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THE WINTER SEASON APPROACHETH.....

Cowes Week, the Rolex Fastnet Race and Youth and Family Week all feature in this month's issue together with some dates for your diaries as the winter season approaches.

Your feedback is always welcome and there have been some comments on the quality of the photographs recently. Because we get more photographs from Members than from professional photographers the

technical quality doesn't always match that required for sparkling reproduction on the screen. I would prefer to have photographs representative of our activities rather than just columns of printed word. We continue to explore ways of improving the quality of the product!

Starting next month there will be a corner for Items For Sale or Wanted. Details are at the end of this issue.

Ann Brunskill

CLUB

Ferries

Please note the Local Notice to Mariners 11/09 issued by the Harbour Master on 1st September which requires the ferries to hoot prior to leaving the berth and other craft to keep clear during the berthing and unberthing operation.

Old Sail Loft Screen

There is a smart new plasma screen in the Old Sail Loft, which is available for video debriefs, presentations, etc. The camera and DVD player are kept in the office.

Results Volunteers

The Racing Sub Committee are desperately seeking volunteers to input results on Thursday evenings and during some weekend events. Training will be given. Please contact Chris Neve, Captain of Racing.

Tender Loving Care

A plea for Members using tenders not to take them miles away. We only have 12, so on busy weekends the boatmen have to recycle them back to the pontoon for other Members to use, which is difficult if they have inadvertently been taken to the Isle of Wight or other foreign destinations!

Commodore's Classic Car Lunch

When a few of us decided to give our classic cars a polish and a run earlier this year, I discovered that quite a number of our Members had elderly cars of one sort or another tucked away. I thought therefore that before the summer finally gave up its feeble attempts at sunshine, we might get the cars out and have a 'classic car lunch'.

The plan for those who are interested is to meet at East Boldre House, East Boldre, SO42 7WR at 1145 am on Monday 28 September and go to the Club for lunch. The distance from East Boldre House is about 7 miles.

Would all those interested please e-mail me at

rodperry@sky.com so we can ascertain numbers and confirm details.

SOCIAL

Informal Ladies Lunch – Thursday 10th September

Late Summer Barbecue – Friday 18th September

Don't forget to book for this party, started by the XODs last year, with marquee on balcony, band and singing, raucous or otherwise. Tickets £15.

Informal Gentlemen's Lunch – Monday 24th September

Quiz Night – Thursday 1st October 1900

Movie Night – Tuesday 6th October 18.00

Prizegiving 09 and Laying-up Party - Saturday 10th October 1800 This year, we will be breaking with recent tradition by having a combined prizegiving for the racing season and laying up party. This event, combining the cream of the racing and cruising fraternities, is expected to be a sell-out, so keep an eye on the notice boards and web-site for details.

Bridge Supper - Monday 12th October 17.45

Members' Art Exhibition - 16th – 18th October 2009. If you have any queries, or if you want further details, please contact Robin Leuchars on 01590 681961 or robinleuchars@tiscali.co.uk.

Annual Ladies' Lunch – Wednesday 21st October 12 noon

Trafalgar Night Dinner - Saturday 24th October 19.30

Informal Gentlemen's Lunch - Thursday 29th October

The Bridge Evenings - start on Monday 12th October and are on the second and fourth Monday of the month from October through March.

For the most up to date information on these events, check the noticeboards at the Club or the website <http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Social/social.html>

CRUISING

Website

Peter Lowe has taken over the editing of the Cruising Section of the Club Website from John Gryspeerdt - a big thank you to John for all his efforts over the last several years. Reports on all the past meets together with pictures have been posted on the website as are details of those yet to come - so have a look - you never know you may feature!

Forthcoming Meets

Autumn Anchor Meet - Chichester Friday 25th to Sunday 27th September

The Meet will take place in Chichester Harbour and is being organised by Ken Claydon (01590 610121 or kenclaydon@btinternet.com). Please confirm your intention to attend by letting him have your details and/or adding them to the form on the notice board in the Club hallway by Friday 19th September.

The track record for our autumn anchor meets over recent years has not been good from a weather point of view so there will be a 'Plan B' which will be circulated by email to all participants nearer the time.

