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Another Busy Month

This month the balance of news changes and the Club settles down to the winter programme of dinners, lectures, quizzes and other delights arranged by the House Committee Members. There's also the Annual Sailing Review and Business Meeting - details below.

We know the strength of the Club is in its diversity and the activities of its Members. Long distance cruising takes on a new dimension when it includes Antarctica. Steve Powell is on his way there now and you can follow his voyage on his blog.

The first weekend in October was incredibly busy, the Potter Ship Race, headquarters for a power boat race and the social activities associated with these. The staff should be congratulated on handling such a busy schedule so well, it was a splendid example of what the Club can do.

Ann Brunskill

Annual Sailing Review and Business Meeting

The Club's Annual Business meeting will be held on Saturday 6th November in the Library at 11 am to talk about what's been happening over the last twelve months and what's planned for the future. Please come and contribute to the meeting, it's a great opportunity to get answers to the questions so often posed at the bar but never resolved!

Racing

Potter Ship



XOD 'Diana'.

A window in the stream of depressions crossing the Atlantic had Saturday 2nd October dawning bright, clear and almost windless!

A large entry of 64 boats, the most since 2004, came out to race. Peter Scholfield's HOD 35, 'Zarafa' won the Potter Ship Trophy with Jeremy Austin's, Folkboat 'Tak' taking the Hong Kong Junk.. The Duncan Hall Trophy was won by Rory Paton's



Results

Class 1:1st, 'Zarafa' Peter Scholfield, 2nd 'Kandoo III' Crauford McKeon, 3rd, 'Islay', Richard Down. Class 2: 1st, 'Tak' Jeremy Austin, 2nd, 'Crackerjack' Stuart Watson, 3rd 'Moonraker' Mark Crader. Class 3; 1st,'Diana', Rory Paton, 2nd 'Mayday', David da Cunha, 3rd 'Zanthus', William Westmacott.



Many more photos were taken by the Editor, so please contact [me](#) with your sail number or any other identifier for a copy.



The Laying Up Supper and Annual Racing Prizegiving is now completely sold out. The office is holding a waiting list for tickets.

Members' Art Exhibition 29th – 31st October

Artists of the Club - the annual Art Exhibition is from 29th to 31st October.

There is a great deal of artistic talent in the Club. All too often our talented Members are too modest to exhibit. This year we need these amateur artists to come forward and to display their works. Don't hold back. Please support this charitable show. Inspiration for paintings can come from all manner of sailing and holiday situations, but the Exhibition is by no means restricted to nautical pictures. Works can be of any subject and in any medium (no photographs).



We look forward to viewing your paintings, your sculptures, and works of art. Please deliver them to the Sail Loft on Wednesday 27th October between 10.00am and 3.30 pm. If you have any queries, if you want further details, or if you would like to help, please contact Robin [Leuchars](#)

Social



Our first Movie "Amelia" was a great watch and was followed by Fergal's excellent Cottage Pie.

The next film "The Boat that Rocked" is a feel good film about the pirate radio stations of the 60s with a wonderful music track.



Film and TV Stunt Co-ordinator Denise Edwards will address the Annual Ladies Lunch.



The first of our traditional formal dinners commemorating the Battle of Trafalgar will be held on October 23rd.

The Principal Guest will be the former Commanding Officer of the modern day HMS TRAFALGAR, Vice Adm Paul Boissier.

Lecture October 27 - 1830 "Jurassic Coast Oppie Adventure"

George Heathcote and 10 "Oppie" sailors sailed from Lymington to Weymouth

The 5 day journey was much more than just sailing; it was an adventure filled with wonder and fun. Do come and listen to their story first hand, and watch the professionally made short film about the whole project.

Annual Dinner Nov 20th

The second of our formal dinners, the Club's Annual Dinner on will be addressed by Tom Cunliffe.



House Survey

The House Committee would like to thank the 48 members who kindly filled in the recent online survey concerning functions at the Club. It has been helpful in starting the debate. We would particularly like to thank one Member for the invaluable suggestion that we 'ask Nelson to change the date of his death' so that Trafalgar Night does not clash with all the other functions. We will be sending out a further paper survey about the general Club catering and bar in the next mailing.

