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ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

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May 2016

Pontoon Opening Ceremony

Our Patron HRH The Princess Royal officially opened the Club's new pontoon complex on Thursday 21st April 2016. Accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Nigel Atkinson, the Chairman of the NFDC Councillor Alison Hoare and the Mayor of Lymington, Club Member Councillor Michael White, she was welcomed to the Club by Commodore Dunlop Stewart.

Our new pontoons, wholly funded by the Club and Members, include many innovative features such as a high pressure hose facility, Wifi, and security cameras which can be accessed by any approaching vessel to check space availability via a mobile phone app. The new pontoons represent a significant investment,. The redesigned layout enables the Club to maximise the use of the waterfront available for the benefit of all Members, yacht and dinghy racing, training, junior sailing, cruising and visiting yachtsmen.

To celebrate the occasion there was a sail past of boats representing all areas from cruising and racing to the our workboats. The Princess Royal toured the pontoons and met with many of the Club's sailors including several from the junior fleet and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Clive Sparrow, Vice Commodore





Freya Sewell was one of the junior sailors on the pontoon presented to the Princess Royal. Freya had made a birthday card to give it to Princess Anne for the Queen. She thought no more of it until, to quote her mother "Arrived home last night after a very stressful Selections event to find a letter addressed to Freya from Buckingham Palace!

We carefully opened the envelope to find a photograph of the Queen opening Freya's envelope that she had given to Princess Anne and a letter thanking Freya for the beautiful picture of a cupcake! How fantastic is it that Princess Anne actually passed it on. To say she is delighted is an understatement."

(Freya is in the middle of the picture holding her card)

For more photographs of the opening ceremony, please [click here](#). Please note you will be required to logon on to the website to view the images.

Club

Lymington Harbour Commissioners

The Lymington Harbour Commissioners have recently had a major overhaul of their [website](#): it's worth a look. Alongside the usual information about the River and the Harbour Commissioners' services and charges are many new facilities for paying for moorings, getting news, harbour and weather information.

You can sign up to receive an email newsletter with important harbour information including Local Notices to Mariners and events on and around the River.

Clive Sparrow, Vice Commodore

WIFI

Members are reminded that there is free broadband WIFI available throughout the Clubhouse. The password is available from reception and the bar. Enjoy.....

John Tudor

We welcome the following new Members to the Club

- Michael & Felicity Davies
- Susie & Adam Potter
- Andrew & Gillian Higgs
- Peter & Georgie Bradley-Watson
- Robert & Paula Puddifoot
- Martin Fairhurst
- Robert Griffiths
- Clara Albosh
- David Cowell
- Peter & Catherine Bell
- Simon & Margaret Arrol
- Henry Howe
- Morgan Horn
- Emily Gilmour
- Benjamin McGuffin
- Hugo Anderson

House

Firstly my thanks to all those who helped so much to make the Club ready for an exceptional visit from Princess Anne on Thursday 21st April to open our new Pontoons. The Clubhouse looked great, the staff were wonderful and the whole event went like clockwork. Well done everyone.

This month we say goodbye to Aly Young, our Chef for the last year, who resigned to rejoin his wife in Cheshire. You may see a variety of Agency Head Chefs who will cover the post until we get a permanent replacement.

A new style of catering is now on offer on Thursday nights following racing with "Street Food" available, homemade burgers, fajita's, and pulled pork buns, all at £5 each, as well as our traditional buffet dinner at £10. It's a great place to watch the race fleet returning and join the buzz of all the racing sailors at the bar.

There are some changes to the Wine List you may like to check out with the introduction of a new Commodore's level. This now gives you the choice of Club, Commodore or Royal selections. The new Commodore range gives a great selection of wines at about £16.00.

With summer round the corner, I do hope to see you out on the water, at lunch on the balcony, or sharing stories over dinner in the evening.

Denise Moore, Rear Commodore House

Summer Regatta & Ball

Thursday 9 - Sunday 12 June



Entry and Ticket Sales for Lymington's "Hottest" event of the year are now open.

The Club are hoping for a record number of race entries over the 4 day regatta which begins with our usual Thursday Night Race on 9th June. A second evening race will take place on Friday 10th with two additional Round the Cans races over the weekend. Racing is Free to all RLymYC, LTSC & RSoLYC Members.

