West Goodwin Buoy. The 10 nm first leg saw shifty, gusty conditions which rewarded attentive sail trim. Three quarters of the way down the leg the race changed character completely. The wind backed to a south-westerly and strengthened to 18-20 knots. A 6-7 foot swell kicked up and the spring tide reversed rapidly. This presented a severe impediment to the smaller yachts which struggled to maintain VMG and many were forced to retire. Of the six Class 5 finishers *Raquel* skippered by Chris Denby was first, second place went to Martin Ross of *Entropy* and third to Donald Gray of *Blown Away*. Of only 3 finishers in Class 6, Howard Bates of *Mallard* was first, Dennis Reijke of *Mallemok* won second prize and Ken Welch of *Splash* was third.

In IRC 1, Richard Matthews' *Oystercatcher XXXI* made it to the SW Goodwin buoy first, hoisted an assy and surfed their way round the eastern side of the Goodwins at speeds of up to 20 kts. They never looked back and won the class by 19 minutes on corrected time. Kym and Heather Lyatt's Corby 36 finished in 2nd place after recovering from a kite blow-out. The experienced local sailor, Peter Jackson in his Pronavia 42 was third.

The IRC 2 handicap band from 0.890 to 0.989 with 13 entries was a recipe for close competition with some carefully prepared boats. First placed was *Cobra*, a First 34.7 skippered by Matt Green, followed by a *Buccaneer*, an Élan 333 skippered by Pete Pearson, and in third place was Richard Sparrow at the helm of *Only Magic.*

Ariel shots from Mike Bell, who is creating a video of the whole week for us

Monday 24 July 2017
Day 2

Monday marked the start of the IRC and Cruiser Handicap Race Series incorporating the Regional IRC Championships. Conditions were initially moderate for the 10am starts: 10-12 knots blowing from the NW. The cruising classes started from the club start line at the end of Ramsgate harbour breakwater. After a short fetch into Pegwell Bay the yachts turned off-shore. Those electing to hoist kites had a good run for a while but one or two broaches later they were soon lowered. The wind had strengthened significantly in a very short space of time with the ominous arrival of a bank of dark grey cloud. The

following two windward/leeward loops were sailed in a challenging 20-25 kts with a short chop and rain squalls that saw many boats over-canvassed.

Class 5 was topped by two local boats: 1st place to *Maverick*, an Elan 333 skippered by Frank Barrett and 2nd to *Pippy*, a Sun Odyssey 37 owned by John and Michelle Stonely. Class 6 was won by *Mallemok* a Nicholson 33 skippered by Dennis Reijke with Howard Bates' *Mallard* in Second. Bernard Sealy won Class 7 in *Karibia Breezes* with *Avventura* owned by Mark Andrews and Jonathan Hague in second place.

(1) The Race Officers from the Committee Boat and the Race Hut with their teams

(2) The Committee boat and race team with Race Officers Peter & Kay Rumbelow

The IRC 1 and 2 classes started from a committee boat line offshore. Class one was dominated by two well prepared Netherlands teams. *Team Heiner* is a youth race academy headed by Roy Heiner and is becoming a Ramsgate Week regular, winning their class last year. They were placed second today in their Max Fun 35, behind *Delft*, another youth team sailing a Farr 30 owned by Jelger Rozendaal.

Team Heiner

Slingback

Maverick

IRC 2 contains a clutch of local boats who compete fiercely throughout the year and who dominated the podium today. 1st *Slingshot*, J/105 (Rod Oates and Gavin Magee); 2nd *Slingback*, SJ320 (Paul Woodward and John Barrett); 3rd *Foxy*, X-34 (Mike and Jo Brand).

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The girls from Copper Rivet preparing delicious G&Ts

Tuesday 25 July 2017
Day 3 - Coastal Race

The cruising classes were sent south from the start line at Ramsgate Harbour 8 miles along the coast towards Dover, passing a Mark off Deal Pier on the return. By luck, or possibly by clever design, the spring tide was with the fleet the whole trip making for a speedy passage in relatively flat water and 13-17 kts breeze.

Donald Gray took the class 5 win in *Blown Away* with Chris Denby's *Raquel* in Second place. The Class 6 finishing order was very tight: David Appleton's Impala, *Shoestring,* won by a margin of one second corrected time over Dennis Reijke's *Mallemok*. Third placed *Mallard* sailed by Howard Bates was 29 seconds behind.

