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ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

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Club

Nick Thompson, Honorary Member for his Olympic year

Two times Laser World Champion and GBR Laser representative at the Rio Olympics, Nick Thompson has been made an Honorary Member of the Club for his Olympic year. Nick was presented with his honorary membership by the Commodore on Saturday 28th May when he came down to the Club to speak to our junior laser sailors who are all busy preparing for their international events. We wish Nick well for Rio.

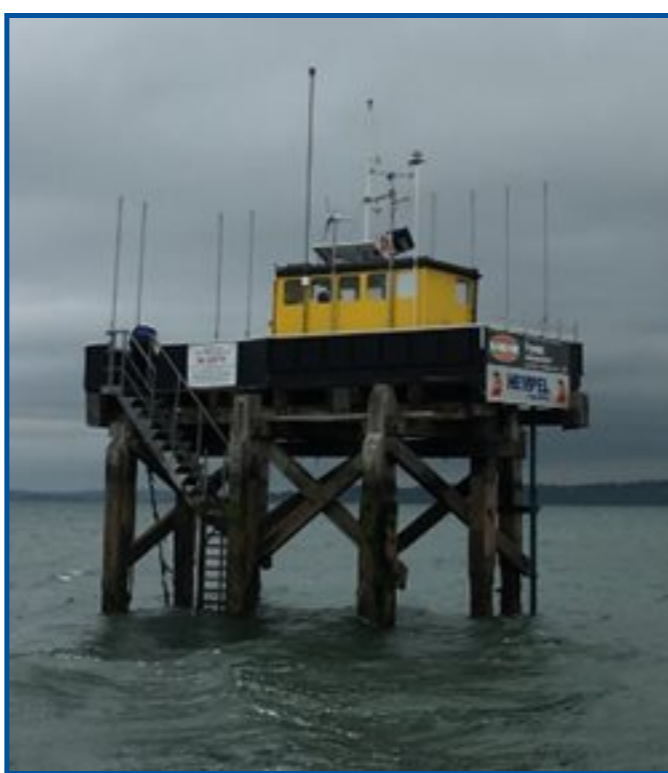


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Clive Sparrow, Vice Commodore

Starting Platform Light

Members will be interested to know that, in order to improve navigational safety, the hut on the platform (photo below on a summer's day!) has been painted yellow, and an all-round flashing yellow light has been fitted above the level of its roof, with the characteristic FI Y 5s. Through sponsorship from Hempel and an agreement with the Harbourmaster, this was achieved at no cost to the Club, other than boatmen's time.



Kevin Podger

We welcome the following new Members to the Club

- Sarah Bole & Ross Applebey
- Charlotte Devonshire
- Stanley & Corinne Knowles
- Christopher Turner
- Mark & Rose Baylis
- Nicholas Howat
- David Monks
- Michael Wilkinson

House

It's wonderful to see the Club hosting so many events, and to see the waterfront being used to the full. We have entertained the Rotary Sailing Fleet, the Nauticats, the Arcona Rally, the RNVR, the Nimbus Owners, the Royal Engineers, as well as some private parties.

During the last month we have had some disruption in the catering for which I would like to apologize should you have had below standard food or service. We now have a new agency Head Chef, Brian, who we hope will become a permanent member of staff. I will give you more news on that next month. We hope that you will find some new items on the menu, and that we can tempt you back to try us again.

I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to fill in the Feedback Forms. They have been very helpful in showing us where we need to improve. For example it was very clear during the chef changeover that the quality of food declined, but that towards the end of May it began to improve. Do please continue to tell us how we are doing.

There has been discussion with the Flag Officers regarding the closing time of the Bar on Sundays. Whilst it would be lovely to have the Bar open until 8pm, the reality over the last 2 years has been that often there are no Members on the First Floor after 4.30pm. In order to remain open we are required to employ two members of staff, which becomes financially unviable with no Members present. We have taken the decision therefore to close the Bar at 5 pm on a Sunday afternoon unless Members are using it or by special request. If you would like to use the Bar later than 5 pm, do please contact the Hospitality Manager to make arrangements.

Denise Moore, Rear Commodore House

Summer Regatta & Ball

Thursday 9 - Sunday 12 June



It's not too late to be part of this year's Summer Regatta sponsored by Dubarry. Racing kicks off this evening (Thursday 9th June) but will continue all over the weekend. Entry is free to Members of the Club and there will be the usual Thursday night class starts.

To get involved enter online now.

Kirsty Timmis, Events Manager

Racing

Cruiser Racing

Sappers win the Carlier Trophy

The Club again welcomed the Royal Engineers YC for their annual regatta on 14th May. The event included a 3-boat team race under IRC rules between the clubs for the Carlier Trophy with the Sappers fielding a J109, an X333 and a Contessa 32. The Lymington team, hoping to retain the Trophy for the third year running matched them up with Robin Taunt's J109 *Jibe*, Richard Downs' Elan 333 *Islay* and Charlie Roberts' Contessa 32 *South Haze*.

