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New Menu

Rear Commodore House, our House Manager Simon Green and the House Team have been working hard to completely refresh the menus and food offerings at the Club. The staff had two days training on 31st March and 1st April and some small changes have been made to the kitchen and bar office in preparation for the new service.

The new menu started on Wednesday 2nd April building up to a full service on Friday 4th. We have listened very carefully to Members' views and the new menu offers more of the food you like, plus daily chef's specials, all freshly cooked.

The new menu is on the website for Members to preview and I look forward to seeing you at the Club and enjoying the food.

Phil Lawrence, Commodore

Club

Balcony Resurfacing Work - Progress Update

As you know the main balcony has been out of action since the beginning of the year for renovation and re-surfacing. Given the weather conditions during February the repair work remains slightly behind the original schedule. The removal of the old tiled surface is complete and the areas suspected as being sources of leaks have now been sealed.

The original part of the balcony adjoining the Clubhouse has received a screed layer, and once that has cured, a sealer will be applied across the whole surface and new tiles will be laid. Once this is done the newly painted flag mast will be replaced, the spiral staircase will be reinstated and the lighting set to work.

First Aid Update

A recent review of the Club's existing First Aid equipment has resulted in the upgrade of key First Aid stations. Work has recently been completed installing the new equipment which is located in the Main Office, Workshop and Race Office areas. A general First Aid and Burns kit has also been positioned close by the House Managers desk area. To ensure that the First Aid kits remain fully stocked,

operational procedures have been amended to include a quarterly audit of all First Aid kit contents.

We are pleased to report that the team of certified First Aiders has been increased to a total number of 12 personnel following a recent in-house Staff First Aid Course. Further volunteers will be trained in the next few months.

New Baby Change facilities now available

We have recently installed a baby change facility in the Disabled washroom. For convenience the changing table has been furnished with disinfectant table wipes, nappy bags and baby wipes. When using this facility, may we kindly ask that used nappy bags be taken home for disposal.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

Congratulations to Richard Mason – 3rd GBR and 2nd Rookie in the SoloMaître Coq



By his own admission, Richard's first solo offshore race was 215 miles of light winds, kedging, tactical decisions, fog and blast reaching (with the wrong kite!). He rose to the challenge superbly to finish 19th and 2nd Rookie against some of the most experience Figaro sailors ever in the 35 strong fleet. Interviewed after the finish at Les Sables D'Olonne, Richard's understated line was: "I made a few'Rookie errors the more tired I got, but I'm pretty happy with my performance."

Congratulations to Mimi El-Khazindar and Ben Batten

They won bronze in the 29er class at the Gaes Christmas regatta in Palamos. The racing duo also clinched silver at the Velanium Trophy CN at el Balis (see picture right)



Racing



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The Club is delighted to announce that Moore Blatch will be sponsoring our very popular Thursday Night Racing Series for the 2014 season. Moore Blatch are one of the leading lawyers in the South with a busy office in Lyminster. Clare Fanner, Director of Moore Blatch, stated that the event has evolved enormously since it first began. "It is a great mix of competitive sailing and a vibrant social scene. We are firmly committed to supporting the local area and community, so we are delighted to be able to support this year's summer series with the Club." she said.

Thursday Night Racing will consist of two series over 18 Thursdays, starting on 1st May, for IRC classes, Lyminster Handicap, Folkboats, XODs, Classics and RS Elites. With eight individual starts from the Club's Starting Platform there will be approximately 140 competitors for 'Round the Cans' style racing, followed by a weekly prize giving in the bar. New for this season will be a barbecue on the balcony (weather permitting!) alongside the traditional buffet.

I am very pleased that Moore Blatch has extended their relationship with the Club and we are looking forward to some intense racing in this series.

Chris Neve, Rear Commodore Sailing

Racing - Early Season

Through March we have been building up to the start of the season with a series of seminars. Our race teams enjoyed two sessions discussing course setting in our part of the Solent. Recently, a packed Island Room was challenged by John Doerr in his now traditional refresher on the Racing Rules, not least how they apply around 'obstructions'.

Finally, on Sunday, we took to the water for the first of the Portmore Insurance Spring Series. The weather was benign, somewhat fortunately for those of us who might have felt a little rusty after the long, damp winter. The full results are on the website, and this year bottle prizes are being awarded not only to the winners but also to the runners up in each fleet. The Series will run through Sundays in April, except on Easter Day.

