

# Royal Lymington Yacht Club

## BULLETIN 1957

By

"Fantome Bleu"

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### Obituary

COLONEL THE HON. C. H. C. GUEST - ADMIRAL.

MRS. A. PINCKNEY

MAJOR L. W. LEARMONT, D.S.O., M.C.

MR. G. SCOTT-PEARSE.

LT. F. CREAGH-OSBORNE, R.N.

The heart-felt sympathy of all Club Members is extended to their families.

### EDITORIAL

When your Editor was co-erced into writing the Bulletin for 1957, he sought advice from his predecessor, a persuasive and charming ex-Flag Officer. As a result, he was given a perfectly free hand, as follows:

(1) The Bulletin must not be too long, otherwise it will cost the Club too much and will cause over-weight when enclosed with other postal matter.

(2) It must not be too short, otherwise some Members will get "hot" because their achievements have been omitted.

(3) In the space available, no section must be left out, nor interest forgotten, and all sections must be treated equally fairly.

The ex-Editor was nice enough to add, "It is not an easy job."

In writing a Bulletin of this nature, it is arguable whether or not to mention Members by name. Your Editor feels that to omit names, and keep to the general, is to make the Bulletin dull and impersonal and lacking in interest. To those Members who feel that their names should have appeared in print, but haven't, he offers his apologies. He will, willingly, listen to their cases but regrets that no amendments can be made.

### SAILING

**Acknowledgement.** All yachtsmen will wish to thank the Sailing Committee, Race Officers and those responsible for their safety, for the big contribution these Officers have made to their enjoyment at sea.

**General.** Keeness in racing of all kinds—from the Fastnet to river racing—remains as great as ever, and it is very stimulating to see the interest taken by the young Members of the Club. No weather is too bad for them to race. The season ended with a very successful Christmas series of races for twelve-footers and Finns, and the "elder brethren" who watched these races must have felt very

confident in the future of the Club, when it comes under the direction of these up-and-coming young men and women.

**Cruising Classes.** The series of Passage Races were quite well supported. "Peri" (Colonel C. A. Biddle) won the Parkstone Trophy and "Pierrot" (Mr. C. H. Everett) the Points Cup. Both these yachts did very well during Cowes Week.

In the R.O.R.C. races, "Quiver" (Mr. S. H. R. Clarke) had the highest points of any yacht owned by Club Members, but as she did not sail under the Club Burgee, the R.L.Y.C. King's Cup went to "Tilly Twin" (Mr. W. F. Cartwright), who was twelfth in Class 2. "Water Music" (Mr. Vernon Sainsbury) got a good fourth in her class in the Dinard Race. This yacht was the Club's representative in the gruelling Fastnet Race, and the owner had bad luck in having to retire at Brixham with a leaking fuel tank. Those Club Members who watched the yachts beating up to Hurst in a full westerly gale, at the start of the race, must have felt great admiration for the crews, particularly the women— Mrs. Vernon Sainsbury being one.

Cross Channel cruises have been a regular feature of the season? and the weather encountered was, on the whole, much better than in 1956, particularly in the early part of the summer. Further afield, Mr. Peter Edwards has been voyaging in "Selamat," and Mr. W. H. Farr and his family have been cruising in Scandinavian waters in "Penlena."

A notable cruise was that of "Minion," a 21ft. 6in. fin-keel sloop, converted from a day cruiser and sailed by David and John Giles, aged 22. They sailed across the Channel and were away for about fourteen days. It was the first occasion on which these two young men had sailed abroad and they did some good passages in adverse weather conditions.

**X.O.D. Class.** With nine yachts in commission, the "X"s had a very good year, with points racing every Wednesday and Saturday. Three outstanding yachts, in a very full programme, were "Mary Rose" (Mr. O. J. Price) winner of the Jade Cup and Helmsman's Cup; "Zest" (Brigadier R. L. Hutchins and Mr. H. Goodhart) winner of the Hotham and Allott Cups; and "Sirena" (Colonel and Mrs. Gerald Gray). In not such a full season (fifteen starts), "Coral" (Mr. D. R. Hobson), a comparative newcomer, did well to be first in the Flags order and win the singlehanded race and Potter Ship Tankard. "Quest" (Mr. L. J. C. Southern) got ten guns in fifteen starts, including six thirds.

In the Inter-Division series of races, Itchenor were defeated in home waters, but Lymington lost to Parkstone and Yarmouth.

**Finn.** Under the leadership of Richard Creagh-Osborne (who represented Great Britain in the Olympics), and helped by a band of young enthusiasts, the Finns have gone from strength to strength. From two, at the beginning of the year, there are now some dozen boats in the river. This Class now races regularly, and very fine racing it is to take part in and to watch. In August, Paul Elvstrom, the World Finn Champion, paid a visit to Lymington, and highly exciting racing took place, in winds of gale force, providing spectators with an unforgettable experience. He was followed in November, by Ernest Morrison, the sixteen-and-a-half stone South African Finn Champion, who sailed in a series of races. The Club looks forward to an ever increasing build-up of this Class which is now firmly established in the West Solent. The latest proud Finn owner is our Vice-Commodore, and we wish him good planing in 1958.