With a light and variable north-easterly and a flood tide, two laps of a triangular course was set. With the pin end of the start line favoured it was with some surprise that South Haze started from the platform end until it was later revealed that she had problems with her backstay and spent the first part of the race effecting repairs! As it turned out it proved an inspirational decision as she made immediate gains in slightly better wind. Meanwhile the two larger REYC boats sailed the wind shifts well and built a big lead over the rest of the fleet, who tried numerous sail changes, tacks and gybes in a futile attempt to catch up in the fickle conditions. Eventually the wind died completely catching out the two Club boats Jibe and Islay badly as they were rounding the bottom mark causing them to float back 200 metres in the tide while the boats ahead had sensibly anchored up! A south west sea breeze then suddenly kicked in reaching the front of the fleet first enabling the larger REYC boats to sail away and cross the line well ahead. Meanwhile *South Haze* had sailed the course expertly to gain first place on corrected time but with REYC boats in second, third and fourth the Sappers deservedly regained the Carlier Trophy.

There was a convivial presentation ceremony afterwards before the REYC annual dinner in the Clubhouse..

Duo Series

The Duo series got underway in May with three races, all of which proved challenging, albeit for different reasons. The first on 7th May was sailed in very light winds but a course to Beaulieu River and back was just managed before the flood tide turned. Boats in the second race on 21st May were faced with extremely blustery winds on a 'Round The Cans' course in the Western Solent. The third race on 28th May was scheduled to be around the Island but it was back to light winds again so boats were sent down to the Eastern Solent and back. At the midway stage of the series there is a three-way tie in IRC between William Newton's *Jelly Baby*, Bill West's *Jo Jo Gunne* and Andrew Higgs' *Wee Bear*. In the Lymington Adjusted Handicap classes, John Martin's *Jitterbug* is leading LAH1 and John Corden's *Kipper* is leading LAH2. The series resumes at the end of the summer with races on 27th August and then 3rd and 24th September. Let's hope for some better sailing conditions and more entries please.

Richard Truscott, Captain of Cruiser Racers.

Dinghies

Monday Evening Dinghy racing has gone very well so far despite some challenging winds at both ends of the spectrum. The Scows in particular are consistently numerous and it's great to see the growing strength of the junior fleet, with the Club's Fevas joined by several Oppies, Teras and Laser 4.7s.

The one thing we really need more of is helpers for the race team. Whether or not you have done a course or know how to sail, if you can spare a Monday evening or two please contact [Ann Brunskill](#) for more details. There are plenty of opportunities both on and off the water.

The Potter Dinghy Race sadly had to be postponed but we are looking for an alternative date later in the year.

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

We are now entering the busy summer season so hopefully someone has informed the weather Gods that it is time to warm up and calm down on the gales! In the belief that all things will get better we start with the following events. Full details on the [website](#).

Saturday 11th June

Day Cruise to anchor off Thorness Bay with RIB to take crews for picnic ashore.

Summer Cruise from 13th June

This starts with the Monday pre-Summer Cruise Supper. Even if you are not certain if you can join in, please contact [Ken Clayton](#) to be on the circulation of the daily reports of where the fleet is and where they intend to go.

Wednesday 22nd June, Day Cruise to Island Harbour in the Medina above the Folly Inn.

Friday 22nd to Monday 25th July, Bembridge Meet

BBQ arranged for the Saturday evening and dinner at the Bembridge Sailing Club on the Sunday.

Details of these three events will be posted on the notice board, circulated by e mail and posted on the web site nearer the time.

Past Events

Spring Meet at the Hamble, 30th April to 2nd May

11 boats, five motor and six sail and two parties by car all came to the Spring Meet. One boat came for just Saturday and the two cars for the Sunday evening event at the RAF YC. Some 29 people in all.



The NE breeze on Saturday gave a brisk sail, particularly in the gusts, up the Solent to the Hamble where the majority of the fleet was berthed in Port Hamble with one larger boat in Hamble Point. For the Saturday evening the diners split into two groups, some to the Bugle and the rest to the King & Queen. Both parties reported an excellent meal in lively surroundings.

Sunday saw a bright day with various walks and activities undertaken. Some took the ferry across to Warsash and then walked up the east bank of the Hamble, visiting the Brickworks at Swanwick before returning on the west bank. Others choose a less arduous ramble along Southampton Water to Victoria Park and then back to Hamble Le Rice.

