



# ePotterNews



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## Optimism Springs Forth

There have been more successes for our sailors, who are sailing in warm places while we shiver here, meanwhile the Lymington Optimist fleet have taken to the ice. Preparations for the coming year are well under way but as usual the Club needs more volunteers for both mailings and to help with the racing. The AGM was held on a sparkling morning and enjoyed by all who attended.

As always please let me have any comments, news and photos for the coming months. I need your input to keep ePotterNews reflecting the many activities of our vibrant Club.

Ann Brunskill

## Club

### AGM

170 Members attended the Club's Annual General Meeting on Saturday 6th February. The business was transacted and the various Special and Ordinary Resolutions listed below were approved. The object of these resolutions is to ensure the Club maintains its welcoming and family friendly ethos and to encourage new Members. The Commodore thanked all the outgoing Flag Officers and Committee Members for their hard work over the previous three years.



John Mills succeeds Phil Batten as Vice-Commodore and Neil Eccles takes over from David Hayles as Rear Commodore House. Dick Thorn has been re-elected as a Trustee and Chris Baldwick, Denise Moore, Hannah Neve, Dunlop Stewart, John Thunhurst and Jim Venn were elected to the Main Committee replacing Bob Baker, John Miller and Gordon Stredwick who retired after three years service. The other three vacancies being those of our new Vice-Commodore and Rear Commodore House, and John

Thunhurst being formally elected, having being previously co-opted. David Houlton is succeeded by Richard Wood as Captain of Cruising.

## Lymington River and the Solent

### Lymington Harbour Commissioners' Review

The 2010 Review is now available to view at [Lymington Report](#).

#### New Harbour Commissioner

Lymington Harbour Commissioners have co-opted Geoff Holmes as a Commissioner for 12 months in order to assist the Commissioners in the development and documentation of a strategic framework for the management of the Harbour going forward. If you want to see the minutes of the Harbour Commissioners' meetings and the Lymington Harbour Advisory Group, they are available for download from the [Lymington Harbour website](#) by clicking on the 'Who Are We?' link on the left hand side.



### North Solent Shoreline Management Plan



The NFDC has launched three months of public consultation on the North Solent Shoreline Management Plan (SMP), to manage erosion and flooding defence over the next 15, 45 and 95 years. There is a briefing note on the Club [website](#), so please read this as the SMP affects us all. If you have any comments there is a feedback form under the Public Consultation on the North Solent Shoreline Management tab of the North Solent SMP [website](#).

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## Volunteers

### Wanted - Volunteers for the February Mailing

Pottership magazine and the 2010 List of Members and Yachts need putting into envelopes on February 25th and delivering on February 26th. This is the heaviest mailing of the year, about 360 gms or 12 1/2 ounces in old money. Can you help - if so please add your name to the notice on the board – there are 18 so far but more are needed. If someone has already volunteered for your area, please contact the Office or [David Matcham](#). Doing this ourselves saves the Club £4,000 at each mailing so it's well worth doing, but we really need all hands to the pump.

### Volunteering Forms for the Coming Racing Season

Volunteers help from Wednesday Junior Sailing, through the regular Club events to National and International regattas. A steady stream of completed volunteering forms is coming in to the Office, but there are still plenty of opportunities to join in the Club's racing season. If you haven't volunteered before and have some questions before you sign up, just call the Office or send back the form just saying you would like to talk to someone about helping. You don't even have to go out on the water, there are many interesting things to do ashore, from registering competitors to cooking the best burgers in Lymington. It's also a great way to get out and meet other Club Members.

Forms are available on the [Volunteers page](#) or from the Office.

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## Social

### Saturday 13th February - Valentine's Night 1900

[Valentine's Supper](#) with music provided by Howie Crab.

Three Course supper plus coffee, dress smart casual, £22 per person - tickets from the Office

### Tuesday 16th February - Movie Night 1800 - Midnight Cowboy

Made in 1969, [Midnight Cowboy](#) was the first X rated film to be awarded an Oscar. Directed by John Schlesinger starring Jon Voigt and Dustin Hoffman. Street life drama following a naïve young country boy who travels to New York to make his fortune as a gigolo Cottage Pie supper afterwards at £7 per person - sign up at the Club.



### Saturday 20th February - Cruising Dinner with Mike Golding 1930

See the [Cruising Section](#) below for details..

### Saturday 27th February - Famous Chefs, Peter and Fergal 1930

[Peter's Chinese Extravaganza](#) limited to 50 people only - £19.50 per person - tickets available at the Office.

### Monday 1st March - St David's Day

Daffodils on the table and leeks on the plates for a themed menu to celebrate the Welsh National Day.

### 13th March - Fitting Out Party with a Caribbean theme 1930 for 1945

Rum Punch on arrival followed by a supper of Jerk Chicken and Tropical Fruit Salad

Music provided by 'Hurricane Force' the Club's favourite Steel Band.

