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Who Needs Diesel - We Can Go Sailing

Easter is almost upon us and everyone has been making the most of the good weather, with the Club pontoon full of boats stepping masts, checking equipment and looking forward to some great sailing. It's an Olympic year (yes I know, but it's exciting) and there's plenty of Club involvement in the sailing events. There's the big weekend of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with lots of activities in the Clubhouse and on the water. The Spring Series started on 1st April and then it's the Easter Challenge with the opportunity for everyone in the family to have some fun racing on Easter Monday, with an Easter Egg hunt for the landlubbers.

Ann Brunskill

Stop Press

Spring Series - First Race and tweets

A lovely spring morning and light winds got the Spring Series off to a good start with two windward/leeward races. The photo shows Steve Powell in E'tu chasing prospective Member Simon Cavey in Livez in the RS Elites. Some nimble fingers on a committee boat provided a Twitter feed in real time and we hope to do more of this during the rest of the series. Click on the link at the bottom of ePN to see more.

Results of the first two races are on the [website](#).



Club

Diamond Jubilee weekend - 2nd to 5th June

Something for everyone is being planned for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations at the Club. The Thames River Pageant is on Sunday 3rd June so the balcony will be packed for the best view of the event and Head Chef Matt Doe is bound to put on a super meal. The Clubhouse will have a full programme, the big screen will be showing all the events, including the Service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday 5th. The [Diamond Jubilee Regatta](#) with the Royal Solent YC will be run on the 2nd and 3rd June.

Old Club Handbooks

In the interests of the protection of Members' data, Members are requested to hand in their old Club Handbooks to Reception and we will arrange for them to be shredded. Please do not put them out for the Council rubbish collection.

Defaced Ensigns

Please check that you have a valid permit for your Club ensign. The office will be reviewing the lists so please contact them if you have any queries.

The Boat Project - advance notice

Last July we featured [the Boat Project](#), part of the Cultural Olympiad, a boat designed by Simon Rogers and built from wood donated by members of the public. The Boat will be launched on the 7th May and visiting the Club on 5th June during her maiden voyage. More details of events at the Club in the May issue.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

For Sale – Lymington Pram Dinghy ‘Ellen’

The Club has decided to sell the Lymington Pram dinghy ‘Ellen’ and invites sealed bids from Members only. The boat is offered on a ‘sold as seen’ basis and includes launching trolley and cover. It can be viewed in the Club dinghy park. The Club has set a reserve price and may withdraw the boat from sale if no suitable offer is received.

If you would like to bid, please put your offer in a sealed envelope marked ‘Lymington Pram’ and hand it into the office by noon on Saturday 21st April 2012.

Chris Neve, Rear Commodore Sailing

On the lighter side



One way of avoiding the queues at the filling stations last week!

Racing

The Spring Series started on Sunday 1st April, then there's the Easter Egg Challenge on Monday 9th April. [Monday Night Dinghies](#) start on the 23rd April and [Thursday Evening Keelboat Racing](#) on Thursday 26th April. Click on the links for the Notice of Race and Entry Form and enter now. The 2012 [Western Solent](#) & [Inshore](#) racing charts have also been published and are available to buy in laminated A4 and A3 versions from Reception from £1.



[Easter Egg Challenge Monday 9th April](#)



Family fun sailing in the river just off the Club Pontoon. Enter now or by 9.30 am on the day. Similar format to the Penguin Trophy, short races round dan buoys, sailed in Scows with the combined age of helm and crew to be over 35. Lots of prizes and a small Easter Egg hunt for those ashore. Click on the link above for full details.



Cruising

Future Events

Channel Cruise - West Country Saturday 16th - Saturday 30th June

The agreed programme is now as follows:

Saturday 16th June - Group dinner Portland marina.

Tuesday 19th June – Group dinner Royal Dart Yacht Club

Friday 29th June – Group dinner Royal Fowey Yacht club

Full details are on the [website](#). Please contact me directly by no later than 15th May using my personal [email](#) address.

Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub Committee

Spring Cowes Meet Friday 13th to Sunday 15th April

Our traditional start to the “Summer” Cruising Season takes place again in Cowes. The Friday evening gathering will be in Folly Reach with a pontoon party at 18.00 hours. The Dinner on Saturday will be held at The Island Sailing Club where we are assured of a warm welcome. A significant number of boats have signed up already so please see the Club [website](#) or notice board for further details and reserve your tickets with the office.

Cruising Sail Trimming Seminar Saturday 5th May 11.00am

Date for the diary.

Clive Sparrow, Captain of Cruising

Revised web system for 2012 Cruising intentions

In response to a number of requests, the present cumbersome system is to be replaced. There will be a simple list of which boats are intending to go where this season, accessible in the Chart Room and in the Cruising section of the website. Members will be emailed shortly on how to provide Intended Cruising information and how to access it via the web.

Trial extension of midweek meets into Spring

Encouraged by the high numbers regularly attending winter midweek meets, we plan to trial an extension of dates into late April and late May, probably to Hamble, Cowes or Bucklers Hard. Details will be circulated immediately after Easter.

Peter Lowe, Cruising Sub Committee

Past Events

Winter Mini Cruise to Ocean Village Southampton

Three yachts and three motors boats enjoyed wall to wall sunshine on the sail to Ocean Village and back the following day.

Following the pontoon party, a superb evening meal at The Oxford Brasserie, organised by Nick Olney, was enjoyed by the group of 15.



Dramatic end to the 2011/2012 lecture Season

Club Member Steve Powell gave the final lecture of the season to a full house on the last Wednesday of March.

The story of his remarkable 35000 mile cruise in “Uhuru” to the Antarctic and achieving his goal of going below 65 degrees South was supported by truly amazing photographs. After the talk Steve was presented with the Cruising Section’s Seamanship Award for this feat and the XII Bar Blues Trophy for the detailed blog he kept throughout the passage.

Clive Sparrow, Captain of Cruising

Training



Flags and Racing - Tuesday 10th April 2012 6pm

Flags are used to communicate with competitors before they go afloat, during racing and at the end of racing. So if you race, or are involved in a support role in race management in any way, the discussion will focus on what flags mean and how we use them. John Evans will lead this session.

If you would like to attend any of these courses, please contact [Frances Evans](#).

Powerboats

We've had our busiest winter ever with a record number of Members and non-Members taking courses: virtually every course was full or over-subscribed. The marklaying courses were exceptionally well attended considering they are new and are mainly useful to those who intend to support Club events. My thanks to Sophie and Kirsty whose efforts from the office have made delivering the courses a breeze and thanks, of course, to my instructors who have turned out whatever the weather.

Vince Sutherland, Chief Powerboat Instructor

Fleets

RS Elites

“Freebie” dry-sailing sponsored by **BERTHON** 

Sponsorship by the Berthon Boatyard means that “Freebie”, the Club’s own RS Elite will be dry-sailed from their superb facilities along with the rest of the Lymington fleet throughout the season. This sponsorship means “Freebie” will remain fully competitive, with the added



advantages of allowing charterers to pick the brains of regular Elite sailors before they head out to race and, more importantly, be part of the fleet banter on the dock!

As part of their ongoing commitment Berthon will be a supporting sponsor at the RS Elite Southern Area Championships at the Club on the 4th and 5th August and offer facilities for visitors on their way to our Nationals at the Royal Yacht Squadron at the end of August. Fleet Captain, Steve Powell said "Freebie has been a great asset to our class, attracting a number of new members and boats. Berthon's timely sponsorship means that anyone who charters her knows she's equally as competitive as any of the other Elites on the line." You can charter Freebie by the day or potentially the full series by booking through the Club office. (Pictures shows RS Elite sailors working on rig set up at their season starting training day on 31st March.)

Royal Yacht Squadron Nationals – entry live

Entry has only been live for a few weeks and already more than thirty boats have signed up. this event has appealed to RS Elite teams from across the UK, with a fleet of around forty boats now looking pretty sure. It also seems certain that a record Elite fleet will take part in Cowes Week, 10 days before the Nationals.

