

Royal Gourock Yacht Club

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The Social Committee try to programme a wide range of events for Members, hopefully providing something for everyone.



We are always looking for new suggestions, so please pass any ideas you may have to **Alison Allan** or **Tommy O'Brian** or reply to this email address.

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News

Sunrise

Members are advised that Sunrise is now on her mooring and will be available on demand until the full service commences in mid-April.

Sunday 01 April – Easter Lunch in the lounge. From 2pm **The Urban Fokkers** in the Commodore Suite.

Saturday 14 April – The Desparate Dans 8pm. Sold out

Sunday 22 April – KENNY WILSON AND FRIENDS £4

***Handicaps** – Ian Marshall, Honorary Sailing Secretary, proposes introducing an old handicap system. See below for details.*

2 for 1 MENU - Members are reminded that on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings our 2 for 1 menu is available. Fantastic value. See sample menu attached.

Open Weekend– Volunteers wanted. See report at the end of this newsletter.

There will be audio/visual presentations highlighting what RGYC has to offer. Members are requested to send photos of all RGYC activities eg racing, cruising, raft race, NY swim and social events. Please send photos to rgyc-social@hotmail.com.

Urgent - Volunteers Required

Before the new car park was completed, the Committee discussed the possibility of mobile home users taking up residence on the site at holiday periods.

Unfortunately appears their worst fears have been realised



To prevent further unauthorised access to the car park, the Committee has instructed the boatman to block the entrance with the raft race barrels filled with water.

We are now looking for volunteers to man this barricade. Please contact the boatman on 07710 434318 if you wish to help with the safeguarding of our car park. Volunteers will be issued with an arm band, hi-vis vest and a hard a hard hat.

Reports

QUIZ REPORTS

We have had two good quizzes over recent weeks, both very enjoyable...yet totally different.

Last Tuesday found Fiona and Steve sharing the hot seat at their quiz night. Steve's influence is always in evidence on these occasions, and members enjoyed the ubiquitous questions on music and cars - two of the loves of Steve's life! A well balanced quiz with lots of laughs, which resulted in a win for the Firehuggars - no mean feat as Steve is one of the front men of the team!

This Tuesday found Pugwash at the helm. Pugwash doesn't stick rigidly to the rules, so rounds can vary from the weird to the wonderful....and often do! This week's quiz was no exception. Although there are generally 10 questions per round, nobody turned a hair when Pugwash approached question number 11 in his second round!

Steve, however, had the grace to blush as the question was "who is celebrating his birthday today?" We had to make do with a chorus of "Happy Birthday to You" as Steve declined Fiona's offer of a birthday cake.

Spoilsport....

Pugwash's quiz seemed to contain a large number of questions on trains, for some reason. Perhaps he's been watching Michael Portillo! At the end of a very close-run quiz the Firehuggars won the bottle of House Red.

GIN TASTING

Thanks to Amanda Currie for hosting her first Gin Tasting evening at the Club.

Amanda has clearly carried out a great deal of research into the subject (dreadful job, but someone has to do it!!!) and confidently lead members and guests through a taste sensation involving a wide variety of gins, mixers and imaginative garnishes. Amanda's sense of fun and obvious love of her subject made the evening very special. I get the feeling the old G and T, ice and slice days may be at an end!

Anyone for cardamom?

Watch this space for Amanda's next tasting adventure....

Events List

Full details of the following events will appear in due course.

Sunday 01 April – Easter Lunch in the Lounge. From 2pm The Urban Fokkers are in the Commodore Suite - Entry £6.

Saturday 14 April – The Desperate Dans 8pm. Entry £5. **SOLD OUT**

Saturday 22 April – Kenny Wilson and Friends. Entry £4.

Saturday 5 May - Spring Dance with Into The Shadows. 8pm. Entry £7

Sat/Sun 19/20 May - Open Weekend.

Saturday 02 June - Ashton Regatta Entertainment by Skunnered. Free Entry.

Saturday 09 June - Ardentiny Muster and Beach Picnic.

Sat/Sun 09/10 June - First Muster

Saturday 23 June - Midsummer Dance with Maxwell's Silver Beatles. Entry £7.

Saturday 21 July - Chef's Italian Night.

Sunday 29 July - RGYC Folk Festival 2018

Saturday 11 August - Annual Charity Raft Race Day. Entertainment by Brass Sounds Inverclyde and The Drams. Free entry.

Sat/Sun 19/19 August - Second Muster

Saturday 01 September - The King George the Fifth Challenge Cup Race. Entertainment by The Urban Folkers. Free entry.

Sat/Sun 22/23 September- Third Muster.

Tuesdays 04 September to 18 December, 8pm - Quiz Nights.

Saturday 27 October, 8pm - Turn Back Time Dance.

Saturday 08 December, 8pm - Christmas Dinner Dance.

Sunday 16 December, 2pm - Kenny's Christmas Cracker.

Friday 28 December, 8pm - The Wherries' Christmas Party.

Saturday 29 December, 8pm - The Wherries' Christmas Party.

Monday 31 December, 8pm - Hogmanay Dinner Party with The Drams.

Tuesday 01 January, 2019 - New Year's Day Swim.

