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ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

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February 2016

Club

Annual General Meeting 2016 – 11 am Saturday 6th February

Do please complete and return the proxy form if you are not able to attend and the ballot form in your pack to vote for your favoured candidates to join the General Committee.

Membership

Later this month you will be receiving the 2016 Club Handbook complete with the list of Members and yachts. Whilst many keep their previous years copy “on board” for reference could I ask you to return to the Club any unwanted old copies or ensure that they are disposed of responsibly as they obviously contain much Member information which is confidential to our membership.

On the 4th of March we will be holding our “New Members Evening” where we will be showcasing the many facets of our Club. We are hoping that new Members and their families will attend. As it is a special evening event we will be inviting Members with young ones to stay on for supper.

Club Notice Boards

One final point I would like to raise is the use of the Club’s notice boards. Notices can only be put up with approval of the Secretary including any notices advertising boats or equipment which are displayed in the Sail Loft.

Clive Sparrow, Vice-Commodore

Ladies Cloakroom – keys

Two weeks ago the Club had to replace 11 plastic keys which had been removed from the cloakroom coat locks and not returned (men’s and ladies), so that all locks are operational again. Three more are missing since then! Please can you check at home – handbags and pockets etc. and if you have any of the Club’s white plastic keys for coat locks, do please return them either to Reception or put them in the letter box opposite Reception.

The keys are of no use to anyone, but they are crucial to maintaining the Club’s policy of requiring Members and guests not to take their outdoor clothing upstairs, which we are trying very hard to administer for the benefit of all.

LTSC members - reminder

We welcome sailors from the Town Sailing Club to use our showers and changing rooms as their club is refurbishing their changing rooms. They have been asked to use the north door and to bring their membership cards, and they have been told that they are welcome to use the bar and restaurant while they are here.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

Pontoon Project

Since the last update in early January the weather has been relatively kind and progress on the project has been swift. We have had no shortage of heavy plant and equipment on site, starting with the dredging operation, the site had not been dredged for 10 years and required the digger to get mighty close to the building at times and removed in the end 14 barge loads of Lymington's finest mud along with no end of old chain, and other jetsam, but thankfully no shopping trolleys or old bikes!

Then came the piling and delivery barges as 80% of the new pontoons were delivered by sea on a barge from Walcon's yard at Woolston on the Itchen; the balance were delivered very early in the morning by articulated lorry and were reversed down the main Lymington slipway before being lifted into the water. All the new steel piles and pontoon sections are now in position and the gangway is scheduled to be craned in towards the end of this week.



Our utilities contractor, Shoreline, will start on site this week and will commence all the wiring and plumbing whilst Walcon continue to weld the wall brackets back to the sheet piling at low water, the whole scheme is starting to look very smart and we are currently 10 days ahead of schedule.

The pontoon will remain closed to Members whilst all the utilities are installed over the coming weeks and Club dinghies and RIBs will continue to be operated from the Harbour Masters pontoon.

Further details of the project, including more photos, and blog updates can be found on the [website](#).

Andrew Eady - Pontoon Project Team.

Inflatable disposal

Would all Members please note that the two inflatable dinghies still unclaimed since being brought ashore in November (two months ago), when the stowage rack was removed, will be given to the RNLI stand for Beaulieu Boat Jumble.

If there is a Member who would like to own up to their inaction please make themselves known to Secretary, Kevin Podger who will direct you to the place where they may be collected on proof of ownership.

Dinghy Park

Once again we had a tremendous turn-out for the annual Dinghy Park working party. This year we completed the sculpting of the Feva storage area in the North East of the Balance Pond; repainted the berths, installed a small piece of fencing and completed a lot of weeding, leaf-clearance and rubbish removal. Thanks very much to all those who came along and also to those who sent their apologies. It was great fun.

