



e-potternews

As your new electronic noticeboard, *E-PotterNews* will be distributed on the 5th of each month with details of what's going on in and around the club.

This month there is plenty about Christmas activities and there are a number of suggestions for opportunities to get some fresh air and a little exercise: the Needles Relief on 13th December: racing after Christmas (some more volunteers would be much appreciated – see page 3); social events for all ages; last minute shopping ideas and special offers for the London Boat Show in January. The Commodore has provided an update on the

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ferry situation, including information as to where to get a downloadable form to report interactions between the ferry and a small dinghy or yacht that you feel should be known to BMT.

I've taken over from Judy Ruffell who has edited PotterNews for five years, as well as producing our magnificent PotterShip each March. Judy will be a very hard act to follow and I'm very grateful for her continuing help and support.

Please email me (ann.brunskill@btopenworld.com) with your comments on the new electronic format and anything you think should be in ePotterNews.

Ann Brunskill

SOCIAL

Christmas Party and Gala Buffet Supper Saturday 6th December

A few tickets still available for the best party to get the festive season going. Dine and dance from 7.30 pm. Dress casual, tickets £25 per head.

Scow Christmas Cheer Supper Monday 15th December 2008

This event is being organised by the Scow Division and includes a Christmas Supper of Duck with Orange Sauce followed by Mince Tart. Full details are displayed on the Scow Noticeboard. Please book your places at Reception for this event. The cost is £16.00 per head.

Turkey Dinner - Wednesday 17th December 2008

Come and join us for traditional Christmas fayre with festive decorations. Tickets are £31.50 which includes a glass of mulled wine on arrival. Dress code: Black Tie.

Carols with Santa - Tuesday 23rd December 2008

Enjoy a drink and sing a few carols around the bar, led again by the St Nicholas Singers. Santa should arrive by boat from Lapland (if his GPS is working), with presents for the children and good cheer for all. This is definitely one for all the family! From 12.30 pm.

New Year's Eve - Wednesday 31st December 2008

Come and see the New Year in at the club and join the party with other members dancing to "Streetlife" playing 60s, 70s & 80s music. Details of the menu will shortly be displayed in the Foyer. Tickets are £41 per head. Dress code: Black Tie

New Year's Brunch - Thursday 1st January 2009

Enjoy the beginning of a New Year with a gourmet Brunch on New Year's Day at 12.00pm. Children welcome. Tickets £17.50 adults & £9.50 children. Dress Code: Smart Casual.

Wines by the case

The following club wines are available to Members by the case at the prices shown (per bottle) and can be ordered

through the bar:

Constantia Sauvignon Blanc, South Africa £6.99. Dry and full-bodied with a long and lingering finish. Excellent by itself or with the turkey.

Errazuriz Merlot, Chile £6.80 - Sweet tannins give backbone to this medium-bodied, well-balanced wine and lead to a pleasant finish.

Sangre de Toro, Torres, Spain £5.80 Made from Garnacha and Cariñena grapes, superb with roasts, casseroles, game and traditional meat dishes.

For a limited period these wines will be available by the glass for members to try before they commit to buying a case or more.

Reminder - Club Closed

Wednesday Evening 10th December

Please note that there is no catering available on the evening of 10th December as this is the Staff Christmas Party. Apologies for any inconvenience which this may cause.

2009 Christmas Card competition

The House Committee would like artists and photographers to submit designs and photos (appropriate to the season) for the official club Christmas card for next year. Prizes to be won and the winner's entry to be displayed on many mantelpieces in 2009. Full details will be given in next month's ePotterNews.

Christmas cards special sale offer

The Club has stocks of Christmas Cards from the last three years. These cards are available from the office at the following substantially reduced prices: From 25p each (all varieties) with discounts for large quantities.

Christmas shopping at the club

The Club has many items on sale at the office which would make ideal Christmas presents for other members. All our stock of regalia is on display in the cabinet just inside the main door on the left.

FERRIES – UPDATE FROM THE COMMODORE

This has been a busy period for followers of the ferry issue with the sea trials nearing completion. Outstanding tests are required to show how the ferry interacts with small dinghy traffic. It is accepted that this is not the best time of year to assess that but some extrapolation is inevitable and expect the ships to be kept under review as the sailing season builds. The Club web site has a downloadable form for reporting interactions between the ferry and a small dinghy or yacht that you feel should be known to BMT, LHC's consultants in the risk assessment project. The form is available in the Documents and Articles section of the Ferry page which is accessible from the home page.

