



# ePotter News



ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

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## August 2016

### Rio Olympic Games

The Laser Medal Race was abandoned on Monday 15th August, so the Club will be showing the re-scheduled race on Tuesday evening from 17:00hrs.

Friends of Nick Thompson made him a scrap book filled with messages to send him everyone's best wishes as he went off to Rio. This included good luck messages or cards or take photos holding good luck signs etc and old photos of him sailing that people can dig out. This picture of a young Nick with Laurie Smith and Ben Ainslie was one of them.



### Club

#### Consultation on Town Quay Mooring Redevelopment Proposals

Lymington Harbour Commissioners (LHC) would like your views on its proposals to redevelop the Town Quay area to meet the changing market requirements for more walk ashore visitor berths. The proposal to redevelop Town Quay was first incorporated into LHC's Strategic Plan following extensive public consultation in 2010. The


Commissioners believe that it is essential to reconfigure the visitor moorings in order to provide the type of mooring facilities expected by modern yachtsmen, and to maintain the vibrancy of the Town Quay area as a tourist destination. More details [here](#).

Clive Sparrow, Vice-Commodore

## Your website profile

Did you know that you are able to manage the content of your personal information that is shown on the Club's website? For example if you would like to remove your date of birth it really is quite simple, just complete the three easy tasks as follows:

- Log onto the website
- Choose "My details" tab from the menu options displayed on screen
- Finally choose "Edit my profile" tab

When your profile content is displayed on screen, click on the  symbol displayed to the right of your screen and the content will be excluded, just remember to select the **Save** option before you leave the page.

John Tudor

## Membership subscriptions

Preparation work setting up your 2016-17 membership subscription is underway. If you would like to check your subscription billing, please contact [Alma](#) before 22nd August. Notice of your annual subscription will be sent you by letter which we will send on 31st August.

Clive Sparrow, Vice-Commodore

## We welcome the following new Members to the Club

- Peter, Melanie & Charles Allen
- Moray Gray
- Chris Torrens
- Simon Watson
- Isabel Roche
- Lindsey Froud
- Nigel Russell
- Julian & Carolyn Trimming
- Ellen Main
- George Roche

## Congratulations

Brian and David Earle for winning the European Javelin Championships. (more details in the Dinghy Report)



## Royal Lympington girls strike Gold:

Vita Heathcote and Milly Boyle won the gold medal for the girls in the U17 fleet at the 420 European Championships on Lake Balaton last week. The Priestlands school pupils fought over 11 races against sailors from 23 countries, all of whom had been selected by their home nation. "It was fantastic to win in such a competitive fleet", said Vita. "Balaton is such an amazing place to sail. It is always hot and the water is bright blue but it is really shifty and variable. I'm so pleased."



## House

In July we welcomed Brian Warren as our new Head Chef. He is making some very good changes to our menu's whilst keeping some of your old favourites and producing really delicious food. We also welcomed Mo Gherbi as our Deputy House Supervisor. Mo has many years' experience ashore in hotels, the Cavalry & Guards Club in London and afloat on the QE2 and with Seabourne Cruise Line. I do hope you enjoy his friendly efficiency. We also welcome Pippa Head who has joined us again on university holiday to help out during the summer months.

Last month we ran the Royal Lynton Cup, hosting teams from the Royal Yacht Squadron, the Royal Thames Yacht Club and the Poole Yacht Club, culminating in a Gala Buffet. We also hosted the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Contessa Dinner, the Courtney Place Lunch and many Private Parties.

I do hope that now we have a new team working in the Restaurant and Bar you will come and give them the opportunity of serving you. Stuart Cox our Hospitality Manager will always be very happy to help you in any way.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

### First Floor SurveyForms

Last month in ePN we offered a bottle of wine in the prize draw for filling in the Survey Forms in the Dining Room. July's winner was Emily Chisnell.

Don't forget to fill in the survey for the August Draw. These are on the tables ready for your comments.

Denise Moore, Rear Commodore House



# Royal Lymington

## Cup 16 - 17 July 2016

#RLC2016

## Royal Lymington Cup

Adam Gosling and his team mate from the Royal Yacht Squadron, Andrew McIrvine, won the Royal Lymington Cup on 16/17 July on the events inaugural running following its change of format. Adam in his brand new JPK 1080 yacht Yes won all six races. Second was the Royal Thames Yacht Club and third the Poole YC. The weather was ideal and Roger Wilson and his excellent race team set courses in Christchurch Bay giving both reaching and running legs. This is the first time, the Cup has ever been awarded to the winning club rather than the skipper. The Royal Yacht Squadron now sits alongside the names of some of the world's most famous sailors who have won the Cup.