Cruising



Future Events

Gins Farm Meet 8th to 10th October

Once again this meet is proving to be very popular, with a high turnout promised. The details are on the Club notice board and on the Cruising website. Any late bookings should be notified to Peter [Upcher](#) or the office and tickets for dinner at the Royal Southampton YC paid for by Wednesday 6 October.

Winter Meets - we are continuing the meets again this year

Trafalgar Day Meet - Warsash Sailing Club, Thursday 28th October.

The first of this year's Winter Meets will be held on Thursday 28th of October at the Warsash Sailing Club. Unfortunately the tides were not favourable for the previous week, but on the 28th the tide turns at approx 14.00 for the return trip. As usual, we will meet in the Club at around 9.00 am for coffee and a quick briefing to check on the weather etc. There will be a two course lunch, £10, with Steak Pie followed by cheesecake. A vegetarian option will also be available, but please let me know beforehand. The Harbour Master has reserved space for us on the pontoon, but a degree of rafting up will be necessary. The cost is £6, payable to the HM office.

Please put your name and other details on the sign up sheet on the Club notice board, or [email](#) Tony Hughes with your details. Anyone without a boat should either put their name on the list or turn up on the day at the club.



Tony Hughes, Cruising Sub Committee

Yarmouth Fireworks Friday 5th November

This annual trip to Yarmouth to see the fireworks, preceded by festivities in the Square at Yarmouth and followed by supper at the Royal Solent YC is always great fun. Details will be put on the Club notice board and on the [website](#) shortly.

Past Events

Croatia Charter Cruise 11th -25th September

The cruise, organised and co-ordinated by David Houlton, was a great success and blessed with good weather, although lacking in wind for some of the time. Four charter boats took part, together with three boats owned by Members of the Club. In total, thirty three Members joined the cruise. either for a week or the whole fortnight.

Beaulieu River (Bucklers Hard) Meet 17th -19th September

The weather was kind enough to allow the barbecues ashore to be used and about 25 people from 10 boats, with one or two people taking the overland route, enjoyed a convivial Saturday evening on the waterside at Bucklers Hard.

Cruising further afield

You can follow Steve Powell and his Swan 62 Uhuru of Lymington, on their voyage to the Southern Hemisphere on Steve's [blog](#). I can thoroughly recommend it - to quote from Steve's email

Well with only a couple of days to go now before I head off back to UHURU and start again on our epic journey to sail around the world, not only the "Longest Way Round" but also the "Wrong Way Round", I thought I'd take the chance to 'take stock'. My plan is to depart Grenada about the 1st October and start heading south down the East Coast of South America. We will visit Guyana, Suriname, Devils Island, French Guiana, Brazil, and Argentina before heading down to the Falkland Islands for Christmas.

After Christmas I will be joined by brother Mike and Richard Haworth, the Ice Guide, from High Latitudes who has also been involved with the build of UHURU from the outset. We then set off for a months cruising down the Antarctic Peninsula, starting at Elephant Island of Shackleton fame. While we're down there we plan to do a little diving, a little skiing and a little climbing. We will also visit one of the Ice Stations. We then head back across Drakes Passage and around the Horn. We might end up going around the Horn twice as we then need to get back up to Ushuaia, to pick up new crew, before going through the Beagle Channel and up the Chilean Archipelago. From there we

head up to Robinson Crusoe Island, Peru, the Galapagos islands, across to Mexico arriving in Los Angeles some time early July.

Assisting me in this 16,000 nautical mile voyage in some of the most challenging waters in the world will be a host of family and friends all of whom you and I will get to know very well in the coming months.

It all sounds so easy in a email.... then we go here, then we go there, etc, etc,. But I'd be naive if I thought that we won't be challenged in some way, many many things can go wrong, and I hope I've planned for every eventuality. But the truth is you can't. The real challenge will be how we deal with the set backs and until we face them we'll never know.

Steve Powell

Junior Sailors

Harken Youth Classes Regatta

The first day started with fickle winds and race officer Pete Bell took the fleet to the west side of Pennington Post to find space away from the other fleets out racing. There was a big range of experience; for some more used to inland sailing, getting to the start was they furthest they had sailed, but the tide was with them and they all managed to get there. The wind eventually settled to about 8 – 10 kts from the west, and a short course was set with a true beat up to the finish giving opportunities for tactical racing. Three races were run in each of the fleets. In the third Laser Radial race Tom Britz on port shot in from a foot off the start line at the pin end but then had a tacking duel with Olly Porter right up to the finish, which Tom won with inches to spare. Ailsa Muskett surprised herself and others by popping out at the start of the first Laser 4.7 race, she picked up the shifts correctly on the last race, which she duly won.

