



# ePotter News



ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

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## April 2015

## Club

### Lymington Harbour Commissioners Strategic Plan

As some of you may be aware the Lymington Harbour Commissioners have recently publish a draft strategic plan for 2015 - 2020. This can be viewed by [clicking here](#). The harbour commissioners invite and welcome all individual stake holders to comment on the plan. As a stakeholder on the Lymington River, the Club will be responding to the document before the 30<sup>th</sup> April as requested. The Club's response will be available to view in the Club house once approved and finalised.

*Dunlop Stewart, Commodore*

### Credit Card Payments

In an attempt to reduce the operating costs of the Club, your General Committee has decided that in future all credit card transactions processed by the Club will incur a surcharge of 1.75%. This is the amount that we are charged by our card processing company and costs over £4,000 per annum. Debit card transactions are unaffected as they do not attract the same commission charges. This charge will apply to all credit card transactions, whether they relate to payment of subscriptions, race entries or other fees, together with transactions on the first floor to either purchase food or drink or top up a Member's card.

We regret having to take this action but, despite previous appeals to Members to pay by debit card, we suffer substantial charges from the continuing use of credit cards. This surcharge will be applied with effect from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015** and will be shown separately on the receipts issued by the Club.

### Club Regalia

I'm sure you are all aware of the current range we have available, however, if you are not please click on this link to the [Lymited Editions](#) page on the website where you can view or download the whole range. I have recently received requests for different items and we are reviewing the range but need your input. Please contact our Administration Manager, Alma Stapley or me with your ideas. We look forward to hearing from you.

*Clive Sparrow, Vice Commodore*

### New Sponsorship for Duo Series

The first of the Duo Series of races starts on 25 April and entries open soon. There is a new class for those wishing to participate without spinnakers. The 6 race series is split into 2 parts, an early and late series. Bruichladdich Single Malt Whisky have joined Spinlock and Harken as sponsors of the event and prizes will be awarded for both each series and overall.

*Stuart Duffin, Rear Commodore Sailing*

### Website

Anyone who wants a copy of the website guide can obtain one from Reception or by [clicking here](#).

*John Tudor*

### The Club's New Crane

Readers of ePN will be aware that our faithful Taylor hydraulic crane which had served us well for 30 years (and it was 20 years old when we bought it!) was finally retired back in September. The timing was not entirely of our choosing, but the General Committee immediately asked RCSailing to run a project to replace it. He assembled a small team of Members who are 'industry experts', including Jeremy Austin, who has actively supported our crane for many years through his company, AM Defence and Marine Services Ltd and Philip Williams of Williams Shipping at its core, with Mike Stansfeld, Richard Wood, RCF and others generously giving up their time and benefit of their expertise at crucial points.

Members might have been concerned at the apparent lack of progress, but time spent in reconnaissance is never wasted and the team carried out an exhaustive search of the world's market and products, with long negotiations and due diligence searches in order to ensure that we were getting exactly what the Club needs for the best price.



I hope you agree that the resultant pedestal telescopic boom hydraulic winch crane with the splendid marque of 'Iron Fist IFG 26000 ET2' appears imposing and business-like. Built to full marine specifications, Iron Fist cranes have been used for many years in military and fishing vessels and on jetties, so with proper maintenance by our boatmen, we expect it to last us well over 20 years.

Operated from a remote controller, it will lift our heaviest boat We're Here out to between 6 and 7m radius, giving the boatmen much more scope and safety in planning and executing their work. Installation of the crane itself, setting to work, testing, certification, training and risk assessment has all been completed in under a week in and the boatmen and I are eagerly anticipating the heavy programme of lifting over the next 6 weeks to get Members' boats into the water.

The proud group here are (from left) Giovanni Carpinone, the Italian manufacturer, Chris Neve, boatmen Iain Barry and Phil, Wayne Adlem our electrician, the Secretary and Jason Coltman and James Lewis from Meercat, the UK suppliers.

Our thanks again are due to Chris Neve for running this surprise project at the end of his term as RCS, Jeremy Austin, Neil and his team from AM Defence and Marine for their advice and help with installation and Philip Williams and Williams Shipping who did what they say on the tin!

