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Club

The Club's new General Manager Finance and Administration, Kerry Priday and General Manager Operations, Kirsty Timmis, are now in post. They report to the General Committee and have direct access to the Rear Commodore Finance and Vice Commodore respectively. Please [click here](#) for a link to the 2017 Staff Organisational Structure.

Members' Survey

I would like to thank all Members for taking part in our survey which is in the process of being analysed "professionally". The findings will play an important part in our strategic planning for the future. In the meantime we have set up a schedule of development activities to promote our Club and its facilities.

Forecourt

Many of you will be aware that the side gate to our forecourt has been closed off due to the fencing and flood protection measures put in place by the NFDC. We are in discussion with them to resolve this issue but that may take some time. So we would ask your patience as we can now only access the forecourt via the crane area.

(I would also ask you to be aware of some disrupted paving blocks on our forecourt and take care not to trip!)

Clive Sparrow, Vice-Commodore

Quarterly Accounts

Members are able to access the Club's quarterly accounts via the Member Area on the Club website by clicking on Member Documents under the Member Central tab or click here - [website](#).

Kerry Friday, General Manager - Finance & Admin

New Members

We welcome the following new Members to the Club:

- Sarah Hamilton
- Elisabeth Thorne
- Michael & Chloe Hough

Rejoining:

- Jacques & Martine Delacave
 - Katy Napier
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House

Well, March was busy! Not only lots of Members in for lunch, especially on Sundays, but also bridge classes and evenings, a couple of quizzes, jive classes that were booked up in 24 hours, a successful Fitting out Supper and Salsa night, followed a week later by 100 plus for dinner after the Current Committee Members' drinks party and again after the New Members "Fresher's Fair." We didn't get it all right: almost everyone was delighted with their meals, but some Members had to wait too long for their main course. However, Clubhouse Events Manager Gillian and Head Chef James are determined to improve on this. The chefs are keen to get any feedback you have as well as ideas for dishes that you would like us to introduce, so please [email](#) them direct.

Restaurant

We have rolled out new function menus which are on the [website](#) and are letting you try out the dishes on the à la carte menus over the next few months. Jerry has returned after his paternity leave so we are back to full strength and are bringing in some new services:

- Restaurant Service from 6 pm, except Tuesday and Sunday when the restaurant is closed
- Hand-made speciality coffees as well as cafetières from 11 am each morning
- Afternoon Tea from 3 pm, on Wednesdays and Saturdays initially, **starting 26th April**
- Home-made cakes and scones
- Home-made puddings

Activities

On the activities front we are starting:

- Yoga classes on Friday mornings in April (ladies only and mixed classes available), as well as
- Nordic Walking starting 26th April, 2 -3 pm
- Informal Ladies Lunches (organised by Val Pearson)
- Art Workshops and Flower Arranging Workshops

Please [email](#) Gillian if you want to put your name down or for further details.

We are very keen to run any activity that eight or more Members want to do, so please send Gillian your ideas. Current options include more bridge lessons, Pilates, a monthly games evening and Mahjong.

Website

The functionality of the Club website is being greatly increasing. Soon you will be able to find out who has booked into most events and almost all events can now be booked and paid for online.

Family activities

A very generous donation from a Member to buy games and activities for children so we have bought a table football machine which is living in the Slipway Lounge (with balls for sale at Reception and in the bar) and a selection of games which are available from the bar. We are planning a family "High Tea" from 5pm to 7pm one Friday a month where Members with young children can turn up, have a room available where they can meet, chat and play, the adults can have a drink to celebrate POETS day (and a meal if they want) whilst the children have tea with such dishes as pasta, pizza and sausages available. For further details please [email](#) Gillian and keep an eye on the website.

Table service

After requests at the business meeting we are introducing table service based on a tab system which is linked to a Member so you will be able to order drinks, deserts, coffees etc. without having to go to the bar. I am sure it will be popular and successful, however we have had a few teething troubles usually when Members are eating on long tables which we can't link to one Member. I have asked that the waitresses ask the name of anyone who orders things in these circumstances so we can get the wine/dessert/coffee to the right person and make sure it gets booked to the right person with the minimum of fuss.