As well as exhilarating racing, the Club is also hosting a social program to match which culminates in our 5th Annual Summer Ball on Saturday 11th. With Fizz on arrival, a three course dinner and live music from South Coast band "Up the Beat" the evening will be sure to kick start the summer. Tickets are £39.00 per person available online or at reception.

Once again the weekend will be generously supported by Dubarry and all race entries & ball tickets purchased before the 1st June will be entered into a Dubarry prize draw.



Welcome *Fizz* on Arrival

Chevre Chaude

Creamy Goats Cheese wrapped in Butter Filo Pastry & Deep Fried, served on a Bed Of Bitter Mixed Leaves Walnuts and a Balsamic Reduction.

Hampshire Fillet Beef Wellington

Best Matured Fillet Steak with a Wild Mushroom & Ardennes Pate wrapped in a Butter Puff Pastry Parcel served with a Potato Gratin & Fresh Runner Beans with Sesame.

Choice of Desserts

Individual Raspberry Pavlovas with a Passion Fruit Coulis & Fresh Cream

Or

Sticky Toffee Pudding with Crème Anglaise & Butterscotch Sauce

Coffee

Tickets available from Reception

All tickets purchased before 1st June will be entered into a **dubarry** prize draw

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Arrival 19:30 Carriages 00:00

Dress Code: Party Wear

(Dinner Jackets Optional)

So what are you waiting for, get your entries in now!

Kirsty Timmis, Events Manager

Socials

Past Events

The Bard and the Sword



This year St George's Day was marked with a banquet and an entertainment to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare. The double celebration witnessed some seventy Members feasting on a delicious and truly English menu of game terrine, roast beef and lemon & orange posset.

Dinner was followed by a brilliant programme of entertainment by Members of the Lymington Players led by Norma Hunter. It featured soliloquies from *The Merchant of Venice*, *Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Henry V* as well as a humorous sketch about Shakespeare and his manager and some little known facts about the Bard from Norma. The actors were rewarded by loud applause from an appreciative audience

Harvie Woolley, House Committee

Racing

Captain of Racing

Following the resignation of John Cordon as Captain of Racing, Chris Rustom has volunteered to take over the role. Firstly, I would like to thank John for all his efforts

as Captain of Racing over the past year.

I am sure all the Club and racing community will give Chris their full support.

Stuart Duffin, Rear Commodore Sailing.

Crew Match Morning

The Club ran a crew match morning on 16th April aimed primarily at keelboat skippers looking for crew who would like to do some racing, especially for the Thursday night series. It seemed to go fairly well with 14 skippers and 24 potential crew attending. If anyone still needs to match up please contact [me](#).

Duo Series

Our Club Duo series started on Saturday 7th May with a race down to Gurnard and back. We go in three classes - IRC1, IRC2 and LAH. There are three races in May and another three at the end of the season. The next race will be a Round the Cans race in the Western Solent on 21st May. Then we will again be attempting an Around The Island Race on 28th May. Make sure you get your entry in and we'll see you on the start line.

Richard Truscott, Captain of Cruiser Racers.

Dinghies

We've had a great start to the Monday Evening Dinghies series, with two good races in winds ranging from 8 to 28 knots. The Oppies are back with their own class start; it's great to see the new kids (and their parents) so keen to get out after school.



If you want some really fun racing, join in the **Potter Dinghy Race** on the morning of Saturday 21st May. This is a madcap dash (or drift) around a short course for everything from Oppies to skiffs, all racing for about 90 minutes on average lap handicap scoring. There are prizes for each handicap band plus the beautiful glass Potter Dinghy Trophy for the overall winner, decorated with an image from a 1960s poster advertising racing at the Club. Entry is free to Members.

Looking further ahead, the Lymington Dinghy Regatta is on 30/31st July, again run jointly with LTSC for the fourth year. Make sure it's in your calendar, not least for the legendary tea and doughnuts after racing.

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies.

Cruising

Future events

May events

We are now entering that busy summer season and the following events have been organised:-

24th May, Tuesday, Day Cruise to Hornet, adjacent to Haslar Marina, at Gosport.

June events

4th and 5th June, Saturday & Sunday, an Anchor Meet to Poole

11th June, Saturday, Day Cruise to anchor off Thorness Bay with RIB to take crews ashore.

13th June, Monday evening, pre-Summer Cruise Supper

George Johnson, Captain of Cruising.