Saturday 05 January, 2019, 8pm - Survivors Party.

Attachments

Handicaps

Welcome to the new sailing season. We trust that 2018 will give us superb boating memories! We have been listening to members who have requested a change to the racing handicap format, in order to give less experienced sailors a chance to win a race. We are circulating a PDF file entitled Fyfe Bucket Speed Equaliser for your perusal. Please keep it on file, and you may wish to print a hard copy for race nights.

Ian has brought to light a racing handicap devised by Mr Fyfe of Fairlie in the 19th century to allow his increasingly faster boats to race each other first over the line.

He remembers taking a good bucket (a bucket with maximum allowed orifices in the base) when results were against him.

Habitual winners will have to tow a large bucket (a bucket without, or with very few holes in the base).

The smallest bucket is spliced to a three fathom line, then attached to the yacht using the bucket cleats you may have noticed on all Fyfe yachts.

Larger yachts, such as Shamrock, would have had up to eight bucket cleats.

The exact dimension and number of holes are explained in the rules on the PDF file.

In general, the rules are the same as those configured in Victorian times, although Ian has spent some time rewriting the rule book.

All the old ratings had to be made sense of for today's yachts. Indeed there will be many sailing with a good bucket sooner rather than later, which can't be a bad thing, can it?

Alfie Spool

Sailing Director

"2 FOR 1" MENU....TUES & WEDS

DEEP FRIED GOATS CHEESE £4.75

Goats cheese coated in breadcrumbs and deep fried, served on top of mixed leaves tossed in mustard dressing.

SMOKED SALMON CORNETS £4.95

Smoked salmon cornets filled with prawn marie rose, served with mixed leaves tossed in pesto dressing.

CAJUN CHICKEN GOUJONS £4.95

Chicken strips coated in Cajun spices dipped in batter and deep fried, served with a piri piri dip and BBQ mayo.

PATE MAISON £4.95

Home made chicken liver pate served with oatcakes and mixed leaves.

ROAST BEEF AND YORKSHIRE PUDDINGS £8.50

Served with vest roast potatoes and a red wine gravy.

CHICKEN AND MUSHROOM RISOTTO £7.95

Long grain rice, diced chicken and mushrooms pan fried in olive oil, in a white garlic Napoli and cream sauce.

FISH AND CHIPS £9.95

Fresh haddock coated in batter and deep fried. Served with hand cut chips.

ROYAL YACHT CLUB BURGER £7.95

Home made burger in a brioche bun with lettuce topped with either cheese/cheese and bacon/piri piri sauce. Served with hand cut chips and onion rings.

STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING £4.75

Served with ice cream

ETON MESS £4.00

Crushed up meringue mixed with raspberry sauce and vanilla ice-cream.

ICE CREAM SUNDAE £3.75

Three scoops of ice cream with a choice of sauce, cream and sprinkles.

RGYC Open Weekend 19 & 20 May 2018

Preparations are well underway for the open weekend when the Club will showcase the outstanding shore-side facilities and prospective Members can experience wonderful sailing at Royal Gourock. Social Sailing is a great opportunity to enable new sailors to get afloat and Members will be on hand to take visitors sailing and explain our training and learning opportunities. Sailing The Club's Pipers will allow visitors to experience sailing and slots will be available each day from 10.00-16.00. Out with these hours is by arrangement.

We are expecting the Clyde Classics Yacht class will be visiting. Racing RGYC Members race the International Etchells class of keelboats every week and will be active off the Club over the weekend. The new Etchells Racing Academy will also be present to showcase the, fully sponsored, opportunities for 18-25 year olds. See www.clydeetchells.co.uk

Race Management

Races are run from the Clubhouse and visitors will be able to participate as timekeepers, flag attendants or spotters.

Club Launches The Club has two 'new' launches that service sailing and racing and visitors will be able to get afloat during the day Cadets Young people are our future and our Cadet section will be showing visitors around, assisting on the platform and sailing the Club Pipers and Toppers.

Social

The social aspect of the Club will be a feature of the weekend and AV presentations will showcase the many varied events held throughout the year. House Planning is underway on catering and bar service for the weekend. Property We want the Clubhouse to look its best for the weekend but there is much to do painting/gardening/repairs etc. New Facilities Our new car park and dinghy launching access to the west of the Clubhouse will be complete in March and we are hoping to commission the Club's Topper fleet to showcase broader opportunities for sailing at RGYC. Marketing and sponsorship Funds are to be raised by selling advertising on promotional posters, banners and the yearbook. We are planning PR and social media promotions

Membership Membership of RGYC offers excellent shore side facilities, a comprehensive launch service, safe yacht moorings and our own fleet of six identical Piper class yachts. From 2018 Membership includes the leisure use of the fleet.

Member Input We are still inviting participation from any Member interested in supporting this initiative in any of the above categories with particular reference to: • Marketing via Social Media • Traditional media (PR) • Marketing to employment hubs • Property support/help (ie painting etc) Members having photographs or videos of events and activities at the Club that may be incorporated in our AV presentations are invited to share them. Email them to royalgourockyachtclub@hotmail.co.uk with Open Weekend Media as the subject. Contact For any further details or offers of assistance please

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