IRC 1+2: The course took the competitors between the north end of the Goodwin Sands and Broadstairs, and proved a very eventful race. The Pronavia 42, *Assassin*, ran into a starting mark anchor line which became entangled with their underwater appendages, forcing a retirement. A close match between the two Netherlands teams, *Delft* and *Team Heiner*, came to a luffing battle resulting in a protest. Richard Matthews' *Oystercatcher XXXI* was placed first, *Team Heiner* provisionally second and *Delft* third. These top three boats are now all tied for the IRC 1 series on 4 points each.

The IRC 2 race was closely fought. Julian Poupard's *Expedite* came off the line first, impressively port tacking the fleet. A minor altercation between *Cobra* and *Slingback* triggered *Slingback's* kite to blow out. *Slingback* ran up another spinnaker and ploughed on, and through "insightful use of the available windshifts," scored a third. Mike Brand's *Foxy* was second and *Slingshot* scored another first to, a solid start to their series.

Oystercatcher XXXI

Collateral damage under repair

Wednesday 26 July 2017

Day 4

Classes 1-6 raced on the same course today from a committee boat line with staggered starts. This made for an exciting spectacle as the big and small boats rubbed shoulders. The spring tide was in full flood and the wind was 20-25 kts from the South. A 13 nm windward/leeward course exposed any weaknesses in heavy weather technique. The cruising classes got underway first and most elected to keep their kites below deck which rewarded those who dared hoist. Close racing ensued until the last upwind leg when a foul tide strengthened to the point where most boats were making less than a knot VMG. This stretched out the fleet favouring the higher handicapped boats and forcing several boats to retire.

Zephyros, a Dehler 34 from Medway Yacht Club, skippered by Tim French won class 6. *Mallemok* from VVW Schelde Yacht Club was second and *Mallard*, a Westerly Fulmer from Rye Harbour Sailing Club was third. In Class 5, *Maverick* an Elan 333 skippered by Frank Barrett was first, followed by *Blown Away*, Donald Gray's Jeanneau 42 DS. *Rush*, a Sigma 35 from Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club skippered by Ken Lees was third. Class 7 cruisers were taken south to Deal and then out to the Goodwin Fork Buoy in conditions which many found challenging. Bernard Sealy's *Karibia Breezes* won with Ken Welch's *Splash* in second and John Syring's *Morning Star of Hythe* third.

The IRC 1 race developed along familiar lines with Richard Matthews' *Oystercatcher XXXI* in first place and the Netherlands rivals *Team Heiner* and *Delft* in a close shoot-out for second and third respectively. Several of the IRC 2 class had professional crew on board for the day which seemed to reflect in the results. Mike Brand in *Foxy* led the race until a snapped spinnaker pole ruined his chances. Despite nearly being catapulted out of the boat, Paul Woodward at the helm of *Slingback* took first place and *Cobra* second. Half way through the week, *Slingshot*, *Slingback* and *Foxy* are the top three boats on the leaderboard, and with few points separating them, the regatta is still wide-open.

Sponsors Miles & Barr and Shepherd Neame on their corporate day out with Alex Alley - Pixel Flyer.

….and enjoying a blast on the yacht…..

Thursday 27 July 2017
Day 5

Cruising classes started upwind at the club line. The strong following tide made the line approach difficult to judge necessitating a general recall for Class 6. After a short beat into Pegwell Bay the fleet headed down to Broadstairs and back to Ramsgate. For the first two hours the conditions were some of the mildest seen all week with 10-12 knot WSW, but on the homeward leg the wind backed and strengthened to the familiar 20-25 kts. Making progress against the building spring tide was challenging and not possible for the smaller yachts in the fleet, forcing 5 retirements. The cumulative battering that the boats had taken over this windy week began to show; a number of breakages occurred and the RNLI had to be called to help two yachts back to shore.

Class 5 was won by Chris Denby's *Raquel*, an Elan 340. Second was *Rush*, Ken Lees' Sigma 35 taking them to equal second in the series so far. Third was Frank Barrett's *Maverick*, an Elan 333 who led the series by 2 points. Class 6 was won by Tim French's *Zephyros* a Dehler 34, with the Netherlands boat *Mallemok* second and *Mallard* third. *Mallemok* currently lead the series with *Mallard* second and David Appleton's Impala *Shoestring* third.