Summer Cruise 2016



The flexible nature of the cruise is such that a late decision to take part can be accommodated as can changes in crew numbers. However, if you plan to attend the pre cruise supper and/or the Dartmouth dinner I need to know final numbers by no later than 31st May. If you plan to join the cruise would you please let me have the following information as soon as possible:

- Name of boat
- Skipper
- Number on board (to be confirmed by 31st May)
- Mobile telephone number of skipper or other designated on board contact
- Group events you plan to take part in i.e. pre cruise supper and/or Dartmouth dinner. Alternatively, you can choose simply to be kept advised of 'fleet' movements by the daily text.
- Proposed cruising area e.g. West Country, North Brittany etc.

Please [email](#) this information to me and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to

call me on 01590 610121.

Ken Claydon, Cruising Committee.

Past Events

Safety Day, Saturday 9th April



Over 70 Members attended and the morning started with Wayne Taylor of SAL Marine giving a presentation on engines and how to deal with problems which might be encountered whilst afloat, this overran by 40 minutes and had to be hurried at the end, everyone in the room found his talk interesting and informative and it could have gone on much longer.

Kristy Powell told us about the perils of hypothermia and how to deal with the patient, also how to check for heart attacks and strokes caused by falling overboard, her questions to us clearly revealed how quickly we forget what to do in an emergency.

John Corden, principal of Kipper Sailing, described some ways of getting back to a person overboard, how to retrieve them safely and contact the emergency services.

The last speaker was Guy Page from Crewsaver who showed us different types of lifejackets, their qualities and how the new much improved ones may be a worthwhile investment. These were modelled and inflated by several Members.

Listening to the last three speakers certainly convinced many of us that life jackets should be worn at all times.

As the morning over ran by nearly an hour we are considering running next year's Safety Day as an all-day event with a break for lunch.

Thanks to SAL Marine, Volvo, Crewsaver, Kristy, and John

Nick Olney, Cruising Sub-Committee.

Youth Week

Youth Week 2016 Monday 15th – Friday 19th August

Last year over 150 competitors participated in the racing and social events, this year fleet divisions and entry criteria will follow a similar format.

The **Bronze** Optimist Fleet is sailed in Wednesday Junior Sailing (WJS) polypropylene Optimists and is open to all beginner sailors who have been approved by Kristy Powell, the WJS Coach Assessor. Children who have had results in the top three in previous years in this fleet will not be eligible to enter.

The **RS Tera Fleet** is open to all those who own their own RS Tera and to those WJ sailors who have been approved to helm WJS boats. They will be part of the Silver Fleet along with the privately owned Optimists. It may be necessary to alternate these fleets on the water if the weather is inclement.

The **LR Scow Fleet** will again have an age limit of Under 17 on the first day of the Regatta, and will be divided into two or three fleets.

There will be one fleet for Wednesday Junior Sailors, using the WJS Scows. To qualify for this fleet, both helms and crews must have attended WJS for at least five sessions throughout the season. All Scows in the WJS Scow Fleet shall have a crew of three people and not be helmed or crewed by a person who is or has been a helm of an RYA National Intermediate, Junior or Youth Squad boat.

There will also be an '**Open Fleet**' of privately entered boats, which may be split into two by age dependent on the number of entries. They should have a minimum crew of two and a combined crew weight of at least 60 Kg.

The **WJS RS Visions** are open to WJ sailors and other sailors deemed competent to helm and crew. A damage deposit will be required for the use of these boats. They will sail in the Gold Fleet.

The **Gold Fleet** is open to any sailor under 19 on the first day of the regatta with their own boat or an approved WJS boat. There are usually starts for Lasers, 420s, 29ers, RS Fevas and Optimists, but a PY start may combine a number of these dinghies if numbers are too low for individual starts. Efforts to encourage the older and better sailors to sail in the Gold Fleet was successful last year and will be repeated this year. Gold fleet entries are requested to be made early to help with support fleet planning.

Volunteers for Youth Week

It's time to volunteer for Youth Week 2016. We can't run this event without you and since it is one of the most popular open youth regattas in the country with over 150 competitors and 100 volunteers, we need as much support as you can offer please.

You can volunteer to help on the water or on shore – each role is an essential part of making sure our young sailors have an exciting fun week of safe racing and enjoyable social events.

[Click here](#) to register your interest then a specific Youth Week form will be sent to you shortly. We can assure you of a warm welcome, lots of fun and the opportunity to make new friends and get to know a wide range of Club Members better.

