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January 2015

Club

Club Redecoration

Contractors will be decorating the foyer, changing rooms, race and results offices, the dining room (top end) and River Room, starting on Monday 11th January, for 2-3 week. The work has been arranged to fit into the Club's programme with as little interference as possible. Work areas will be minimised and prominently signed, so do please continue to use the Club as normal.

Annual General Meeting Saturday, 14th February

The papers for the AGM (1100 on 14th February in the Island Room) will be in your letterboxes on around 22nd January.

Sailing Programme

Please look out for your favourite events this year and get them in your diaries. The sailing programme is on the website at the following link and its printed card version will be in the AGM mailing.

[https://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Sailing/Sailing_Programme_\(1\).aspx](https://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Sailing/Sailing_Programme_(1).aspx)

Member's Handbook Checks.

The 2015 Member's handbook will be going to print in early February so please can you double check your current entry to ensure we are printing the most update to date information. To check you personal info online please [click here](#).

Please Note: you will be required to log on to the website to be able to view your personal details.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

House

Robin Kitson, our Head Chef, is leaving and we are seeking an experienced replacement to join in March. In the meantime, Chloe, our Deputy House Manager, and Adam Phillips, Sous Chef, and the team are doing a great job, supported by the Catering Group (see below) and the rest of the staff. We are delighted that full houses enjoyed the recent Carols with Santa, Christmas Party and New Year's Eve Dinner.

We are keeping in close touch with Simon Green, the House Manager, who is undergoing continued tests and treatment and has been advised to keep up his activity rate so that he can return to work as soon as is medically possible.

The work of the Catering Group

At the Members' Forum on 1st December, the Commodore advised that a small catering group had been established comprising of Members with restaurant, brewery and financial experience to manage the first floor and seek to turn around the financial performance. Members expressed a desire to be kept informed of developments.

Whilst it is too early to have any certainty over financial performance, the steps taken to improve management, controls and systems have delivered a better than budget performance for the month of November, which was a significant improvement on October.

At the request of many Members, the daily carvery has been replaced by a new flexibly priced daily menu, freshly cooked to order and served to the table. Members will also see there is a new menu format, bringing together the fresh daily and house menus, which are different for lunchtimes and evenings. The carvery will remain for Sunday lunchtimes and Thursday evening race nights.

There remains much work to be done in particular on the consistency of food quality, temperature and menu choices. As mentioned above, our Head Chef resigned on 19 December and we are now recruiting a replacement. In the meantime we have every confidence in our Sous Chef and his team. We will continue to keep you advised of developments.

Gerri Harris, Rear Commodore House

Social

Forthcoming Events:

Burns Night - Saturday 24th January



A traditional night to celebrate Robert Burns and the 'Great Chieftan o the Puddin Race'. Tickets £24.

Valentine's Night - Saturday 14th February

A delightful evening and not to be missed. Tickets £28. With just the right live guitar music from Nick Heywood-Young and an appropriately themed menu.

Fitting Out Party - Saturday 28th March

It's time to launch the start of a marvellous new season on the water! Live Music from Dorsal Fin – casual dress code and wear an Easter Bonnet for fun.

Movie Nights:

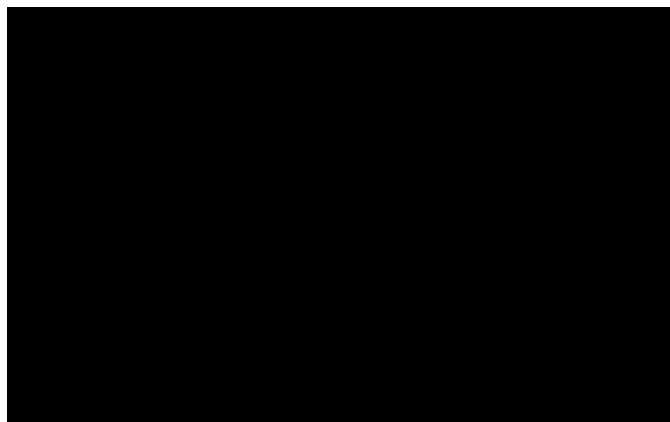
Movie Night **Starts at 18:15**

Films that you may have missed or would like to see again – come along.

