ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

June 2015

Club

Man overboard- 30th May report - Next event Tuesday 16th June at 19:30

As a result of a recent incident (see articles below) the Club has arranged some demonstrations of what to do if someone goes overboard. This can happen to anyone, not just the racing crews. Over 100 Members attended the Man Overboard event on 30th May, learning all about: what happens to a casualty when they go overboard; how to get back to them quickly and safely; how to locate them if you lose visual contact; recovery on board and after-care.

The event will be run again at 1930 on Tuesday 16th June for the benefit of those Members and their crew who could not attend the first one.

Dunlop Stewart, Commodore

Dinghy Park

There is currently a lengthy waiting list for the Dinghy Park. In order to make as much space as possible to allow for more boats (and, therefore, more people to go sailing) we are doing the following:

- Putting one more boat each in the free standing areas of Areas A, B and C of the main Dinghy Park. We realise that this will increase congestion and mean more boats will have to be moved to get boats out and in, but we trust the over-riding desire to allow more people to go sailing means this is acceptable.
- We have requested permission from NFDC to change the weedy, gravelled "shelf" to the North East of the Balance Pond into a gentle incline which will allow us
 to put three Fevas there.
- We will be approaching the Sea Fishing Club (who occupy the land next door to the main Dinghy Park to determine if we can borrow / lease any space from them.

A Member reported that his yellow Laser " has disappeared from the Balance Pond" (where it had been left illegally without any identification marks: it had no allocated space, no sticker and was found not to be even on the waiting list when we identified it). The Club Dinghy Park regulations state that the *ultimate* sanction is to remove boats into the NFDC Car Park. Members should be aware that if they park boats illegally in the Dinghy Park/Balance Pond they can expect them to be removed without notice.

John Tudor



I am delighted to report that May has been a very busy month at the Club as the Monday night dinghy racing and Thursday night keel boat racing crews and their family and friends fill the bar and restaurant. It really is terrific to enjoy a drink on the balcony whilst watching the racers returning. It is a pleasure to note that during May the Club has been host to six private functions. The kitchen prepared and served 617 hot lunches, 622 cold lunches and 805 dinners as well as many evening snack meals.

Efforts continue to better advise Club members about what is happening and about to happen. To this end the weekly Bulletin will carry more detailed information. It will continue to carry the inter-active booking feature.

The 'Social Notice' board in the entrance hall is specifically for Club and social notices but we accommodate notices for the RNLI and St Barbe's Museum. Do keep an eye on the board for announcements of forthcoming Club events.

If you have a notice that you would like to share with other Members, there is a special blue folder in Reception for such items. Please ask at the desk.

The racers started the tradition of having a Summer Ball; this year it is sponsored by Spencers of the New Forest, supported by Dubarry of Ireland and Harken. It has become a 'not to be missed' social function at the Club. This year there will be dancing to the FM party band. You will be able to select from a delicious variety of food influenced by cuisine from France, Spain and Morocco and a lovely seafood bar. If you are here on 13th June book your tickets and come along to join the fun. If you are a new Member and would like to come along talk to Chloe or the office so that arrangements can be made for you to join a table.



I do hope that you are enjoying the start to summer.

Denise Moore, Rear Commodore House

Racing

If you think you cannot afford safety try having an accident

This is the motto I always remember from my time working with Rolls Royce Aerospace and for me there can be no compromise on safety. I took part in the Duo race on 2nd May in fresh conditions with Class 1 set a course in Christchurch Bay. Because of the conditions the Race Committee flew Flag Y requiring crews to wear personnel flotation devices (PFDs). I was horrified that two yachts had to borrow lifejackets from other competitors to comply with the requirement. Had the flag not been flown those yachts would have competed in the race placing not only their lives at risk but also the reputation of the Club. To have a MOB when 2-handed is a nightmare situation, to have that MOB, possibly unconscious, without a lifejacket would most likely be fatal. This race took place before the *Jibe* incident (see below) and although unrelated does highlight the need to wear lifejackets.

