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ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

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April 2016

Official Opening Ceremony

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The Club, primarily to comply with security requirements, will be closed on Thursday 21st April from 08:00 am to 1.30 pm on the day of the Pontoon Opening Ceremony. Thank you for your co-operation.

Clive Sparrow, Vice Commodore

Club

Club Handbook

The 2016 Club Handbook has now been sent out. Please return any old Handbooks to the Office for secure disposal.

WIFI

Members are reminded that we provide free WIFI for them throughout the Clubhouse. There is a password to keep the service secure, which is available from the Bar and Reception: just ask.

Dinghy Park

The new season's stickers are now available for berth-holders to pick up from Reception. Please make sure these are clearly visible at all times. As usual, boats without stickers will be removed.

John Tudor

We welcome the following new Members to the Club

- Stephen Reynolds
- George Morton

House

I do hope you are beginning to see some changes on the First Floor. Not only have the Building and Maintenance committee been doing a sterling job of improving the décor, but the Catering Sub Committee have been improving the ambience of the River Room and making changes to the menus. On Friday 25th March we started Grill Nights with the emphasis on great steaks. We hope to make it a different experience from the usual standard food that we offer.

It is a pleasure to congratulate Georgia on her promotion to Duty House Supervisor working alongside Beth.

Our Flower Rota ladies have been doing an outstanding job this year with some really lovely and interesting arrangements, and the Social Sub Committee continues to arrange some great entertainment for us. If you are new to the Club, do come along to some of the social evenings, we will always try to make sure that you meet and make some new friends.

With the weather now improving, we are looking forward to getting on the balcony again and being able to watch all the activity out on the water. It's a great place to be.

Denise Moore, Rear Commodore House

Social

St George's Day - Saturday 23rd April at 19:30hrs.



A St George's Day banquet to commemorate Shakespeare on the 400th anniversary of his death.

Tickets for this four course dinner including entertainment from the Lymington Players are £28 per person. Please click on the image to book tickets.

Past Events

Fitting Out Party 2016

On Saturday 19th March the Club and Members were set fair to launch the forthcoming sailing season. The stunning flower arrangement on the first floor landing made a welcoming statement of spring flowers entwined with new ropes, fenders, sails and an anchor.

The Island Room, festooned with bunting, was witness to a delicious 3-course supper that included a duo of smoked fish pate, followed by succulent chicken Jambalaya all rounded off by a brandy snap basket filled with tropical fruits, topped with mango sorbet.

After supper the music of the ever popular Zac and the Zeros summoned everyone to the dance floor. The music rocked, the building rocked and the members rocked into the night to ensure that Fitting Out was launched, celebrated and thoroughly enjoyed – see you on the water.



Harvie Woolley, House Committee

Racing

Portmore Insurance Spring Series - 3, 10, 17 & 24 April 2016



The season kicked off with The Portmore Spring Series which runs on 4 consecutive Sundays with two races per day commencing last Sunday 3rd April. 35 boats took to the Solent including 8 of our new J/80 class. For race results and more information please click the banner opposite.

[John Corden, Captain of Racing.](#)

Crew Match Morning - Saturday 16th April 2016 - 10:30hrs



Would you like to race your keelboat but don't have a crew?

Would you like to crew in a race but don't have a boat?

Come to the Club's 'Crew Match' morning on Saturday 16th April from 10.30 am in the Clubhouse.

The focus is on the Club's highly popular Moore Blatch & Station Financial Thursday night racing where various boats and crew of mixed ability, age and experience, compete in several classes off the Lymington River throughout the spring and summer. The competition on the water is always taken seriously but camaraderie back in the clubhouse afterwards is equally important.

There is a full programme of other regattas and weekend events where keelboats need crew who need boats!

Perhaps older teenagers with some dinghy racing experience might want to try a bigger boat. Or the parents of our young sailors would like to return to the water themselves. Then there are those who have retired down here to spend more time sailing and would like to broaden their experience and friendships.