[Fitting Out Party](#) tickets are £21 per head and the dress code Caribbean and/or colourful.

### Tuesday 16th March - Movie Night 1800 - The Taking of Pelham 123

Crime/Drama/Thriller this is the John Travolta/Denzel Washington version directed by Tony Scott and made in 2009.

With: Brian Haley, Denzel Washington, James Gandolfini, John Benjamin Hickey, John Travolta, John Turturro, Luis Guzman, Victor Gojcaj. When a gang of armed men hijack a New York City subway train, the dispatcher is forced into a face-off with the mastermind behind the plot. Supper afterwards Sign up at the Club.



### Wednesday 17th March - St Patrick's Day Dinner 1900

St Patrick's Day themed supper available after the Wednesday lecture.

### Saturday March 27th 19.00

Famous Chef evening - details to be confirmed.

## Regular events

The Bridge Suppers and Quiz evenings continue for the next couple of months and the monthly informal lunches are proving very popular. For further details check on the [Social](#) page.

## Cruising

### Winter Rally 18th February

The next Winter Rally is to Beaulieu River on Thursday 18 February. Arrangements have been made to berth at the pontoon at the Royal Southampton YC at Gins Farm and for lunch at the clubhouse. Assemble as usual at the Club at around 0930 for briefing, with the aim of being at Gins Farm by about 1230. Details on the [Cruising page](#) and the Cruising notice board. Sign up by 15 February, email [David Houlton](#) or call him on 01590 610762 so that numbers can be confirmed to the Royal Southampton.



### Winter Rally 18th March

The March meet will be an overnight meet to Bembridge. Details will be available shortly on the notice board and [Cruising page](#).

*Last December's Rally to Cowes (Courtesy Richard Bagnall)*

## Cruising Dinner Saturday 20th February



[Mike Golding](#), whose latest success was third place in last November's Transat Jacques Vabre, is the guest of honour for the annual Cruising Dinner. More details on the [Cruising page](#).

Do support this enjoyable event in the cruising calendar, which includes the presentation of the various cruising trophies.

There are still a few tickets available from the Office.

## Safety Day

Following last year's excellent Safety Day, this year's will be at 0930 on Saturday 10th April. The purpose of the morning is to remind Members of standard safety procedures and safety equipment. We all get a little rusty this is a timely opportunity to brush up for the coming season. There is plenty of information relevant to both Cruising and Racing Members, so do come along. More information on the [Cruising page](#). Sign up on the Noticeboard in the Club.



## Winter Lectures

These are at 1830 on the following Wednesday evenings:

15th Feb (Mon)	Richard Newsom	Scow Lecture - Volunteering aboard a Mercy Ship Hospital
17th February	Jonathan Hutchinson	Round Ireland Clockwise
24th February	Robin Taunt and Peter Schofield	Offshore Racing in a Fastnet Year (2009)
3rd March	Tony Dixon	More Anecdotes About My Time With Uffa Fox
10th March	Kevin Podger	Secretary's Submarine Snippets
17th March	David and Annette Ridout	Nordlys - Sydney to Home - High Points and Low Points - followed by St Patrick's Day themed supper.
24th March	Sarah Fraser	A novice's experience of the Round Britain Power Boat Race

Sign up on the Noticeboard.

## Summer Cruising Programme

### Cowes 16th - 18th April

The first of the meets will be the Spring Cowes Meet, with dinner at the Royal Corinthian YC on the Saturday evening (Not at the Max Aitken Museum as shown in the 2010 Cruising Programme). More details to follow.

Dates of all this year's meets are in the 2010 Sailing Programme and on the website. The two longer distance meets to put into your cruising programme are June to St Peter Port on 11th - 13th June and August to Normandy (Honfleur) on 20th - 22nd August. Check the

[Cruising Page](#) for details

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## Aids to Navigation

Trinity House is proposing changes to a large number of Aids to Navigation. The Royal Institute of Navigation feels that it is reasonable to accept them with only minor comments given the presence of GPS for most of the time and the very tight financial pressures on Trinity House applied by both the Department of Transport and various shipping interests. The USA and Canada are de-commissioning their Loran C chains from February this year.

The consultation document is available at the Trinity House [website](#).

A further document of interest is: "[Marine Aids to Navigation Strategy 2025](#) and Beyond".

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## Racing

### Nick Thompson wins gold at Miami

Nick, the current World Cup holder, won the Laser fleet gold medal at the Rolex Miami Olympic Classes Regatta in impressive style with six wins in ten races. Buoyed by the nature of his win, he admitted he couldn't resist the chance to put down a marker for the rest of the fleet in his first event of the season.



Also at Miami were Nick Rogers and Phil Sparks, who came 17th and 18th respectively in the 470 Men's fleet.