Please form an orderly queue for your bookings.

Kevin Podger, Secretary



## Dinghy Park

Thanks to massive support from volunteers on two sessions we have been able to lay membrane and gravel in two more areas of the Dinghy Park. Hopefully as this beds down it will make manoeuvring our boats easier and it certainly looks nice and tidy. Members with berths allocated in the Dinghy Park are asked to familiarise themselves with the DP Regulations which are on the website: To download your copy please [click here](#).

John Tudor

## Congratulations

### Honorary life Membership for Ian Williams

Last month ePN congratulated Ian Williams on his 5<sup>th</sup> World Match Racing Title, a feat not achieved by any other sailor. The Club has acknowledged this major achievement by awarding Honorary Life Membership to Ian.

Stuart Duffin, Rear Commodore Sailing

## Needles Marine Conservation Zone

### Consultation closes 24<sup>th</sup> April – get your views in now

The Needles MCZ consultation is probably a test before DEFRA move on to the more politically sensitive Solent MCZ's. The louder our voice now the better chance we have to have our views considered when it comes down to Newtown and Yarmouth MCZ consultation.

To take part in the consultation please complete the questionnaire on the DEFRA website: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/marine/tranche2mczs>

However completing the consultation document is not entirely straightforward and we have created a consultation guide to help. [Please click here to view.](#)

My personal view is that the recreational boating community should be part of the team protecting the environment and that, especially in the Needles MCZ, any areas that need to be protected will not clash with areas where we normally anchor. Simply marking out restricted anchorage zones on the chart would enable us to protect all the environmental features.

I will be participating personally in the consultation and hope that you will too.

The RYA is working hard to protect sailors' interests but would like to stress that individual comments are extremely valuable in supporting our case. See: <http://www.rya.org.uk/newsevents/news/Pages/ConsultationopenonnewMarineConservationZone.aspx>

*David Brunskill, RYA Western Solent*

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## House

My first month as Rear Commodore House has been challenging but great fun and I have a great team working for me. The sub-committees are:

<b>Building &amp; Maintenance</b>	Representatives: Hannah Neve, Bob Burney
<b>Catering Sub</b>	Representatives: Iain Oag, Michael Coombes
<b>Social Sub</b>	Representatives: Liz Thunhurst, Pauline Crates
<b>Communications</b>	Harvie Woolley
<b>Flower Rota</b>	Elizabeth Andrews

We are all committed to working to make improvements all round so that you will enjoy coming to the Club to meet your friends.

Please do not hesitate to put questions or comments to them. We very much appreciate feedback.

We welcomed our new Head Chef Aly Young to the First Floor team on 1<sup>st</sup> April and have already made some exciting plans for the summer with him. These start with a series of casual dining events, such as "Friday Club Nights" and themed supper evenings. The first of these is on Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>, an opportunity to meet Aly and enjoy an Italian Menu. (Click on the poster below for more details.) We hope you will come along, so get a group of friends and book ahead to ensure your table.

We are working on a programme of maintenance and repair. The blinds in the dining room have been cleaned and will be replaced shortly. The 'blown' glass windows in the bar are being replaced to restore our wonderful views, and the leak in the bar near the binoculars we believe is now repaired. Other works are in hand on the cleaning front, but if there is something you see that needs attention, do please let us know.

*Denise Moore, Rear Commodore House*

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## Social

### Forthcoming Events

[Italian Themed Supper – Friday 10th April](#)

# Italian Themed Menu

Friday 10th April

*An opportunity to put new Head Chef Aly's culinary skills to the test*



Italy 

Come to the first of a series of informal "Club Night Suppers" to be held during the spring and autumn period.

The menu will offer a variety of Italian choices to suit all tastes and pockets at different prices.

Food available from 18:00hrs *Bon appetito*



FRIDAY CLUB NIGHTS  
Please book a table with the Restaurant on 01590 671751

## Date for the Diary

### Summer Ball - Saturday 13th June

The Annual Summer Ball is back and will be taking place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Live music from "The FM Party Band" has been confirmed and more details about this sell out event will be available shortly.