On the Sunday evening, Clare of the RAFYC made us very welcome for our semi formal dinner. The atmosphere was lively, the food very good and the service excellent. Certainly a destination to be made good use of in the future. Monday saw a change in the weather with a low cloud ceiling, hints of rain and a blustery 5/6 (and above!) SW that soon got every ones attention, even those who had made an early start to avoid the worst of the forecast. All in all it was a very enjoyable weekend.

Warsash Day Cruise 9th May

Eight yachts and three motor boats, carrying 42 persons, plus two cars, went to Warsash Sailing Club for a very tasty lunch of steak pie, followed by raspberry mascarpone. For the sailors, the ESE wind of 12 to 15 knots allowed not only a sparkling sail up but a pleasant and rapid return, greatly enhanced by the forecast rain holding off until all were home. Members were unanimous in their appreciation of the trip, which has become a regular feature in our day cruise programme. We will be returning to Warsash on 18th October for a Trafalgar Day lunch.

Chichester Meet 10th and 11th May

Tuesday's passage in intermittent drizzle was under power and included an unforecast stretch of fog, in which were heard, but not seen, two large container ships and the Portsmouth-Wootton Creek ferries, not a relaxing experience. Safe arrival at the HM's Itchenor pontoon was celebrated with the customary Pontoon Drinks, followed by an excellent evening meal at the Ship Inn. The next day five of us took a taxi to Chichester to see the sights (well worth it), returning in time for another excellent evening meal, this time at the Itchenor Sailing Club. Thursday turned out to be warm and sunny, with 12knots of N wind when we set off for home, but sadly this faded as we approached the forts, so it was motoring again. A lengthy thunderstorm off Beaulieu caught only one of the boats, a good outcome for the others!

Cruising Trophies

There are nine Cruising Trophies to be awarded this year. Seven are based on Log/Blog submissions by Members so please record your summer cruises and submit your Log/Blog by the end of the year. As well as getting your name on the Club Honour Boards you will also be creating a library of information to pass on to other Members who may well be contemplating a similar cruise.

There is also the photographic competition and this year is looking for entries "taken during your boating year". So get snappy with the snaps or even take some thoughtfully prepared photographs!

Circumnavigators

We have now received submissions of 16 circumnavigations by both present and previous Members and these are shown below.

DATE COMPLETED	DATE STARTED	SKIPPER AND CREW	BOAT NAME
June 1978	Sept 1977	Naomi James	Express Crusader
May 1986	Sept 1979	Nicholas & Sally Davies	Liemba
May 1992	Oct 1990	Alan & Penny Sprigs	Penny Pincher

Aug 1994	Aug 1987	Mike & Pat Pocock	Blackjack
Aug 1996	Sept 1993	Charlie & Paula Tate	Maia
Nov 1999	Feb 1996	Mike Thoytes	Kinsa
Mar 2001	Oct 1997	Ian Tew	Independent Freedom
Aug 2004	Aug 2000	Ed & Genie Webb	Wandering Dream
June 2007	Sept 2004	Philip & Gillie Hutchinson	Fenella
Aug 2007	May 2003	Luke & Emma McEwan	Eagle Wing
May 2009	Nov 1998	Hugh & Angela Farrant	Spring Gold II
June 2009	Sept 2000	David & Annette Ridout	Nordlys
Sept 2010	June 2001	Dick & Pam Moore	Aliesha
May 2011	March 2010	Jeanne Socrates	Nereida II
July 2013	Oct 2012	Jeanne Socrates	Nereida II
Aug 2013	June 2007	John Andrews & Freda Haylett	Qwyver

An interim Honours Board is currently displayed on the Cruising Notice Board. This will be kept for three months to allow for any further historical submissions to be made. After the three months a permanent Honours Board will be made and thus only new circumnavigations will be added thereafter.

George Johnson, Captain of Cruising.

Youth Week

Youth Week 2016 Monday 15th – Friday 19th August

A terrific response to Youth Week's call for volunteers on the water. Now it's the turn of those who would like to help with the numerous activities ashore. The email was wrong in the last ePN so if you have offered help and not heard – apologies and please email again events@rlymyc.org.uk or phone on 07879417177.

The Great British Olympic Sailing Bake Off will provide Olympic themed cakes and biscuits for the young sailors during Youth Week – if you would like to join the team organising this fun competition please get in touch with [shireen.crowe](mailto:shireen.crowe@rlymyc.org.uk).

Training

RYA Stage 1 Course

21st & 22nd July

25th & 26th July

RYA Stage 2 Course

23rd & 24th July

28th & 29th July

RYA Stage 3 Course

25th & 26th June

1st & 2nd August

RYA Stage 4 Course

4th & 5th 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

With seven of the nine Early Series races sailed the numbers in both Gold and Silver Fleets have been a little lower than at this time last year, although we did see 29 Scows racing on the one, really decent evening we have had so far this season. In contrast the numbers Pottering have been well up on last year. Even without the attraction of a Royal visitor we have seen 19 and 20 boats afloat on two Thursday mornings.