Stuart Duffin, Rear Commodore Sailing

## Racing

### Cruiser Racing

#### Cruiser Racer Passage Race, 19th - 21st August

This year the Cruiser Racing group are joining in with the Cruising section on their away weekend to Poole on 19th to 21st August – the weekend of the Bournemouth Air Show. We will be having a passage race from Lymington to Poole on Friday 19th August starting from off the platform at 1300 and finishing at Poole Bar. There will be a second leg on Sunday 21st August starting at Poole Bar at 0900 then back to Lymington. All the usual suspects in the Cruiser Racing section are encouraged to enter and hopefully many new Cruiser section members will also join in. Please also refer to the Cruising section notices to book your berth in Poole and review the full social programme. The Notice of Race is being published on the Club [website](#). See you on the start line!

### Duo Series

The series resumes at the end of the summer with races on 27th August and then 23rd and 24th September. Let's hope for some better sailing conditions and more entries please.

Richard Truscott, Captain of Cruiser Racers

### J/80 UK Nationals – Just 10 Days to go!

There are only 10 days to go until the J/80 Nationals at [RLymYC](#) which start on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August. With 23 boats entered so far and more expected this is looking like it will be a spectacular event. Entries will be accepted until 9am on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

Amis Production drones are revving their blades, Seahorse Magazines are fattening the pig for the Hog Roast, Skyscanner are sound checking the Sunday night band, North Sails are trimming last minute sails, Berthon are sweeping the docks, Nick Cox are sizing up the gear from Helly Hansen and LYC are readying the Ribs. The extensive number of sponsors and the great sailing waters of Christchurch Bay mean that this event will be a classic of the J80 calendar; if you haven't entered already, then don't miss out!

A full shore-based programme has been arranged for the Championships and subsidised tickets can now be purchased for the two main social events by visiting [J/80 Nationals Social Events](#)

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Jim White, Captain of J/80s

## Dinghies

The Club teamed up with LTSC again for this year's Lymington Dinghy Regatta. After a light start, the weather turned out fine, with a lively sea breeze on Sunday, so the two race teams led by Paul Stickley and John Whyte managed to run a good set of races in sparkling conditions. Although turnout was lower than usual due to clashing with Taittinger Regatta, the RS Europeans and a large wedding in Wales, those who did compete had a great weekend.

Further afield, the Club's dinghy sailors have been making their mark on the international scene:

- Nick Thompson won the Sailing World Cup Mens Laser event at Weymouth.
- Brian and David Earl won the Javelin European Championships, for the 9th time, in Tjeukemeer, Holland. Details on Y&Y [online](#).
- Luke and Emma McEwen won the RS800 European Championships in Lake Garda, Italy.
- William Homewood is competing in the RS Tera World Championships in Santona, Spain.

Best of luck to William and to Nick in Rio for the Olympics.

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies.

## Cruising

### Photography Competition 2016

I have observed many of you taking photographs with telephone, iPads and cameras. Do please select one to enter in the 2016 Photographic Competition. Every Member can submit one A4 print of an image taking during the year of boating. Closing date is Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October. If you have queries please contact [me](#).

### Past Events

#### Summer Cruise 2016

From mid-June to mid-July Club Members who 'signed up' for the summer cruise were kept in touch with each other on a daily basis by a group text message containing a schedule of boat names together with current and next port. The cruise started with a well-attended and enjoyable 'Cruising Supper' at the Club on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June. The plan had been to meet up again later that week with a group dinner at the Royal Dart Yacht Club. However, not for the first time, strong winds in Lyme Bay resulted in the cancellation of the Royal Dart event. Nevertheless, the flexible format of the cruise and daily text updates enabled a number of us to meet up from time to time during the month as passage plans permitted.

Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub-Committee.

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# Volunteers

Race teams are an abstemious lot or at least that is the conclusion that must be drawn from the fact that very few of the drinks tokens given out have so far made it through the tills at the bar. Of course there might be another reason perhaps we are all secretly saving up for a massive drinking session when we are not on the water the next day, either way if you have some tokens please use them as the Club is experiencing a shortage.

The Race Team for the Lymington Cup enjoyed a fantastic weekend of champagne sailing watched from the comfort of the committee boat Squander curtsey of James and Derry Beattie. There was the added bonus of some windward leeward courses which sent boats screaming past us on the downwind leg. The competitors were very complimentary about the race management, which went smoothly and the team had plenty of time to admire the standard of sailing and soak up the sun.