## Past Events

### Fitting out Party - Saturday 28th March

The Fitting Out party found the Club full to the gunwales, with 120 eating an excellent dinner. Dorsal Fin's wide-ranging music was often difficult to distinguish from the originals. The evening was a splendid opener to the season ahead.

### Movie Nights

Missed a movie or want to see it again? 52 DVDs from Movie Nights are held in the Office. Borrow the one of your choice in exchange for a donation to the RNLI box.



## Racing

### Crew Match Morning - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 10:30



The Club is holding a 'Crew Match' morning on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 1030 for those who would like to race their keelboats but need crew or those who would like to crew in a race but don't have a boat. The focus is on the Club's highly popular Moore Blatch & Station Financial Thursday keelboat racing where various boats and crews of mixed competitiveness, ability, age and experience compete in several classes in the Western Solent throughout the spring and summer. The competition on the water is always taken seriously but the camaraderie back in the Clubhouse afterwards is equally important.

If you are interested please sign the list on the Club notice board or call Richard Truscott on 01590 673509

**Richard Truscott, Captain of Cruiser Racers**

## Dates for your diaries

- John Doer Rules Talk: 1830 Thursday 9th April
- XOD Spring Meeting: 1700 Saturday 11th April
- Crew Match Morning: 1030 Saturday 18th April
- Monday Evening Dinghy Race briefing and entry: 1830, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April
- Thursday Evening Race Briefing: 1820 Thursday 23rd April
- First Duo Race: Saturday 25th April
- First Monday Evening Dinghy Race: Monday 27th April
- First Thursday Evening Race: Thursday 30th April

**John Corden, Captain of Racing**

## Dinghies

### Monday Evening Dinghies – Early series starts 27<sup>th</sup> April

Don't forget the pre-series briefing is on Monday 20th April, at 18:30 in the Club. You can enter the series, badger the race officers and there will be a Happy Hour in the bar.

### Lymington Dinghy Regatta

Building on the success of the first two years, the Lymington Dinghy Regatta will welcome members and visitors on 18th and 19th July. Two courses, eight class starts and three races scheduled each day in the Solent should make for a great weekend of racing. Class starts are planned for Scows, RS Aeros, RS400s, Blazes, Fireflies and three Portsmouth Yardstick fleets. Once again we are laying on Lymington's legendary tea and doughnuts after racing, and there will be more than ever this year.

The regatta, which is hosted jointly by RLymYC and LTSC, nearly hit its 120-boat entry limit last year. So sign up early to get a discount on the entry fees and a chance to win a bottle of champagne. Entry fees can be paid on the day and are refundable if the regatta is cancelled. The notice of race and entry form will be published soon - watch the website

**Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies**

## Cruising

### Cruising Safety Morning - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 09:30 – 12:30

This year we will try and major on the weaker side of the crew if they are left alone on the boat.

- Do you know how to give first aid?
- Do you know how to get someone back on board?
- Do you know how to restart the engine if it stops?
- Do you know how to alert the emergency services?

Come along and have your say and ask some questions. The itinerary for the day is below:

**09:30**

Welcome

<b>09:35</b>	What to do if your engine stops at sea	<i>Clive Rochfort &amp; Andy Newport</i>
<b>10:15</b>	VHF, DSC, AIS, Calling the emergency services	<i>Robin Pratt</i>
<b>11:00</b>	First Aid, The First Five Minutes	<i>Kristy Powell</i>
<b>11:45</b>	Life Jackets, Life Rafts, MOB Systems etc	<i>Ocean Safety</i>
<b>12:30</b>	Retire to the Bar	

**Please sign up on the Club notice board if you would like to attend.**

## Cowes Spring Meet Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Cowes Spring Meet, Dinner in the Royal Ocean Racing Club (Royal Corinthian) on Friday night, supper in the Life Boat on Saturday.

## Day Sails 2015 – additional weekend Day Sails

Due to popular demand the Cruising Sub Committee have added 5 more weekend Day Sails.

The first meet is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May and will be to Warsash Sailing Club on the Hamble. Details will be posted in ePN, on the web site and on the notice boards in due course.

Further meets are organised for the following Saturdays; 6<sup>th</sup> June; 4<sup>th</sup> July; 15<sup>th</sup> August and 19<sup>th</sup> September. These meets are posted as Day Sails but they do present the opportunity for members to organise overnight stays at convenient locations. Everyone is welcome, whether coming by Sail, Motor or even car.

