

Regions Report – AGM 2018
Col (Retd) PM Davies MBE, Rear Commodore (Regions)
2017 Retrospective

Rear Commodore (Regions) was Acting Commodore during the absence of the Commodore on Operations from March to November.

Lymington Meet 2017

We had some lively conditions, F5 wind with gusts of F6, it was relatively warm and the rain held off making for some exciting and enjoyable racing. The race was not without incident; RLymYC's Growler III was forced to retire when her bowlady was concussed following an incident with a spinnaker pole and Jelly Baby ran over her A-Symmetric at the final mark which presented the opportunity for Trojan to pounce in what had been a close fought race.

The bridge team of Patrick Clarke and Andrew Douglas managed the racing very effectively and set us some good courses. In a close fought match REYC secured victory at the final mark and retained the Carlier Trophy. The event was enjoyed by all and some new yachts joined the fray. For the record, the detailed results were:

Carlier Trophy: Won by the REYC (10pts). RLymYC (12pts)

Ithnan Cup (Div A): Won by Trojan - Adam Hearn

Shapland Bowl: Rosinis – Bob Hendicott.

The Carlier Trophy was presented by Gen Neil.

As usual the Royal Lymington looked after us extremely well. It was good to be able to meet some of their flag officers and members of the competing crews at the reception and prizegiving. Once again, we enjoyed an excellent supper to round off this popular event. Nine yachts attended, 78 came for drinks, including 25 RLymYC guests, and 48 sat down to Dinner. £200 of the allocated £250 was spent.

Lymington Meet 2018 is planned for Saturday 19th May 2017 in the now familiar format. The intention is to revert to using both sides of the tables at dinner. The Lymington Harbour Commission Dan Bran Pontoon¹ has been booked for 18-20 May 18 which will allow all the yachts attending to be grouped together on the same pontoon. The Dan Bran Pontoon is a much shorter walk to the RLymYC, less expensive and the new shower blocks should provide sufficient capacity during the post racing pre-dinner rush. The Calling Letter, Entry Form and Notice of Race were placed on the REYC website and a notifying email circulated in Mar 2018.

A Grant of £300 has been agreed.

RE Sail Training Week 2017

James Anderson missed this year's RESTW as he was sailing Cleone around UK. Ross Wilson brought Starcross along to act as "Mothership" and as a Committee Boat running practise race starts. Andrew Douglas, Chris Davies and Peter Davies crewed and ran the practise starts and had a good week sailing in company. If you wish to mix some good sailing with the opportunity to pass on skills, encourage serving officers and soldiers into the REYC this is a cracking event.

Cruising Trophies

A number of short articles on members cruising activities are in the Yearbook to show the breath of our adventures and highlighting some tips.

¹ <http://www.lymingtonharbour.co.uk/visitor-walk-ashore-berths>

- **Long Distance Log – Avalanche Trophy - 2016/1.** Col (Retd) RC Hendicott.
- **Coastal Log – Torch Trophy - 2016/17.** Col (Retd) ARM Wilson.
- **Long Distance Log – Avalanche Trophy - 2017/18.** Col (Retd) MG le Bridges.
- **Coastal Log – Torch Trophy - 2017/18.** Col (Retd) & Mrs DM Gill.

Chatham Branch

Chatham Review Paper

The recommendations dealing management and financial issues presented in the Chatham Review Paper, presented at AGM 2017, have been taken forward. Maj T Ives is the serving military representative on the Chatham Branch Committee. The longer-term organisational issues are in hand but have not progressed in part due to RC(Regions) commitments as A/Cdre. It is intended to complete the Chatham Branch review in 2018.

2017 Season Report - John Reid Branch Captain REYC Chatham

The highlight of the year was the Medway in Flames event which commemorated the 350th anniversary of the Dutch raid on Chatham. The finale on 17 June attracted thousands of visitors to Chatham and culminated in a spectacular firework display.

Although the event was primarily organised by Medway Council a lot of work fell to Chatham Branch into making it a success. All the boats on our moorings had to be relocated out of the area where the fireworks were to be set off, alternative temporary moorings found and then afterward returned to their moorings. Special thanks for bearing the brunt of the organisation goes to Simon Hanmore, the Branch mooring manager

To coincide with the event a barbecue was jointly organised on our dockyard site with RNSA. This was very well attended and everyone had a superb view of the displays by the RE Boat Operations, Kent Jet Ski club and the fireworks.

The Mary Cup was held in September and took place in light winds which made getting back up river against the tide somewhat challenging! The entry this year was disappointingly poor but congratulation go to Malcolm Crawford in Poachard for being the first REYC member across the line in Class 2. My thanks go to Medway Cruising Club for providing a race officer, avenue for prize giving and inviting racers to their race night event in the evening.

Events in 2018

Some dates for your diaries:

14 -18 May ASA Regatta

Saturday 19 May - REYC Lymington Meet. Calling Letter, Application and NOR on the website.

7 Jul - Mary Cup as part of MCC Regatta

23-27 Jul - RE Sail Training Week

Saturday 30 June - The Round the Island Race

October (date tbc) Ilex Trophy Match Portsmouth