I am very conscious that we now have a significant waiting list; Vicky and I are doing all we can to increase the number of berths, so please bear with us. Please note that the criteria for prioritising applicants for spaces in the Dinghy Park are on the [website](#); amongst these criteria is volunteering. When we reallocate spaces for this season we will be taking this particularly into account.

Under all the weeds and undergrowth I found a small piece of scow mast which looks like it has been specifically made to hold up a cover in the off-season. I am happy to reunite this with its owner. Please just give me a call.

John Tudor.

We welcome the following new Members to the Club

- Sebastian & Tamsin Ayris
- Rupert, Tanya, Freya & Oliver Baddeley
- Georgia Baker
- Alastair & Rosamund Caldwell
- Nicky Duffin
- Mark & Benjamin Hampton and Helen Buchanan
- Tim & Ann Harford
- Darran, Jake & Evie Stokes
- William White & Sally Anne Dougall
- Amelia Williams
- Kristof Jenkins
- Sylvia Kirk
- Keith & Pauline Lightbody
- Tyler Lightbody
- Grace & Freddie Lonsdale
- Gerald Moore
- Finn Rogers
- Julian & Claire Sowry
- Harry Stembridge

House

The early spring flowers are in evidence as is the forthcoming programme for the Club. We are delighted to welcome Stuart Cox, Hospitality Manager, and know that many of you have already met him at work on the first floor. His presence is evident and positive changes, such as the improved desserts display, have already been noticed.

The enjoyment of Burns Night has been recorded and the Social Sub-Committee have their future programme firmly in hand. There is the film programme for adults and children as well as the forthcoming Valentine's Night. Do come along to celebrate on 13th February when there is to be a special themed menu, dancing to the delightful music of Nick Heywood-Young and other interesting ideas for you.

Yes, we all look forward to the next sailing season so let us welcome this together at the Fitting Out Party on 19th March when there will be dancing to the music of the ever popular Zac and the Zeros.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Denise Moore, Rear Commodore House

Social



There are still tickets remaining for this year's Valentine's Day Supper, please click the banner to register your interest online.



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 as soon as the film finishes.

Save the Date: This year's Fitting out Supper is taking place on Sat 19th March.

Conservation and Local Issues

The Needles Marine Conservation Zone

This has been established. Please see the press release from the available on the RYA [website](#). The RYA submitted detailed information on recreational boating and anchoring at the Needles site, indicating that overlap of the seagrass with the main anchoring and mooring activity in the area is minimal. As a result, the Government has confirmed that any management required in this site may also be minimal, is unlikely to significantly affect use of the area, and can potentially be done on a voluntary basis. The RYA is awaiting details of management plans for the Needles MCZ.

Newtown Creek

We expect that Newtown will be included in Tranche 3 of the MCZ designation programme. As soon as we have details of what is proposed we will let you know.

Hampshire Marine Police Unit.

The amount of funding for this unit is under review. There are concerns that there may be a reduction in Governmental funding with consequential impacts on staffing and patrolling ability. I have written to our M.P. Desmond Swayne and to the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner to alert them of our concerns. The matter is being monitored within RYA Southern Region. Concerned individuals may also wish to raise the matter directly with our elected representatives.

Lymington Harbour Developments

Revised proposals for 51 walk ashore and 33 non walk ashore visitors' moorings at Town Quay and for 13 new pontoons on the Horn Reach Outer Wave Screen near the entrance to the Yacht Haven Marina are being developed. Lymington Harbour Advisory Group (LHAG) are fully aware and it is envisaged that the proposals, taking into account any comments from LHAG will be released for public consultation within the next few months.

The RYA are liaising with the recreational user representative on the Lymington Harbour Advisory Group (Peter Upcher) as matters progress.

David Brunskill

Racing

It's that time of year when all cruiser racers start planning their racing programme for the summer.