## Cruising Section of the Club Web Site

The Cruising Section of the Club Web Site now has a facility for registering Members' cruising intentions for the coming season. The purpose of this "Blog" facility is twofold both for Members to post details of their cruising intentions and provide a home to receive their blog/log of their cruise.

A crew register, for skippers looking for crew and crew looking for a boat, is now available in the cruising section of the web site and dedicated to cruising.

Both of these facilities will only survive and flourish if they are used, please make as much use of them, as you are able. The direct link is [https://rlymyc.org.uk/Sailing/Cruising/Logs\\_Blogs.aspx](https://rlymyc.org.uk/Sailing/Cruising/Logs_Blogs.aspx).

## Cruising Association

We have recently been contacted by the Cruising Association who are offering our members a 25% discount on joining fees. Anyone interested should contact me for a booklet or look at [www.cruising.org.uk](http://www.cruising.org.uk).

**George Johnson, Captain of Cruising**

## Chart Room – winning Logs and plea for lost books

The winning entries for the logs section of the 2014 Cruising Awards have now been placed in the box files in the Chart Room. These, and the many other accounts of trips far and wide filed there, are a valuable source of information for Members planning future cruises. Please do not remove them from the Room.

For some weeks several Pilot Books have been missing from the Room, namely RCC Scillies, Solent Cruising Companion, Cruising Guide to the Netherlands, Cruising Guide to Germany and Denmark. Please return these ASAP.

**Peter Lowe, Cruising Sub-Committee**

## Summer Cruise 2015



As set out in the note circulated in January the plan for this summer is to repeat the flexible format of the past two years but with specific locations/timeframes chosen for informal club social events. All participants will be kept up to date with 'fleet' movements by text message throughout the month of June to facilitate ad hoc meets in a wide variety of locations.

The flexible nature of the cruise is such that a late decision to take part can be accommodated, as can changes in crew numbers [Full details are on the website:](#)

**Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub-Committee**

## Photography Competition

Once again the Cruising Sub-committee is organising the photography competition. It is open for entries from all Members of the Club; all age groups are encouraged to enter.

The rules are simple:

- The photograph must be taken 'ON THE WATER'.
- Each member may enter one photograph, caption optional.
- It is to be a print 25X20cm. or 10"X8". Not framed and not mounted.
- It is to have been taken between November 2014 and October 2015.
- NO Sunsets this year as they took 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places in 2014.
- The competition will close on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015.
- Please leave named entries in the office in envelopes marked Photography Competition.
- All photographs will be displayed between Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November in conjunction with the members Art Exhibition.
- Judging will take place on the afternoon of 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Harvie Wolley, Cruising Sub-Committee

## Past Events

### Day sail to Cowes and lunch at the Island Sailing Club



After the 9 am briefing at the Club, six power boats and ten yachts set sail on a cool sunny day with a forecast of showers, perhaps hail. Initially, the wind was a NW 3-4 which allowed the yachts to broad reach their way to Cowes on a near Spring Flood tide. Sea conditions were relatively calm for the Power Boats which meant that all vessels arrived well before 12 noon at Shephards Wharf Marina. After a quick cuppa, Members ambled their way to the Island Sailing Club in lovely warm sunshine. Some power boats took the opportunity to view the USS Theodore Roosevelt Aircraft Carrier, all 1,092 feet of it and which is reported to house 5,226 personnel. The 100,000 tonne craft was anchored in Stokes Bay.



The Island Sailing Club served 76 meals very quickly which allowed everyone to exit in good time for a return sail on the ebb tide. The wind had backed to a W4 so tacking practice ensued. All boats returned safe and sound after a very enjoyable day, some without their oilies on.

Derek Barnard, Cruising Sub-Committee

## Chesapeake Cruise



There is still space for additional Club Members to join the cruise and be hosted on SCC yachts. There is no restriction on numbers for Members wanting to charter or who have access to a boat on the Chesapeake. If charterers need crew the SCC can probably fill that gap too.