Sunday's winds were stronger with a solid westerly at 16 kts all day gusting to 25kts. Two laps of the big windward/leeward course gave more opportunities for tactical sailing both on the beat and the run. This gave the Cadet fleet, who were competing in the Southern Zone qualifiers, the opportunity to show the selectors they could sail in varying wind strengths. Some of the less experienced sailors enjoyed the hospitality and hot chocolate of the mother ship, but all stayed to watch the racing even if the wind was too strong for them. In the Radials Tom Britz sailed conservatively, taking third place on both Sunday's races with Olly Porter and Robbie Urwin battling for the top two spots.; Jamie Diamond nailed 4th place overall only 14 months after leaving the Optimist fleet. He also did a successful port tack start on the other three in the last race!

Final results in the 420 class had three crews on 8 points but Tim Gratton and Ed Riley won with two firsts and a second, ahead of Mike Wood and Hermione Stanley followed by Joanna Freeman and Ben Gratton. Tom Britz won the Laser Radials with Olly Porter just second having had two wins to Tom's three, Robbie Urwin coming third. Hannah Muskett won the Laser 4.7 with Bradley McLaughlin second and Rafaella Quinton third, one point ahead of Ailsa Muskett after the discard. The Cadets were won by Andrew Smith and Rory Burdock with Jack Wilson and Ryan Wikinson 2nd and Will Davis and Jack Colling 3rd.



Nick Thompson, recently runner-up in the Laser World Championships, came to present the prizes together with Sue Perry. He also passed on a number of tips to the competitors, and showed himself to be very adroit at fielding a range of questions, from - what's it like to capsize in the last race of the World Championships to what's your exercise regime and what do you have for breakfast.

All in all an excellent weekend's racing in tricky conditions and many thanks to the volunteers including many parents and Harken for their support.

XODs

The Lymington XODs have had some fantastic sailing this summer with a record number of races sailed (only 2 cancelled due to too much wind) and on very light wind days our Race Officers always managed to get a race completed with some shortening of courses and occasionally setting short windward/leeward courses close inshore. 19 Saturday races and 22 Wednesday races, not to mention the 14 Thursday evening races. Many thanks to the loyal XOD Race Officers for successfully running so many races. Don't forget the XODs have still got the Autumn Series of 8 races through October.



September saw the Bobby Bongors W/L Regatta when the Yarmouth fleet are invited for this series in memory of Bobby Bongors who did so much for the Lymington Division over a period of some 10 years. The Race Officers wisely delayed the first start to allow the forecast light Westerly to set in. Once the racing was started the efficient race team, who had set a good course, kept the competitors on their toes with minimum time wasted between races which resulted in all three races being able to run their full length. With a fleet of 24 boats and a not too long start line, starting skills were at a premium. Neil Payne from Yarmouth demonstrated in the first and last race just how to do it, but came unstuck in race two when he was forced the wrong side of the committee boat, an error that almost certainly cost him the series.



As it was James Meaning another Yarmouth sailor sailed consistently well to take the series with Lymington sailors Adrian Summers and John Olliff-Cooper, second and third. The second race in this series was also the final race in the six race Allott Cup open series. Ado Jardine & Paul Fisher in Lucrezia led Neil Payne & Steve Lawrence in Lizz Whizz into this last race by one point, the position they maintained to win the series. James Meaning finished third in Venus.

The annual long race to the west, postponed from August owing to inclement weather, saw 15 XODs come to the starting line for a race into Christchurch Bay on a fine Wednesday afternoon. A strong ebb with a consistent moderate SW wind made for a fast beat to windward on the tide led initially by Beatrix X178, Bill Dunsdon, who made a perfect start at the windward end of the line. The first and only mark was the North Head buoy off Milford on Sea beach which was to be rounded to starboard before a run back to the Lymington river entrance to finish at the Royal Lymington club finishing line. Mayday X161, David da Cunha, was first to round 50 minutes after the start, closely followed by the rest of the fleet. The spinnaker run against the last of the ebbing tide took just under an hour saw Xray, X117, Robin Balme, cross the finish first, closely followed by Red Coral, X57, Robert Young, in second place with Diana, X164, Rory Paton, third. Surprisingly only 4 minutes separated the first fourteen XODs.