### Christmas Race, Palamos, Spain

Sophie Weguelin came 3rd in the 470 Women's class at Palamos's Christmas Race, Hannah Snellgrove was 7th in the Laser Radials and Phil Sparks, taking the opportunity to acclimatise himself for the weather in Miami, came 4th in the 470 Men's class.

## XODs

If you want to be part of the X Boats Centenary Celebrations there is still time to get yourself a boat – or possibly share a boat with a current owner.

At Cowes Week in August 2011 there will be over 100 X Boats on the Squadron Start Line, so now is the time to get yourself organised to join in the celebrations and spectacular racing.

To find out more please contact: Fenella Lees 01590 675446 or Rory Paton 07836 677855



## Lymington Oppies

The Lymington Oppies ice hockey team, aka the "Hammerheads" raised a strong team for a joint training session with the Solent "Tigersharks", the under 10 team from Gosport. Once the Hammerheads found their feet on the hard, impure ice of a rink there was no stopping them, and the coaches were very impressed by the team work and application of the Hammerheads.

The Tigersharks meanwhile, looked very professional, swaddled in countless layers of padding. The gauntlet was thrown down for a match; our chief tactic was that whilst the Tigersharks were busy laughing at our pre-war skates, we would zip past them and put one in the back of the net. In the event our padding was not considered sufficient for insurance purposes, so we were spared the inevitable humiliation of a contest.



Back on the water the Oppies travelled up to Burghfield for their Winter Open. Sunshine and 6-8 knots of breeze provided excellent conditions for more than 100 sailors, divided into 4 fleets. The young Lymington sailors excelled themselves, gaining 1st (Millie Boyle), 2nd (Hattie Rogers), 3rd (Vita Heathcote) and 4th (Charlotte Boyle) in the Bronze fleet, amid cries of "Give the boys a chance!"

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## Training

### First Aid

The last First Aid Course of the Winter season will be on Saturday 13th March 2010. This course is full, but for future courses please keep an eye on the website [Training page](#).

### RIB Driving

As well as Power Boat 2 and Safety Boat Courses, there is a new intermediate course. This is the Level 2 Plus/CLUB Safety Course This has been designed and is run by the Club Chief Instructor (Power), Vince Sutherland. It does not carry with it an RYA qualification, but it is based on the RYA Safety Boat Course and aimed at those who already have Level 2 but do not necessarily want or need to do the full RYS Safety Boat Course. It is designed for those that help at Club events, and who may not necessarily drive the safety boat, but would like to gain some of the knowledge and skills to enable them to more effectively deal with safety of fleets and capsized situations as a crew. This is a one day course and is being run next on the 14th and again on the 21st February.

Please contact [Marietta Pinto](#) for details of all the Powerboat courses for the rest of the winter.

### Sailing Tuition

Sailing course details will be available on the [Training page](#) shortly and featured in next month's ePotterNews.

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## RNLI

### Spring Fair Saturday 13th March

not 14th as published last month (my mistake - Ed)

Doors at St Thomas's Parish Hall open at 9.30 am for the Lymington RNLI Guild Spring Fair.

They are still accepting donations for prizes or books, jewellery, toys, cakes and produces. Please call any of the following numbers:

Lymington: 679205, 677102, 677034 - Brockenhurst: 623029 - Sway: 682126 - Everton: 643268 but they cannot take either electrical goods or clothes.

### Beaulieu Boat Jumble Sunday 25th April 2010

Another poetic verse from the Lymington Branch of the RNLI to remind Members that they are looking for items for this year's stall at Beaulieu. Anything with even a tenuous link to boating is happily accepted and sold to the eager throng:

[Surplus gear from your boat?](#)  
[Help keep the Lifeboat afloat.](#)

Please give any donations to the boatmen at the Club.



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### Lymington Guild AGM Wednesday 17th March 1430

There will be a speaker and the Guild's superb tea. More details next month.

### Lymington Lifeboat 10Km Run, 9th May, 2010

The 9th Annual Lymington Lifeboat 10K Run will take place appropriately on the 9th May starting at 1000 and finishing 10 kilometers later back Woodside Park.

The course is the same as in 2009 and follows quiet country lanes and tracks towards Keyhaven and back via the sea wall and Oxey Barn. Seasoned runners say it's one of the best on the south coast. Last year 880 competitors enjoyed good running weather. This year the entry limit has been raised to 1000 and electronic 'chip' timing will be used for the first time. All finishers will receive a medal with a commemorative ribbon. There are trophies and prizes for the first three men and women and trophies for age categories.