There are a couple of innovations we will be trying this year with respect to the Duo series and the Saturday Cruiser series. For the Duo series we will be repeating last year's concept of a 6-race series split into two mini-series, one on in May and the other in September. We again hope to be racing in at least 3 classes, two IRCs and one LAH, and will be awarding prizes for the overall series results as well as winners of each min-series. The innovation is that the races have now been specially named to give everyone a good idea of where we hope to be heading. So the complete series is:

- 7th May; Gurnard Race, starting 1000
- 21st May; Round the Cans, starting 1345
- 28th May; Around the Island, starting 0800
- 27th August; Poole Bay Race, starting 0900
- 3rd September; Bramble Bank Race, starting 1000
- 24th September; Shingles Bank Race, starting 1000



If anyone is interested in helping to start our Duo races we are particularly looking for a volunteer for 28th May and 3rd September. Please contact [Richard Truscott](#).

The Saturday Cruiser series last year proved quite a struggle to get boats and crews to come out and race. So this year we're trying something a little different. The Club is only running two races, which will be passage races in support of the Cruising Section. The first race is on Friday 19th August to Poole, starting at 1400 (note change from the published Sailing Programme). The second race is from Poole back to Lymington on Sunday 21st August, starting at 0900. We're looking for as many boats as possible to sail both legs but if time is short, how about trying only one race, even if you have to sail a round trip in one day!

To supplement our weekend racing for fully crewed keelboats we would encourage entries for the LTSC Cruiser Racing series. The races are noted down in the RLymYC programme and are as follows:

- Saturday 16/ Sunday 17 April; Hamble Scramble
- Sunday 5th June; Newtown Race
- Sunday 24th July; Cowes and back
- Sunday 11th September; Christchurch Ledge Race

Finally, if any skipper is looking for more crew this year, don't forget to come along to our Crew Match morning on Saturday 16th April in the Club.

Richard Truscott, Captain of Cruiser Racers

Dinghy Sailing

Those who wish to stay (get?) fit over the winter might like to join in with Monday night circuit training at Lymington Recreation Centre (Priestlands School) - 7pm for an hour. A few of the dinghy sailors have become regulars there until Monday Evening Dinghies starts up again in April.

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies

Cruising

Unfortunately the first meet of the year was cancelled due to stormy weather, but it was possible that day to hold a short ceremony of remembrance for Richard Wood, former Captain of Cruising past member of the General Committee. A substantial number of Members joined Sue and their daughters on a very windy pontoon to hear a short address by the Reverend Anne Werrell before casting daffodils, Richard's favourite flowers, into the river.

Cruising Dinner Saturday 27th February

This is a black tie celebration of the year at which the Cruising Awards are presented. The winners this year are:

Jane Pit-Pits	John and Angie Bailey Trophy – awarded for a lifetime achievement in sailing.
Donald Begg	The Seamanship Trophy – awarded for a feat of seamanship and navigation.
John Adcock	Fen Dawn Motor Cup – awarded to a motor boat for a significant cruise.
Richard Lassen	XII Bar Blues Trophy - awarded to encourage the use of modern technologies.
Hilary Olney	Cadiz Cup – awarded for a significant cruise under sail.
Andrew Sutherland	Senior Brownlow Cup – awarded for the best submitted narrative.
Peter Lowe	Channel Trophy - awarded for consistent support over the cruising season.
Peter Fryer	Quains Cup – awarded for a demanding and significant cruise under sail.
Carole Hayles	Photographic Competition – winner as judged by a professional photographer.

Our Guest Speaker for this evening is Brigadier Andy Bristow. Andy was brought up on the South Coast and educated at Portsmouth Grammar School. He was commissioned into the Royal Corps of Signals in 1982. His later military career included a significant role brokering a settlement between rival interests in the latter stages of the Iraq war and a year spent as the Chief of Staff of all UK military forces in Afghanistan.



