



# 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



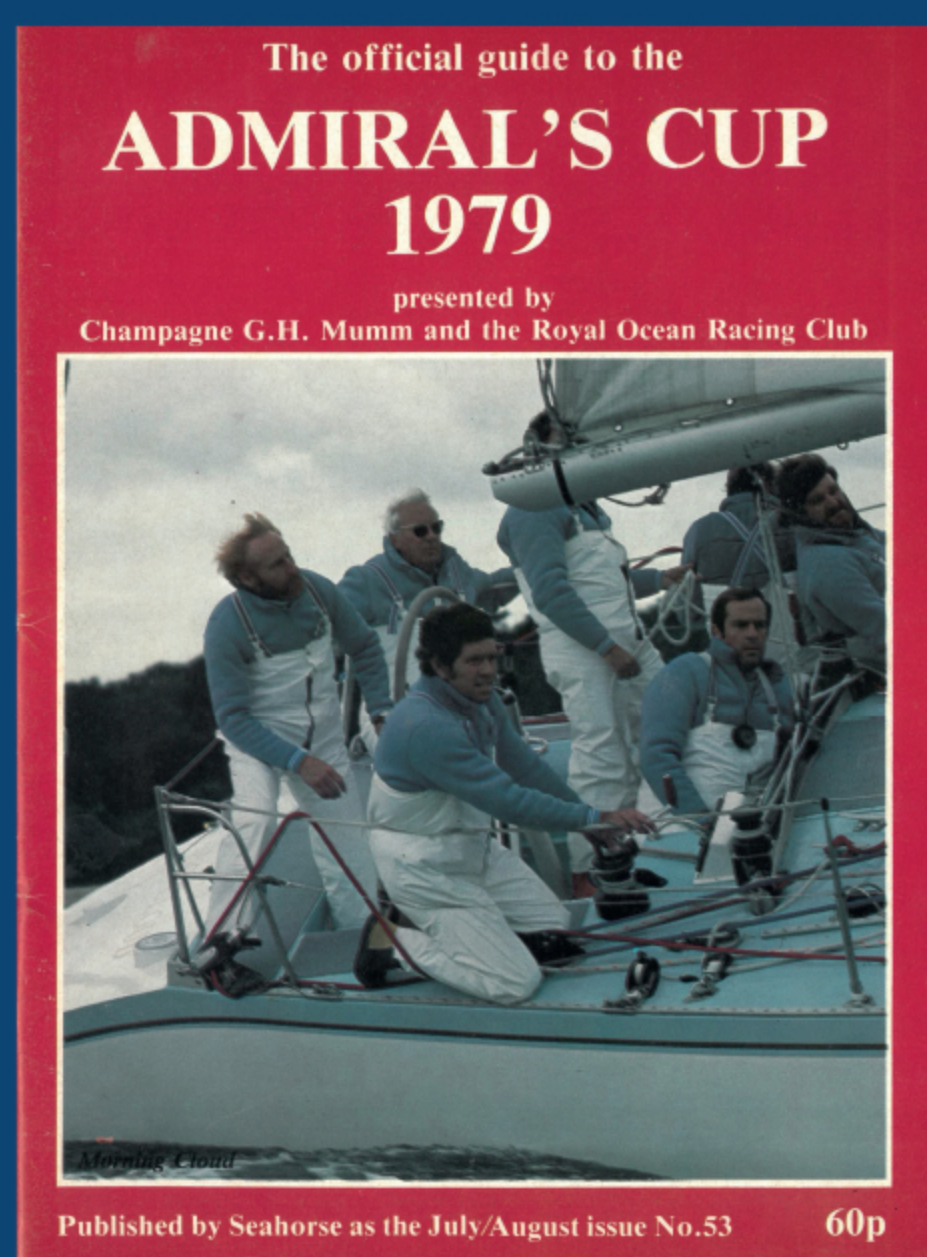
The Fastnet Lighthouse: A symbol of endurance and navigation for all sailors © ROLEX/Daniel Forster



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



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



1979 Admiral's Cup: Official Guide

THE COURSES		RATING DETAILS AND STATISTICS	
THE FASTNET RACE		THE ADMIRAL'S CUP	
The Fastnet Race is a 260 nautical mile race from Plymouth to Plymouth, via the Fastnet Lighthouse, and back to Plymouth. It is the longest and most difficult of the three races. The course is marked by buoys and lights. The race is held annually in June.		The Admiral's Cup is a series of races between the British and American teams. It is held annually in July. The races are held in the English Channel and the North Sea. The races are held in the English Channel and the North Sea.	
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1979 Admiral's Cup: Courses