Racing, food and card top-ups

The start of the racing season in April will see many more people using the bar and restaurant on Monday and Thursday evenings. On Thursday evenings we will be providing the usual buffet in the dining room and a variety of street food such as deluxe burgers, pulled pork baps, chicken goujons, designer fish fingers, pizza and cheesy chips in the Island Room along with a cash only bottle bar serving beer, cider and wine.

At the request of Racing Sub-Committee we will not be "topping-up" Members' cards at the bar from 8 pm to 9:30 pm on Thursdays. If you don't have enough money on your card you will have to pay cash or by debit/credit card (at non-Member prices) so do remember to check your balance online and top-up before you come down! Mondays will be similar but the street food will be served from the Salad Bar and you can top-up. Please remember, if we are not providing what you want to eat, let me or the chefs know!

My thank yous

Pauline Crates and the Social Committee, especially for all the effort they put into the Salsa Evening and the House Table of New Members 'Fresher's Fair'

Kirsty and Gillian for the enormous amount of time and effort they have spent turning our plans into reality.

Robert, Mo, Laura and Dani for delivering our promises with a cheery smile!

For my part I am looking forward to the beginning of the sailing season but keen that the Club reliably provides good refreshments in congenial surroundings where Members can socialise together. If we succeed, tell your friends; if we fail, tell me!

Roger Wilson, Rear Commodore House

Dinghy Park

As usual we have more demand for dinghy park spaces than we have available. So, following consultation, we have decided to remove the old solid barriers to try and maximise the use of the space available. We hope this will reduce the long waiting list. This will require some patience from berth-holders because we won't necessarily find the right balance immediately. Please bear with us. The aim is to reduce the "wasted" space to an absolute minimum, but no doubt some berth-holders will find it harder to move their boats. Please [email](#) Vicky if you have any observations.



Secondly, we try and give the better berths to the most frequent users. The regulations explain that usage and volunteering are the route to getting and retaining the best berths. In May we will be checking usage and moving berth-holders who are not actively using their berths "down the pecking order": e.g. Balance Pond to main park, and requiring "inactive" Members to relinquish berths that are not being used so that we can give them to sailors on the waiting list.

It may be that you have a very good reason why your dinghy will not be used in April/May. If you are allocated a berth but know that you will not be using it please [email](#) Vicky or we will almost certainly take it away from you when we run our check in May.

This may sound draconian, but we have a long waiting list and appear to have several berth-holders who neither sail regularly nor volunteer. Given that we have a long waiting list of members who volunteer and are active on the water (despite not having a berth) it is only reasonable that we prioritise those that contribute to the Club and/or use their boats.

John Tudor

Racing

Portmore Insurance Spring Series under way

Still two more weekends of the Spring Series – 16th and 23rd April

Thursday Night Keelboat Racing

Then Thursday Night Racing starts on 27th April; we are making a few changes, so come to the briefing on 20th April - £1 a pint for

those boats who enter on the night, but most important, due to popular demand, we are offering two IRC classes - you should have had an email on this.

2017 Racing Rules update 13th April

And for the keen racers, John Doerr is doing a Rules update on 13th April. There are some changes, so do come.

Chris Rustom, Captain of Racing

Duo Race Series - Fun but Competitive Double Handed racing

Seven races in total - Saturdays throughout the season: two races in May, one race in June, July and August, two races in September.

Interesting and varied courses, not just “round the cans”. Typically 2- 3 hour races – Christchurch Bay, Mid/West Solent and the best of all:

Round The Island. For those of you who dread the early morning trip to Cowes and the long slog back home for the usual RTI, why not try the Duo RTI – door to door sailing – start and finish at the RLymYC platform – back in time for an early doors beer. Special prize for this event.

Classes for IRC and Lymington Handicap, with an option to enter as “Non-spinnaker” for the Series.

John Turner, Captain of Cruiser Racing

Dinghies

Monday Dinghy Racing Race briefing and entries Monday 17th April 1800

Hello Dinghy Sailors - April is the month of Mondays! The first Monday Evening Dinghy race is on 24th so it's time to pump up the trolley tyres and evict the spiders from your wetsuit boots. On Monday 17th there's a briefing for the series where you can fill in your entry form, meet the race team and enjoy a happy hour drink in the bar (not necessarily in that order). Scow sailors, you also need to elect whether to sail in the Silver or Gold fleet.