If you are interested then please sign a list on the Club notice board or call Richard Truscott on 01590 673509. It's also open to non-Members, so bring your friends and family along as well.

[Richard Truscott, Captain of Cruiser Racers.](#)

Dinghies

Monday Evening Dinghies first race starts on 25th April. The Notice of Race will be posted on the Club website shortly.

There will be a briefing for competitors on 18th April at 18:30; please come along to fill in your entry form, meet the race team and ask any questions you may have.

There will be a Happy Hour at the bar from 17:30.

The Potter Dinghy Race this year has been moved forward to Saturday 21st May. Jane Pitt-Pitts and her team will run an all-classes handicap scramble around a short course; this is your opportunity to claim glory against the full spectrum of the Club's dinghies.

[Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies.](#)

Cruising

Future events

Safety Day and informal Cruising Supper - Saturday 9th April

Starting at 09:30hrs in the morning and due to finish at 12:30. Please sign up on the Club Notice board if you would like to attend:

The programme is:

09:30 SAL Marine - Wayne Taylor about engine problems which may be encountered whilst out on the water.

10:15 First Aid - Presentation by Kristy Powell covering problems relevant to those afloat.

11:00 Kipper Sailing - John Corden talks about man overboard and how to rescue and hoist aboard.

11:45 Crewsaver - Lifejackets, Life Rafts, EPIRBs and much more by Guy Page.

12:30 Retire to the Bar.

Cruising Supper

In the evening there will be a Cruising Supper to round off the day after the Safety Event. This is the second of these popular sociable gatherings this year. For this

evening event there is a three course menu available for £20, choices to be made on the night. Those wishing to attend should put their names on the signup sheet
Details of the menu are on the board.

Day Cruise to Newtown Creek - Saturday 23rd April

The intention is to have lunch on board and the Cruise Boats will be accompanied by a Club RIB to facilitate the movement of crew from boat to boat and make a very sociable and safe event. All are welcome whether by sail, motor, RIB or any other vessel.

Spring Meet to Hamble – Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May

The Spring Meet which this year is to the Hamble. Moorings can be booked through the RAF YC at the MDL marina next door at a discounted rate for pre-payment should more than six boats make reservations. There is a dinner at the RAF YC for Sunday evening, dress code reefer jackets and many pubs available for an informal dinner on the Saturday night. Full details will be posted on the website and on the notice boards after Easter.

May events

A Day Cruise to Warsash on Monday 9th followed by an Anchor night in Chichester Harbour and then a night at Itchenor. There is a Day Cruise to Hornet on Tuesday 24th.

George Johnson, Captain of Cruising.

Summer Cruise 2016



As advised in the note circulated in January the plan for this summer is to repeat the flexible format of the past three years but with a pre cruise supper at the Club on Monday 13th June and a group dinner in Dartmouth on Thursday 16th June.

The dinner at The Royal Dart Yacht Club will provide a sociable start for those of us planning to cruise the West Country, the Channel Islands or further afield.

However, to facilitate ad hoc meets in a wide variety of locations, all participants will be kept up to date with 'fleet' movements by text message from Tuesday 14th June until Monday 11th July.

The flexible nature of the cruise is such that a late decision to take part can be accommodated as can changes in crew numbers. However, if you plan to attend the pre cruise supper and/or the Dartmouth dinner I need to know provisional numbers by 30th April and final numbers by no

later than 31st May.

In the meantime, if you plan to join the cruise would you please let me have the following information as soon as possible:

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

Please email this information to me at kenclaydon@outlook.com. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me on 01590 610121.

Ken Claydon, Cruising Committee.

The Caledonian Canal Charter September 2016 Update



Seven cruisers have been chartered by 24 Club Members and friends for this forthcoming extravaganza! One boat will start on the 17th September and six on the 19th. All craft have been booked with Caley Cruisers of Inverness. If this event is of interest to you go to their website www.caleycruisers.com. The site has links to other sites and provides tips on what to see and do, as well as information on Caley's fleet of cruisers and a suggested itinerary. If you decide to book then don't forget to mention that you are part of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club event and you should qualify for a 10% reduction on your charter fee. Please let me know as well.