Gins Farm Meet - Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October

By courtesy of the Royal Southampton Yacht Club, we are again holding the Autumn Meet at their Gins Farm Clubhouse on the Beaulieu River. Peter Upcher is kindly organising the event. We hope that the RLymYC Scow sailors will also be joining us for the Meet as they have done for the past few years.

For those arriving on Friday night there will be informal supper parties on boats. Please watch out for 'Gin Pennants' for pre supper drinks!

On the Saturday evening there will be a buffet supper in the Gins Farm Club House. The evening will start with pre supper drinks outside the Gins Farm Club House at 5.45pm followed by the buffet at 7.00pm. Dress is casual (no reefer jackets).

The RSYC Boatswain is available to bring people ashore and back to boats each day between 9.00am and 6.00pm but on Saturday will operate all evening until after the buffet supper.

Tickets from the Office at £19.50 per person. If you prefer a vegetarian meal, please advise the Office. The closing date is 12 noon Wednesday September 30th

Yarmouth Fireworks 5th November

Arrive early evening and watch fireworks - followed by pub supper at Royal Solent Yacht Club. Either stay overnight on boats or return after the festivities.

Needles Relief 19th 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 nearer the time.

Cruising Log and Seamanship Awards - Reminder

Details of all awards are on the Club website. http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Cruising/log_competition.html

Chart Software

The new Navionics chart software for the computer in the chartroom is now available on disc. It has been donated by Berthon Boat Company. The disc, with instructions, is available on request at Reception for use in the Chartroom. http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Cruising/chart_room.html

RACING

Results

Results for all events are on the Club website at http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Racing/Results/results_09.html

Racing Events

Equinox Regatta - Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September
Incorporating the Nordic Folkboat Southern Area Championships

Round the cans racing from a committee boat on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning for handicap classes, using the Thursday evening rating bands, and for RS Elites. The Folkboat Southern Area Championships will run as a separate start by the same race committee

Pottership Race - Saturday October 3rd

The Notice of Race was published in the 2009 Sailing Programme. Sailing Instructions and Entry Form will be published on the web page shortly. For any other queries please contact Kirsty Timmis on 01590 671696 or email.

Club Champion of Champions - Saturday 10th October

The perfect opportunity to test yourself against other fleets' stars. Details of the inaugural Club inter fleet race are at <http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Racing/clubchampionsrace.shtml>

LYMINGTON XOD SAILING

Stuart Jardine extended his record of X One Design Captain's Cup wins at Cowes Week to eight spanning an incredible 54 years. First winning the trophy in 1956 with Ado and Jane Pitt-Pitts at the age of 22, Stuart came back into the class in the late nineties and has since won at Cowes Week another seven times. This year Stuart was crewed by his son Mark and long-time crew (and now seven time Captain's Cup winner himself) Christian Brewer.

It was a fantastic week for the class with 80 XODs racing - the largest fleet at Cowes Week by a huge margin. The number of Olympic, World, European and National champions from other sailing classes increases year on year. Double Olympic gold medallist Sarah Webb took part in the racing in *Myrtle* and is already hooked on the class.

Lymington sailors had a hugely successful week taking four of the top six positions overall. Adrian Summers, Ian Paton and Warren Cloate in *Excalibur* contended for the title right to the last race to finish third overall, Stephen Whiteman in *Julia* finished fourth and Ado Jardine in *Lucrezia* came in sixth. These performances were enough for Lymington to win the Phillipson Challenge Shield for top division in the XOD class.

At Lymington the Annual Junior Helms race had six entries. This is an opportunity for the Club's junior sailors (under 18) to race in an XOD for the Sir Arthur McDonald Trophy. The event was won by 16 year old Victoria O'Callaghan in *Mersa*, second was Oly Reeve also 16 in *Red Coral*, with

Folkert Schepers 18 years old in *Waverley* third. Well done to all those who took part.

Presently the local Saturday points series is being led by Ado Jardine from his brother Stuart with William Norris in third and on Wednesdays Stuart is leading Ado jointly with Eric Williams/Rory Paton.

RS ELITES

Seven Elites competed in the Late Thursday Evening series, which was won by Martin and Amanda Wadhams.

Another new boat has been ordered for delivery in September, bringing the Lymington fleet up to 8 boats. At least three other Members are understood to be seriously considering buying boats, so prospects for a much enlarged fleet for next season are looking very good.