The MED race team is pleased to announce the return of the Monday Evening Pursuit Race. Provisional date is 19th June, so this will replace the last race of the Early series on the calendar. It's a stand-alone race with its own prizes, so doesn't count for the series. More details to follow.

The MED Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are on the Club [website](#) ready for briefing on 17th April.

Also for Mondays the Club's new chefs have been working on a variety of menus to suit those who want a full meal after racing and those who prefer something smaller to munch with a drink at the bar.

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies

WJS Training Dates

Wednesdays 12th and 19th April - am/pm drop in sessions

First WJS Wednesday April 26th

Last WJS Wednesday 27th September

Ali Husband and the WJS Team

Cruising

Future events

Spring Meet May Bank Holiday weekend - 29th April at Bembridge

The Cruisers' Spring Meet will be taking place over the May Bank Holiday weekend at Bembridge. A BBQ is planned for the evening of

Saturday 29th April and Dinner at Bembridge Sailing Club on the evening of Sunday 30th. Members are welcome on sign up on the noticeboard for part or all of the weekend.

[Perrin Towler, Captain of Cruising](#)

Past Events

Bucklers Hard Day Cruise and Picnic

Thursday 30th March brought some fine weather with a F4 breeze from the south. Ideal conditions for a sail up the Solent. A total of 18 boats, 10 sail and 8 motor boats, met and rafted up on the fuel pontoon at Bucklers Hard. The company of 71 crew enjoyed their picnics on board, with most crews eating outside in the cockpits enjoying the warm weather.



The journey back to Lymington was slower for the sailors as the wind moved back to the east and dropped away throughout the afternoon. A number of crews were seen holding out their headsails with boat hooks. By all accounts a very enjoyable day out and good to see a number of new Members participating.

[Tony Hughes, Cruising Sub-Committee](#)

Volunteers

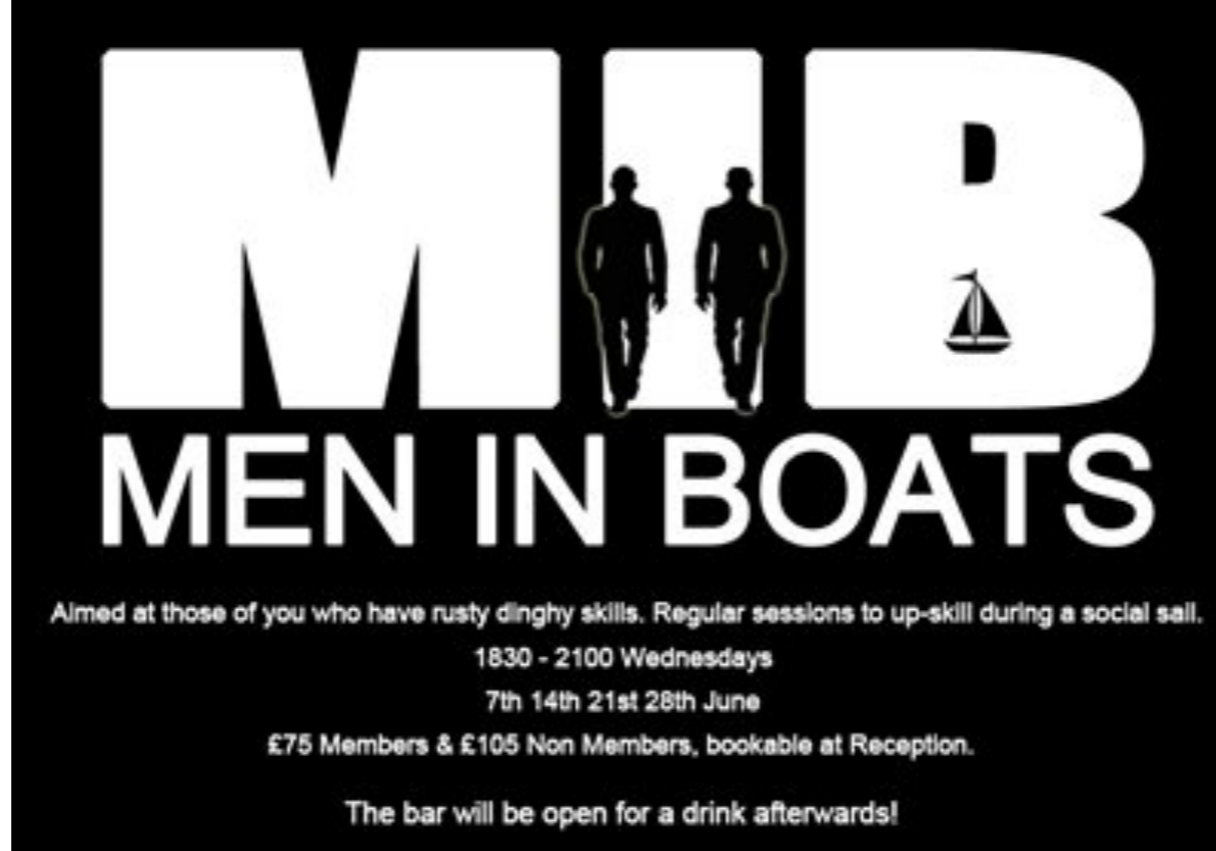
You've done the course- now, it is time to get out on the water and get some experience. How?

