



ePotter News

ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB



Welcome Neil Eccles | [Logout](#)

November 2015

Club

Annual Sailing and Club Review, 11 am Saturday 7th November

A reminder that this will take place in the Island Room.

Membership

As we start a new financial year I would like to thank Members who have introduced applicants to join our Club and we very much look forward to interviewing more new candidates as our year progresses. Applicants who are, perhaps, new to Lyngby and don't know any established Members well and personally enough to be able to propose and second an application for Full membership can of course use the Provisional "route" for which it was designed. Should you be approached by an applicant to propose or second them for Full membership please be comfortable that you really know them well enough and can complete all sections of the appropriate form, not least being in a position to unreservedly recommend their election to Membership. The Provisional route, however, is very straight forward and gives applicants a year of Club membership during in which time they can get to know Members who can then propose and second their transition to Full membership.

Reciprocal Arrangements

Please be aware that the Royal Ocean Racing Club incorporating the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club Cowes, have withdrawn the reciprocal arrangement with our Club from 4th March 2016. However visiting sailors will be welcome "on receipt of a suitable introduction."

Clive Sparrow, Vice Commodore

Pontoon Replacement Programme - We Need Your Support

Walcon Marine has won the competition to replace our existing pontoons, they will start work on 4th January 2016 and finish by Easter 2016. At the end of the programme, the Club will have new pontoons that not only increase our waterside capability but also gives the Club a facility of which to be proud. However, during the removal and replacement of the pontoons there will be significant disruption to Members and we need your support and forbearance.

Transition

Our aim during the transition phase is to maintain sailing activities with the minimum of disruption but this will require Members to be flexible.

By the 1st December we need the pontoons to be empty so that we can start dismantling some of the inside pontoons. The walkway and riverside pontoons will be retained until 4th January 2016.

The following actions are needed in support of our programme:-

- All inflatable and hard dinghies need to be removed from the pontoons by **1st December**.
- All Wednesday Junior Sailing dinghies and equipment needs to be ashore from the pontoon by **16 November**.
- Members who are intending to remove dinghies from the dinghy park over the winter are requested to do so during **November** to make room for dinghies from the pontoon.
- All XOD's that intend to use the Club crane should aim to come ashore by **22nd November** so that the Folkboats can be lifted at the end of November.
- All Folkboats that intend to use the club crane should aim to come ashore by **7th December** The mast hoist will be removed the following week.

Club RIBs and Dinghies

The intention is that the RIBs and dinghies will be available for courses and coaching but obviously they will be dispersed between various hard standings, pontoons and river moorings. Please check with the staff and boatmen before you need the ribs so that you can plan for any disruption and allow more time in your planning to get on the water.

The boatmen's rib service to Members with river moorings will continue and there will be a limited number of rowing dinghies available.

Crane

There will be a limited crane service during the pontoon replacement programme. Obviously it will be disrupted by the dredging and piling activity in support of the pontoons. Furthermore, the mast hoist will be unavailable from 7th December. If you need to book the crane please contact the boatmen who will do all they can to help.

Noise and Disruption

There will be some noise caused by both the dredging activity and the insertion of the piles and this will be heard on the first floor. We cannot stop activity over lunchtime as it is often governed by the state of the tide and we are on a tight schedule to complete the works. Please bear with us over this period.

Finally Michael Derrick, Andrew Eady, Ali Husband and David Simpson have done a great job in managing a very complex project. Many thanks and please give them your full support during the disruption to the normal running of the club.

Stuart Duffin, Rear Commodore Sailing

House

This month has been a great start for the winter season with the Annual Racing Prize giving, the Ladies Lunch, Trafalgar Night and the Laying Up Party. With four major events I worried that they would not be well attended, but each event was so different and so well attended I was happily surprised. Aly and the catering team served us some wonderful meals, and the First Floor staff looked after us efficiently and with smiles. We have been pleased to see so many new Members, and will continue to make every effort to ensure that, provided they let us know, we will ensure they join a suitable table to make new friends.

November will have lots more to offer with the start of Lecture Nights on Wednesday 4th November, the Art Exhibition with the Bistro des Artistes on Friday 13th November, and our very traditional Annual Dinner on Saturday 21st. In between these there are Quiz nights, Bridge nights, Film nights, just keep an eye on the notice board or check out the Website to get more information.

