

**Regions Report – AGM 2019**  
Col (Retd) PM Davies MBE, Rear Commodore (Regions)  
2018 Retrospective

**Lymington Meet 2018**

The morning racing was curtailed by fog and light winds. Thankfully the visibility cleared and by 1130 a mainly steady, though fickle, 10-12 kts of wind was recorded at the Platform. We managed to squeeze in a short race at the cost of a reduced break for lunch. The breeze held, 5kts increasing to 12kts and veering through 95 degrees, in the afternoon and we had a good finish to the second race of the day. The RLymYC regained the Carlier Trophy with a fine race from gun to gun, although competition was tight on corrected time across the fleet. The RLymYC provided excellent support afloat and ashore. The bridge team of Patrick Clarke and Andrew Douglas managed the racing very effectively and set us some excellent courses in demanding conditions for the Racing Officers if not so much the crews. Tom Barker and his crew on Hurrying Angel sailed well to win the Ithnan Cup and Shapland Bowl. 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 RLymYC (10pts). REYC (12pts)

**Ithnan Cup (Div A):** Hurrying Angel – Tom Barker.

**Shapland Bowl:** Hurrying Angel – Tom Barker.

The Carlier Trophy was presented by Brig (Retd) Innes.

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. Seven yachts attended, 69 came for drinks, including 25 RLymYC guests, and 43 sat down to Dinner. £224 of the allocated £250 was spent.

**Lymington Meet 2019 - Saturday 11th May 2019** The Lymington Harbour Commission Dan Bran Pontoon (<http://www.lymingtonharbour.co.uk/visitor-walk-ashore-berths>) has been booked for 10-12 May 19 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 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 March 2019. Cost of Dinner and Drinks is £31 and £9 respectively. A Grant of £300 has been agreed.

**RE Sail Training Week 2018**

Andrew Douglas brought Rollercoaster along to act as “Mothership” and as a Committee Boat. James Anderson and Peter Davies crewed, provided the “Skippers” Quiz and new for this year organised a well-received “Treasure Hunt” in the Eastern Solent and Portsmouth Harbour on the final day. The weather was excellent and a good week sailing in company was enjoyed by all. Three boats with qualified instructors aboard managed to complete the Competent Crew Course. 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.

## **Beaufort Cup**

Col (Retd) James Anderson, Hon RC (Offshore), took Cleone to Cork to act as an accommodation and support vessel for the crew racing Trojan in the Beaufort Cup during Cork Week. Peter Davies and Billy Forsyth crewed for the delivery leg.

## **Cruising Trophies**

- **Long Distance Log – Avalanche Trophy 2018.** Col (Retd) MG le Bridges for a voyage across the Indian Ocean.
- **Coastal Log – Torch Trophy 2018.** Col (Retd) and Mrs DM Gill for their continuing voyages around eastern Mediterranean.

## **Chatham Branch**

### **Chatham Branch Season Report 2018 - John Reid Branch Captain REYC Chatham**

Mooring numbers remain stable albeit low, but the Branch continues to cover its costs. Mooring availability will be advertised more widely in the area this Winter. REYC members wishing to base their boats on the Medway, at very affordable rates, for year would be most welcome.

Bruce Robinson has taken over from Simon Hanmore as the Moorings Manager. He can be contacted at reyc.chatham@gmail.com. Simon made a valuable contribution to the club during his tenure and we wish him well as he moves away from the area. Bruce who has taken on the repair and repainting our container in the dockyard.

The Chatham account will be consolidated into the Main Account through the course of 2019. There are two serving military members on the Chatham Branch Committee, Maj Tim Ives and Capt David Curry RC(I). A feasibility study is underway, with RSME, to investigate the possibility of regaining access to Upnor. The intent of the Chatham Review paper has been met and future developments will be flow form the feasibility study and the Branch Committee through the Main Committee.

The Mary Cup this year was held at the end of September in very light winds, entry was disappointingly small with only three boats on the start line. Congratulations go to Clinton Lyon in Big Zipper for completing the course. The other two boats having retired when they started drifting backwards. The RC(O), the Racing Secretary and Chatham Branch are reviewing the best location for running the Mary Cup Race to better facilitate the involvement of Club yachts and serving members.

### **Some Diary Dates for 2019:**

Army Offshore Regatta: 29 Apr – 3 May 19. Peter Davies, Andrew Douglas and Chris Davies have entered Ilex in the Cruiser Class and are looking for two more crew.

Lymington Meet: Saturday 11 May 2019. Details /Application form will be circulated in Mar.

Ilex Trophy Match Portsmouth: TBC.

Round the Island Race 29 June 2019.

RE Sail Training Week: 24-28 June 2019.

Fastnet Race: 3 August 2019.

Mary Cup: TBC