On 26th May 14 Scows sailed across to Yarmouth and met up with their four supporting RIBs to be towed through the harbour and under the bridge to sail on the River Yar. Conditions could not have been better, a SE Force 3 to take us there and the same for the return and brilliant sunshine all the day.

The 4-race Hinxman Trophy, scheduled for the 31st May, was cancelled owing to the forecast. We hope to re-run it on either 26th July or 23rd August.

June promises lots of action, starting with the Threading of the Needles on Tuesday 14th. We last ran this event in 2013 and it proved very popular so early entries are recommended as there is a limit of 24 boats.

Next comes a friendly race against visiting scows from Beaulieu River SC on Friday 17th, starting at 1700, to be followed by supper with our visitors at the Club.

Details of both these events are on the website. Finally the Alexina Trophy is scheduled for the 28th June.

Dick Moore, Captain of Scows

Optimists

The new group of mini -racers coming into the river have been going from strength to strength after last year at Salterns and winter training at Club (led by double Olympic medallist Nick Rogers). They have also raced very successfully at other venues, and are competing in the Southern Traveller Series, (Burghfield Open, Parkstone Open, Lymington Open, Hayling Island and Warsash).

Parkstone was the, perhaps the wettest Open that we have had in years. The sailors didn't seem to mind, but some of the RIB drivers made convincing drowned cat impressions. The strong winds provided exciting sailing on the first day. In the main fleet, Lymington's Hadyn Sewell kicked off with two bullets to become the leader overnight, with Poole's James Foster close behind.

Sunday brought light to medium winds with spells of sunshine, providing a good balance to the event. Haydn held on to his lead, and retained the Parkstone Optimist Open title for the second year. Another RLYC sailor, Oliver Dowson McGill finished 2nd, James Foster 3rd. In the girls, Delfina Sesto-Cosby was second (and 13th overall).

Regatta Fleet coped superbly with the strong winds on Saturday, and managed nine races over the two days. Lymington mini-racer Jake Stokes took the title and Ella Lightbody finished 4th and second girl.

Jake said: "It was a close regatta with great wind on the Saturday. It was really fun and I had a good time with my friends."

Mini racers and regatta fleet sailors enjoying an ice-cream after a fun session exploring the river, led by George Heathcote, in the absence of Nick Rogers.



Valeria Sesto-Cosby, Captain of Optimists

Laser 4.7s

Laser 4.7 European and World's Squad Qualifier Success

Our Laser sailors continue to dominate the top end of the rankings. Laser radial sailor, Milo Gill-Taylor finished fifth in RYA Youth National Championship in April.

The Laser 4.7 girls and boys raced two weekends of the summer squad qualifiers in April at Datchet Water SC and in May at Rutland Water SC. We are very proud of our young sailors too; three of them finished in the top four overall. Zac West won the selections and Matilda Nicholls was the top girl (3rd overall). Arthur Fry right behind them finished 4th overall. All three of them gained the well-deserved squad places in the European and the World Championships' team. As part of their preparation for the two international events, the Club organised a series of open training over the two bank holiday weekends in May. 21 sailors signed up and they felt very inspired when GBR's Olympic contender, Nick Thompson, said hello to them on Saturday, 28th May. He spoke to them about his sailing career and training regime for the Olympic Games. Another special moment of the day was when the Commodore presented Nick with his Honorary Membership. The sailors all congratulated

the double Laser World Champion and wished him well for the Olympic Games in Rio. (Picture shows Nick with some of the sailors)



Dori West - Captain of Lasers

420

Since the Youth Selections, in early April, we have mainly been training (and doing exams!), building up for the forthcoming internationals: French Nationals, Brittany; World Champs, Italy; European Champs, Hungary; Irish Nationals; British Nationals, Pwllheli with Eurosafs in Austria at the same time. Finally we can just squeeze in the (U21)Team Racing World Champs on Lake Garda before going back to school. This sounds like a very busy, exciting summer.

We didn't have to travel too far for the Lymington 420 Open, which is part of the Olympic Grand Prix series, sponsored by Harken. Vita Heathcote and crew Milly Boyle won with 5 firsts from 10 races, with fellow Lymington sailors Charlotte Boyle and Georgia Baker 3rd.

If anyone would like to sail a 420 then we have plenty of helms and crews looking for a pairing.

George Heathcote - Captain of 420s

Honda RIB Challenge is Back...



For more information about this year's Honda RIB challenge please [click here](#).

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.

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

Bath Road, Live music from Zac and the Zeroes.



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](#).

Tornado RIB

Tornado 7.5M with Mercury 225HP Optimax engine. 425hrs. £14,000 ono. Afloat in Lymington and in good condition. Call 01590 678045 for viewing and sea trial.



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