I requested Captain of Racing to instigate a check on the carrying of PFDs as required in the Notice of Race (NoR) for Thursday Night Racing. This did not go as smoothly as hoped and some yachts failed to have sufficient lifejackets or buoyancy aids for their crews. As a result of the checks the requirement between buoyancy aids and lifejackets for certain yachts has changed in the NoR. On the 21 May I carried out another check of the Thursday Night Racing fleet and, thankfully, all yachts complied with the need for PFDs for all their crew. There will be more checks.

It is important that all skippers, when they enter a race, read the NoR and associated documents as these defines the requirements they must meet. In future we intend to have a NoR requiring all entries to confirm they have completed a MOB drill in that calendar year. Not having read the NoR is no excuse for non-compliance.

Stuart Duffin, Rear Commodore Sailing

Jibe and the man overboard - it could have been worse

We were lucky, but we were also prepared. At 6 pm on the Thursday of Election Night we were on the Club start line, with jib furled and engine ticking over, when we lost a crew member overboard. Unconscious when he hit the water face down, his lifejacket inflated automatically but, for a variety of reasons we are looking into, it did not flip him onto his back.

We quickly fished his head out of the water and, with the help of a mark laying rib, carried him rapidly back to shore and professional medical assistance. After two days in hospital he is fine, but will be 'off games' for a few weeks.

These are some of the lessons this horrible experience taught us. Number one is 'Useless Unless Worn'. Following the various safety courses held over the winter, we had resolved to wear lifejackets at all times whilst on the water. Further, we strongly favour auto inflate jackets with crotch straps fitted, and worn.

Number two, the huge benefits from practising and talking about an MOB drill only came home to us afterwards. We had all acted instinctively and followed the agreed procedure on the boat. The person nearest the chart table hit the MOB button and called for immediate assistance on the radio. Someone pointed at the MOB; we all followed the instructions from the helm; we did not immediately send someone in to flip him over because we could reach him faster on the boat than by swimming.

Number three, we had a casualty in possibly a serious condition. Fortunately, our first aid training was up to date, so we knew what to do. (For those who wish to refresh their first aid knowledge details of the Club's next courses are under 'Training' below (Ed.).

Finally, the instantaneous response from the Race Team and the Mark Layers bore witness to their tremendous experience and training. We fully understand that the Mark Layers are not there at keelboat races to act as safety boats, but for everyone on the water any life threatening emergency takes precedence over everything else. We judged that this was a dire emergency and we should call up every means of assistance.

Yes, it could have been so much worse. Useless Unless Worn

Robin Taunt

Thursday Evening Racing in September

The Club recently surveyed its cruiser racer owners and, whilst we've still to complete our full analysis of the results (see help needed below), two suggestions attracted substantial support: Thursday evening racing during September, but with a 1700 start, and regular Sunday morning racing throughout the season.

We'll look at Sundays for 2016 but I'm delighted to announce that THE SUMMER GOES ON and we'll be running races on Thursdays with a late afternoon start throughout September and possibly into October. Exact details are still being worked out in conjunction with class captains but we aim to publish the schedule as soon as possible.

Help needed

Is there a Member out there with good data-analysis and Excel skills prepared to spend a few hours slicing and dicing the results of our cruiser/racer survey? Please contact me if you're able to assist.

John Corden, Captain of Racing

Cruiser Racers

The cruiser racing season is now well under way with the popular Thursday evening keelboat racing and the start of the Duo and Saturday Cruiser Series. All these events run the new Lymington Adjusted Handicap (LAH) fleets alongside traditional IRC fleets. It is a little early to see how the LAH system is working out but it has certainly introduced an extra 'frisson' with boats not only seeing how they have done in the last race but also finding out what handicap they will have to bear in the next race! There is still time to join in these events if you have not already done so.

Don't for get to enter for the Summer Regatta and get your table for the Ball.



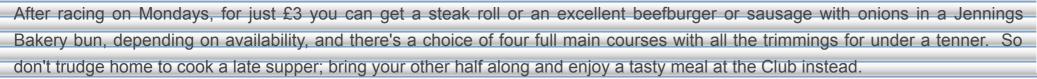
The Club hosted the Royal Engineers Yacht Club rally on 16th May. The REYC raced two fleets during the day and also challenged the RLymYC to a 3-boat team race in the afternoon for the Carlier Trophy. To add to the enjoyment our Saturday Cruiser fleet joined in with the REYC for their afternoon race as part of our own Series in excellent sailing conditions. For the second year running the RLymYC prevailed in the Carlier Trophy. Our three boats - Ephesian, Jibe and Colleen - came 1st, 2nd and 4th respectively with the three REYC boats trailing in 3rd, 5th and 6th. Congratulations to our team! Afterwards the REYC hosted a reception on the Club balcony where we were awarded the trophy.

