



# The Quill

*A periodic Newsletter for Distribution to the  
Members of the Three Rooms Club*

*Autumn 2016*

## **3 ROOMS CLUB WEBSITE LAUNCHED**

**www.3roomsclub.london**

### **Need to Contact the Club?**

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## **From the Editor**

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### **Articles and Pictures for Future Editions**

We are in need of stories and pictures from the past please do send any content for the Quill to  
[editor@3roomsclub.london](mailto:editor@3roomsclub.london)

### **Membership**

Following an audit of the Annual Subscriptions due on July 1st, this year, paid by Standing Order, we have been unable to trace having received payment from around 30 Members. If you are one of these Members, we would appreciate you sending a cheque made payable to The Three Rooms Club, c/o The Hon Treasurer, Mr Anthony Barrable, at the Three Rooms Club address by the end of November, at the very latest.

During our review of the subscriptions paid by Standing Order, we were also unable to identify, a number of payments that had been received because the information shown on the Bank Statement neither showed the Members Name or Membership Number, nor is the Bank able to assist in the identification process without us incurring considerable financial expense, and therefore my plan is to contact members individually to confirm that that they have paid, after which it may be necessary for some Members to complete a new Standing Order Form.

**Paul Coombes - Membership Secretary**

### **New Members**

If you know of colleagues who are eligible to join please do encourage them to make an application or let us have their contact details.

**We regret we have been advised of the following deaths:**

James Carter - Member No. 00842  
Len Hudson - Member No. 1062  
Reg Hudson - Member No. 1081  
Derek Jones - Member No. 00976  
John Norman - Member No. 1066  
Michael Pinkess - Member No. 00798  
Tony Puryer - Member No. 00851  
Mike Scarsbrook - Member No. 00734  
Bernard Warren - Member No. 1718  
Norman Webb - Member No. 00109

**The following members have resigned:**

Alan Hunter - Member No. 00382  
Bradley Start - Member No. 1507

## **Officers and Committee**

John Nelson	President
Don.H.Coombe	Hon. Life President
Brian Wilkin	Chairman
Deputy Chairman	John Bristow
Vernon Ashford	Secretary
Anthony Barrable	Treasurer
Paul Coombes	Membership Secretary & Web Master
Bob Hunt	
Martin Robinson	
David Weekes	
Danny Wild	
Peter Wright	
Editor of the "Quill"	Martin Robinson

## **3 ROOMS CLUB WEBSITE LAUNCHED**

We have just launched our first 3 Rooms Club Website.

View the site at: [www.3roomsclub.london](http://www.3roomsclub.london)

The site includes the most recent editions of the Quill and include the Autumn 2016 edition.

The site includes notice of our events Get Together events.

The Lloyd's Motor Club and the Lloyd's Wine Society have agreed to give our members the opportunity to join them at their events so watch out for the invitations which will appear in the Events section of our website.

If you have friends or colleagues who would like to join the club, the membership application and standing order forms are available on line.

If you have any comments or content for the website please contact the Webmaster Paul Coombes at: [webmaster@3roomsclub.london](mailto:webmaster@3roomsclub.london)

Our thanks to Elliott Groves for designing our site.

## **LUTINE AND THE 1956 CHANNEL RACE**

Many have heard of the 1979 Fastnet Race but the 1956 Channel Race was hit by an equally ferocious but fortunately not deadly storm. The race was an historic event in the story of British offshore racing, not for what happened but for what might have happened. The course was the usual Channel triangle from Southsea round the Royal Sovereign platform off Eastbourne, then to the Le Havre Light vessel before returning to Spithead near Portsmouth. In 1956 Lutine was only four years old and was skippered by Sandy Haworth, a very experienced sailor and the following is the very calm report of the events for the Lloyd's Yacht Club.

"A pleasant easterly breeze prevailed at the start off Southsea and the new terylene Genoa pulled with such effect that shortly after Bembridge Ledge we could look back over our shoulders at the entire fleet. Soon, however, south of the Owers, thunder flash series number one brought in winds from the south west and we were away under spinnaker for the Royal Sovereign light vessel off Beachy Head. It was pleasant sailing but nerve wracking as fog had descended and we were in the shipping lane. Luck lifted this veil to enable us to spot the Royal Sovereign's flashing light in good time to snug down for the ensuing turn to windward, which was in store for us all the way to the next mark in the approaches to Le Havre.

Early afternoon on Saturday found us off St. Valery. As the weather cleared we had a pleasant enough beat down the French coast with the satisfaction of seeing our rivals still astern. Indeed conditions were such that it seemed as if the depression, thought to be shallow and known to be approaching, might in fact have passed to the north.

Close to Cape D'Antifer where the thunder clouds soared, a new wind came off the land and as we headed for the turning mark thunder flash series two brought a squall from the south of considerable strength and only smart work by the crew saved our precious Genoa.

This was a passing phase but the evening forecast warned of fresh to strong winds by the morning. A lurid sky with patches of duck egg blue predicted that this might be no exaggeration, and a rather too bumpy sea for the wind that sent us reaching for home, still comfortably in the lead, hinted at the same tale.