Martin Wadhams

Nordic Folkboats

We already have eight entries for the Spring Series and more Folkboats are being launched every day. By the time Thursday evening racing starts on the 26th April we should have our usual strong fleet on the water. Dates to note for the diary are the Cowes Race on 3rd May, moorings are arranged at Shepherds Wharf and lunch booked at the Island SC it should be a great event. And, of course, don't forget the Nationals run by our Club on 16th and 17th June with racing in the Solent and Christchurch Bay. The full racing and social programme is on the [website](#).

Training Weekends

Please note that the training weekends have been moved to 21st and 28th April. Peter Scholfield will coach and we have put together a training plan, Meet at the Club 1230ish, finish around 1630.

We have a packed season with something for everyone at every level of experience and would like to encourage as many boats as possible to enjoy racing this year. Please contact the Class Captain, Chris Hills, if there is anything you need to know about getting involved in any or all of the racing and social programme; or if you need crew or wish to crew.

Finally, welcome to Fergus Madden with FB Gus who has joined the fleet this year and to Sonya which has rejoined under Nick Freeston's ownership. We are looking forward to seeing both boats on the start line.

Andrew Salanson

420's

Club sailors continue to achieve success in the GBR 420 Team Selection Series. After two events Charlie Cox and Craig Dibb were 420 Winter Champions, then Tim and Ed Riley won the Spring Championships. Annabel Vose and Kirstie Urwin were top female boat at both events.

The 3rd and final Selection Event is combined this year with the RYA Youth Championships from the 1st to 6th April in North Wales at Pwllheli Yacht Club, 14 scheduled races will decided 420 Youth Champions, ISAF Male and Female representatives, the seven boats to compete in Junior Europeans, and the 14 boats to compete in World Championships. All in 14 races of intense competition with Lymington sailors in the thick of it

In the Selector Series to date Annabel Vose & Kirstie Urwin are ahead of Craig Dibb and Charlie Cox by a couple of points, Tim and Ed Riley

3rd, Matt Wallis 4th, James Dodd and Hugo Sloper 10th, Tarra Gill-Taylor 12th, with Scott Wallis and Josh Voller in 15th, Ben Hazeldine and Rhos Hawes at 18th, Martha Haslam 24th, Danielle Thomas 29th. A lot can change over a week of 14 races and the North Wales weather, waves and tide will be a demanding test for all the sailors.

Carlton Dodd, Captain of 420's

Lymington Optimists



Spring arrived just on time for the Spring Championships in Poole Harbour. "The tide always seemed to be against us upwind," said Mimi El-Khazindar (pictured left). "It was like you were being pulled backwards by a giant, unstoppable carpet. The key was to find the paths of least resistance, in the shallower water." The wind was barely enough to make against the tide, and any sailor who got into dirty air or a channel would go backwards almost immediately. Millie Boyle read the conditions best so came in a staggering 3rd overall. With Worlds Team Selection coming up in May, this outstandingly talented 12year old will be one to watch. Last year our top sailor (who was also the first girl) came 14th; this year we had 5 girls in the top 14, and 19 sailors in the top 40 (last year only 5).

But the glory wasn't the preserve of the superstars; Jonah Rogers, William Butler and Tobias Schonrock received trophies for their exertions in the Silver Fleet. It's important to recognise those

who don't get so many opportunities to sail, yet pitch themselves into the cauldron of a major event and cheerfully – and bravely – chip away at the fleet.

The following weekend marked the last of the winter Squad training; Team Racing for South Zone at Calshot, and a joint session for National and Intermediate Squads in Weymouth. This culminated in some ferocious racing, with Intermediate Squad sailors – who have been superbly trained this winter by Greek National Coach Atzeman Vagelis – keen to scalp a few of the National Squad, who were very much on home territory.

Robbie King was the 3rd placed National Squad sailor, with Pippa Cropley first girl in 5th place (she had also come 5th in the Spring Champs, so proved this was no fluke.) Prizes were also awarded to George Ford (2nd placed Int squad sailor), and Vita Heathcote (1st girl).