Richard Truscott, Captain of Crusier Racers

Dinghies

Monday Evening Dinghies

Supported by Neil Pryde in association Nick Cox Chandlery





We're now half way through the Early Series and so far it's going great, with no races lost to weather. There have been some hairy moments in 30 knots and some tranquil drifts back up the river - the essence of evening racing. The youngest helmsman to win a race so far was 5 years old; the oldest was... probably somewhere in their 70s; so it really is for anyone who's keen. Come along to sail, watch or volunteer to help onshore or afloat.

Lymington Dinghy Regatta - 18 & 19 July



On 18th and 19th July we are again hosting the Lymington Dinghy Regatta, jointly with LTSC. Three races are scheduled each day in the Solent (two for Scows), with tea and doughnuts afterwards. On the Saturday the Club will lay on a Spanish Night with paella and pudding, washed down with sangria by the jug.

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies

Youth Week 17th - 21st August

Youth Week 2014 had 200 children participating in the racing and social events. Whilst some Fleets were oversubscribed, others were less so. In an effort to redress the balance somewhat and to encourage the older and better sailors to sail in the Gold Fleet, we are making some changes to the entry requirements for some of the fleets. Full details are on the Club website.

After last year's very windy week, we hope the weather will be kinder this coming summer, but we may have to consider alternating fleets on the water if this isn't the case.

Jenny Wilson, Principal Race Officer, Youth Week 2015

Call for Volunteers

Youth Week is one of the most popular youth regattas in the country with over 200 competitors and 100 volunteers. Volunteers both on the water and on shore are needed to ensure our young sailors have an exciting fun week of racing and enjoyable social events, so please get in touch with Shireen Crowe or telephone the Club office to offer help for one or two days or the whole week.

We still need:

- Rib drivers (PB2 & 2+) and Crews for support fleets
- Help onshore launching and recovering boats each day on the slipway
- Assistance on Dan Bran pontoon or dinghy park, supervising the rigging of boats in the mornings for the less experienced young sailor
- Giving out tallies in the morning, afternoon, lunchtime
- Kiosk volunteers to sell sweets, make hot drinks and smile
- Volunteers to make chocolate brownies, pasta or potato salads, puddings and cakes for the evening social events

Click here to download the Volunteer Form. We can't run this event without volunteers and you will be made most welcome.

Shireen Crowe

Cruising

The Summer Cruise is underway with all those signed up being kept up to date with the other boats' locations and planned movements by text from Ken Claydon.

For those staying in home waters there are two events organised for June. The first is a day sail on Saturday 6th June to the Folley up the Medina from Cowes. The second is a day sail to Royal Southampton Yacht Club's Gin's Farm Club House on the Beaulieu River. Check the notice boards for full details of both these events.

In July there is another day sail organised on the 4th, destination Bucklers Hard and a three day Rally to Bembridge from the 21st to 23rd with Dinner at the Bembridge Sailing Club on the first night followed by a BBQ on the second night.

Everyone is welcome, so that the organisers are aware of numbers, please sign up to these events when the posters are displayed in the Club.

George Johnson, Captain of Cruising

Forthcoming Events

Pontoon Picnic, Beaulieu, Saturday 4th July



On Saturday 4th July there is a day sail to Beaulieu with an overnight option. Space has been reserved on the mid river pontoon at Buckler's Hard and the plan is to have a 'BYO picnic lunch' on the pontoon. If participants want to overnight at Beaulieu this can be arranged with the Harbour Master on the day.