Many thanks to all those who have helped in so many ways to make time spent in the Club so enjoyable.

Denise Moore, Rear Commodore House

Art Exhibition, 13th - 15th November

A reminder that the Art Exhibition will open on Friday 13th November and all exhibitors will have to submit their entries between 0800 and 1400 on Thursday 12th November.

Christmas at the Club

Stay tuned for all the exciting events coming up this Winter.. For a sneak preview of what we have in store please have a look at the events card below:



Kirsty Timmis, Events Manager

Social



Films start at 18:15 and the first is on Tuesday 6th October. To attend please sign up on the Social Notice Board or [online](#). The normal Club Menu will be available on the evening. Please pre-order to ensure your food is ready once the film finishes.

Past Social Events

Annual ladies lunch Wednesday 14th October

Guests were warmly greeted by the Commodore's Lady, Diana Stewart, who offered everyone a welcome a glass of Bubbles. Tables in the Island Room were beautifully decorated in the theme of a forest in autumn. This echoed the theme of the talk.

An excellent two-course lunch with coffee and delicious chocolates was greatly enjoyed by some 80 Members. Sue Randall, a Volunteer Forest Ranger was then introduced by Diana Stewart who urged those present to turn their eyes from the sea on this occasion and to look north into the beautiful New Forest that sits on our doorstep.

Sue Randall explained that she had been one of a team of six Volunteer Forest Rangers for six years. Using some outstanding colour slides, she illustrated her tasks and duties. Her enthusiasm and love of the undertaking was apparent from the way in which she described the workings of the forest, its ownership, management, flora and fauna and how it serves its residents, the Commoners as well as the many others who take advantage of it.

The audience listened intently to matters relating to the 'Right of Commoning', how stock breeding is improved, the 'Drift' which safeguards the forest ponies, the protection of endangered plant and animal species, litter picking and much more. Sue emphasised that the patrols are the eyes and ears of the forest that need to be aware of storm damage and all other safety issues. It was sad to learn that £300, 000 each year is spent on clearing up after 'fly-tippers'.

Rear Commodore House, Denise Moore, thanked Sue and she and Diana Stewart were presented with bouquets.

Harvie Woolley

Laying Up Party, Saturday 24th October

The sailing tradition of 'Laying Up' was celebrated at a superb Caribbean Night this year. Despite the approaching winter the Club took on a wonderful atmosphere of sunshine and summer warmth. Decorations everywhere set the style and the wall screen of sand, sea and palm trees was a perfect backdrop for the band.



Although the poster stated that 'Colourful Dress' was optional it was more than apparent that some one hundred members were determined to reflect the theme and appeared in an amazing array of Caribbean shirts, shorts, flip-flops, straw hats and every other style of clothing that can be seen at beach parties on such islands as Barbados or St Lucia. There was even a pirate complete with parrot.



The floral arrangements were absolutely wonderful and echoed the colours and true beauty of a tropical setting. Aly and the galley team had created a mouth-watering menu of Tiger Shrimps, followed by Jerk Chicken with Rice and Peas then finished with Creole fruit salad. Once the steel band Hurricane Force began to play, the floor of the River Room was packed with lively, enthusiastic party-goers. Members of the band were asked to select the best 'dressed' best 'dancers' from the throng. The competition was keen with Suzanne Wiggins and John Thunhurst taking the prizes. The success of the event was such that it proved challenging to bring the evening to a close.

Harvie Woolley

Dinghy Sailing

The Dinghy representatives took the top three positions in the Club Champion of Champions regatta, held in XODs on 10th October. Congratulations to helmsmen Andy Ash-Vie, Rory Paton and Karl Thorne and their crews.

Dinghy-related events to look forward to in December:

The Setley Cup on 26th December is for juniors sailing model yachts, mostly home-made, on Setley Pond. Get building now to avoid disappointment! Separate starts for mono- and multi-hulls. Simple rules on <https://www.facebook.com/setleycup>.

The Peter Andreae Trophy on 27th December is open to Club juniors. Races are in loaned Scows, right in front of the Club, with cash prizes.

The Penguin Trophy on 28th December is similar but grown-ups are allowed to join in and the boats are sailed double-handed. There's no cash, just a beautiful trophy for the winner and some edible treats.

All three events are great spectator sport.