Trials are also needed to assess passing in the River in stronger winds and to develop the way in which the Voith Schneider drive units can be controlled to minimise wash. The trials will be used to develop what the Harbour Commissioners refer to as the Safe Operating Profile: a set of arrangements such as speed limits and operating restrictions including the prevention of waiting in the River and, if our fears are born out by the trials, passing in the River. Based on the results of earlier studies by LHC, we do not expect there to be any increased regulation of racing and sailing in the River.

While there is as yet no clear date for the production of the results of the sea trials and the safe operating profile, it appears that Wightlink have accepted that the ships will not be put into service until the trials and the overall safety risk assessment process are complete and until proper account can be taken in the Safe Operating Profile of the advice of Natural England on environmental impact.

When the time comes, we will be looking at the outcome to ensure that it amounts to a rigorous and complete examination of the issues and our concerns. We will want to make sure that everything has been done to mitigate the adverse impact of the new ferry and we welcome Wightlink's undertaking to look at reducing their schedules during Wednesday Junior Sailing days. We will be holding Wightlink to account if they don't live up to their assurance given at the outset early last year that the ferries would have no increased adverse impact on other users of the River.

CRUISING

Needles Relief Saturday 13th December

The Cruising meet will be held in conjunction with the Racing Division to thank and give donations to the local crews of the Rescue Services. Race or cruise over and watch the lifeboat and helicopter demonstration from the Royal Solent Yacht Club. Details on the club noticeboard.

Log Competition

Now the cruising season has ended we are looking for members to submit logs for the Log Competition. The details of the competition are contained in a notice displayed in the Club and on the website. Only two have been submitted to date so please get them rolling in – they should be handed into Reception by mid January. We are particularly keen to have some from the under fifteens this year.

Cruising Dinner

This is to be held on Saturday 21 February and John Blashford-Snell is the guest of honour.

Winter Sailing

This is now underway and we have had several well attended meets to date. The next will be in January to Cowes and then the February one will be to Gins Farm. We plan to hold an overnight rally in March when there might be a hint of spring in the air at either Portsmouth or Bembridge.

Cruising Workshops

We are considering hold a few cruising workshops during the winter on a Saturday morning. The idea is to select three or four topics and then get someone experienced in the topic to talk for about five minutes followed up by a discussion. We thought we would try one in January to see how it goes – so watch this space. If you would like to lead on a particular topic then please let David Houlton know.

Safety Morning

We plan to hold a safety morning on Saturday 4 April. The aim is to remind members of practical safety requirements. There will be an introductory talk followed by demonstrations of safety drills and equipment. The idea is for it to be as hands on as possible. If there are any particular topics you would like included please let David Houlton know

Cruising Programme 2009

This will shortly be published and put on the website. Please put the various dates in your diaries. There is a charter canal trip in Brittany planned in September.

Chart Room

All the pilots have been updates and the Channel Charts. We are also getting material from the Cruising Association. If you want any particular publications please ask Duncan Macalister.

Training - ICC/CEVNI assessor

Do you hold a full Yachtmasters certificate? Would you like to become an ICC (International Certificate of Competence) and CEVNI (European Inland Waterways Regulations) assessor?

The Club needs some additional assessors and is looking for suitably qualified members to take on this role. The Club will also arrange for the RYA to run a training session to enable you to carry out these assessments.

If you are interested please contact David Houlton, coldavidhoulton@hotmail.com or on 01590 610762

WANTED - SPONSORS

The club is always looking for ways to attract new sponsorship for our events. We know that these are difficult times for many businesses, but sponsorship of club activities means access to our AB1 membership through brand recognition. As a club Member, do you know any sponsorship decision makers, and if so, would you be prepared to introduce them to the club? For example, the club is running an exciting new event, The Royal Lymington Challenge Cup, in June next year, which will be a inter-club event attracting entries from other clubs around the country (see page 4).

If you are able to help us obtain sponsorship, in any form, for this event in particular, please contact Marc Malanaphy, marc_m@btconnect.com in the first instance, who is the club's sponsorship organiser.

RACING

Needles Relief Saturday 13th December

Please see the note in the Cruising section. Further details from the club noticeboard.