Final Results for Wednesday and Saturday Points

Saturday: 1st Lone Star, Stuart Jardine, 2nd Diana, Eric Williams and Rory Paton, 3rd Lucrezia, Ado Jardine, 4th Beatrix, William Norris, 5th X Ray, Robin Balme, 6th Persephone, Richard Field.

Wednesday: 1st Lucrezia, Ado Jardine, 2nd Lone Star, Stuart Jardine, 3rd Diana, Eric Williams and Rory Paton, 4th X Ray, Robin Balme, 5th Beatrix, William Norris and Bill Dundson.

Congratulations to James McGill and Manfred Schepers in their new boat Quest for winning Saturday and Wednesday Handicap.

Optimists - September

September has been a busy month for the Oppies, with more regattas and training than any other time of year. Fortunately it has been terrific sailing weather, and the water has been almost bath-temperature!

Whilst Will Heritage was cleaning up at first the Bosham Oppie Open, with 3 bullets from 3 races, and the following day exactly the same again at Chichester, seven of the girls were up at Cardiff being coached by Alan Williams, the National team coach. Meanwhile 40 sailors took full advantage of the first of seven weekends which will be run through the winter by Ben Muskett and his team from the Olympic Development Squad.

We then travelled to Datchett for the South Zone Indicator, that is an open meeting where the sailors are battling it out for a lot more than just their place on the day; they are aiming to win a place in the RYA's highly competitive South Zone winter training squad. 68 sailors will battle it out over three weekends to decide the 24 squad places. The competition included national squad and Worlds Team sailors and the time had come for our young sailors to square up at the top level. Fortunately they gave a very good account of themselves, with Vita Heathcote posting 4th, 5th, 3rd, 5th to claim 4th overall, closely followed by Millie Boyle and Hattie Rogers.



In rather too buoyant spirits we then went down to Weymouth for a full weekend of Zone Championships. It was a real buzz mixing in with literally hundreds of other sailors – windsurfers, Laser 4.7s, Toppers and Mirrors, all having their own trials and tribulations on their journey for a place in the RYA squad. And in amongst it all an Ironman (1900 m swim, 60 mile bike, 13.5 mile run) was taking place, which some of the dads (not this one!) bravely – or perhaps rashly, had a crack at. Perhaps next year. A harsh northerly wind kicked up some confused waves which the square-bowed Oppies struggled to deal with, but the weekend ended well with the first 18 of the squad places being snaffled up by 14 of our own. After an evening spent climbing on the sea cliffs of Portland we trundled back to Lymington with a Land Rover full of exhausted but very happy sailors. It has been a tremendously satisfying season, with almost too much fun and too many good results. Can there be such a thing?

George Heathcote

Training

Sailing, RIB and other courses are being arranged for the winter. Check on the Training Page on the [website](#) for the latest details. They are great value, enhancing your skills and meeting other Club Members as well.

RNLI

[Social Evening Thursday 21st October at Lymington Town Sailing Club 7 pm for 7.30 pm](#)

Branch, Guild & Lifeboat Station Report on Year's Fund-raising .

Speaker - Gp Capt Jonathan Hutchinson, 'Sailing around Britain'. Refreshments (cheese, paté etc.) and raffle. Tickets £8.00 from Karin Spink 01590-679205 or RNLI Shop, Bath Road, Lymington. Please book in advance for catering purposes.

[Bridge Drive and Ploughmans Lunch, Monday 1st November at Lymington Town Sailing Club. 12 noon - 4.30pm.](#)

£32.00. per table. For Bookings contact Karin Spink, 01590-679205.

[Lifeboat Christmas Fair Saturday, 13th November at St.Thomas' Parish Hall, Lymington 9.30am. - 2pm](#)

Christmas Cards, Souvenirs, Craft Stalls, Gifts, Home-made cakes/produce, Prize Draw. Refreshments available - Tea/Coffee, mince pies, sandwiches. Donations for Prize Draw contact Karin Spink - 01590-679205 or take to RNLI Shop.



Now that the weather has turned, don't forget that the new range also includes jackets!

Available with your choice of Club logo & personalisation.

Contact Reception to view the items & to place your order.



Don't forget to check out our [website](#) for details of all our other items!



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- Crew Clothing (full priced items only)

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

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