

Royal Lymington Cup Period 1974, 1976 to 1979.

Initially it was not named – then called the Congressional Cup by the media at end of October 1976, then after 1977 Event it became titled Royal Lymington Cup with Titled Sponsors Names added on some years.

The Club Honours Notice Board is in error as it is sign written that the RLym Match Racing started in 1976.

Little has so far been uncovered regarding the details of this FIRST event – but hopefully Members who took part may have useful memories. @ 28th Jan 2011.

1974 October	Event No:1	Title Sponsor - None?		Data Source RLYm Website Archive
	Event ran initially in 1974 Completely un- named.		See references: PotterShip No:18 Summer 1997 75 th Anniversary Edition. Top of Page 12 & Mrs E[C]E input Feb11 .	
Boats:	Contessa 32's borrowed from RLYm members.		Race Officer	Derek Pitt Pitts ?
			Protest Committee	Richard Creagh-Osborne ?
Invitations accepted from:-				
1	Ian Lallow			
2	Bruce Banks			
3	Phil Crebbin			Invited 1976 on advise of Tony Fairchild's advise
4	Robin Aisher			
5	Jeremy Rogers			
6	Chris Law			
7	Peter Nicholson	1st	Winner of First Series]	
8	David May	2nd	Runner Up – as noted 1979 Competitors information sheet	
Format & Innovation				
Race format – Thought that it was in a round robin format similar to an American Tennis Tournament		Race Course Format:		Unconfirmed: Windward – leeward races - 1 mile legs finishing on a beat to line. Starts in pairs 5 minutes apart Course – in vicinity of Lymington Spit.
Further research: -		§§ Bill Green, Peter Banks, Adrian Otten, Jane Pitt Pitts, Peter Halliwell & Rodney Barton might have more info.		

Comment: It apparently took the Club & Members 2 years to recover before the 2nd Event was held.

1976	Event No:2	Sponsor:	None	Data Source:-	RLym Website Archive
13 th & 14 th March 1976	Event ran initially as the Lymington Congressional Cup				Information Sheet. 7 Feb. 1976
Boats used:	Contessa 32's				Bulletin 1976 Page 1 & details Page 7 Mrs E[C]E input Feb11
				Race Officer	Rendall Clark
				Race team member	Eileen Caulcutt
				Chairman Protest Committee	Richard Creagh-Osborne
Invitations accepted from:-					
1	Robin Aisher				
2	Bruce Banks				
3	Phil Crebbin	Won by Phil Crebbin just prior to him going to the Olympics sailed at Lake Ontario, Canada as our 470 Class representative.			
4	Chris Dunning				
5	Jack Knights				
6	George Stead	Runner up 1976	[see Information Sheet. 11 - 17 th Feb. 1976		
7	Tubby Lee				
8	David May				
9	Peter Nicholson				
10	John Prentice				
11	Arthur Slater ?	Mrs E[C]E is doubtful if this person took part			
12	Not known	12 th man not know [as @ 26Feb2011]			
Format & Innovation:-					
Race format: Round Robin similar to an American Tennis Tournament		Course Format: Windward – leeward races - 1 mile legs finishing on a beat to line. Starts in pairs 5 minutes apart Course – in vicinity of Lymington Spit. Similar to previous 1974 year.			
Further research: -					
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1977	Event No:3	Title Sponsor: Not known if there was one	Various.	Data Source:-	RLym Website Archive
					Information Sheet. 11 17 th Feb. 1976
25 th , 26 th & 27 th March 1977		Event ran as the Royal Lymington Cup 1977 Congressional Series Cup		Committee Boat owned Rendell Clark	
Boats used:		Contessa 32's		Race Officer	Eileen Caulcutt
				Chairman Protest Committee	Mary Pera
Invitations accepted from:-			Sail Letter	Wins	
1	George Tinley	A	4	<i>Solent Points Champion 1973</i> <i>[Bruce Banks unable to attend]</i>	
2	Peter Bruce	B	7	Owner of <i>Genie</i> – outstanding ¼ tonner 1976	Runner Up 7W & 2L
3	Phil Crebbin	C	8	Winner of the Second Series & Olympic Helmsman	Won by Phil Crebbin 8 Wins & 1 Lose
4	Harry Cudmore	D	5	Winner of the ½ Ton Cup 1975	
5	Jack Knights	E	6	Yachting Journalist	
6	Iain Macdonald Smith	F	2	Olympic Helmsman	
7	John McCarthy	G	3	Owner of Yacht of the Year 1976	
8	Peter Nicholson	H	3	Winner of First Series <i>[Congressional Cup 1974]</i>	
9	George Stead	J	5	Runner up 1976	
10	Reg White	K	2	Olympic Gold Medallist	
Format & Innovation:-					
Course Format:		Windward – leeward races - Approx 15/20 minute beats to windward, leeward mark to leeward of Start/Finishing line, avoid passing through line unless finishing to the line on a beat. Starts in pairs 5 minutes apart races. Course – in vicinity of Lymington Spit.			
Race Format:		Round Robin			
Further research:		§§ Bill Green , Peter Banks , Adrian Otten , Jane Pitt Pitts , Peter Halliwell & Rodney Barton might have more info.			