On Saturday evening the Race Team joined competitors for a very enjoyable Gala Buffet at the Club which was a great opportunity to meet the crews.

There are lots of events coming up so if you would like to become part of the Race Team please complete the Volunteer Form on the [website](#) or contact Kirsty or Vicky in the office for more information.

Jane Corden

# Junior Team Racing in RS Fevas and help needed

As many of you will know, the Club owns four RS Fevas, three of these were provided by a grant from Sport UK and the remaining one was bought by the Amanda Fund set up in memory of Amanda Dingwall. They are particularly suited to use by 12-16 year-olds as a double-handed racing dinghy and can be hired for racing and training events from the Club office by anyone with sufficient sailing knowledge to be able to handle them safely.

The boats are not only suitable for fleet racing and training, but also make excellent Team Racing boats and are used by the RYA for the Junior National Team Racing Championships which are held at Oxford Sailing Club every Autumn. Team racing is, of course, what most sailors end up doing at University as it is very social and doesn't require you to own your own boat!

They have been well used during the past year for learning to sail and race training, but now we would like to try to bring in a new aspect of racing using these boats – two boat team racing. The Head of Feva Class, Sarah Richards, has done a fantastic job organizing fleet race training for existing and new Feva sailors, but in order to move this forward, we are looking for a parent or parents who would be prepared to help get some team racing off the ground, throughout late summer and autumn.

We have a number of sailors, both parents and youngsters, who would be prepared to help with the on-the-water aspects of this, what we really need is someone to deal with the admin side. Dates need to be arranged and booked, session leaders booked, parents and sailors circulated, RIB cover rosters sorted, etc.

If anyone is interested in helping with this project, or would like further information, please get in touch with me to discuss. Once we have a small team in place, we will provide further details of the plan for making this happen.

Jenny Wilson, Captain of Juniors

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# Training



Places still available!

RYA Youth Stage 4 Course Dates;  
25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August

£110 – Member, £150 – Non Member. Please book all courses through reception.  
For more details go to the [website](#).

Vicky Leen, Events Assistant

# Fleets

## LR Scow

### Future Events

The Alexina Trophy was cancelled owing to bad weather. We hope to re-run this event on the morning of Sunday 21st August. Details will be published in due course.

### Past Events

#### Threading the Needles

Meticulously planned by Graham Neal and David Weller and then efficiently led by Graham, 16 Scows with 28 Members on board departed around 10.00 on 14<sup>th</sup> July to gather at the mouth of the Lymington River and form up into "pods" of 4 or 5, each pod led by a support RIB. At 1035 we got under way and sailed in a gentle NW breeze down to Hurst and on to the Needles. The last of the ebb added to our speed and little over an hour later the leading pod reached our target. The sun shone and a Hurricane flew overhead, the unmistakeable sound of its Merlin engine alerting us to its presence.

The breeze had dropped significantly but there was just enough to waft us through the gap, rocks to each side showing white foam in the moderate swell that was running. And then around the lighthouse and back to Hurst, slow going at first but soon speeded by the first of the new flood.

Most Scows opted to break the journey home with a picnic on Hurst spit. While there the sea breeze arrived, a brisk 15-18 knot South Westerly which made the picnic anchorage a little uncomfortable but ensured a fast sail back to Lymington. Perfect conditions, a lovely day, one to remember.



#### Figure of Eight Race

The annual "Figure of Eight" race around both Oxy and Pylewell Islands is a firm favourite in the Scow racing calendar. It does require a high tide at about 1500 and this year that meant Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Conditions were lively, 15-18 knots from the SW. 22 boats came to the line, set just to the south of the entrance to Oxy Lake. This meant a short reach before turning upwind between the mud banks. Barry Dunning in Firecracker lead the fleet away from the gun with Chris Cecil-Wright, Ollie Tait, Gordon Stredwick and Dick Moore close behind.

The run down the outside of Oxy involved a number of gybes, all negotiated safely in the choppy conditions and then came the narrow channel inside Pylewell Island. The Ollie Tait cut the mud too fine and was seen jumping out to push his boat clear. Dubbie Robinson got entangled in Dick Moore's lifejacket and nearly pulled him into the water, a new meaning to close quarters racing.

For the last leg the choice was to tack well out into the Solent to gain full advantage from the tide or work along the shore in smoother conditions. Dunning and Evans went that way while Tait, Stredwick and Phillip Shute went out to sea. At the finish Tait crossed first, Dunning was second and Stredwick third.

As is usual, the fleet then enjoyed a splendid afternoon tea, provided by Gillie Pearson and a team of volunteers.