An impressive 64 Oppie sailors – all Members of the Club – turned out for the final winter training weekend in Lymington. These immensely successful weekends are run by Oppie legend Matt Rainback and his team of coaches, and all abilities are welcome. Sailors train in their groups all morning and meet up for joint racing in the afternoon from the Club committee boat 'We're Here'. The girls hogged the podium with Millie Boyle (1st), Pippa Cropley (2nd) and Mimi El-Khazindar (3rd) all hitting top form, just in time for the forthcoming racing season. Matt Thornton (4th) was first boy; Charlotte Boyle (7th) first non National Squad; and Hayden Sewell (14th) first non squad.

George Heathcote

Back ashore

Wheelies

Wheelies is an informal group of Club sailors who join up to ride and lunch fortnightly through the winter. It is not affiliated to or sponsored by the Club and riders join in at their own responsibility.

Having said that, if you would like to join in next season, would be prepared to devise new trails and can recognise anyone in the photo attached, you are free to approach them.

Picture right show Wheelie stalwarts at the top of Stagbury Hill north of Cadnam on Friday 30th March. (They must have left their bikes somewhere - ed.)



George Trevelyan

Classic Cars - Thursday 26th April

The new date for the April meeting is Thursday 26th April NOT Thursday 19th. I would appreciate notice that you intend taking part as we

need to intimate numbers to venues, caterers, etc. I will send a suggested route to all those [emailing](#) me their intention to join in, nearer the date.

Tony Harris

RNLI

Beaulieu Boat Jumble - Sunday 29th April

Come along and support the RNLI stall on the 29th April and grab a bargain or two. If you have anything you would like to donate as the pre sailing garage clear out continues please contact [Claude Hamilton](#) or bring the items to the boatmen.

Lymington Lifeboat 10k Run - 10:00 Sunday 13th May

The lanes are full of people training for this event (not looking for garages with petrol). The main event commences at Woodside Park going through leafy lanes. the old drovers' road and the sea wall before arriving back at Woodside. For the children their races are within the confines and safety of the park and will start shortly after the 10k competitors, thus ensuring all are back in time for the prizegiving. Find out more and enter online at www.lifeboatweather.org/10k/10k.shtml or www.frssystems.co.uk/lymington10k. Children's entry forms can be downloaded from the website.



RNLI crew member Paul Harrison doing the London Marathon

Paul Harrison is running in the 2012 London Marathon raising funds for the RNLI. So 10K in May will be a walk in the park after 26 miles round London. Paul would be very grateful for your help and you can support him via:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PaulHarrisonRNLI>.

Bournemouth Air Festival, Saturday 1st September

Watch the display from the lawn of the Hotel Miramar on the East Cliff at Bournemouth. This is an all-day event. The ticket price of £40 (which includes a donation to the RNLI) covers parking in the hotel grounds, morning coffee, a talk by Flying Display Director, Phil Holt, lunch, the air display (watched from the hotel lawn with a view from the Needles to Old Harry Rocks). In addition to the Red Arrows, there will be displays by many other famous aircraft both modern and historic. Please email [Mary Reay](#) or phone 01590 677034 for tickets and more details.



FOR SALE



Unused Mastervolt 12V, 130 amp, alternator and regulator for sale. If you are interested please contact William Fellows by [email](#) or by telephone 07956 226244.

FOR SALE

Marina berth in Lymington Yacht Haven available for private sublet for all or part of period from 1st May to

FOR SALE



420 for sale

Built 1977 but still in great shape and lots of affordable fun. Owned by me since 1996. Well maintained but relatively little used. New main and jib sheets and working lines, new main-sheet block and boat cover. Comes with spinnaker, pole, trapeze and spare main sail (none of which used by current owner), combi-launch and road trailer (new tyres and a spare road wheel.) Some minor work needed (non-structural, rubbing strakes) but everything functions and, she's ready to sail.

30th September 2012. Suitable for yacht or motorboat up to 38 feet. Very competitive terms.

Call Jonathon Proctor on 07834487134

Currently in LTSC dinghy park.

£450 o.n.o. secures. Call Pete Wagstaffe 01590 610 659

Small Ads

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.

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Ann Brunskill

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