Several members are making this trip as part of a tour of Scotland, so why not consider this as well.

The Caledonian Canal cruise starts at Inverness and will traverse from the east to the west coast of Scotland through The Great Glen to Fort William and return. There are many outdoor activities to be experienced, even a bit of Nessie hunting if you're brave enough! Should you want to know more then email the organiser, Derek Barnard or call 07971 206864.

Derek Barnard, Cruising Sub Committee

Photography Competition

The Club has celebrated 'Fitting Out'. Now it is time to be on the water with your camera. This season's competition asks you to submit a photograph taken 'during your boating year.'

The closing date is 28th October 2016. Members may enter one A4 print. There is no age restriction – so young Members are encouraged to enter. A professional judge will make the final choice.

Enquiries to: [Harvie Woolley](#).

[Harvie Woolley, Cruising Sub Committee](#)

Past Events

Day Cruise to Cowes Monday 14th March



An easterly flood tide flowed against a Force 5, gusting 6, ENE wind, producing choppy sea conditions for the 13 boats that plied their way to Cowes. It was a good opportunity for the seven yachts to 'shake down' their refits; for crew to hone their reefing and tacking skills, and for the six motorboats and crew to test their seatbelts. Shephards Wharf Marina were booked to accommodate all vessels and 53 Club Members and friends bounced their way into Cowes, while six opted to use the ferry and bus services.

After an excellent lunch the skippers and crew exited the ISC around 1500 to join the start of an ebb tide to Lymington. Wind and tide flowed together which meant a smoother sea, enabling motor-boaters to exhibit their planing abilities and yachts to return in comfortable downwind conditions.

[Ken Claydon, Cruising Committee.](#)

Honour Board- World Circumnavigation

The Club has decided to create a new Honour Board to celebrate those Members who have skippered their own boat to complete a circumnavigation of the world. A number of responses have been received. Should you be aware of other Members, past or present, who may qualify please advise whatever details you may have.



In order to qualify for inclusion the following information is required:-Name(s)

- Name of Boat, type, length, draft.
- Date of start and port
- Route
- Date of completion and port

The criteria for the completion of a circumnavigation of the world is: to have crossed the equator at least twice and all lines of longitude during the voyage.

Please submit the above information, together with anything else that you may feel relevant, to the Captain of Cruising before 30th April 2016.

An interim board will be displayed in the Club for three months after which a permanent board will be made. It will therefore be possible for late submissions to be accepted only whilst the interim board is displayed.

[George Johnson, Captain of Cruising.](#)

Wednesday Junior Sailing

Spring is almost on us and we are all looking forward to the start of WJS on April 27th. Prior to this we have various work party days to prepare the boats and return them to the new pontoon.

There will be training sessions on Wednesdays April 6th, 13th, and 20th. Details on the [website](#)

Training

Stage 1

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

Stage 2

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

Stage 3

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

Stage 4

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

£110 – Members

£150 – Non Members

To book onto any of the above courses please contact reception on 01590 672677.

RYA First Aid Course Saturday 16th April

Members - £50 Non Members -£70

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

Vicky Leen, Events Assistant

Race Team Training

Thursday 10 March, 2016, Island Room 1815 for 1830 (date changed) - Course Setting

RLymYC Keelboats Series - Simon van der Byl

Tuesday 15 March 2016, Island Room 1815 for 1830 - Setting Courses for Monday Evening Dinghy Racing - Steve Green

Saturday 16 April 2016, Island Room 1030-1130 - VHF Radio Use for Race Team Members and Support Boats - Phil Baker

NB Phil tells me that some of the buttons on the new VHF radios have different functions compared to the old radios we have all become used to. Just when you thought you had coped with the latest update!

Please add your name to the sign-up sheets on the notice board for these sessions.