Meanwhile, from 10.30 on Saturday 12 April we try again to help with the perennial problem of matching willing crew to boats looking for crew. We have been advertising in the town and in the press to encourage people to come keelboat racing. Skippers are warmly invited to join us in the River Room for a coffee and to meet potential crew members. We achieved a number of successful matches last year, and hope to improve the score this year. (See more below)

Easter Monday, 21 April sees the first Monday Evening Dinghy Series, with special Easter prizes to ensure the dinghy season starts with a good splash.

The intrepid Duos begin their series on Saturday 26th, the weekend before the Moore Blatch Thursday Night races start on the first day of May. The XODs begin the first of their long series the following Saturday, closely followed by the start of the Folkboat series.

These long series anchor the Club's summer programme, helping to make Lyminster "one of the most attractive places to live, especially if you are a yachting" according to The Times this week!

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

Crew Match - Boats Seeking Crew Seeking Boats...

Always wanted to race but don't have a boat? Or is it that you have a boat but no crew? Sounds familiar? To help promote local keelboat racing, the Club will be holding a 'Crew Match' morning on Saturday 12th April from 10.30am. The aim is to help keelboat owners find crew to race their boats and for those who would like to crew in a race, find a boat to race on.

According to Richard Truscott the event organiser: "It's the sailing equivalent of speed dating We're hoping that by offering individuals the opportunity to find their 'sailing partner', we'll increase local participation particularly in the Club's very popular Moore Blatch Thursday night racing where many



boats and crew of mixed ability, age and experience compete in various classes off the Lymington River throughout the Spring and Summer. It's taken seriously on the water but camaraderie back in the clubhouse afterwards is equally important. Then there's lots of weekend sailing and other race events to compete in as well. We are hoping the older teenagers with some dinghy racing experience will want to try a bigger boat. Perhaps the parents of our young sailors would like to return to the water themselves for a change; and then there are those who have retired down here to spend more time sailing."

Richard Truscott, Captain of Cruiser Racers

Racing - Dinghies

Monday Evening Dinghies - Monday 21st April

The first race of the season is on 21st April. There will be a briefing on Monday 14th April at 18:30 in the Island Room where you can hand in your entry form, find out about changes to the start times and starting order of the classes (due to the ferries' schedule) and ask any questions you may have of the race team.

Lymington Dinghy Regatta Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th July

19th-20th July might seem like a long way off now but please put it in your diary and invite your friends along to race in the Club's Dinghy Regatta, which builds on the inaugural event run jointly with LTSC last year. There will be camping at the scout hut for visitors. Tea and doughnuts are served after racing - how can you resist?

Bart's Bash Sunday 21st September

The charity race everyone is talking about will start at 11am on Sunday 21st September. The Club is teaming up with Keyhaven YC and LTSC to run one big race for dinghies called the West Solent Dinghies Bart's Bash; it promises to be a very memorable event. The Club is also running a separate Bart's Bash race for keelboats - details to follow.

Luke McKewen

Race Teams 2014

The first day of the Portmore Spring Series was last Sunday which is the start of a full and varied racing programme that can only happen if we have the continued support of our Race Team members.

The Race Team 2014 forms are now available to complete and submit [on line](#) and paper copies at the office. Once the forms have been returned they will be directed to the appropriate event co-ordinator who will contact you regarding your availability.

The Monday Night Dinghy team will be having a pre-season meeting on Monday 14th April at 18.30. The XOD team meet on Wednesday 12th March and the Thursday Night team on Thursday 24th April at 18.30.

Jane Corden

Social

Past events - Fitting out Party

The Fitting Out Party was a terrific success with the majority of revellers following the optional dress code of 'The Great Gatsby'. There were some very smart tuxedoed gentlemen and delightful fringed ladies as well as a couple of hoodlums! The evening set off to a terrific start with a truly delicious and beautifully presented dinner of salmon followed by belly pork. There was a selection of sweets for those who



needed more. Robin and his team were congratulated on a wonderful feast. It was perhaps fortunate that the party goers could then dance off their dinners



to the live performance of Vinyl Café. It was hard to find space on the dance floor and all agreed that much fun was enjoyed as the Sailing Season was launched in the River Room.

Harvie Woolley

Photography Competition 2014 – Open to all

Following the success of last year's Cruising Section Photographic Competition it has been decided to run it again and to open it to all Club Members.