One of the main events of the season for the Sailing Club of the Chesapeake is team racing between Sailing Club of the Chesapeake and the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron in Gibson Island 210's (pictured) and our hosts on the 19th September. The Club has been asked to provide three crew to participate in the racing: we have some experienced match racers amongst our number and we are confident we shall prove our worth.

Some very gentle passage racing between several of the overnight stops is also envisaged.

For more information call David & Ann Brunskill (01590 677630).

## Wednesday Junior Sailing

Spring has finally sprung, and Easter is practically here, which can only mean one thing, that the start of WJS is near!

The 2015 season kicks off on **Wednesday 29th April** at 14:00 and to see what the team have in store for this year then please click to read the latest [WJS newsletter](#).

Pre-season training for helpers and instructors also starts this week so please email [Vicky](#) if you would like to attend any of the sessions below:

**1st April**      • Safety Briefing      • 14:00hrs

**8th April**      • Rib Training      • 10:00hrs  
                     • Crewed Boat Training      • 14:00hrs

**15th April**      • First Aid @ WJS      • 10:00hrs  
                     • Single Hander Training      • 14:00hrs

22nd April

- Free Sail
- RIB Training

- 10:00hrs
- 14:00hrs

Don't worry if you haven't yet signed your children up, it's not too late. Download the 2015 Registration form by [clicking here](#) and return it to the Club office along with a passport photo.

Ali Husband - Head of WJS

## Training

### Children's RYA Training starting at Easter

All courses are for ages 8 – 16.

#### RYA Stage 1 - 9th & 10th April\*, 13th & 14 June, 27th & 28th July, 3rd & 4th August

A safe, fun filled action packed introduction to sailing. Suitable for complete beginners.

#### RYA Stage 2 – 11th & 12th April\*, 28th & 29th May\*\*, 30th & 31st July, 6th & 7th August

Finish off the starter skills, progress through the basic skills and get in control.

#### RYA Stage 3 – 30th & 31st May\*\*, 10th & 11th August

Sail in all directions and feel in command of your boat.

#### RYA Stage 4 – 13th & 14th August

Improve double handed sailing and problem solving afloat. Passing this course is the entry point to advanced courses.

To fit in with school terms the courses marked \* are Easter Holiday and \*\* May half term.

Courses run from 9am till 4.30pm. Sailors will need to bring any kit they have, spare clothes, towel and packed lunch. Don't have any kit? No problem, bring thin warm layers, shoes that can get wet and a waterproof coat. We will provide buoyancy aids. The minimum age is 8.

**£110 for Members and £150 for non-Members.**

Book your space by calling 01590 672677 or email [sail@rlymyc.org.uk](mailto:sail@rlymyc.org.uk)



### First Aid Course

- 23rd April 2015
- 28th June 2015
- 12th July 2015
- 11th October 2015
- 8th November 2015

**£50 to Member, £70 to Non-Members**

For information about courses at the Club: <https://rlymyc.org.uk/Sailing/Training.aspx>.

## Volunteers 2015

For more details of volunteering see the Club website or contact Kirsty at the Club. You will find the 2015 Sailing Event Team form on the Club website, please [click here](#) to access it. There are also links on the Club homepage, and the Volunteers page or if you would prefer a paper copy they are available at reception.

Jane Corden

## Race Team Training

There are two more useful training evenings planned before we all enjoy getting out on the water.

### Role of the Support Boat

14 April 2015 - Island Room, 1815 for 1830 hours start.

Some helpful tips from Peter and Vince to help you be in the right place at the right time.

### VHF Radio Use for Race Team Members and Support

Island Room, Saturday 18th April 1030 to 1200



Phil Baker will give us a hands on, pre-season reminder (and a crib sheet) of which buttons do what on the club radios and some tips on voice procedure.

**Sign-up sheets are on the Notice Board for the above courses.**

## Club Race Officers Course

**If you missed the course run in January 2015 - all is not lost!** We are currently looking to run this course again on either a **Saturday or Sunday in late November** 2015. Pencil it in the diary. If you are interested in attending and have a preference towards either day do please let Alastair Wilson or Frances Evans know. We can then keep you up to date with our plans.