It was not surprising therefore to find ourselves shortening sail in the early morning when another piece of luck came our way. An over reading log and a forecast that the wind might veer caused us to take a more westerly course. This was to stand us in good stead. As the wind came piping up, more or less as we made our landfall south of Dunnose, and a curler found its way into the cockpit, we could douse the mainsail and run straight for the Nab under a single headsail without a loss of speed.

By now the wave tops were being blown away in steam and with the morning tea came the news of what had been happening in the western channel. As a further clear call to the action necessary when we should haul our wind for the last leg in from the Nab to Spithead, the hanks of even small headsails were parting. So we ran on at seven knots under bare poles as great work by the crew bent on the

trysails.

The finishing touches were completed as we “lay to” under the lee of the Nab, but it was still not clear how we should make out when it was set, nor how the top of the mast, weakened by the loss of the port topmast cross tree, would stand. Some marlin spike seamanship by mates and watchkeepers fixed the latter. Our course was to remain a somewhat anxious guess for an hour. Now the full gale was on. Spume and rain cut visibility to a few yards so we had no means of gauging leeway.

At length the dark shape of a fort loomed up to port. But which one? To our relief another shape, the Warner buoy, suddenly appeared to starboard. So we were on the south side of the fairway and the finishing line at last within our grasp.

The problem of berthing was acute, but the Royal Navy with the clearest insight had laid on a powerful towing boat which with the aid of the faithful Diaper from Camper and Nicholsons put us gently on our moorings and left us to lunch and change.”

This was an historic win for Lutine and the very calm report does not mention that as the storm passed along the English Channel on the Sunday morning, the wind speed had increased to Hurricane force and was in excess of 70 knots as she made the determined effort to finish the race off Spithead.

**Thanks to Vernon Ashford for supplying the account written by Sandy Haworth**

#### **HAVE YOUR SAY IN THE CITY ELECTIONS 2017**

As this edition of the Quill is under construction and hot on the heals of the 2<sup>nd</sup> US Presidential debate we hear of the City elections for 2017. Let’s hope there is a better choice of candidate for the City elections!

The Common Council of the City of London make the major strategic decisions supporting and promoting the City as a world leader in international finance and business services as well as providing a range of local authority services that keep the City running every day.

Uniquely, workers and some retired workers as well as residents can vote in the local City ward elections and in March 2017 elections of the 100 councillors (Common Council Members) that represent the 25 Wards of the City of London will take place. People are eligible to vote in the City’s elections even if they are also registered to vote at their home address as long as they do not live in the City.

The full qualification rules can be viewed on the City of London website but essentially any incorporated or unincorporated body physically occupying premises in the City of London can appoint a certain number of voters depending on the size of the workforce. If your main place of work has been in the City since

the first of September last year or you have worked mainly in the City for 10 years or more at some time during your working career and still do so or have done so within the last 5 years then you can apply through the business to be registered to vote. Applications to be registered can be made up until the end of November and the electoral services office at the City of London can advise who is responsible for nominating the voters at your business if you do not know.

#### LLOYD'S AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE

**Our thanks to Bob Ellis for sending us a series of Post Card relating to Lloyd's at the Royal Exchange.**





**Picture: Lloyd's Committee Room**



*Picture: The Underwriting Room*



*Picture: Lloyd's Reading Room*

## **AGM AND AUTUMN GET-TOGETHER**

**THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

### **INVITATION**

**Dear Member,**

The AGM and Autumn Get-Together will take place this year on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November and the venue is as usual in the restaurant area on the concourse level at Lloyd's. **The price of tickets purchased in advance has been kept at £20.**

The doors will open at 5-00 p.m. and **the reception desk will close promptly at 6-00 p.m.** to enable the members of the Committee at the desk to join the Get-Together before the formal proceedings of the AGM commence at 6.15pm.

The ticket application form for the Get-Together is enclosed with this copy of the Quill and please remember when returning the completed form to enclose a **stamped addressed envelope**. An early response would greatly assist the office work involved in sending out the tickets and please note that in order to assist in providing adequate catering arrangements, the price of tickets purchased at the door will be £25.

#### **Club Committee**

The three year term of office of the Committee expires with this AGM and the members of the Committee, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Since the last AGM, John McKeigue stood down and the vacancy was filled on a temporary basis by Tim Willens, who being eligible offers himself for election. If you are interested in joining the Committee please contact the Honorary Secretary as early as possible and before 1<sup>st</sup> November

**New Club Ties**

The **NEW** Club Ties in blue or red with our distinctive logo will be on sale throughout the evening.

**Long Service Awards**

We will be presenting long service awards to those members who have worked at Lloyd's for 45 years continuously, for either a Lloyd's Broker, a Lloyd's Underwriting Syndicate or if you were employed by the Corporation of Lloyd's. If you think you qualify and have not yet applied, please write to the Club at Lloyd's.

**The Three Rooms Charitable Trust**

If you would like to make a nomination in the spirit of the Trust's objectives, please write to the Trustees of the Three Rooms Charitable Trust at Lloyd's.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Vernon Ashford**

**Hon. Secretary**

**DON'T FORGET!**

**OUR LAST GET TOGETHER FOR 2016**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November

**GET TOGETHER DATES FOR YOUR 2017 DIARY**

20th April 2017

16th November 2017

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