IDEAS FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



**Boxing Day,
Friday, 26th
December -
Setley Cup
and
Seahorse
Trophy 2008
-Preview
from Stuart
Jardine**

36th in the Yachts and Yachting poll on the top 50 must do meetings that sailors should attend in their lifetime, this event is run annually at Setley Pond on Boxing Day with the first start at 1100 hrs The results are also published in the Yachting Press ahead of the Sydney Hobart.

The model fleets (see below for construction details) are split into the Setley Cup for Monohulls and the Seahorse Trophy for Multihulls with separate starts, weather permitting 5 races are normally achieved with one discard. Fleets range from 20 to 30 boats for the first race but unfortunately the attrition rate is fairly high with some over ambitious Christmas constructions. Note: Those with models need to turn up by 1030hrs in order register in etc.

Hopefully Connie Stock and George Russell will be around to defend their trophies.

It is all over around 1230 hrs in time for everyone to get back to the festivities. Once again volunteers are always wanted to mark the finishing lines or man the rescue dinghy, even occasionally to help break the ice !! Plus of course the photographers.

Setley Cup and Seahorse Trophy Rules

- 1 Boats: - Length max overall = 660 mm
Beam unrestricted.
- 2 Sails must be capable of fitting into a rectangle of 1000 mm by 500 mm.
- 3 Design and construction = any design any material.
4. Sailing boats only i.e. no stored power, RC, batteries or rubber bands etc.
- 5 All boats must be launched by helms under 18 years old.
- 6 Bows of multihulls are to be connected with wire, tape, batten or similar to prevent trapping other boats.

Saturday 27th December - The Peter Andreae Trophy from Stuart Jardine Principal Race Officer



Photo: Sylvia Pepin

The Peter Andreae Trophy for Club Members under 21 years old will be sailed on Saturday 27th December in Club/WJS Scows. This Trophy, a Silver Model of a Lymington Pram, was presented to the Club for under 21 year olds to compete for annually at Christmas many years ago. Along with the trophy was a legacy of Hanson Shares, with the specific request that the annual interest on these be used as cash prizes for all the young entering that year.

The event for sometime now has been competed for in Scows and the numbers entering have varied from 15 to 30 members. It begins with three heats split into Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors by age, the top 3 from each group then move forward into a two race final. Interestingly it is not always the seniors who come out on top.

In 2007 Philip Sparks, an intermediate won, with Sophie Weguelin (Senior) 2nd and Josh Sparks (Junior) 3rd, will these three be around in 2008 to defend their positions, who have we got coming up in the wings to challenge for this trophy?

Volunteers to help organise the racing, crew or drive RIBS, keep the records up-to-date and sort out the cash prizes are always very welcome.

Monday, 29th December - Penguin Trophy

Scow racing for all club members, fleet racing in boats provided by the Club with short races in the river. Racing near the club pontoon unless conditions prohibit. Single handed or double handed with minimum combined age of 35 years.

Registration and payment of £10 per boat entry fees from 0900 – 0930 on race day. First start not before 1000. Final race finished by 1330. A few further volunteers would be very welcome so please email ben@rlymyc.org.uk.



The Lymington XOD fleet had one of the most successful series for some years showing that XOD racing is still, as many say, the best yacht racing in the Western Solent from gentle family sailors to Olympic hotshots who are

always willing to help and all in classic boats that started in 1911. The Lymington Division is keen to welcome new members of any age. Sharing is very successful and ensures better usage. Dinghy sailors thinking of moving on to a keel boat and still looking for competitive family sailing at a reasonable cost should try an XOD. If anyone is interested in finding out more about XOD's please contact the Divisional Captain, Fenella Lees on 01590 675446 www.rlymyc.org.uk/xod

STOP PRESS

Club member Ben Ainslie has been named as one of the top ten contenders for the 2008 BBC Sports Personality of the Year. Although sailing is our major Olympic Sport and Great Britain has won more Gold Medals in this sport than any other nation since the modern Olympics started, no sailor has won this award. Ben is our most successful British Olympic sailor, but if he is to stand a chance in the poll for Sports Personality it will be down to individual action. The competition is very tough this year as the contenders include several fellow Olympians, Lewis Hamilton and Andy Murray.

Voting will take place by phone only during the live show Live on BBC One and BBC Radio 5 Live at 7 pm on Sunday 14th December. The number to call to vote for Ben will be only revealed on the programme after 7pm, so make sure you tune in on the night!