Six sailors from the Wednesday Junior Sailing programme have now had experience of sailing *Freebie*, the Club's own Elite. Conditions for this were very windy, too much so to risk using the spinnaker, but some thrilling two-sail reaches gave a good idea of the excitement that Elites can offer, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. The fleet captain, who sailed with them, was very impressed by how quickly these young sailors adapted to a boat that is quite different from anything that most of them had sailed before.

Freebie is still available for charter by Members, or at slightly higher rates by non-members, for the Equinox Regatta on September 26/27th, and for most races of the Solent Circuit Winter Series.

YOUTH AND JUNIORS

Laser 4.7



Worlds Brazil - Junior European Laser 4.7 Champion Tom Britz

Tom Britz won the 2009 Junior European Laser 4.7 Championship in Helsinki. Sailors from 25 countries participated in this year's championships with the boys' class of 148 sailors ranging in age from 13 to 17 years. Tom sailed consistently all week, notching up 5 top ten results of the 6 races to count taking Bronze position in the overall event and claiming the U16 Junior European title. Other Club sailors' results were James Parker-Mowbray (27th silver fleet), Jamie Diamond (33rd silver fleet) and Ollie Cooper (65th gold fleet).

Lymington 420 sailors

Plymouth's Mount Batten Centre hosted this year's International 420 Class National Championships from 23rd to 28th August. Seven teams from the Club took part, together with several other Club Members joining other crews. The Lymington sailors arrived two days early and had some training, which proved useful as the big rolling seas were very different to their usual sailing area in the Solent!

The race area in Plymouth Sound, seaward of the breakwater, provided challenging and exciting racing, but unfortunately only three out of five days racing was held due to 30 knot winds and very big seas on Wednesday & Friday. The usual social activities compensated for some lost days.



The most notable results were

8th	Josh Sparks & Matt Rainback	R Lym / Poole
16th	Andrew Wishart & Liam Garrison	RLymYC
25th	Matt Wallis & Tarra Gill Taylor	RLymYC
32nd	Craig Dibb & Charlie Cox	RLymYC
36th	Molly Bridge & Pip Weguelin	RLymYC
38th	Chris Tiernan & Charlie Davis	Parkstone/RLym
39th	Fred Williams & Sam Muskett	West Kirby/RLymYC
42nd	Zoe Parkinson & Sasha Bruml	Guernsey/RLym
43rd	Jane Scealess & Cassie Symes	RLymYC
52nd	Elaine Bell & Georgia Lamont	RLymYC
55th	Serena De Nahlik & Kirstie Urwin	RLymYC
59th	Fanny Rogers & Kate Heathcote	RLymYC

(This is a long list but it shows the strength of the RLym 420 fleet - well done Editor)

Volunteers and Training

Details of the Winter Programme will be available soon on the website.

Rolex Fastnet 2009

Congratulations to David Lees in *Hephzibah* who won Class 3 IRC and the Iolaire Cup this year and wrote the following.

From the first race of the season we knew we had a battle on our hands with the French Nicholson 33 *Iromiguy*. Up to the Fastnet race we had traded 1st and 2nd's with her in every race but she was leading us on points in Class 3. The team's view was that they were prepared to carry *Hephzibah* to the rock and back if that was what was required to beat *Iromiguy*.

We chose the Squadron end to start and my son Mark produce an immaculate start that had us away in clear air down the island shore with the light kite. All change at Yarmouth where we started beating in light winds. It stayed

Hephzibah at Plymouth Breakwater Photo Tim Wright/www.photoaction.com



light and tricky past Anvil Point and by midnight we were anchored near the Shambles. A gentle breeze filled in about 2am but the anchor was fouled on something very solid. We struggled for half an hour with little success and were about to let it all go when we released 30 metres of line in a hurry, the bow shot up 4ft and we were free and still had the anchor.

We went south whilst we saw a lot of boats going north to get round Portland Bill on the first of the west going tide. The fleet came together again at Start Point, we were in the leading pack and from there we kept moving all the way to the Fastnet Rock, whilst certainly some of the others found some sizeable holes in which to contemplate the delights of offshore racing.