Frances Evans

# Fleets

## XOD

The new season is now fast approaching and all boats competing need to return the relevant divisional affiliation form, with payment, to the Office. The Sailing Instructions and other race documents for the season can be found on the XOD page. <https://rlymyc.org.uk/Sailing/Fleets/XOD.aspx> Please read these carefully!

A reminder that we have a Spring Meeting on Saturday 11th April at 5pm in the Club Sail Loft, I can assure you that this will last no longer than an hour! We will use the meeting to discuss Class and Divisional matters arising. Let me know if there is anything specific that you would like adding to the agenda.

See details above of the Crew Match meeting on Saturday 18th April at 10.30. This has proved a fertile ground for recruiting XOD crew in the past.

Our first race is scheduled for Saturday 18th April at the usual 2pm. See you on the water.

Karl Thorne, XOD Captain

## Dolce Vita XOD 142 Saturday helm

I mostly race Dolce Vita on Wednesdays I would be happy to have a Lymington Club member with good experience, helm and race her on Saturdays with a suitable contribution to the season's running costs. If interested please give me a call on 01252 850374 or mob 07836 356448

Peter Fryer

## LR SCOW

On the **16<sup>th</sup> March** Rory Paton and Mike Urwin gave a well-attended talk on the basics of getting your boat ready for the season before moving on to an interactive session on the Racing Rules of Sailing - or at least the most important ones. A series of commonly-encountered situations were displayed and the audience was invited to say who was in the right. Suffice to say there was some disparity of views.

April sees the return of actual sailing but before then, on **13<sup>th</sup> April**, we will hold the traditional Spring Back to Scowling supper. Tickets cost £16.50 and may be purchased from Reception or you can book on-line. We shall also be asking for volunteers to help run the various Scow special events through the season.

On **20<sup>th</sup> April** there is the Monday Evenings Briefing and a chance to enter for the Early Series. Gold Fleet or Silver? It's almost time to decide.

On **21<sup>st</sup> April** (and again on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May) International Sailing Coach and Scow sailor Barry Dunning will be running race training sessions, designed to sharpen skills on the water. Other top scow sailors have promised to help with the coaching so put your name down on the notice board or drop me an email to say you want to attend.

On **23<sup>rd</sup> April** Graham Neal will lead the first Potter of the season. Briefing at 1015, afloat at 1030 and back in time for lunch.

And on **27<sup>th</sup> April** Monday Evening racing gets under way with the Gold Fleet first away as soon as the 1800 hours ferry has cleared the starting line.

All we need is the weather!

Dick Moore

## RS Tera



A total of 10 sailors have trained with us this winter, ranging from those who have competed in Youth Week and now want to learn more about competitive sailing, to those sailors who plan to compete in the regional RS Tera traveller series and the RS Tera national regattas.

Our winter training has covered many aspects of racing an RS Tera. For the less experienced helms we have focused on improving boat handling, mark rounding, understanding the core racing rules; while the more experienced helms have also been practicing the fine art of race starts, roll tacks, sailing by the lee while increasing their knowledge of other clauses in the rule book. The keen young sailors have done all this in a variety of wind strengths and temperatures!

We have had 5 completed sessions so far this winter and only one cancelled by the weather. The last winter training session will be on the 11th April.

Julian Hire

## RS Feva

Exciting news, the Club is starting a new fleet, the RS Feva. This is the world's best-selling two-person sailing dinghy in recent years. These are a one design two person hiking asymmetric spinnaker boats. Ideal for children to sail before they transition to a 29er or 420, or any other double handed boat. The Feva offers the chance to sail with a friend and the opportunity for a fun way to learn how to fly an asymmetric spinnaker. Feva's are built using a hard-wearing pioneering construction technique which is virtually indestructible and has a modern yet simple rig. The class has a competitive National and International racing circuit and is a RYA Supported Junior class.



Three Feva's have been loaned to the Club, and 'Try a Feva' session will be run on the following dates:

Thursday 16 April 2pm to 4.30pm

Friday 17th April 10am to 12.30

Friday 17th April 2pm to 4.30pm

If you would like to try out a Feva please email Sarah Richards at [richards.asg@btinternet.com](mailto:richards.asg@btinternet.com) to book your place.