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies

Cruising

The final events for this year are the day Sail to Cowes on Wednesday, 13th November for lunch at the Island Sailing Club. A great opportunity to enjoy the ISC's famous Fish and Chips.

The traditional bash for Needles Relief on Saturday 12th December provides an excuse for the racers to charge round the Solent or a short trip across to Yarmouth for the Cruisers, all to enjoy the spectacle of the RNLI and Coast Guard performing rescue services before enjoying lunch at the Royal Solent YC. We will be running the usual raffle with the first prize being a trip on the Life Boat for 4 people on the day. Second prize is a meal at the Club with wine and the third prize are 3 bottles of house wine.

On Wednesday 16th December there is a Cruising Supper in the Club, all are welcome so come along and join us.

Looking ahead to 2016 the first event is ever popular day sail to Newtown Creek on Tuesday 26th January. The Cruisers are accompanied by two Club Ribs to ferry members to the quay for the walk to the New Inn at Shalfleet where the pub lays on a great lunch. A super opportunity to cast off those winter blues and get out on the water.

Full details of the 2016 programme will be published in the next edition of the ePN.

George Johnson, Captain of Cruising

Future Meets

Cruise the Caledonian Canal – Charter 2016 - Meeting Tuesday 24th November at 11 am

There will be a meeting of interested parties to examine how we are going to plan the Cruising Section's Charter proposal for 2016 – Cruise the Caledonian Canal.

The Caledonian Canal connects the west coast of Scotland at Fort William to the east coast at Inverness. The canal flows for 62 miles through 32 Locks, under several swing bridges and passes through The Great Glen, connecting Lochs Lochy, Oich and Ness. The area is renowned for its spectacular scenery and ideal for walking, cycling, fishing, dining, and boating. It is suggested that the charter takes place during September next year. Our meeting on the 24th will look at this, the charter companies, the logistics of getting there, what to see and do, and how to proceed, (for example should we consider block booking flights to Inverness?)



If you think you'll be sailing your own boat in this area during September then tell us and come and join in.

If you are interested, or are unable to attend the meeting then please contact Derek Barnard by [email](#) and let us know. Get involved and help shape this 2016 adventure. Contacting Derek places you under no obligation to attend the cruise.

Derek Barnard, Cruising Sub-Committee

Past Meets

Trafalgar Meet, Warsash, 29 October

Six boats and 33 attendees stoically endured autumnal weather of drizzle and warm Force 6 Southerly winds outbound, reaching the sanctuary of Warsash Sailing Club in record time.

As always, the catering was excellent and the bar extremely welcoming. The toast to the Immortal Memory having been given by the senior naval officer present (the only naval officer present!), the five sailing and one power boat set off for home, not in a dry 6 knot SW as forecast, but in an 18 knot wet one. Fortunately by 1500 hrs the promised weather arrived, so the last hour or so of sailing/motoring was positively pleasant.

Peter Lowe, Cruising Sub-Committee

Winter Lectures

The winter lecture series started on 4 November with a presentation by Colin Palmer on 'Traditional Boatbuilding Around the World'. For full details of the next lecture on Wednesday 11th November and subsequent lectures go to the [website](#).

11 Nov Col Derek Armitage - A Brief History of the Royal Flying Corps

18 Nov Col Mike Brooke & Julian Jackson - The Voyage of 'Theo's Future'

25 Nov Michael Pitts - 'In at the Deep End', underwater wildlife filming.

Training

First Aid Courses - 09:00 - 17:00

- 8th November 2015
- 5th December 2015
- 23rd January 2016
- 27th February 2016
- 12th March 2016

Members - £50, Non-Members £70

RYA Powerboat Level 2 Course November - December

Three courses this year - 7th and 8th November, 12th and 13th December. Members - £95 Non-Members - £195

RYA Safety Boat Course – January 2016

Next Course Friday 8th (evening), 9th and 10th January. Members - £75 Non-Members £150

RLymYC PB Level 2 + Course – 6th February 2016

£10 for Members and Non-Members

Mark Laying Course - 12th March 2016

£10 for Members and Non-Members

Full details and booking information on the [website](#).