At the Rock at 7pm on Wednesday we were 4th or 5th in the Class on the tracker and there looked to be very little wind overnight on the rhumb line to the Scillies, so we headed due south on a quick angle for the kite. It was very lonely as we didn't see a single boat for nearly 24 hours. Thursday morning it got progressively lighter but by late afternoon we were freed and back to a kite for the final 24 hours to Plymouth.

Most opinion seems to be that it was not a vintage Fastnet – rather grey and damp but for us it was just about as good as it gets.

(Iromiguy was 8th in class on the Fastnet and Hephzibah is now leading the series)

YOUTH AND FAMILY WEEK

After two very wet and windy years, 2009 started off ominously; Monday's wind and grey skies were challenging for the younger sailors, many of whom had not been beyond the wave barrier before, but overall the week's racing was good for all three fleets. 150 competitors took part with a large number of children in the younger age groups. Wednesday saw us heading back to Thorns Beach for the passage race after a two year absence and we are very grateful to Jim Ratcliffe for allowing us to invade such a peaceful and beautiful venue. The support of Mother Ships and experienced rib crews was invaluable getting everyone back home as was the parental support in ensuring the beach area was left as we found it.



Traffic jam at the mark

After the three day racing series, Friday was play day with a pirate invasion in both the Solent and the Salterns. The Clubhouse was suitably decorated as the pirates' lair.

The newly covered area under the extended balcony provided an excellent venue for evening activities on Monday and Wednesday with music and the Forest Bus on Monday and Karaoke which got off to a slow start on Wednesday but ended up very noisily! Thanks to Kate and

George Heathcote for the invitation to Warborne Farm on Tuesday evening; the 'pit of sheep fleeces' which is a variation on the bouncy castle theme proved very popular with the children.



Three men in a boat

Thursday evening's BBQ at Boldre Bridge House showed yet again that the simple things in life are often the best, like sliding down the long hill in the garden on wet plastic sheeting. Old hands had brought their swimming costumes. Many thanks to Nigel and Ann Henley for opening up their garden again this year.

One brave parent competed with her children in the Solent fleet and hopefully the word will spread for next year. Ian Dixon and Miles Otway helpfully helmed Prams in the Solent enabling less experienced teenagers to experience racing in safety.



Last one back does the washing up

Amanda Dingwall is the guiding force behind the event; she has everything at her fingertips and does a fantastic job. The ratio of helpers to children is probably 1:1. On committee boats, mother ships, in ribs and on shore there were both familiar faces and new enthusiastic volunteers, either with their own children sailing or just wanting to be part of the event. Thanks go to all of them for their hard work which made the event so successful and gave so many young sailors a wonderful experience. This is a true Club event using all the expertise, talents and enthusiasm that our volunteers brought to the Week. All the Club staff went out of their way to help both before and during the very busy week.

The calm before the storm?



Next year's Family and Youth Week will be from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th August. Book the dates now so that there will be something to look forward to at the end of the school summer holidays in 2010.

MEASURING UP CAMPAIGN

RNLI have started the RNLI Bembridge Lifeboat Appeal. This is to raise money towards an updated and rebuilt lifeboat station and a new Tamar Class lifeboat. The appeal seeks to raise £1m towards overall costs in excess of £10m.

The appeal asks all sailors in the Solent area to contribute £1 per foot of boat length; £50 will get you a burgee. RNLI is one of the two charities that the Club supports and this seems to me to be a worthwhile cause, although I recognize that many of you already actively support the RNLI through Offshore, Governors, or other programmes.

More information is on the notice board and forms to accompany contributions are available from the office.

Rod Perry
Commodore

FOR SALE OR WANTED AKA SMALL ADS

This is another place to advertise those items that may already be on the boards in the Old Sail Loft for which you would like a bigger distribution. 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 always be asked to contact you via the club pigeon holes in Reception. No commercial advertisements and satisfied customers would be asked to make a small donation to Sailability or the RNLI.

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

<p>membership - join a friend</p> <p>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.</p> 	<p>advertising & sponsorship</p> <p>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</p> 	<p>club facilities promotion</p> <p>We offer • regatta management • corporate event hosting • business dining • conference and meeting facilities. The office will take the bookings.</p> 
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