If you have any queries please get in touch with [Shireen Crowe](#) or telephone her on 07879 417177.

Typical roles to be filled include

- Experienced rib drivers in regatta conditions + crews for support fleets
- Help onshore moving boats to Dan Bran on Saturday and Sunday 14/15 August
- Daily assistance on Dan Bran pontoon or dinghy park supervising the rigging of boats in the mornings for the less experienced young sailor
- Volunteers to tally out/in competitors – fun to do with a friend
- Friendly faces to sell sweets, make hot drinks and smile
- Bakers to make chocolate brownies, flapjack or cookies for those volunteers working on the water all day
- Cooks to make the social evenings more delicious – offerings of pasta or potato salads, green salads, puddings and cakes for our BBQ are much appreciated.

Training

Stage 1

- 30th & 31st May
- 21st & 22nd July
- 25th & 26th July

Stage 2

- 2nd & 3rd June
- 23rd & 24th July
- 28th & 29th July

Stage 3

- 25th & 26th June
- 1st & 2nd August

Stage 4

- 4th & 5th August
- 25th & 26th August

£110 – Members

£150 – Non Members

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

Vicky Leen, Events Assistant

Race Team Training

Have fun putting it all together!

The racing season is now here so it is time to get out of the class room, into a race team and on to the committee boat, platform, club balcony or wherever.

Thank you to all our Presenters over the winter: Phil Baker, David Brunskill, Jane Corden, Paul Driscoll, Steve Gree, Simon van der Byl, Alastair Wilson

Feedback

We would welcome your feedback on any sessions you attended. What aspects of race management would you like to see covered next winter? Does the scheduling suit you?

Contact me for a form if you have not received one by e-mail.

Frances Evans

Volunteers



The Portmore Insurance Spring Series fitted neatly into the four weeks between Easter and the May Bank Holiday, and for the first time in a few years did not start on the day the clocks went forward. This was much appreciated by the Race Team who arrived not only on time but also rather more awake than usual on the first Sunday. Working with Principle Race Officer Simon Van Der Byl were a team of volunteers with a varying degrees of experience, some of whom had not worked with our Race teams before and one 'poacher turned gamekeeper', Peter Scholfield, who endured many helpful comments from the racers as they passed the committee boat. Peter of course took all these into account but still managed to set fair and exciting racing on the last Sunday when he stepped up to the plate as PRO for the final races of the series.

The weather certainly taxed the Race Team at times and setting the courses in some very variable winds kept us all on our toes, there was everything from fickle light winds to some rather breezy conditions on the second Sunday and the crew of committee boat Belle Amie were even more grateful to Andrew Pearson for the loan of his beautiful boat as the gyroscopic stabiliser was activated and the boat ceased to bounce up and down in the choppy seas. (Unlike the pin end boat in the picture.)

Ashore we have reintroduced the Race Team table in the River room to give us a meeting point after the racing and, dare I say it, let the racers know who were are.

There are lots of events coming up and we still need volunteers for the Monday Series events; so if you would like to become part of the Race Team please complete the Volunteers form on the website or contact Kirsty or Vicky in the office for more information.

Jane Corden

Fleets

LR Scow

The Scow sailing season got off to a right Royal start on Thursday 21st April with 17 boats taking to the water while HRH The Princess Royal was viewing the new pontoons from the balcony. As she moved down to the pontoons a race was started and a fine sight the fleet made in the brisk 15-18 knot wind. Class Champions Rory and Alex Paton and Class Captain Dick Moore were introduced to HRH who remarked on how the Class had grown during her years as Patron of the Club.

The first Monday Evening races were thinly attended, no doubt partly because of the cold and blustery conditions. 11 boats started in the Gold Fleet, accompanied by three from Silver who plainly had trouble with the signals. That left just 7 in Silver, two of whom retired early on. Gusts of 26 and 28 knots were recorded on the Platform and those out in the river and faced with several gybes as they made their way down stream mostly felt that was quite enough for a first time out. Only one boat capsized and soon conditions moderated to a decent sailing breeze.

This spring Catherine Maguire, assisted by Sarah Richards and Alex Hayman are running race training over three Tuesday evenings. 17 boats have signed up and 12 were afloat for the first session on 26th April. The emphasis was on boat handling and so helms were drilled into using heel to turn their boats, following in line, tacking and gybing. The May session 24th will concentrate on starting and speed up the first beat and on mark rounding.