Frances Evans

Volunteers

Firstly a big thank you to all those who attended the XOD race officers meeting where, under the encouraging direction of Malcolm McKeag, bidding to fill places for 30 individual race teams took place. With impressive speed, diaries were filled and glasses were emptied (wine provided by the XOD fleet) resulting in an almost full Early Season Rota. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to gain some experience shadowing someone in the XOD/ Folkboat Race Teams please contact [Malcolm](#) as he is always keen for new faces to join his team.

The first weekend in April saw the start of the Portmore Spring Series, again the Race Team Roster has been filled but if you would like a close view of a Race Team working on a committee boat with multiple starts, please contact the [Office](#) for details as you would be very welcome.

The end of April sees the start of Monday Evening Dinghies and Thursday Evening Keelboats so there are still plenty of opportunities to get out on the water, mark laying or providing safety cover in a rib or on a committee boat or on the Platform starting and finishing races.

Briefings taking place this month.

Monday 18th April 1800 - Monday Evening Dinghies Competitor Registration and Race Team Briefing

Thursday April 14th 1830 Thursday Evening Keelboat Race Team Briefing

If you haven't already filled in a Sailing Event Team form, it's on the [website](#) . If you need any more information please contact Kirsty at the Club and she will be happy to help.

Jane Corden

Fleets

LR Scow

April sees the last of the Scow Winter Walks on Thursday, 14th April, and the first of the Potters on Thursday, 21st April. Over 20 boats have said they will take part, surely a record.

On Saturday 9th April Class Measurers Dan and Meriel McCarthy will be in the Balance Pond from 0930 until 1230 to carry out Buoyancy Tests. **Don't forget to bring your certificate.**

Our Race training programme gets under way on Tuesday, 12th April and again on Tuesday, 26th. Catherine Maguire is in charge with Sarah Richards assisting. There are still places, so do put your name down on the list on the noticeboard.

There will be a briefing and opportunity to enter for Monday Evening Dinghies on Monday 18th April and the Early Series starts on Monday 25th April. Once again the fleet will divide into Gold and Silver Division, with Gold starting first and Silver following 3 minutes later. Helms will choose before racing and, as before, may change fleets once per season.

Dick Moore, Captain of Scows

Optimists

Easter Regattas- Royal Lyminster Sailors Abroad:

March and April are extremely busy months for the Lyminster Optimists.

Over the Easter weekend a large number of our sailors travelled to the Braassemmermeer Magic Marine Easter Regatta, most of them as part of the team to represent GBR. The event was very windy and challenging as usual, with storm Katy hitting hard on the last day, so racing had to be cancelled. Our Lyminster children did extremely well. Another group went to Lake Garda for their Easter Regatta.

A number of our sailors invited to attend the Selection Trials for Europeans and World Championships in Weymouth later this month and Santi SestoCosby has been invited to attend the Eric Twiname Championship at Rutland in May; he will be representing the RYA South Zone Squad Optimists.

Lyminster Optimist Training

This year the oppie training will be on Friday evenings from on the first Friday of May and run till Friday 15th July. This should be book and paid for the whole period in advance.

We are also planning training most Saturdays at 3 pm and as soon as details are finalised we will let everyone know. will keep you up to date.

PLEASE CAN EVERYBODY MAKE SURE THEY HAVE PURCHASED THEIR LAUNCHING DISKS before booking any training. THANK YOU.

Mini-Racers turned into Regatta Fleet level sailors:

We are looking at running a group on Fridays as well for those who completed the Winter Training at the Club (all or most weekends). For beginners to racing there is the Bronze Fleet at Salterns Sailing Club and also Keyhaven Sailing Club has junior sailing, there is also Saturday morning sailing at Salterns. If your child is just

starting please explore these options for the Spring and Autumn. They are running some mini sailors courses so well worth trying it out.

