

## 100 YEARS OF RACING 1970 - 1980

1971 – The Admiral's Cup garners significant attention, with Prime Minister Ted Heath serving as captain of the British team, leading them to victory.

1975 – The Club celebrated its 50th anniversary, marked by a visit from the Club's Patron, Her Majesty The Queen, and His Royal Highness Prince Philip to 20 St James's Place.

1979 – The largest fleet of 303 boats embarked on the Fastnet Race but encountered a severe storm in the Celtic Sea. Despite the diligent efforts of Her Majesty's Coastguard, the rescue services, and the Navy, 15 lives were tragically lost:

Paul Baldwin, Robin Bowyer, SLt Russell Brown, David Crisp, Peter Dorey, Peter Everson, Frank Ferris, William Le Fevre, John Puxley, Robert Robie, David Sheahan, SLt Charles Steavenson, Roger Watts, Gerrit-Jan Williahey (Gerrit-Jan Willering), and Gerald Winks.

The Fastnet Race Memorial at Holy Trinity Church, Cowes, commemorates 19 fatalities, including the aforementioned individuals, alongside Olivia Davidson, John Dix, Richard Pendred, and Peter Pickering, who were aboard the multihull Bucks Fizz, which shadowed the fleet.

A formal inquiry, initiated by the Club and the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), resulted in the establishment of new Special Regulations, introducing qualifications for competitors and limiting the number of starters to 300.

Overall winner: Tenacious - Ted Turner Line honours and record: Condor of Bermuda – Bob Bell - 2d 23h 25m 23s



The Fastnet Lighthouse: A symbol of endurance and navigation for all sailors © ROLEX/Daniel Forster

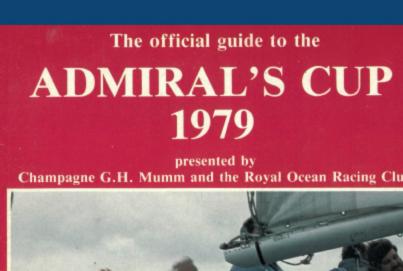


1975: The RORC Jubilee Programme, marking a significant milestone in the Club's history

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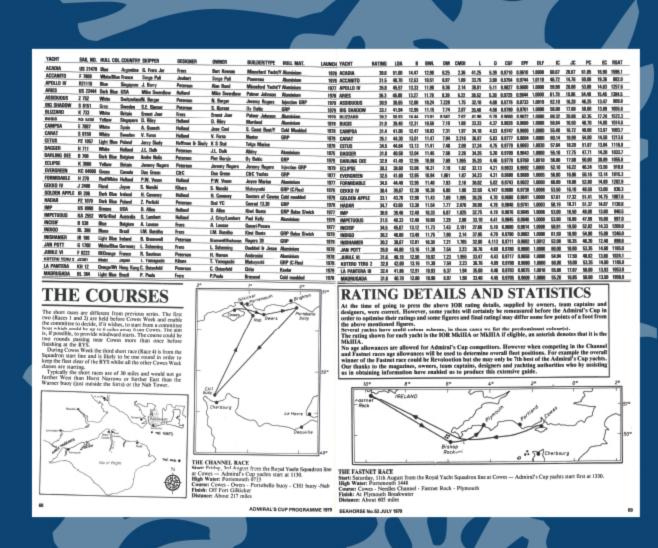
1975: A visit by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and HRH Prince Philip to the RORC Clubhouse at St. James's Place



Champagne G.H. Mumm and the Royal Ocean Racing Club

Mondis Cloud

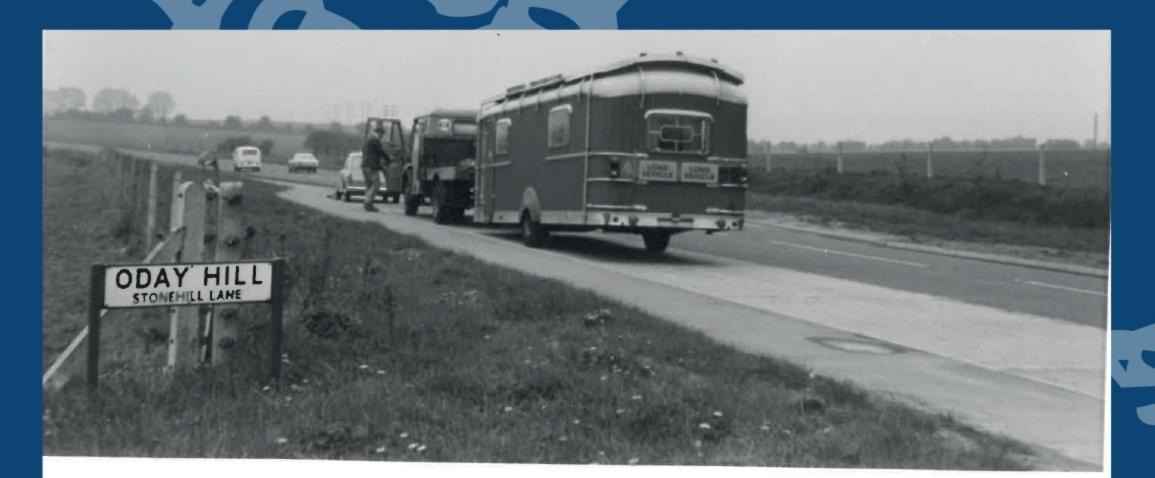
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1979 Fastnet Memorial: Holy Trinity Church, Cowes © Paul Wyeth



1970's style RORC mobile office (ex Barclays Bank!)

1970: Mobile RORC Office



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1979 ADMIRAL'S CUP TEAM

LEFT TO RIGHT

DAVID EDWARDS (ADMIRAL). JEREMY ROGERS (ECLIPSE); EDWARD HEATH (MORNING CLOUD V); DON PARR; ERNEST JUER (BLIZZARD), CHRIS DUNNING (VICE COMMODORE)

1979 Admiral's Cup: Press conference, official guide, and course layouts



1979 Fastnet Memorial: Cape Clear, West Cork © Mike Greville

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