We need to advise the Harbour Master of final numbers a few days before the event so please put your name on the list on the club notice board or email me no later than 1st July if you plan to attend

Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub-Committee

A reminder about the Photography Competition

Summer is here, boating activity is increasing so remember to use your camera, 'phone I-pad or other photographic device to best advantage. Take a photograph 'ON THE WATER' and enter it before the closing date of 30th October. There is no age limit and we hope that some of our younger Members will join the challenge. Every Member can enter one print 25X20cm or 10"X8". The display will be in conjunction with the Art Exhibition in November. Any queries please contact Harvie Woolley.

Harvie Wolley, Secretary Cruising Sub-Committee

Past Events

Day Sail to Hornet - 21st May



Seven boats – two two motor and five yachts left on a flat sea, an incoming tide and with a force 2 wind. At the briefing it was a pleasure to welcome new members Michael Davies on his boat Copcut Rose and also Collum Koheller.

On arrival at Hornet Alison Towler was on the pontoon to welcome our boats and to guide them to allocated berths. Her help to skippers was greatly appreciated. Twenty eight hungry sailors enjoyed a lunch of lasagne or chicken curry at the Hornet Sailing Club. Cruising Captain George Johnson thanked Perrin and Alison Towler and Bob Woolley for their efforts in organising the day. He thanked the club for the excellent food and service.

The return trip was brisker – wind against tide in a Westerly force 5. Once more a great cruising day was had by all.

Bob Woolley, Cruising Sub-Committee

Training

RYA First Aid Courses

- 28th June 2015
- 12th July 2015
- 11th October 2015
- 8th November 2015

£50 - Members, £70 - Non-Members. Full details on the website.

Vicky Leen, Events Assistant

Race Team Training

Firstly, thank you to our presenters in 2015, Alastair Wilson, Malcolm McKeag, Vince Sutherland, Peter Phillips, Phil Baker and Paul Driscoll for giving up their time and sharing their expertise with us.

While you are out on the water over the next few months, hopefully putting your new knowledge into practice, could you spare a moment to think about what areas you would like to see covered for Winter 2016. We would welcome your feedback as regards both presentation and content.

Club Race Officers Course

If you missed the course run in January 2015, or feel in need of a reminder, we are currently looking to run this course again on Sunday 22nd November 2015 with a fall back date of Sunday 29th November. Put it in the diary! There is a sign-up sheet on the Club Notice Board.

Frances Evans

Volunteers 2015

Course Setting

The Club is on the hunt for more Members to help with course setting. We would especially like to encourage members with racing experience to join a race team, this could be on a day when they are unable to race their own boat or would not normally race. Input on a Friday evening before a Duo race would also be very welcome, this has the advantage, to some, that the planning takes place in the bar and would not require actually being present for the race itself.

There is no one right way of setting a course so long as it is fair and of a suitable duration. Many of our Race Officers will have been studying weather and tides for several days prior to the race. They will have in their minds suitable courses to cope with the vagaries of wind strength and direction and the depth of water required for the individual classes racing. Others bravely set out to make their decision only when they reach the race area although I suspect they really have a plan tucked away at the back of their mind. At a recent Sailing committee meeting Stuart Duffin regaled us with the system used by a club in the Southern Hemisphere: they sail the same course each week irrespective of wind strength and direction!



If you would like to learn more please contact Kirsty at the Club and she will put you in touch with a suitable Race Team. The 2015 Sailing Event Team form can be accessed on the website.

Jane Corden

Fleets

XOD

At Lymington we race three times a week: Saturday and Wednesday afternoons, and a class start on Thursday Evening Keelboat racing. There are also a host of 'Open' events including Cowes Classics Week (20-24 July) and Cowes Week (8-15 August) where Lymington is always well represented.

There are always skippers looking for crew on either a permanent or occasional basis. If you are interested in joining our competitive and friendly fleet as either a crew or owner, then please get in touch with Karl Thorne via email: or check on our Facebook page

Karl Thorne, XOD Captain

LR SCOW

Two of the Scow Division's special races were scheduled to take place in May. The first, the Figure of Eight Race around Oxey and Pylewell Islands, had to be postponed due to the strength of the wind and we are hoping to find a new date in September.