Andy is married to Fiona and they share a passion for outdoor activities and sailing in particular. They own a 1957 50' steel sloop yacht, Atlantis, purchased in Hawaii and subsequently sailed back to UK. Andy completed the 1989-90 Whitbread Round the World Race and, in 2001-2, led the British Army Antarctic Expedition which sailed a 72' yacht from UK to Antarctica and back; using the yacht as a mobile base camp for mountaineering and scientific forays whilst in the Antarctic region.

After leaving the Service in 2013, Andy spent 3 months sailing Atlantis from Plymouth to Svalbard and back and kindly entertained the Club with a lively account of the trip at a Wednesday Evening Lecture in March last year. Since then he has completed his 14th transatlantic crossing. Andy is Chairman of the International Association of Cape Horners and a member of the RYS and RCC.

The day cruise in February is to the Beaulieu River for lunch at the Master Builder at Bucklers Hard on Thursday 25th. Berths have been arranged on the walk ashore pontoon. In the event that storms prevail it is always possible to reach the Master Builder by car, a not unknown means of transport!

Upcoming Meets

The full Cruising Programme for 2016 is available on the [website](#) or on card from the Office. Everyone is welcome to our events whether in cruising yachts, motor boats, racing yachts, RIBs and indeed dinghies for appropriate locations – you can even come by car.

Another very popular day sail is scheduled for Thursday 25th February to Bucklers Hard for lunch at the Master Builder, now under new management.

Tested your boat lately? perhaps now is a good time, followed by lunch at the Island Sailing Club in Cowes on Monday, 14th March.

Looking into April, the Safety Day is scheduled for the Saturday 9th April to be followed that evening by an Informal Cruising Supper, the second of the year.

Details of all events are posted both on the [website](#) and the notice board as well as reminder emails sent out just prior to the event. Everyone is welcome on a Cruising Section event, motor yachts, sailing yachts, RIBs and where appropriate Scows and other dinghies.

Winter Lectures

January has seen a varied series of topics. We have enjoyed a celebration of the Contessa 26, a travelogue 'In Shackleton's Footsteps' and an account of the Round Britain and Ireland Race as well as a presentation by the Hampshire Police Marine Unit

Other talks this month are:

Title	Speaker	Date
The Story of Lymington	Laurence Sim	10th February
Pittdown Man Hoax	Dr Miles Russell	17th February
The Hotel Guru	Fiona Duncan	24th February

Volunteer speakers for the 2016/17 lecture season are invited to contact [Perrin Towler](#) or the Secretary. Full details on the [website](#).

[Perrin Towler, Vice Captain of Cruising](#)

Training

First Aid Courses - 09:00 - 17:00

- 12th March 2016

Members - £50, Non-Members £70



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

Tuesday 09 February 2016, Island Room 1815 for 1830 - A Practical Session

Re-live the CRO Course Scenarios and more - Jane Corden and Frances Evans

Thursday 10 March, 2016, Island Room 1815 for 1830 (date changed) - 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!

Please add your name to the sign-up sheets on the notice board for these sessions.

[Frances Evans](#)

Race Team

There are just two months to go before the Cub starts its very full 2016 Sailing Programme, copies of which were included in the recent mailing. A quick glance reveals a very busy season ahead with the usual mix of Club Racing for dinghies and keelboats, regattas, open meetings and championships. In all over 150 events, many of which involve several races and or multiple starts. All of this racing is run by Members for Members and visiting sailors and is a real strength of the Club.

If you would like to help run racing at the Club but, like many of us, are either reluctant or unable to commit to a specific date a long way in advance, please fill in the Sailing Event Team Form online with your relevant skills and tick the 'Are you happy to be contacted at short notice' box near the top of the form. If you decide at a later date that you would like to help with a specific event, please fill in this section on the form and submit it so that your details can be updated.

The Volunteer rosters will now appear on the individual event web pages shortly before the event. You will, however, be contacted prior to the publishing of the roster to ensure that you are still available.