#### Hinxman Trophy

This had been cancelled back in May and followed just three days after the Figure of Eight but once again 22 boats entered and set out for the start, near the river entrance. Conditions were testing, the wind again from the South West and averaging 18 knots with gusts to 23. There was a strong ebb tide and a really bad sea. Sunshine would have helped but the sky was grey under lowering clouds. A few competitors decided to reef (it had not been as windy back at the Club), a few more turned for home.

Race Officer Vince Sutherland got the fleet away on a short quadrilateral course of two laps. The gybes were tricky and a few boats went in. Jay Devonshire was first to finish with the Urwins second and Catherine Maguire with Toby Etheridge third, proof that weight is not needed in a blow if your technique is good enough.



Conditions worsened so the third race was cancelled and the fleet started Race 4, a short beat and then back home to the Club line. Chris Sanders was the winner. Despite being hopelessly over-canvassed on the beat, his full main and light weight enabled him to overtake boat after boat on the reach back up the river. The Urwins recorded another second and Catherine Maguire another third. Overall the winners were Mike and Ros Urwin with Chris Sanders second and Catherine Maguire third. Of the 22 entrants only 12 finished, something of a record.

Dick Moore, Captain of Scows

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## Juniors

### Lasers

We are very proud of our Laser 4.7 sailors, who are going from strength to strength and made their Club proud once again by achieving the best GBR results for many years at the European Championship at Crozon-Morgat in Brittany, France in July. Four of our young sailors competed against the 89 girls from 19 countries and 212 boys from 27 countries.

In the girls' competition Matilda Nicholls was crowned U16 European Champion and in the boys' fleet Arthur Fry finished at the amazing 8th place U16! Flo Nicholls, at the age of 13, was the youngest female sailor at the Europeans and finished 5th Under 16 in the Silver Fleet. Zac West, after a superb start in the competition and an unlucky third day of qualifiers, just missed out on getting into the gold fleet by 3 points only. Eventually, Zac finished 6th Under 16 in the Silver Fleet.

Congratulations to all four sailors on their awesome results and to our wonderful coaches who have been behind these results! Many thanks to Hannah Snellgrove, who has taken ownership of the Laser group over a year. I also would like to say a big thank you to Greg Carey and Nik Froud, who have also been involved with coaching.

### Training dates for your diary

From August the Club will run both Laser 4.7 and Radial training. For more details and to sign up for each training dates send an interest of attendance [email](#), followed by a telephone call to Gillian Poole in the office.

The training dates are:

20th & 21st August – Introduction to Radial sailing  
27th & 28th August – Laser 4.7 training

Dori West, Captain of Lasers

## Optimists

### Optimist Grand Plan

For those wishing their children to take part in Optimist Sailing in Lyminster, the following is a guide to what is on offer.

Complete beginners: children can join in Wednesday Sailing (details about it? How to join, age, cost etc? link to website) or else book RYA Level 1, 2 and 3 private or small group sessions with Kristy via the Club office (link/ number?).

There are other options outside the Club -local schools have weekly sessions at Salterns Sailing Club; Salterns members can do weekly sessions, courses, pennants and Bronze Fleet; Keyhaven members have Junior Sailing; Spinnaker has an extensive list of beginner and RYA courses.

Mini-racers: For those who would like to sail Oppies and already feel comfortable sailing in the river and can roughly get themselves round a triangular course. Must have their own well set-up Optimist, fully insured. Sometimes these sessions will be parent-led and not necessarily with a paid coach. The aim is to have informal sessions, spend time on the water, play games, explore and go on 'adventures' while at the same time introducing some racing skills within those games.

For the remainder of 2016, there will be a Saturday session from 17th September to 25th November, 10-12am.



**Silver Fleet:** For those children who are thinking of following the Oppie pathway and already taking part in some regatta fleet events or wishing to better their sailing and racing skills beyond basic level. Ideally, once a season has been completed in Zone Squads the children should move up, although sometimes it will be worth staying in this fleet longer.

For the remainder of 2016, there will be a mid-week session from Tuesday 13th September to Tuesday 18th October, 4:45 (launching 5:30) to 7:30pm. And a Saturday session from 17th September to 25th November, 10-12am.

**Gold Fleet:** For children who are actively racing their Optimist and have done one or two Zone squads already.

For the remainder of 2016, there will be a mid-week session from Tuesday 13th September to Tuesday 18th October, 4:45 (launching 5:30) to 7:30pm.

Also at weekends there will be casual sessions when not racing.