The first of the Scow Short Series, the [Hinxman Trophy](#), will be held at the end of May, on the 31st, with a start at 1745, slightly later than advertised. The Notice of Race will be published this week and we hope for a good turnout.

Finally we have welcomed six new members to the Division since the year began. The motto "Scows have FUN" seems to be catching on! Our chief constraint to

Optimists

The Selections Trials in Weymouth is the pinnacle of our sailing year. The competition is unbelievable ferocious for the 5 places in the Worlds Team – the opportunity to compete against the 5 best sailors from more than 60 countries; not many sports can boast such a true “world” championships. The next 8 go to the European Championships, against almost as many countries, and this event does at least have more of a carnival/party atmosphere. The next 8 to be selected go to the Development Team; this year that is to the French Nationals.

Lymington’s finest fought tooth and nail, and they triumphed and were devastated in equal measure. Julia Mellers won the event, the third year in a row it had been won by a girl. She goes to Villamora, Portugal in June. Well done Julia! William Heathcote lost his Worlds place at the death of the 12th and final race by a whisker. He goes to Crotona on the south tip of Italy in July, and heads the European Team Racing Team in Lago di Ledro in August. Despite some early setbacks, Callum Cook also put in a spirited performance to gain a place to the Europeans too. Emily Mueller held it together and Haydn Sewell fought back for places in the Development Team.

It was a terrific effort by every one of the Lymington sailors, who all had their moments in fantastically tough conditions – up to 9 hours on the water with no coach or parental support, out in Weymouth Bay and with winds gusting up to 34 knots. Delfi Sesto stunned the fleet with a 2nd place, so did Oliver McGill and Freddie Lonsdale. Nicklas Host-Verbraak banged in a 3rd, and Henry Heathcote a 5th. Sam de la Feuillade and Hector Bennett were regularly in the top 10, especially at the windward mark. Tom Mitchell, Alfie McGill and Ben Mueller were more consistent, preferring not to grab the limelight.

The long hard winter training had clearly paid off; now time to enjoy the summer’s racing season... First up our Optimist Open on 4 & 5 June 2016.

Main & Regatta Fleet . Entry £45 . Entry includes 2 Days of competitive racing . BBQ . Homemade Pizzas . Outdoor Games . Cinema night . Cakes . Ice Cream . Goody Bags . Lymington Park Run . Free Trailer parking at Berthon Marina.

ROOSTER BERTHON

RLymYC 2016 Pppi Open IOCA South Area Championships 4 & 5 June

Enter at www.RLymYC.org.uk

Valeria Sesto-Cosby, Captain of Optimists

Laser 4.7s

Congratulations to Zac West for winning the first summer squad qualifier event at Datchet Water SC and to Matilda Nicholls for finishing 2nd overall (1st girl). Arthur Fry came 5th and Flo Nicholls 22nd. Flo was the youngest sailor in the fleet of 32 strong sailors. This two day event was the first of the two selection trials for the Worlds and European Teams. The reservoir provided the sailors with plenty of challenges over the weekend. Saturday’s lighter wind was followed by Sunday’s stronger 12-15kts, spiced with some fairly serious and tricky wind shifts resulting in the constant adjustment of the race course.



The second qualifier will take place at the beginning of May on the beautiful Rutland Water. We wish our sailors good wind and hope they will repeat their strong performances.

Dori West - Captain of Lasers

RS Teras

Two weeks ago we had the RS Tera start of seasons at Northampton which was attended by 72 young sailors. There were three sailors from the Club. In the Sport fleet were Jake Fitzgerald who came 37th with a best result of 28th and Abby Hire who came 14th with three top ten finishes, the best of which was 6th. In the Pro fleet was Tim Hire who came 12th with four top ten finishes, the best of which was 4th.

There are some local events for Teras which may be of interest:

Frensham Pond - 12/06/16

Hill Head (Fareham) - 19/06/16

Mudford - 25/06/16

Check the RS Tera UK (events page) for more details

Following our excellent training with Hannah over the Easter holiday we now have more dates for the diary, Thursday 2nd June all day, and Thursday 16th June evening.

Julian Hire - Captain of RS Teras

RNLI

Open Garden Saturday 25th June 2 pm to 4.30pm

Elm Grove House, Church Lane by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Peter Nuding.



Date for the Diary

Barbecue on the Green Saturday 13th August 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Bath Road, Live music from Zac and the Zeroes.

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