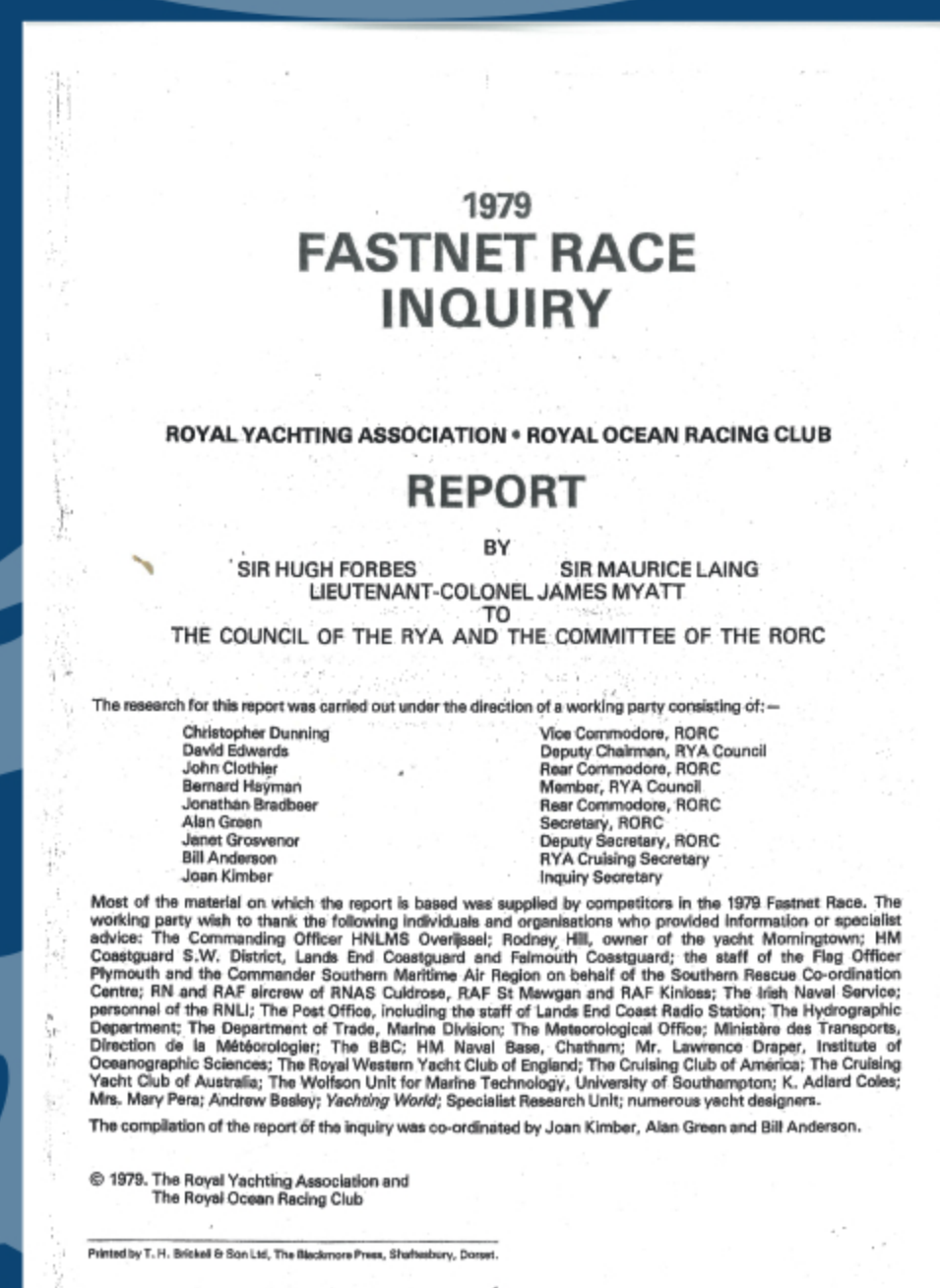
1979 Fastnet Memorial: Holy Trinity Church, Cowes © Paul Wyeth



1970's style RORC mobile office

(ex Barclays Bank!)

1970: Mobile RORC Office



1979 Fastnet Race Tragedy: An inquiry leads to significant changes in offshore racing standards



COMMODORE DONALD PARR, PRESS CONFERENCE FOR THE

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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