THE ROYAL LYMINGTON CHALLENGE CUP 2009



Interest in next year's Royal Lymington Challenge Cup is gaining momentum. The historic silver King's Cup trophy has been secured for the event, which was first presented by King George V in 1925, and which will be presented to the winning team, but retained by the Club. The three-boat interclub regatta, which takes place over the three days 25-27th June has already attracted registrations from ten clubs and a number of individual IRC owners. The event takes place just a few days after the Round the Island Race so that visiting IRC yachts needn't rush home from Cowes but stay on and come to Lymington for some hotly competitive racing both in Christchurch Bay and the Solent. For the latest news and further details go to www.rlymyc.org.uk/challengecup.

TRAINING

Teamwork for all race team members – new, experienced or yet to be. Were you a new volunteer in 2008? Would you like to join our race teams in 2009? Are you an experienced race team member? Would you like to join in the fun ?

Two race team evenings were held recently to discuss working in race teams and hear about the importance for the Club and its Race Officers of good teamwork in planning and running racing events. More evenings are planned for early 2009 including a course setting session. If you are new to the work, or are hesitant about volunteering, you will be able to talk about it with those who have plenty of experience across the wide range of events run by the Club. Several volunteers have already expressed interest in taking the RYA Club Race Officer Course, which is the first step on the ladder to becoming an International Race Officer.

Check the training pages of the club's website for details of the courses the club will be running over the next few months.

Stop press: it is intended to run an advance powerboat course sometime around March. Further details will be contained in next month's ePotterNews.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

At the beginning of 2008, the Sailing Committee introduced a trial volunteer recognition scheme as a way of expressing the Club's appreciation to all those people who go out in all weathers to support the club's sailing activities. This gave points for everyone who volunteered which could be claimed at the end of the season.

Volunteers are reminded to claim their awards before 31st December. Please check on the website for how to do this. http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/volunteers/default.asp?page_id=1002

At the same time the Office would be grateful if you would complete the online survey with your views on the trial scheme. Any questions please contact the Sailing Manager on 01590 672677. Alternatively, email ben@rlymyc.org.uk.

LONDON BOAT SHOW 2009

There are two excellent offers available to members, one for travel and tickets and the other for discounted tickets.

Travel and tickets Thursday 15 January

Harken are organising a coach trip and show tickets at £20 a head. The coach leaves from outside the Club at 0730 on the 15th and leaves the show for Lymington at 1830 Further details contact Loretta Cuoghi at Harken

t: 01590 689122 f: 01590 610274 e: lo@harken.co.uk

Discounted tickets

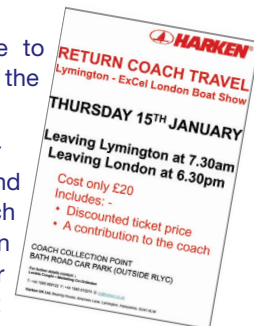
Tickets are £8.50 (plus a £1.25 transaction fee), are valid any day including Preview Day and can be purchased right up until the last day of the show. Youngsters under 15 go free (up to two per accompanying adult) provided tickets for them are requested when ordering adult tickets.

Telephone bookings: 0844 209 0333

Website bookings: londonboatshow.com

Royal Lymington Yacht Club reference code: JGL3

When ordering you will be asked to choose a date, requesting them for the Preview day will produce tickets that are valid for any day of the show. As it could take up to 7 days for them to arrive by post, tickets purchased shortly before or during the show can be collected on arrival from the advance ticket office at the main entrance. The most expedient option, for those ordering tickets over the Internet, is to use the website's 'Print at Home' facility.



DISCOUNTS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

The first five give 10% discount on presentation of a Club card. Elmers Court discount is by arrangement.

- Kew Electrical Unit 730 Ampress Park Lymington
- Rivaaz (Indian Restaurant) Lymington High Street
- Henry Lloyd (Yacht Clothing) Lymington High Street
- Yachtmail (Chandlery) Town Quay Lymington
- Rainbow Copy Ampress Park Lymington
- Elmers Court Lymington

Three ways to help your club

An introduction from you is all that is needed, the Club will do the rest. The leaflets are available from or can be sent out by the office

membership - join a friend

Current membership is 2800 people - the target is 3000. There's no waiting list. So join a friend, they can become a provisional member immediately.



advertising & sponsorship

Do you know an organisation which would benefit from being associated with the Club by sponsorship or by advertising in club publications. If so let the office know



club facilities promotion

We offer • regatta management • corporate event hosting • business dining • conference and meeting facilities. The office will take the bookings.