- 13th January – The Love Punch
- 10th February – Monument Men
- 17th February – A children's film with children's supper £5 – Shrove Tuesday
- 24th February – The Butler
- 10th March – Saving Mr Banks
- 24th March – The Hundred Foot Journey

Past Events:

Carols with Santa



The Christmas Party on Friday 13th December was a fun night attended by 131 party-goers. They ate from a wonderful buffet of artistically displayed and well prepared fish, meats, salads and tempting desserts. During the evening there was great competition to be the winner of Vince's Christmas Quiz – who could remember the Christmas Number One pop music hits? Disco Dave provided music that had everyone dancing well into the night and a 'good time was had by all'.

New Year's Eve – 129 came to the Club to bid farewell to 2014 and to greet 2015 in traditional style. In a dining room decorated in blue, gold and silver an excellent five-course dinner was relished by guests, most of whom were also refining their aim with jet balloons and table poppers. The terrific music of the live band Vinyl Café soon had the dance floor crowded with energetic rock 'n rollers. Nick Ingram and Rick Underhill, Commodore and Vice-Commodore of the Town Club came 'first footing' and bearing a silver tray of whiskey and glasses. They were warmly welcomed by Vice Commodore Dunlop Stewart. Balloons cascaded down from above as the chimes of Big Ben announced the arrival of the New Year and good health and good fortune were toasted with a glass of 'fizz'.



Harvie Woolley

Cruising

There was only one event during December, the annual Needles Relief bash over to Yarmouth to watch the Yarmouth and Lyminster lifeboats with the rescue helicopter do their display. The weather was very kind this year, not too cold and just enough wind for those that raced. 150 of us had lunch at the Royal Solent and the rest in the King's Head or various other pubs.

The raffle for the trip on the lifeboat this year was won by Peter Halliwell, with John Evans second and Sandra Allpress third. £340 was raised by the raffle and the full amount raised on the day will be announced in the near future. All this goes directly to the two local lifeboats. Many thanks to all those who bought a ticket.

This was the last event David Houlton's has organised as he has now stood down from the Cruising committee after serving 8 years; two of these as Captain, and we all thank him and send him our best wishes.

Our next meet is to Newtown and the New Inn at Shalfleet on Friday January 23rd we will be taking 2 Club ribs with us to ferry crews in from the buoys in Newtown. Please sign up on the sheet on the board or phone Perrin Towler.

If you have not put your Log or Blog in yet there is still time but please let us have them by the middle of January.

Saturday February 28th is the date of the cruising dinner, please put this in your diaries: the speaker is Rear Admiral Terry Loughran, he is a past captain of HMS Ark Royal and comes highly recommended as an excellent after dinner speaker. The menu and prices of tickets will be available in the near future.

Nick Olney, Captain of Cruising

Future Meets

'Messin about in the Med - Greece'

Following on from the success of the 'Messin' about in the Med' in 2013 your Cruising Sub-Committee plan to organise a second sailing extravaganza to Greece. The exact location has yet to be finalised but to help with the planning of this rally your organiser, Derek Barnard, has asked for those interested to email him at yachttangaroa@btinternet.com, or to sign-up at the Club, see Notice Board.

If you need to charter a boat then Derek can advise on what companies are offering the best locations and discounts. Costs for a charter vary from type and length of boat but these have yet to be fully negotiated for Club Members. You can expect to pay around £2,000 a week for a 40 foot boat and £300 per person for return flights to Greece. Some members, who went to the Ionian Islands in 2013, extended their stay to take in a week at a hotel, while others decided to extend their sailing.

So, do you fancy sailing in balmy conditions, perhaps swimming in a sea of around 28 degrees, lazing on a nearby beach, perhaps nibbling the calamari at a local taverna? then pencil through your diary for the week commencing the 5th September 2015.

Note: It is important that you tell Derek of your interest as he will ensure that you are kept advised of developments for this event. Provided there is sufficient interest then a Planning Meeting will be held at the Club during January to discuss and agree arrangements and activities.