The Sailing Event Team form can be found on the [website](#) . If you need any more information please contact Kirsty at the Club and she will be happy to help.

Jane Corden

Fleets

LR Scows – Winter Programme

Jonathan Cook, helped by Jane Cook, Frances Evans and Vanessa Russett, launched the Scow Winter Talks programme on 18th January with an amusing and informative account of their trek “Coast to Coast” across the North of England last May. They were walking with a group of 12 and mostly followed Wainwright’s classic guide, although Jonathan, as leader, adapted the route in the light of prevailing conditions. The party covered 200 miles in 15 days and “enjoyed” mixed weather but clearly had a lot of fun.

The next talk will be on 15th February when past Commodore Phil Lawrence and Race Director of the Extreme Sailing Series will be speaking about the event and the fleet of foiling GC32 catamarans.

Meanwhile the Scow walks continue every Thursday. The highlight in January was the 9-mile hike from Alum Bay to the Needles, over Tennyson Down and back to Yarmouth, with a well-deserved stop at the red Lion in Freshwater for lunch. 26 Scow Walkers took part and the weather was perfect with bright sunshine and the wind on our backs once we left the needles and started to climb. Our thanks to David Weller for organising this event which will surely become an essential part of future programmes.”

I hope to see many of you on at these occasions. There will be a sign-up sheet for the talks on the noticeboard to help the staff set up the Island Room and details will be emailed by David Weller in advance of each event.

Dick Moore, Captain of Scows

Sailability

Valentine’s Afternoon Tea Wednesday 10th February



Following on from our successful Blue Monday Lunch, Pebble Beach have very kindly chosen us to be the benefactors of the money raised by The Pebble Beach Trust at their forthcoming Valentines, silver service afternoon tea.

WARNING this event does contain lots of naughty but nice things (trust me I've tried it), including a complimentary red rose for each lady. So go on, spoil that special person in your life, be it your lover, mother, father, sister, brother, best friend or even yourself because you are sooo worth it!

The generosity of organisations such as Pebble Beach and the generosity of individuals such as yourselves who support our events enables us to do what we do.

To book your place, contact Pebble Beach direct on [01425 627777](tel:01425627777)

Quiz Night at the Club – Thursday 18th February

Vince Sutherland runs another of his brilliant quizzes for the RNLI. Tickets £5. Make up your own table or join one of the RNLI tables. Supper available. To book and for further details [email](#) Ann Brunskill or call 0590 677630.



Lifeboats

Early Reminder – Beaulieu Boat Jumble Sunday 24th April 2016

The Lymington Branch are always happy to accept items for this year's Beaulieu Boat Jumble. Contact John Niven 01590 678839 or Celia Lassen, 01590 672881 for more details.

For Sale Notices

Sweden Yachts 42 For Sale

Jo is well designed, soundly built, and a joy to sail. She is a Bermudan rigged sloop with a deep keel and a large flexible sail area. The mainsheet is forward of the companionway ensuring that the cockpit is not swept by a mainsheet.

She has three double sleeping cabins in addition to the main saloon, with an en-suite shower and heads with the forward cabin and a shared heads for the two aft cabins. There are three chart plotters, one conveniently situated under the sprayhood close to the companionway making navigation on deck simpler. Built in 2004 she underwent a refit before and after completing an Atlantic crossing in November 2014, returning to the UK on board a ship in June 2015. Standing rigging, sails, Furlerboom, house batteries, liferaft, and flares were replaced prior to the crossing. Improvements and repairs have been carried out during our ownership to maintain her in proper condition for sailing in all weathers.



With electric winches, a furling/reefing headsail and a FurlerBoom for the main, *Jo* is suitable for shorthand sailing. Her flexible sail wardrobe enables her to perform well in either Solent day sailing where the self-tacking jib is a delight, or sailing the trade winds with her larger genoas or Gennakers.

Lying Lymington, UK. Price, VAT paid, £235,000

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