The rules are simple:

- The photograph must be taken 'On the Water'
- Each Member may enter 1 photograph, caption optional
- It is to be an unframed print – 25 X 20cm. 10" X 8"
- It is to have been taken between November 2013 and October 2014
- The competition will close on 29th October 2014
- There will be a panel of judges who select 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners
- The winning photograph will be displayed in the trophy cabinet
- All photographs will be exhibited in the Clubhouse
- Further details from [Bob](#) or [Harvie Woolley](#)



Cruising

Safety day Saturday 12th April - Cancelled

The John and Angie Baily Trophy

The John and Angie Baily Trophy did not get awarded at the Cruising Dinner and it will be presented after the Cruising safety day on April 12th at about 12.30 in the Club bar. It has been awarded to Bugs Hughes for a lifetime achievement in sailing. Bugs has sailed all over the world taking blind and disabled sailors on various yachts and tall ships. Bugs finally left the Army in 1989 and became Director of the Seamanship Foundation. He was responsible for disabled and blind sailing. The Foundation eventually merged to form Sailability and he has run it for many years. Bugs is a worthy recipient of this prestigious award. Please come along if you can.

Future Events

The day sail on 20th March to Cowes had to be curtailed owing to the weather and had only 4 boats venturing out to Yarmouth where the Royal Solent looked after us at the last moment. Perhaps for next winter we must be more flexible as the weather was great the day after and before, so we had 8 boats and crew cancel.

Future Meets

Warsash on Tuesday 15th April

This always a good venue let's hope for better weather. Details on the [website](#)

The Spring Cowes meet is on 25th to 27th April

berths have been reserved at Shepherds Marina and a dinner booked at the Royal Yacht Squadron on the 25th. Tickets available from the office in advance at £44 for a three course dinner on the balcony. The Saturday night we have a table reserved at the Island Sailing Club.

Fish and chips or steak and kidney pie + dessert and coffee. Please sign up on the Club notice board or contact me until the 21st April then George Johnson.

More details on the [website](#).

I hope you all have a great and safe season cruising.

Nick Olney, Captain of Racing

Summer Cruise 2014

Last year's Summer Cruise had no fixed destinations and everyone communicated by text with a regular update of ports of call. The lack of pressure to get to a fixed destination on time was seen as a pluspoint and a number of enjoyable ad hoc social gatherings took place during the month in a wide variety of locations. Feedback from participants and from the cruising forum in October was positive. The nature of the cruise is such that it will develop from individual passage plans rather than from a formal top down programme. As far as Club activities are concerned I will use group texts to keep in touch with all those who have "signed up" and to co-ordinate ad-hoc events. These events would in the main be informal lunches or suppers either at local yacht clubs or restaurants.



There will be no sign-up list on the Club notice board. However a general reminder of the event showing participating boats and skippers will be posted on the notice board and circulated to the Cruising data base in early May. If you want to participate please [email me](#) the name of your boat, your mobile number and your outline passage plan.

Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub Committee

Past Meets

Cowes Day Sail 20th March

The strong wind forecast for the afternoon caused everyone to think about an alternative to a trip to Cowes as there was little enthusiasm for returning back home into SW winds gusting 40 knots. A lunch at the Royal Solent in Yarmouth was hastily arranged and four boats, Prime Time, Sandpiper, Unity and Trilogy with their 13 crew attended. A lively but quick return to Lymington followed.

Tony Hughes

Training

RYA Youth Stages courses

These courses are a great opportunity to further your child's sailing skills, starting from beginner skills in Stage 1 up to being a fully competent sailor by Stage 4. The dates are as follows:

RYA Youth Stage 1 14th & 15th April, 24th & 25th July, 18th & 19th August

RYA Youth Stage 2 17th & 18th April, 26th & 27th July, 28th & 29th July, 21st & 22nd August

RYA Youth Stage 3 10th & 11th April, 4th & 5th August

RYA Youth Stage 4 7th & 8th August, 18th & 19th October

RYA Sailing with Spinnakers 6th & 13th July

The courses run from 09:00hrs to 16:30 approx. afloat and in the Old Sail Loft. Prices range from £75.00 upwards.

To book on to a course contact the office on 01590 672677 or [email](#) Vicky.

Powerboat Level 2 Plus – May 11th

A great way to get your skills sharpened up early in the season. Chief Powerboat Instructor Vince Sutherland's course is designed for those who help at Club events, and who may not necessarily drive the safety boat, but would like to gain some of the knowledge and skills to enable them to more effectively deal with safety of fleets and capsize situations as a crew. Full details on the [website](#). £10 to all. To book on the course contact the office on 01590 672677 or [email](#) Vicky.

Race Management Training

Radio Use for Race Team Members & Support Boats - Saturday 5 April 1100 hours

VHF communications and tips on how best to use the radios.