Valeria Sesto-Cosby, Captain of Optimists

Laser 4.7s

After seven windy and chilli events of the 2015/16 Gul Laser Ladder series, our Laser 4.7 sailors are doing very well and are dominating the top of the ranking. Arthur Fry is in first place with consistently good performance, Matilda Nicholls is first girl (3rd overall), Zac West is second U16 boy (4th overall), Flo Nicholls 2nd U14 girl (19th overall) and Tom Mitchell standing at 35th position after only taking up Laser sailing last December. There are only three further events left from the series, out of which, the next two will be the RYA National Youth Summer Squad qualifiers. We wish the best of luck to all our sailors and we hope that all of them will be selected.

Our next focus is on the forthcoming European and World Championships in the summer. The Laser Youth Easter Regatta in Malcesine seemed to be a good preparation for those races and four of our sailors travelled to the beautiful Lake Garda in March. They all did really well in the strong international fleet of 109 boats. Arthur Fry came 2nd U16 boy (8th overall), Zac West 8th U16 boy (24th overall), Matilda Nicholls 2nd U16 girl (29th overall) and Flo Nicholls, being only 12 at the time, finished 11th U16 girl (73rd overall).

The training dates currently in the diary are:

- 23rd & 24th April
- 21st & 22nd May.



There will be some other training dates available for those who are planning to transition into lasers from other classes, such as optimists and teras. For further information, please send an e-mail to: lymingtonlasers@gmail.com.

Dori West - Captain of Lasers

420s

Congratulations to Vita Heathcote and Milly Boyle at the 420 Spring Championships held in Torbay last weekend. It was the first Selection trials for the Worlds and Europeans Teams, and the pair won the event. "It was a great way to kick off the season", said Milly. "It felt like a Spring championship should, with warmth from the sun, the sea sparkling like it hadn't done for months, and butterflies in my tummy!"

Fellow Lymington sailors Ella Bennett and Emily Gent came 3rd in the 39 strong fleet.



George Heathcote- Captain of 420s

Sailability

Fashion and Beauty Show – 4th May

FASHION AND BEAUTY SHOW
Chewton Glen Hotel

4th May 2016

Fashion from
The House of Jaeger
Beauty from
Clinique

START 11:00am

Coffee and biscuits on arrival
Pre-lunch GLASS OF SPARKLING WINE

TWO COURSE LUNCH
Duck Confit with Spiced Butternut Squash
Lemon Tart with Raspberry Sauce
GLASS OF HOUSE WINE

Coffee with Truffles and Fudge
Vegetarian Option Available

RAFFLE

TICKETS £49.50
in aid of
Lymington SailAbility
"Extremely good value!"

JAEGER

To book please contact:
Aly 07823 338374 or Becky 01590 610346
or Email: lymsailability@gmail.com

We are holding a Fashion and Beauty Show at the Chewton Glen on 4th May in aid of Lymington Sailability. The House of Jaeger will be providing the fashion show and Clinique will be demonstrating their beauty products and providing beauty tips.

To book tickets please contact Aly 07823 338374 or Becky 01590 610346 or email lymsailability@gmail.com.

RNLI

Early Reminder – Beaulieu Boat Jumble Sunday 24th April 2016

The Lymington Branch are always happy to accept items for this year's Beaulieu Boat Jumble.

Contact John Niven 01590 678839 or Celia Lassen, 01590 672881 for more details.



For Sale Notices

Dinghy

2.85m White Swan Heyland Marine Dinghy, same as Club dinghies. Complete with oars, rowlocks and (Oppie) launching trolley.

£395 Contact Mike Saunders 07976 424593 or [email](mailto:mikesaunders@heylandmarine.co.uk).



Opportunity

A Club Member wishes to appoint a yacht co-ordinator, a seasonal position which would suit a sailor with an interest in the internet and marketing. Please contact the [Club Secretary](#) for more details.

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. The listing of items for sale or wanted in ePotterNews does not indicate that RLymYC has knowledge of the authenticity of the advertisement and does not recommend or guarantee the items advertised and the Club cannot accept any liability in this regard.

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