Generous donations from local companies essentially cover the run expenses, which enables all entry fees and runners sponsorship to go towards the cost of crew training and lifeboat operations at Lymington. Those raising more than £25, £50, £100 will receive a small gift from the RNLI





Club Members and staff enter this run and it is rumoured the Secretary will participate this year .... please support them with sponsorship and help to reach this year's target of £20,000 net. Entry forms and JustGiving sponsorship guidance are available in the Club or from the Lymington Lifeboat [website](#).

Dee Caffari competing in 2009

## Help Wanted for the "Raid in the West Solent"

28th July to 1st August

George and Julia Trevelyan are helping organise an open-boat 'Raid in the West Solent' for boats from scows to whalers, which will take place from 28th July to 1st August. They have over 30 boats signed up, and are looking for help from Members in support - for example power-boat drivers, RIB owners, people with spare rooms to offer on the nights of 28 and 31 July, when the boats will be in the Keyhaven/Lymington area. If you would like to help, please get in touch on 01590 623855, or by email to [George](#) or [Julia](#).

## Club Discounts

### Yachtmail discount:

Members are requested to note that the 10% discount available to Members at the [Yachtmail](#) Chandlery is applicable only to the full price. There is no further discount available on Sale items or those discounted for other reasons.

## AGM Special Resolutions - the details

### Article 4.4 Young Away Members:

'Young Away Members' are members between the ages of 18 and 29 who have held their membership for at least one year and who are based away from Lymington. To benefit from the concessionary membership rate, an application in writing must be received by the Secretary asking to be placed on the Young Away Members' list. The concession will apply to the subscription year following the one in which the letter is received. 'Young Away Members' may use the Club on not more than twelve occasions each year.

### Article 8.4 Expulsion and Suspension of Membership:

A Member whose membership has been suspended shall not be permitted on Club property or to participate in any Club event during the period of suspension and a Member who has been expelled shall not thereafter be allowed on Club Property or to participate in any Club event unless the General Committee decides otherwise.

### Regulation 11. Children, item e. Bar (approved by the General Committee 18 December 2009).

Children under 14 years of age "en famille" are welcome in the bar before 1900. Parents or Guardians should bear in mind that except during events involving children, the Bar is fundamentally an area for adults and that they are responsible for their children's behaviour in accordance with Regulation 11d.

### Relating to a proposal for an immediate reduction of Entry Fees by 50% and the introduction of an age band for 30-34 year-olds to the Table of Subscriptions (approved by the General Committee 18 December 2009)

The following changes to be adopted in a single resolution:

It is proposed that Entry Fees be reduced by 50% for a trial period, to take effect from 1 October 2009, with a rebate to those who have joined since then and have already paid at the full rate, and also to change the structure of the Subscription Tables, by the addition of a new age band of 30-34 years.

Proposed structure of subscriptions at 2009/2010 rates:

FULL		FAMILY	
Age Band	Subs	Age Band	Subs
35 plus	£300	35 plus	£165

30-34	£225	30-34	£150
25-29	£145	25-29	£100
21-24	£90	21-24	£75
18-20	£70	18-20	£45

nb an increase in membership subscriptions was proposed and approved at the AGM

[click here for the details](#)

Relating to a proposed increase in subscriptions for Junior Members of non-member parents (approved by the General Committee 18 December 2009).

Increase in the subscription from £44 to £60 (at 2009-2010 rates) for those Junior Members who have no parent or Guardian who is a Club member.

### FOR SALE



Regrettably for sale  
1970s Jaguar 25 in white. Fin Keel, 8hp Yamaha outboard serviced this year by BHG Marine. New DSC radio and aerial for fitting. Boat's a bit tired but a week or so's TLC and you would have a lovely little day sailor or weekender. Quite quick, with spinnaker would make a good club racer.  
Keenly priced for quick sale - £7,500 or near offer  
e-mail [ian.gawn](mailto:ian.gawn@rlymyc.org.uk)

### FOR SALE

Yacht Haven Mooring Available from April 2010  
For 11 metre craft on O Pontoon  
(Overlooking the mudflats and the Solent)

**Michael Donaldson**

Tel: 01344 626 909

Mob: 07785 264 442

Email: [Michael Donaldson](mailto:m.donaldson@rlymyc.org.uk)

### FOR SALE

The Office has 4 surplus 15" VGA LCD screens for sale.

£20 each.

Contact Jon Chittock

### Small Ads

Email me the details and any photos and the ad will be in one month's ePotterNews. If you don't want your contact details published, interested parties can be asked to contact you via the club pigeon holes in Reception. Satisfied customers will be requested to make a small donation to Sailability or the RNLI. The listing of items for sale or wanted in ePotterNews does not indicate that RLYMYC has knowledge of the authenticity of the advertisement and does not recommend or guarantee the items advertised and the Club cannot accept any liability in this regard.

**Ann Brunskill**

### Club Discounts

(10% on production of your club card)

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

Elmers Court Hotel Lymington - discounts by negotiation