Sarah Richards

## Oppies – February and March

It has been a busy spring so far, with plenty of international regattas to spice up the training. Of the 544 sailors at Palamos, Julia Mellers came a staggering 3<sup>rd</sup>, Arthur Fry 9<sup>th</sup> and Hattie Rogers 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Meanwhile three of Lymington's sailors were lucky enough to be invited to the spectacular waters off Martinique. Vita Heathcote (3<sup>rd</sup>), Milly Boyle (9<sup>th</sup>) and William Heathcote (10<sup>th</sup>) couldn't believe their luck, and almost immediately afterwards the same trio plus Haydn Sewell were selected for the team to represent GBR at the Bodrum International Optimist Regatta, Turkey. 500 sailors from 15 countries enjoyed terrific sailing conditions; Vita 6<sup>th</sup>, Milly 7<sup>th</sup>, William 14<sup>th</sup> and Haydn 36<sup>th</sup>.

The winter squads have all wrapped up, with Lymington holding a race weekend for around 40 of the UK's best sailors putting together everything they had learned over the winter. 10 races over the weekend, only one discard. National, Intermediate and Development Squads concluded with their Joint Squads weekend in Weymouth. South Zone finished up in Parkstone with team racing, games and prize giving from yet another very enjoyable and successful programme.

So this Easter, whether you are off to Braas, Garda, Slovenia or Paracas, Peru, good luck to you all and we will look forward to Tuesday evening training throughout the summer term.

And this, from an anonymous south zone sailor:

*Now that the winter training programme has been completed, we are all looking forward to the racing season, where we can put all our new found, finely honed skills to the test. Has it all been worth it – those long weekends thrashing up and down the Solent through the driving sleet, frozen hands and ice blocks for feet? "Work hard and it'll all be worth it" but wow it's hard when it's just you and you're up against it. But now the summer racing season feels kinder – who knows, I may be in for a blinder! Roll out the regattas, open up the (open) meetings, we're coming to get ya!*

George Heathcote

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# Lymington Sailability



## Charity fund raising lunch – Chewton Glen 6<sup>th</sup> May

The annual charity fund raising lunch with a fashion and beauty show at The Chewton Glen Hotel. Tickets are £49. For more details and to book your place please contact Becky (01590 610346). Aly (07823 338374) or email [lymingtonsailability@gmail.com](mailto:lymingtonsailability@gmail.com).

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# RNLI

Beaulieu Boat Jumble Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 am - 5.00 pm



Another reminder that the RNLI needs your unwanted boat bits for Beaulieu Boat Jumble. Either bring them to the boatmen, call John Niven on 01590 678839 or Marilyn Holmes (01590 670248).

## Retirement home for old sails

The RNLI has sourced a home for old sails, ensuring they can be recycled and not contribute to landfill problems. Even better, the charity will receive at least £10, perhaps lots more, for each sail.

Contact Marilyn Holmes on 01590 670148 for delivery/collection details.

## Small storage space required

Does anyone have a small lock-up garage or similar space, fairly central in Lymington, to act as a drop-off point for old sails? The RNLI can get at least £10 per sail, but needs a central point from where the company buying them can collect them. Contact Marilyn Holmes, 01590 670148.

## Wet suits for sale

Donated to the RNLI but too difficult for people to try on at Beaulieu Boat Jumble:

<b>Sola</b>	Short sleeves & Legs	UK 8 Euro 34
<b>Seaspray by GUL</b>	Long sleeves & Legs	L
<b>Dolphin</b>	Salopet, Long Legs	Looks Large
<b>Tornado</b>	Jacket, Long arms - LM	Chest 40 - 48 Inches
<b>Devocean Traffic</b>	Long Sleeves and Legs	XL
<b>Devocean Traffic</b>	Long Sleeves and Legs	S Apparently Unused
<b>Majic</b>	Hiker S48	Probably Small Man's

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## Lymington Lifeboat 10k Run and Children's Fun Runs Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am – Woodside Park

Over 550 runners have already entered for the main event and 220 for the Children's. But there's still time to put you entry in and get on with the training. Volunteers needed on the day.

## And Finally...

Lunch last Wednesday with all but one of the living Rear Commodores House - organised by Sebastian Chamberlain.