It was a fitting end of the season for Richard Creagh-Osborne to win the Lymington Sugar Bowl (presented by J. C. and J. D. Rogers) in the Winter Series of races. Jonathan Rogers and George Tinley were a close second and third, and the tough and tenacious Secretary of the West Solent Finn Association, Peter Bailward, a popular fourth.

**12ft. National and Firefly.** The enthusiasm of our young Finn helmsmen is matched by that of the twelve-footers. The standard of racing is high, and the Club is fortunate in having some very fine helmsmen in this Class, notably the Jardine and Barton twins. Team and individual successes are listed below.

**Team.** Club teams won in home waters against Oxford and London Universities and the Poole Harbour 12ft. Association, and brought home the Cheddar Trophy from the open meeting at Cheddar.

In the Inter-Service keel and centre-plate Tournament, the Club supplied the Army team Captain and three or four others, and Club Members were the backbone of the Sapper team who defeated the Royal Artillery and the Royal Corps of Signals.

**Individual.**

*Easter Series/or Tobin Mugs:*

*Firefly* Stuart Jardine

*Whitsun Series:*

*Firefly* Jane Mackenzie

*National* Peter Barton

*Ladies' Trophy:* Jane Mackenzie

*Solent Plate for Nationals:* Peter Barton

*Edmond (Single-handed Trophy):* Peter Barton

*Cockboat Cup* Adrian Jardine

*Coronation Cup:*

*National* Peggy Sharland

*Firefly* Adrian Jardine

*Fortescue Cups* John Biddle

*for schoolboys* Christopher Jones

*R.N.L.I. Burgee Race:* Stephen Montague-Jone

*Peter Andreae Race:* J. Rogers, A. Farrar,

*for under 21's—4 prizes* B.Blatch, R.deMowbray

*Winter Series:*

*National* Peter Barton

*Firefly* Adrian Jardine

A. and S. Jardine won the annual Bristol Firefly Bowl, the Plymouth Cup and the Goodhart Trophy.

Finally, the thanks of the Club go to Colonel Jardine, who has worked tirelessly throughout the season to cope with a very full programme of dinghy racing.

**Prams.** Racing proper started during the summer holidays, starters numbering about half a dozen. The Points and Outport Cups were won by Major R. Butler, and the Kelly Trophy by Angus Farrar.

**R.L.Y.C. Regatta.** The Club was lucky to have two good days for their Regatta,

and there were plenty of entries for the smaller class -, of yachts and dinghies. Entries for the big classes were disappointing. For the first time there were enough entries in the S.C.O.D. Class to give them a race to themselves—a good augury for the future. "Mitsouko" (Mr. J. A. Caulcutt) has been the outstanding yacht of this Class this season, with a brilliant Solent record.

**Potter Ship Cup.** The season was wound up by having a perfect day for the Potter Ship Cup which was won by "Quiver" sailed by David May.

## HOUSE MATTERS

**The Club House.** The Club is deeply indebted to all those Members who responded so generously to the appeal by the Commodore for funds to meet the cost of urgent repairs and renovations to the Clubhouse, which were long overdue. The work is well in hand.

**Entertainments.** Firstly, and most important of all, Members would wish to thank the Secretary, the Chairman and Members of the House Committee, and all other volunteer helpers who have given up so much of their time to help organise the many social functions held throughout the year. It is hard to realise just how much the Club owes to these kind, hard-working people, who, no sooner is one function over, start preparing for the next—and they are always cheerful.

For the majority of its functions, the Club has been fortunate in respect of the weather. The "Fitting-Out" Dance (attendance 120) was voted a good party, and the Regatta Ball, held on August 16th, was well-attended (150) and was a great success. The Fancy Dress Ball, held on December 28th, was very much enjoyed by all-comers, and the standard of imaginative ingenuity was so high that the Vice-Commodore decided, on the spot, to award prizes—a generous gesture. Fifty-seven Members attended the Annual Dinner, held on November 23rd, and they were well-rewarded by listening to an excellent and most stimulating after-dinner speech by the chief guest, Mr. Hugh Goodson, who is Chairman of the Syndicate organising the British Challenger (Sceptre) for the America Cup.

The sailing season concluded with the prize distribution, following the Potter Ship Race on September 28th. 117 Members attended a good champagne party afterwards.

The Junior Dances (under 18) have been most popular, as have the Reel Parties which are gathering momentum. Afternoon gramophone recitals, an innovation this year, have been much appreciated by music-lovers. They are being perpetuated. "Beer and Bangers" are as popular as ever.

The Winter Series of Lectures, organised by the Vice-Commodore, and preceded by supper, have all been most interesting and instructive, and well-worth attending. Attendance has been good.

**Marriages and Engagements.** To end the Bulletin on a cheerful note, the Club wish all the young people (and one or two not so young) who have got married, or engaged, every happiness.

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