Vicky Leen, Events Assistant

Race Team Training

Final Reminder - Club Race Officers Course - Sunday 22nd November

This is the first level of RYA race team training. The course leads to a RYA Club Race Officer Certificate which is then endorsed after participation in several club events. If you have failed to add your name to the sheet on the Club Notice Board, never mind, **you can just turn up!**

Race Management Training 2016 Winter Programme

A programme of winter training sessions is taking shape. The dates booked are listed in the Club's Winter Programme. Sign up on the noticeboard at the Club. Sessions confirmed so far are:

Tuesday 26 January 2016, Island Room 1815 for 1830

“When It All Goes Pear Shaped” The problems that lead to protests – and how to deal with them -

Thursday 25 February, 2016, Island Room 1815 for 1830

Course Setting – RLymYC Keelboats Series - Simon van der Byl

Tuesday 15 March 2016, Island Room 1815 for 1830

Setting Courses for Monday Evening Dinghy Racing - Steve Green

Saturday 16 April 2016, Island Room 1030-1130

VHF Radio Use for Race Team Members and Support Boats - Phil Baker

NB Phil tells me that some of the buttons on the new VHF radios have different functions compared to the old radios we have all become used to. Just when you thought you had coped with the latest update!

Frances Evans

Volunteers 2015

At the recent Sailing Committee meeting members were asked to share what had gone well and also not so well for the individual classes, normally I manage to avoid writing a report but this time there was no escape so I used the excellent Volunteers party to canvass opinion from those who had actually volunteered to supplement my own thoughts.

What went well

The Volunteers have enabled The Club to provide superb racing at all levels and have generally enjoyed themselves even when the going got tough.

A few Volunteers have up skilled to become Race Officers, Timekeepers and Mark Layers and there have always been enough Volunteers on the day even if it has been a close call at times. The winter training program has encouraged new Volunteers.

What did not go so well

Some Volunteers do not feel that they receive enough communication regarding which events they will be needed for and also that some communication is too close to the event. The Volunteers form is still not well used and with the exception of Monday and Thursday evenings the Event Team Rosters on the website have not been helpful.

The Club is still heavily reliant on a few Race Officers, Timekeepers and Mark Layers, and catering still has some way to go.

Over the winter we will continue to improve some of these issues and any ideas are very welcome.

Thank you for all the support that you have given the Club in 2015 and congratulations to Jane Pitt Pitts who received the Unsung Hero award at the Volunteers Party .

Wednesday Junior Sailing

WJS held its last session for the year on September 30th with the prizegiving. We were very fortunate to have Nick Thompson the Laser World Champion 2015, and recently selected for the 2016 Olympics presenting the prizes. He gave an inspirational talk to the children

We are now busy clearing the pontoon ready for the new one to arrive in January. We therefore have many working parties taking place over the next few weeks.

This year we replaced the trolley wheels on the Scows for solid ones, because of this we have the old ones for sale at £5 per pair. Please contact Kristy at the Club if you are interested.

Ali Husband, Head of WJS

Fleets

XOD

The Autumn series has now concluded after some brilliant tactical racing in excellent weather with a lot of shifty easterly winds. In the overall series Rory Paton showed the fleet how it should be done and won the series with four bullets! The top 5 results were:

- 1st - X48 XL - Rory Paton
- 2nd - X32 Ibex - Paul Woodman and Oliver James
- 3rd - X178 Beatrix - William Norris, Bill Dunsdon, Stuart Jardine and James Meaning
- 4th - X72 Venus - Nik Froud
- 5th - X57 Red Coral - Roy Froud and Robert Young

The top 5 based on handicap were:

- 1st - X72 Venus - Nik Froud
- 2nd - X57 Red Coral - Roy Froud and Robert Young
- 3rd - X48 XL - Rory Paton
- 4th - X164 Diana - Ian Burr
- 5th - X53 Quest - James McGill, Manfred Scheppers and Jay Devonshire

The X Boats are now leaving their moorings to be tucked away for the winter as owners plan various projects to make them go faster and look even smarter.

Roy Froud

Juniors

RS Tera



The Tera squad have been able to make full use of the autumn weather, we had two excellent days over half term, with 11 sailors. The first day consisted of race training with the focus on boat handling practice, the Tera sailors also practiced cross-tide sailing with the use of transits to help stem the tide. On the second day a Tera Potter trip to the Isle of Wight was planned, unfortunately we were beaten by the light winds and strong spring tides. We settled on lunch just off Tanners Lane before a very fast (with tide) sail back to Lymington. Many thanks to Nicola West for organising the sessions and to all the parents who manned the safety boats.