Don't miss out, sign-up today, or simply email yachttangaroa@btinternet.com

Derek Barnard, Cruising Sub-Committee

Training

RYA Powerboat Level 2 Course

- 14th & 15th February 2015
- £95 – Members £195 – Non Member

RLymYC Level 2+ Course

- 15th March 2015
- 4th April 2015
- £10 to Members & Non Members

To book onto any of the above courses you will need to complete a Training Course Form (form attached) and pay the course fee to the Club Office. We accept cash, cheque or credit cards. Members may also use their Club Card either in person or via telephone or email. Your place will be secured once payment has been received in full. For more information about courses running at the Club please click here (<https://rlymyc.org.uk/Sailing/Training.aspx>).

Race Team Training

Sign Up Sheet on the Club Notice Board

RYA Club Race Officer Course – Thursday 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th January

Island Room, 1815 for 1830 hours start

This is the first level of RYA race team training, run over 4 sessions. The course leads to a RYA Club Race Officer Certificate being issued after attendance at all classroom sessions which is then endorsed after participation in several club events or several races in the longer club series. (Any participation during the 2014 can be counted towards your total.)

If you have missed the first session but are interested in attending please do come along.

Course Setting – 19th and 26th March

Island Room, 1815 for 1830 hours start

These sessions will aim to give detailed coverage of the basics of course setting together with how they are affected by local conditions. Places will be limited with priority going to those who have attended the CRO and CROP courses run at the Club.

Role of the Support Boat - 14 April 2015

Island Room, 1815 for 1830 hours start

VHF Radio Use for Race Team Members and Support Boats

Island Room, Saturday 18th April 1030 to 1200

Knots and Knatter –

some informal sessions to get us up to speed tying some essential knots and folding flags.

Next gathering: will be in February - keep an eye on the Notice Board and read ePotterNews.

Frances Evans

Fleets

LR Scows

The Scow Division's Winter programme got off to a fine start on Monday 5th Feb when John Doerr gave a fascinating talk entitled "The Ups and Downs of an International Judge". Having been involved with several America's Cups and Olympic Regattas he regaled his audience with a string of stories, some humorous and some rather more serious. Over 40 members attended and most stayed on for an informal Supper, which was excellent. Well done, the new First Floor catering team.

On 2nd February the guest speaker will be Chris Knox whose subject will be "Centuries of Change- the new Galleries of Portsmouth. On 2nd March David Weller will give a talk "An Antarctic year" drawing on his time with the Antarctic Survey and on 16th March Rory Paton and Mike Urwin will be running their regular session entitled "preparing for the Sailing Season" which this year will focus mainly on the Racing Rules of Sailing.

All scow members are invited to join their friends on the 19th January and 16th February for an Informal supper in the River Room, from 1900 hours.

Dick Moore

Christmas Racing

Setley Cup and Seahorse Trophy, 26th December

As forecast, Boxing Day morning was cold, calm and still on Setley Pond as the race team arrived to set up for the 2014 event including the all important dinghy for the rescue team. The main concern was selecting a possible course with wafts of wind coming from all

directions, testing the two fleets to their limits. The first start was delayed until 11.15 am with the monohulls off first, followed a few minutes later by the multihulls. The fleet struggled with the fickle wind and only three managed to complete the course with the remainder becalmed and it soon became obvious that setting the starts lines off the eastern beach with a very much shortened course was the only option. A large number of extremely knowledgeable spectators arrived to discuss the finer points of some of the designs and one competitor's support team was heard to cry ' I've got to change the center of effort'.

Many of the favourites in the Monohulls fell by the wayside, unable to maintain directional stability when the wind faded. Joanna Macalister with Spray showed consistency with three 2nd places to win with a clear margin of 17 points from the McEwen family: Angus in Blue Rocket 2nd and William with Green Dragon 3rd. From the excellent turnout of 35 starters, there were 21 boats completing the three race series.