1978	Event No:4	Title Sponsor: .	None	Data Source:-	RLym Website Archive
Fri 14 th , Sat 15 th & Sun 16 th April 1978	Event ran as The 1978 British Match-Racing Championship for the Royal Lymington Cup (formally the Congressional Cup)				Information Sheet. 13 17 th Jan. 1978 Page 2
Boats used:	Contessa 32's			Race Officer	Eileen Caulcutt
				Chairman Protest Committee	Mary Pera
Invitations accepted from:-		Wins			
1	Harry Cudmore	IRL	8	Won by Harry Cudmore	
2	John Oakley	GBR	6		
3	Phil Crebbin	GBR	6		
4	Pelle Petterson	SWD	6		
5	Peter Bruce	GBR	6		
6	Laurie Smith	GBR	5		
7	Jack Knights	GBR	4		
8	Chris Law	GBR	3		
9	Jeremy Rogers	GBR	1		
10	Robin Aisher	GBR	0		
Format & Innovation	Windward – leeward races - 1/2 - 3/4 mile legs finishing on a beat to line. From leeward marl positioned to leeward of start/Finish line. Starts in pairs 5 minutes apart races approx 45mins per. Course – in vicinity of Lymington Spit. Similar to previous year.				

Comment: Interesting to note that the start procedure had not yet introduced the rule that boats should enter the start line from the windward side within 1 minute their 5 minute signal. Thus forcing the prestart duel to be engaged. Boats could at this time still enter very late.

THE COMPETITORS



Pelle Petterson
Designer and skipper of "Sverige", the Swedish America's Cup challenger.
ex-Star Olympic Silver Medallist.
ex-Star World Champion.



Chris Law
ex-Finn World Champion



Jean-Louis Fabry
Owner of "Revolution", RORC Yacht of the Year and class II Champion



Lawrie Smith
Fireball National Champion
ex-Merlin Rocket National Champion
ex-470 National Champion
Holder of Endeavour Trophy ("Champion of Dinghy Champions")



Jack Knights
Runner-up British Mini-Ton Cup
ex-Finn National Champion
ex-Enterprise National Champion



Peter Bruce
Runner-up Congressional Cup 1977
ex-Quarter Ton Winner, Solent Points



John Oakeley
British Open Soling Champion
ex-Flying Dutchman World Champion
ex-Merlin Rocket National Champion
ex-National 12 National Champion



Robin Aisher
Representing the British team which won the Admiral's Cup 1977
ex-5.5 Metre Olympic Bronze Medallist



Phil Crebbin
Winner Congressional Cup 1976 and 1977
Soling National Champion
ex-470 World Champion
ex-Enterprise World Champion



Harry Cudmore
Runner-up Half Ton Cup
ex-Half Ton Cup Winner

1979	Event No:4	Title Sponsor: Not known if there was one.		Data Source:-	RLym Website Archive
Fri 18 th , Sat 19 th & Sun 20 th May 1979		Event ran as the Royal Lymington Cup Match Racing Championship.			See RLym Cup Programme and Race Instructions. Results Tony Fairchild's Report
Boats used:		OOD34's			
				Race Officer	Eileen Caulcutt
				Chairman Protest Committee	Mary Pera
Invitations accepted from:-			Wins		
1	Dick Deaver	USA	6	Won by D Deaver	Congressional Cup USA Winner 1979 & Olympic Gold 1964
2	John Oakley	GBR	5		
3	Harold Cudmore	IRL	4		
4	Dennis Durgan	USA	4		
5	Bruno Trouble	FRA	4		Unable to attend - Larry Marks
6	Peter Bruce	GBR	3		Unable to attend - Laurie Smith
7	Pelle Peterson	SWD	2		
8	Phil Crebbin	GBR	0		
Comment:		The US winner commented on the diminutive size of the RLym Cup at the prize giving. It being a small silver rose bowl. He had just won was an enormous Congressional Cup. However Roger Hawkes [owner of a Jewellery Shop in Quay St at that time] saved the day as he persuaded an unsuspecting watchmaker to give us a gold watch.			

THE COMPETITORS

 <p>PHIL CREBBIN Winner Royal Lymington Cup 1976, 1977. 2nd equal 1978. British Open Soling Champion. 4th Soling World Championship.</p>	 <p>HAROLD CUDMORE Winner Royal Lymington Cup 1978. 5th Congressional Cup 1979, USA. 2nd Coupe des Skippers 1978, La Rochelle.</p>	 <p>DICK DEAVER 2nd Congressional Cup 1979, USA. Winner 1976, 1978. Winner Coupe des Skippers 1978, La Rochelle. Winner One Ton Cup World Championship 1976. Olympic medal Dragons 1964.</p>	 <p>DENNIS DURGAN Winner Congressional Cup 1979, USA. Has competed in match-racing events for 10 years on the West Coast of the USA.</p>
 <p>LARRY MARKS Helmsman 'Morning Cloud' 1979. 2nd World Half Ton Championships 1978. Twice 505 World Champion. Four times 505 British Champion. Once Flying Dutchman National Champion.</p>	 <p>JOHN OAKELEY Helmsman 'Lionheart'. British challenger for 1980 America's Cup. 2nd equal Royal Lymington Cup 1978. Ex-Flying Dutchman World Champion. Ex-Merlin Rocket National Champion. Ex-National 12 National Champion.</p>	 <p>PELLE PETERSON Designer and helmsman of 'Sverige', Swedish America's Cup challenger. 2nd equal Royal Lymington Cup 1978. 6th Congressional Cup 1979, USA. 6-metre World Champion. Winner of two Olympic medals.</p>	 <p>LAWRIE SMITH Fireball World Champion. Enterprise World Champion. Ex-Merlin Rocket National Champion. Ex-470 National Champion.</p>