The Class 7 race was won by *Splash*, an RTYC boat owned by Ken Welch with *Avventura* second and Bernard Sealy's *Karibia Breezes* third. This cements Bernard Sealy's position at the top of the class 7 leaderboard, 5 points clear of *Avventura*.

The IRC 1 and 2 boats completed two races today. A win and an equal second saw Richard Matthews' *Oystercatcher XXXI* retain their lead in the series. *Delft* got the better of their countrymen *Team Heiner* today with a second and an equal second despite having partied late into Wednesday night at the Royal Temple 80s disco. *Delft* are now second in the series and *Team Heiner* third.

After *Slingback's* (John Barrett and Paul Woodward) win today they are tied with *Slingshot* (Rod Oates and Gavin Magee) for the Class 2 series on 7 points each. Mike and Jo Brand's *Foxy* is three points behind. With one more day of racing the series trophy is still there for the taking.

Final Day – Gold Cup

The grand finale of Ramsgate Week is the Gold Cup. As well as being the last series race, the Gold Cup pits classes of all handicaps against each other in an attempt to answer the basic question, are more expensive boats faster? The answer seems to be yes but with a few notable exceptions. The IRC classes sailed an 18 nm mainly windward/leeward course which took the fleet to Deal and back in just over 2 hours. The wind started at 15 knots from the South West and built to well over 20. At the front, Richard Matthews' *Oystercatcher XXXI* had a great battle with the *Delft* team in their Farr 30. At times *Delft* were reaching 18 knots downwind on a course that possibly favoured their symmetric spinnaker over an assy. *Delft* finished 4 minutes ahead to take the Gold Cup. They also scored a second in the IRC 1 series only one point behind *Oystercatcher XXXI*.

Gold Cup third place went to the IRC 2 boat *Slingback* (John Barrett and Paul Woodward) who have had an excellent week, and a tight battle with Rod Oates and Gavin Mcgee's J105 *Slingshot*. *Slingback* managed to take the IRC 2 series by 2 points. Mike and Jo Brand took the series third place in their new X-34, *Foxy*.

This will be remembered as a week of tough conditions by the cruiser classes. Eleven boats did not make the start line due to a mixture of gear failure and general fatigue no doubt. An inshore route to Deal and back was chosen to shield the boats from the worst of the spring tide. A gusty downwind leg home sorted out the finishing order: Another case of 'who dares hoist their spinnaker?' John and Michelle Stonely of *Pippy* dared, and won the Gold Cup. *Mallard* came second and *Zephyros* third.

Fabulous shots of the fleet

The overall class 5 winner was Frank Barrett's *Maverick*, an Elan 333. *Blown Away* was second and *Rush* third. Class 6 was won by the Netherlands Nicholson 33 skippered by Dennis Reijke. Howard Bates was two points behind them in the Westerly Fulmer, *Mallard*. Third was David Appleton's Impala *Shoestring*.

Class 7 was dominated by Bernard's Sealy's Westwind 38 *Karibia Breezes*. Second was John Syring's *Morning Star of Hythe*, an S&S 34 closely followed by *Avventura*, a Franchini 43L owned by Mark Andrews and Jonathan Hague.

Reporting by MARTIN LAW

PRIZE GIVING ON THE LAST EVENING

Dick Smith & Matt Green

Gold Cup Winners Delft

Hotsy Totsy entertaining on Opening Night

Last Night dancing to the Moments Duo!