22 multihulls entered the series with 13 boats finishing and eligible for the Seahorse Trophy. Once again many of the favourites struggled with the conditions. Chloe Crowther with Wild Cat scoring 7 pts winning from Emma Bennett and Tiger a close 2nd overall (repeating last year's result), followed on equal 19 points were in third place Matthew Gill and Alfie McGill with Granny Ater, and 4th place Imogen Walton with Vindolanda II, a true bottle boat with an almost square plastic sack as a sail (showing that the Christmas day special is still competitive)

Many thanks to all the young helms for bringing along their families, supporters, helpers and boat builders. This unique Boxing Day event was again run by Stuart Jardine assisted by Jane Pitt-Pitts and Ann Brunskill on registration and results and the finish teams of Chris Baldwick; David Brunskill, John Evans, Ado Jardine and Robin Markes. Luke and Emma McEwen did their usual expert job in the rescue dinghy.

Many thanks also to Solent Radio Controlled Model Boat Club for allowing the Setley Cup to go ahead each year.

Peter Andrae Trophy, 27th December



The forecast for this year's race looked like it might be a repeat of last year's rowing race across the river for the Peter Andrae Trophy but the predicted gale force winds went through early and the competitors had sunshine and a north westerly wind of 12 – 15 kts gusting to 20 kts: perfect conditions for Lyminster River Scows. Fourteen of the Club's finest young sailors competed in the event, which is only open to sailors under the age of 18 The fleets were split into seniors and juniors for the heats with the best of each going into the final.

PRO Stuart Jardine set a course from the southern end of the pontoon to a windward mark to the north east of the Club pontoon over to the Walhampton side of the river and back to the start at the pontoon. All starts were fiercely contested and challenges at the marks came thick and fast with the added challenge of working the shifty conditions in front of the clubhouse made for excellent viewing from the warmth of

the bar. Competitors hiked out in a fashion many an older Scow owner remembers well but doesn't put into practice any more.

James Eales won the trophy on the last leg, having changed places on several occasions with Will Bedford the final and also received a substantial cash prize from the fund left to the Club for this event in the name of Peter Andrae. The final results were: 1st James Eales, 2nd Will Bedford, 3rd = Sarah Jarman and Stephen Jarman, 5th Danielle Thomas and 6th Ronnie Cubitt.

Penguin Trophy, 28th December

A record 18 teams entered the RLymYC's Penguin Trophy, the second of the Club's Christmas racing events. Slightly less wind than the previous day's event with more east in it produced excellent racing. The sailors were divided into three flights and raced two races in Lyminster River Scows changing boats after the first race. The first two helms in each flight then went through to the final and raced a longer race for the Penguin Trophy.

There was a tricky beat from the start at the Club pontoon to the windward mark across the river: One crew used the pontoon as an obstruction and forced the fleet to tack but wisely decided that the same tactics wouldn't work on the next race and moored up to the pontoon instead. One or two former Olympic sailors managed to tie themselves to the pontoon whilst racing. A former British squad member got caught on port tack at the windward mark. Apart from these small



incidents great racing was enjoyed by all. In the final race Hannah Snellgrove and her crew George Overton worked her way through the fleet to take first place.

PRO John Evans was assisted on the pontoon by Jane Clegg, Frances Evans. Robin Markes and David Brunskill; Stuart Jardine ran the changeover of and helped ensure the boats were properly rigged. Vince Sutherland, Tom Rogers and Bob Burney were the mark layers whilst David Weller and Nicholas Brunskill manned a second RIB as the support boat. Jane Corden and Ann Brunskill provided invaluable help ashore with mince pies, with hot chocolate and mulled wine available for everyone: a good time was had by all.

Results: 1st and Penguin Trophy - Hannah Snellgrove and George Overton 2nd Will Bedford and Tim Hire, 3rd Rory and Alex Paton 4th Luke and Emma McEwen, 5th Ollie Tait and Max Crowe, 6th Rupert Stock and Steph Wall.

RNLI

Beaulieu Boat Jumble 2015

Another reminder that the RNLI needs your unwanted boat bits for next year's Beaulieu Boat Jumble. Either bring them to the boatmen or call John Niven on 01590 678839.

[Email Ann Brunsill - ePN Editor](#)