The second, the Hinxman Trophy short series, took place on Tuesday 26th May in light conditions and attracted 18 starters. First place in the double handers and overall winner of the trophy were Rory and Alex Paton, followed by Barry and Carol Dunning with Phil Lawrence and Shireen Crowe taking third. For the single handers first prize went to Eric Williams. David Weller was second and Jane Pitt-Pitts in Daffy Duck third



Looking ahead, the Division are preparing to host the Scow National Championships at the Club over the week-end of 20/21st June. If you are going to take part, please do enter as early as you can and in any event before the deadline of 1700 hours on 15th June. If you are not and can lend a hand, please tell Kirsty in the Office.

Juniors

RS Teras

The racing season got off to a windy start at the National Start of Seasons championship hosted by Northampton Sailing Club. Saturday was a lovely sunny day, 15 - 20 knots with significant gusts while Sunday was cold and overcast with 10 knots of breeze, so something for everyone. There were four Lymington sailors in attendance Henry Collison and Tim Hire in the 'Pro' fleet. They finished 19th and 26th overall respectively. In the 'sport' class were Abby Hire and Jake Fitzgerald, both taking part in their first Start of Seasons Championship. They both had some excellent highlights demonstrating their future potential with their best race results being 34th and 35th respectively, out of 53 in their fleet.

Tim and Abby also contested the Royal Harwich Tera open. Tim came 2nd overall in the 'Pro' class which included two firsts and Abby came 8th overall in the 'sport' class with a best finish of 4th.

On the 13/14 June there is the Lymington Tera open which is the Southern Championship event hosted by LTSC. We hope to get as many Lymington Tera squad sailors out as possible.

We are trying to arrange some regular training during the summer holidays, I will email all interested parties if we are successful

Julian Hire

Oppies



May is possibly **the** biggest month in the Oppie calendar; it kicks off with the World and European Teams Selection Trials, where the UK's top 78 Optimist sailors are invited to Weymouth to compete for a place at the World Championships in Poland in August (top five) and European Championships (next eight plus, as the UK is the host nation, another eight) in Pwllhelli in July. This is the pinnacle of the UK junior sailing calendar and the culmination of a year's preparation.

The first day was a consistent 16-20 knots and saw many of Lymington's more experienced sailors at the top. The first race was won by Milly Boyle with Vita Heathcote 2nd and Charlotte Boyle 3rd; not a bad start! The next day the breeze was more like 18-24 knots, and the chop had increased too. The top 3 overall – including Milly Boyle, seemed out of reach as their points lead was so great. The final day dawned, with a lighter and more fickle breeze than we had so far encountered; ominous for the gorillas who had been revelling in the strong winds. With every race the order changed dramatically, like a pack of cards being shuffled. Better than going to the races, we thought, but never too far away from Russian roulette! By the time the trials were finished everyone was physically and emotionally exhausted, and there were as many tears of disappointment as of joy. For some their dreams had been dashed, for others they had sprung to life.

Congratulations to the following sailors from the Club who have been selected: **World Championships:** Vita Heathcote (1st) and Milly Boyle (5th); **European Championships:** Hattie Rogers (8th), Oliver Hill (11th), Arthur Fry (12th), William Heathcote (13th), Callum Cook (16th), Johnny Thompson (20th).

The following weekend it was the ETs at Rutland Water. This is the inter-Zone championships which brings together all the best zone squad sailors from around the country. As usual South Zone dominated the Oppies, with RLymYC members Sam de la Feuillade and Alfie Dowson McGill leading the charge.

Then we were off to Grafham Water for the Inland Championships; the first ranking event for the distant winter squads. Milly Boyle (1st girl and 4th overall) put in Lymington's best performance, followed by Haydn Sewell (6th) and William Heathcote (8th). In the transition fleet Molly Dowson McGill (23rd) managed our best result, and in the regatta fleet Freddie Fitzsimmons (13th) and George May (19th) both had some terrific races to give them a taste of the top.

The various teams have now dispersed to their training camps as they prepare to do battle over the coming months. Watch this space..