Winter Training Dates

- 14th November 2015 **
- 28th November 2015
- 23rd January 2016
- 20th February 2016

- 27th February 2016
- 9th April 2016

****The first winter training session may need to be re-scheduled due to a clash with Children in Need fundraising.**

Julian Hire, Captain of RS Teras

Laser 4.7

The Laser 4.7 sailors have had a busy year so far competing or training almost every weekend. They ended the year on a high note with Matilda Nicholls, Zac West and newcomer Arthur Fry all being selected for the RYA National Junior Squad.

Sailors from other classes are always welcome to join into our training programme. Please email to lymingtonlasers@gmail.com for further information on the winter training dates.

Dori West, Captain of Laser 4.7

Optimist

The Oppie Worlds was held on the Baltic Sea in Poland. For the 275 sailors from 58 countries the sailing was, at best frustrating as the first 4 races were run in a patchy 2 knot breeze. Each country selects its best five sailors so every inch was ferociously fought over. Off the water the sailors had the time of their lives. All the teams stay in their own log cabins in a National Park right beside an endless sandy beach, and competed against each other in every beach sport imaginable! Unfortunately Vita was still under the weather from septicaemia she had contracted at the Nationals only a few weeks before, so she limped through the championships to come 96th, with fellow Lymington sailor Milly Boyle 161st. On the first day of the Team Racing World Championships they blew away all opposition, only to be knocked out by Spain the following morning. So they had to settle for 8th.

We then travelled north with coach Max Moyles for a winter squad selector event: the Late Summer Cup, held at Draycote Water, was pervaded by a tremendous Lymington spirit. Though the sailing was not the best (it's a pond), the Lymington sailors did themselves proud, and grabbing nearly half of the top spots. Oli McGill (4th), Callum Cook (6th), Haydn Sewell (9th) and Ben Mueller (11th) all deserve a mention.

There followed a number of well attended regattas and training squads. The Zone Champs in Weymouth is always a blinder and this year the Lymington sailors were on fire: of the 94 sailors William Heathcote (1st), Callum Cook (2nd), Haydn Sewell (4th) and Henry Heathcote (8th). We then went back to Weymouth for the End of Seasons Champs, to decide the winter squads. It didn't seem to be quite so easy this weekend but of the 200+ sailors, Haydn managed 7th in the main fleet followed by William 14th and Sam de la Feuillade 21st. In the Transition fleet George May 11th and in the regatta fleet Samuel Griffiths 15th.

Winter training squads have now been selected, and yet again the Lymington sailors make up more than half of the IOCA/RYA squads. Congratulations to all selected.



The racing season drew to a close with the RYA ET Team Racing Championships at Oxford. William Heathcote and his team "The Sailing Assassins" won the Juniors who completed 200 races in RS Fevas to beat 23 other teams.

We have a very exciting winter training programme lined up at the Club, led by head coach Vagelis Atzeman, the most highly respected and successful Optimist coach in the world! He will run a total of seven weekends throughout the winter season, and the programme caters for all levels of sailors, from "mini racers" right up to the best in the UK.

(Picture shows - Lymington Winter Training kick off: Mini-racers setting up their boats, led by Greek coach Vagelis and assisted by our own local coaches and parents.

George Heathcote, Captain of Optimists

RNLI

Wine Tasting – Friday 6th November 6 – 9 pm

Fuller/McLelland Halls, Lymington Community Centre. Tickets available from The Solent Cellar(01590 674852) or Ann Brunskill (01590 677630).

Christmas Fair, Saturday 7th November 9.30 am – 1.30 pm



Lifeboats

For Sale

Suzuki DT2.2 two-stroke outboard

New in 2000, little used, garage stored last few years. Hasn't run during that time so will need a thorough service. Any reasonable offer considered. Call Luke 07739 261601.

RS800

Fast boat in good condition, won the last 800 open meeting of 2015. Sail number 1129. New style deck layout, new style wide kite chute (2014), Harken fittings, continuous controls (long enough for rack 10), Shock footloops, carbon tiller extension, combi trolley & trailer, under cover, over cover, 2 leads, 2 suits pinhead sails (1 racing, 1 training). Selling to buy a new boat.

View in Lymington. £5,200 ono. Call Luke McKewen on 07739 261601.

Free -4ft 8in Boat Stand to give away.



Call Ivor Johnston 01590 673740

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