80's night dancing to Hyperactive! - fancy dress

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Martin Morgan, volunteer BBQ chef, cooking delicious burgers from our sponsors, Rooks

Peter Holland inshore Race officer from Broadstairs SC checking the start line with Race Hut assistant Julie Rook

Breakfast on the quay from Cappuccino's

Our Club Caterer, David Comisky, with Mayor Trevor Shonk

TROPHY WINNERS 2017

QE 2 Cup Class 1 - Class 1	Place
Oystercatcher XXX1, **Richard Matthews,** West Mersea Yacht Club	1
Delft, **Jelger Rozendaal,** Jachtclub Schevenigen	2
Kylla, **Kym & Heather Leatt,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	3

QE 2 Cup Class 2 - Class 2	Place
Foxy, **Mike & Jo Brand,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	1
Slingback, **John Barrett & Paul Woodward,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	2
Buccaneer, **Peter Pearson & Mike Lilwall,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	3

QE 2 Cup IRC Overall - QE 2 Cup	Place
Oystercatcher XXX1, **Richard Matthews,** West Mersea Yacht Club	1
Delft, **Jelger Rozendaal,** Jachtclub Schevenigen	2
Kylla, **Kym & Heather Leatt,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	3

Class 7 Gold Cup - Class 7 Trophy	Place
Splash, **Ken Welch** Royal Temple Yacht Club	1
Karibia Breezes, **Bernard Sealy,** Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club	2
Morning Star of Hythe, **John Syring,** Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club	3

Class 6 Gold Cup - Class 6 Trophy	Place
Mallard, **Howard Bates,** Rye Harbour Sailing Club	1
Zephyros, **Tim French** Medway Yacht Club	2
Shoestring, **David Appleton,** Medway Cruising Club	3

Class 5 Gold Cup - Class 5 Trophy	Place
Pippy, **John & Michelle Stonely,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	1
Maverick, **Frank Barrett,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	2
Rush, **Ken Lees,** Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club	3

Class 2 Gold Cup - Class 2 Trophy	Place
Slingback, **John Barrett & Paul Woodward,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	1
Foxy, **Mike & Jo Brand,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	2
Slingshot, **Rod Oates & Gavin Magee,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	3

Class 1 Gold Cup - Class 1 Trophy	Place
Delft, **Jelger Rozendaal,** Jachtclub Schevenigen	1
Oystercatcher XXX1, **Richard Matthews,** West Mersea Yacht Club	2
Kylla, **Kym & Heather Leatt,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	3

Gold Cup Overall - Gold Cup Overall	Place
Delft, **Jelger Rozendaal,** Jachtclub Schevenigen	1
Oystercatcher XXX1, **Richard Matthews,** West Mersea Yacht Club	2
Slingback, **John Barrett & Paul Woodward,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	3

Gold Cup Cruisers 5&6 Overall	Place
Pippy, **John & Michelle Stonely,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	1
Mallard, **Howard Bates,** Rye Harbour Sailing Club	2
Zephyros, **Tim French** Medway Yacht Club	3

Class 7 Ramsgate Week - Trophy	Place
Karibia Breezes, **Bernard Sealy,** Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club	1
Morning Star of Hythe, **John Syring,** Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club	2
Avventura, **Mark Andrews & Jonathan Hague** Royal Temple Yacht Club	3

Class 6 Ramsgate Week - Trophy	Place
Mallemok, **Dennis Reijke,** VVW Schelde	1
Mallard, **Howard Bates,** Rye Harbour Sailing Club	2
Shoestring, **David Appleton,** Medway Cruising Club	3

Class 5 Ramsgate Week - Trophy	Place
Maverick, **Frank Barrett,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	1
Blown Away, **Donald Gray,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	2
Rush, **Ken Lees,** Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club	3

IRC Class 1 Ramsgate Week - Trophy	Place
Oystercatcher XXX1, **Richard Matthews,** West Mersea Yacht Club	1
Delft, **Jelger Rozendaal,** Jachtclub Schevenigen	2
Kylla, **Kym & Heather Leatt,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	3

IRC Championship Class 1 - Trophy	Place
Oystercatcher XXX1, **Richard Matthews,** West Mersea Yacht Club	1
Delft, **Jelger Rozendaal,** Jachtclub Schevenigen	2
Kylla, **Kym & Heather Leatt,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	3

IRC Class 2 Ramsgate Week - Trophy	Place
Slingback, **John Barrett & Paul Woodward,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	1
Slingshot, **Rod Oates & Gavin Magee,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	2
Foxy, **Mike & Jo Brand,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	3

IRC Championship Class 2 - Trophy	Place
Slingback, **John Barrett & Paul Woodward,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	1
Foxy, **Mike & Jo Brand,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	2
Slingshot, **Rod Oates & Gavin Magee,** Royal Temple Yacht Club	3