Please volunteer to help, especially on the water. If you still haven't got your jsood (Junior Sailing Officer of the Day) training, please let us know so we can arrange that with our Junior Captain, Jenny Wilson. While supporting your child and the fleet, we ask that you respect the coaches and their decisions regarding your children. They will always ensure they do their best for the sailors and will be open to discuss any concerns or ideas with you as well as with the children.

Winter training dates and the head coach for these training sessions will be confirmed shortly.

Parent support is paramount to run these sessions. Any of the sessions will risk being cancelled if there aren't enough parents helping to launch Oppies and man Safety Boats to be run safely.

Valeria Sesto, Captain of Optimist

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## RNLI

Keep yourself in warm this summer! Special offer available at the RNLI shop by the Lifeboat Station.

Sealskinz Stretchdry waterproof breathable caps etc.

Cap £25. Woollie Beanie £28. Socks: £32 Ultra-grip Gloves £35.

Full details on the RNLI [website](#)



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## For Sale Notices

### X Boat

50% share X boat Dolce Vita sail no. 142, fitted and equipped for racing including flares and VHF radio. Race fees, insurance, moorings paid to the end of the season. Offers please to John Keating, 07741316904 or 02380283672 or [email](#).



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Email Ann Brunskill - ePN Editor

# Cruising Division Update

## August 2016

Unfortunately the Cruising section of August's ePN got omitted therefore please find below an update of what the RLymYC cruisers have been doing this month.

### Future Events

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August there is a repeat of last year's highly successful joint meet with the Scows to Hurst Spit. Cruising Boats will anchor off the spit awaiting the Scows to come along side for a social lunch. Please contact Ken Claydon for further details of to register.

August 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> is the Poole Rally, a joint event with the Racer Cruisers. Berths have been booked in Poole but we do need to confirm numbers asap so Cruisers please contact Bob Woolley and Racers please contact Richard Truscott. Details for both the Cruise and the Race are available on the web site.

The weekend of September 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> is the ever popular Bucklers Hard BBQ this year organised by Tony Hughes with Sue Sutherland assisting. Please either use the signup sheets on the board or contact either of the organisers to register your place.

John Adcock is organising a weekend rally to Weymouth and Poole from September 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. Please see details posted on the board and use the signup sheet to register your attendance.

### Recent Events

#### Bembridge Rally. July 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>.

Another highly successful rally at Bembridge. The Family Fun Weekend attracted a record number of boats to Duver Marina but all were efficiently accommodated by the expert marina staff headed by Gordon Wight. There were 14 boats from the RLymYC, 8 sail and 6 motor together with one party coming by car. Those boats arriving outside Bembridge at around noon were entertained by a remarkable flying display from the Red Arrows. The weather was very warm on the Friday and Saturday but thankfully cooled down a bit on the Sunday. The weekend kicked off with drinks on the pontoon on the Friday evening followed by the BBQ on the Saturday with a Firework display to light our way back to the boats. The dinner at the Bembridge Sailing Club was very well presented with excellent service and good food. Most boats left on Monday afternoon and enjoyed a brisk sail back to Lymington.



Dinner at Bembridge Sailing Club.

#### Day Cruise to Island Harbour – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016.

Club Cruising Section members assembled for the morning briefing in grey, wet and miserable weather conditions. However, the decision was made to go ahead and following a start in poor visibility four boats soon found the air clearing to produce clear, dry conditions. Fortunately the sea was calm and made for an easy passage. Once inside the River Medina the views of the island on either side were delightful. Once past the Folly Inn skippers radioed for the lock keeper to prepare to accept us. This they did and were exceptionally helpful alongside. Having passed through the lock and tired up at the marina the seventeen members attending found that it was possible

to sit outside at the Breeze Restaurant in glorious warm sunshine. A few drinks and a really excellent lunch were enjoyed and everyone set off in time to leave the harbour locks on free-flow. A good boating day was enjoyed by all.



### Circumnavigators

The interim honours board will remain on the notice board until the end of August when a permanent board will be commissioned. Once the permanent honour board is commissioned then there will be no facility to include any previous circumnavigations. Therefore should any member think that they or another member has been omitted from the board then please advise the Captain of Cruising as soon as you are able.

Details of each of the voyages currently recorded are available on the web site, Cruising Section, Log and Blogs page.

### Cruising Trophies

We have 9 Cruising Trophies to award this year, 7 of which require submission of a log or blog of whatever length and detail members are able to put together. Submissions can be in printed form or electronically and either submitted at reception addressed to Captain of Cruising or sent by e mail to [georgeandgaynorj@btinternet.com](mailto:georgeandgaynorj@btinternet.com).

George Johnson  
Captain of Cruising