George Heathcote

RNLI

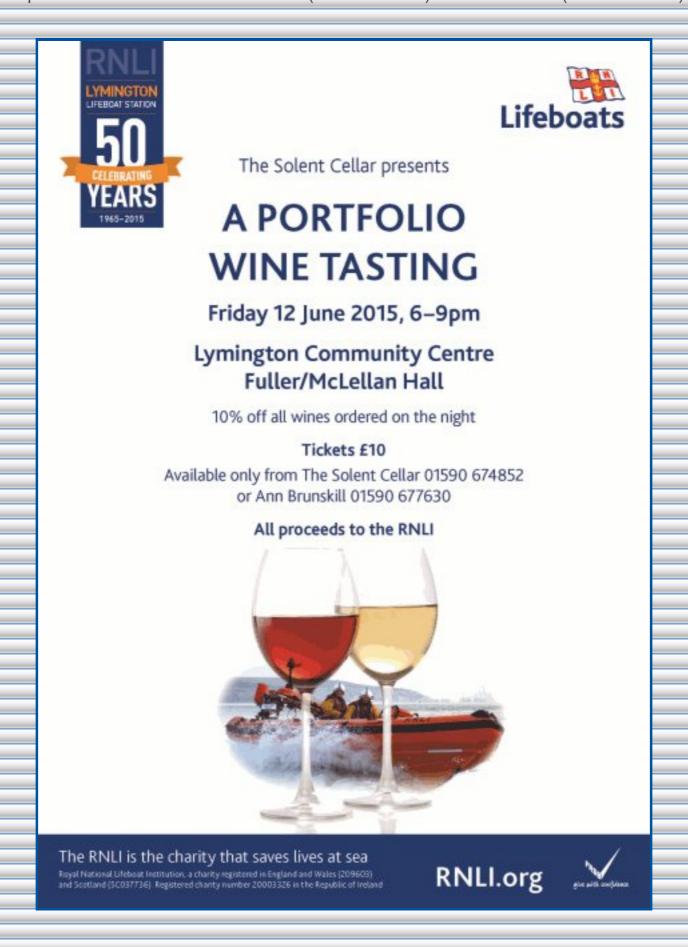
Lymington Lifeboat 10k Run and Children's Fun Runs Sunday 10th May 10.00 am – Woodside Park

Thank you to everyone who supported the 10K Run, which was another great success.



Why not follow an early wine tasting with a bistro supper at the Club? There will be 12 selected wine suppliers present with over 100 wines between them to be sampled.

Admission by ticket only is from 6 pm to 9 pm available from The Solent Cellar (01590 674852) or Ann Brunskill (01590 677630). (Not available on the door)



50th Anniversary Concert Anniversary Concert - Friday 5th June



Lymington RNLI 1965 - 2015

Anniversary Concert THE CHURCHFITTERS

(Anglo Breton Folk Group)

St. Thomas Church

By kind permission of: Lymington RNLI Chaplain, Reverend Peter Salisbury

Friday 5 June 2015 Doors: 7pm Music: 7.45pm

Interval drinks subject to licence

Tickets £10 available in person from: Lymington RNLI Lifeboat Station Shop, St Thomas Church Parish Office, St Barbe Museum Reception or by arangement with the event organiser 07767 213583. Online at: www.wegottickets.com/event/298893.

Some tickets may be available on the night.



'The Churchfitters is a folk band like no other. A double bass made out of a saucepan. Heart-wrenching vocals accompanied by a musical saw. Foot-stompingly fast fiddle mixed with infectious funk-rock rhythms. And traditional tunes reinvigorated with mesmerising jazz sax.'

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Moore Blatch Open Garden - Sunday 21st June 2 pm - 4.30 pm

Entrance fee £4.00. including afternoon tea and cake. Children free.

Stalls selling, cakes, Indoor and garden plants. Raffle and RNLI Souvenirs.

For Sale

Email me the details and any photos and the ad will be in one month's ePotterNews. If you don't want your contact details published, interested parties can be asked to contact you via the Club pigeon holes in Reception. Satisfied customers will be requested to make a small donation to Sailability or the RNLI. The listing of items for sale or wanted in ePotterNews does not indicate that RLymYC has knowledge of the authenticity of the advertisement and does not recommend or guarantee the items advertised and the Club cannot accept any liability in this regard.

And Finally...



Stock Clearance

Last few items available - be quick before they go!

Please contact Reception to take advantage of these prices

Sale price relates to stock items listed above only.

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