While on the subject of communication, the Club event advertising claims 'Great Race Management'. This is only possible due to the time and effort put into training sessions by Club Members and the teams putting it into practice on the water. A big thank you therefore to all Members who have made time to attend our winter training sessions and especially to our team of presenters: Alastair Wilson, Jane Clegg, John Evans, Jane Corden, Malcolm McKeag, Vince Sutherland, Peter Phillips, Phil Baker and Bob Burney.

You learn by doing, so see you on the water, the platform or the committee boat. And the bar for feedback on what training you would like next winter.

Frances Evans, Training Sub Committee

Wednesday Junior Sailing - dates reminder

9th April, 2pm - Pre-season safety briefing

Please make this a top priority as it's a requirement that all our helpers have this briefing. It's a huge help to us if everyone comes, as it means we can get all the paperwork out of the way in one go and you can all join in right from the start of the season. If you have any friends who might like to join our happy band, this is the meeting to bring them along to.

16th and 23rd April - Training days

These days are offered as an opportunity to hone your skills ready for WJS and refresh your memory of the way we do things. We'll be offering Power Boat training in the mornings (10 am -12 noon) and sailing in the afternoons (2 pm - 4 pm). The first afternoon we'll be concentrating on single-handers, the second afternoon on double-handers.

30th April - WJS begins

18th June 2-6pm - 30th Anniversary Party

This year is the 30th anniversary of WJS and we intend to celebrate in style. Any good ideas for appropriate mementos etc, please let us know.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the past and welcome to all new helpers. We look forward to working with you in 2014 as we celebrate 30 years of making sailing accessible to everyone in and around Lymington.

Ali Husband and Peter Salisbury

The Real Wash Up

Club Tea Towels now in stock - the perfect Easter gift for someone special

Local artist, Hilary Thorpe, has designed a tea towel entitled 'The Yacht and Sailing Clubs of the Solent' - a wonderful design of 49 local Yacht and Sailing Clubs, including the Royal Lymington.

Please purchase from reception. Price £8.95



Fleets

RS Elites

RS Elite "Freebie" for sale

The Club's RS Elite "Freebie" is for sale with an exceptionally attractive price available to a new Lymington fleet owner. A significant reduction from the £9,950 (inc spare sails and road trailer) open market price is on offer to a Lymington based sailor, presenting a great opportunity to join the class that people love to sail. The boat will be checked by the manufacturer, so will be ready to race and win.

Contact Fleet Captain, Martin Wadhams asap for further info and Lymington price: 07831 495763 – expressions of interest have already been received.

The 2015 RS Elite Nationals will be hosted by the Club, so your plans could start here.

RS Elite – 2014 Nationals sponsor & website

The Royal Burnham Yacht Club, hosts of the 2014 RS Elite National Championships, have revealed sponsorship by Tullett Prebon and launched event web pages which can be accessed via the Class Association [website](#).

Key open event dates for 2014

Nationals Championships – Royal Burnham YC - 17th - 20th July

Southern Area Championships – Royal Yacht Squadron –26th/27th July

Cowes Week – 2nd - 8th August

Martin Wadhams

Scows

On 17th March nearly 70 members of the Scow Division filled the River Room to hear a talk by Rory Paton and Mike Urwin on the finer points of how to trim and sail a Scow quickly, plus an interactive session on the mostly commonly needed rules. The talk was illustrated by some video clips of a few members in action on the water which had been taken by Barry Dunning earlier in the month. Over 60 members stayed on for supper.



Continuing the focus on improving skills afloat, on 28th April Barry will be afloat in a RIB, video camera in hand, aiming to capture as much of the evening's race and as many of the participants as he can. On the following evening, Tuesday, 29th April, he will screen the footage he has captured with commentary. Barry, as most people will know, is an International Yacht Racing Coach and has coached dinghies and keelboats up to World and Olympic standard. Last season he also proved he can step into a Scow and make it go within a very few races so his views are worth listening to.

All members of the Division are welcome to attend, whether they were able to race or not. The screening will start at 1800 in the River Room and will last until 1930 or so, after which there will be the chance to keep chatting over a drink or to stay for supper.

Dick Moore

RNLI

Beaulieu Boat Jumble - Sunday 28th April

Final request for all items of boat equipment, clothing, sails, charts books or anything else marine related. Items can be left with the boatmen or by arrangement with John Niven (01590 678839, mobile 07523 110580).

Lifeboat Shop

The shop is now open from from 12 noon to 4 pm on Wednesday to Sunday and Bank Holidays

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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

Club Discounts

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