Fill in the Club's [volunteering form](#) on line, so the Office knows your availability to help with various events or regular series racing. Have a chat with some of the organisers or send them an email. They will be happy to answer your questions:

- XODs: [Malcolm McKeag](#)
- Monday Evening Dinghy Racing: [Ann Brunskill](#)
- Thursday Night Racing: [Mary Hill](#)
- Office:- [Vicky Leen](#)

[Jane Corden](#)

Training



RYA Courses at the Club

RYA Youth Sailing Scheme		
Stage 1	17th & 18th June 31st July & 1st August 7th & 8th August	£110 - Member £150 - Non Member
Stage 2	10 th & 11th April 13th & 14th May 1st & 2nd July 3rd & 4th August 10th & 11th August	
Stage 3	15th & 16th July 14th & 15th August	
Stage 4	17th & 18th August	

Ladies First	
Tuesday PM 25 Apr, 2, 9, 16 & 23 May	Ladies Beginner Course £110 - Member £150 - Non Member
Ladies Beginner Course 8, 15, 22 May 9.30am - 2.45pm	5 Week Course £95 - Member £130 - Non Member
Monday AM & PM 5, 12, 19, 26 June, 3 & 10 July	6 Week Course £115 - Member £155 - Non Member
Tuesday AM & PM 6, 13, 20, 27 June, 4 & 11 July	AM Sessions - 09:30 - 12:00 PM Sessions - 12:15 - 14:45
Monday AM & PM 11, 18, 25 Sept, 2, 9 & 16 Oct	
Tuesday AM & PM 12, 19, 26 Sept, 3, 10 & 17 Oct	

Full details of courses for all are on the Club [website](#). Click [here](#).

Scows

Back at the beginning of March, still in winter mode, Allan Hill spoke to us about his experiences of the Islamic world and its recent violence. This initiated much discussion over an excellent supper, attended by a large proportion of the fleet. The edging into summer mode, Rory Paton and Mike Urwin shared some of their Scow racing secrets, ably assisted by top crew Alex Paton.

The LRSCA Working Party has been busy and will publish its report shortly. For those of us without a road trailer, we are assured that John Claridge is working hard on designs to meet the new specification and testing regime.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Scows

XOD

Early Season Events

Saturday 15th April at 1700 XOD SI briefing and Spring Meeting

John Doerr will be present to talk about changes to the RRS for 2017 -2020 at the SI briefing on Saturday 15th April.

Note -There is also a general, i.e. for all fleets, rules talk by John Doerr on Thursday 13th April at 18:30

Saturday 22nd April

Racing season starts

Sunday 7th May at 0900

Set-up & tuning day

Saturday 20th May

Alastair Easton Trophy (Reserve date: Sunday 21st May)

Saturday 3rd June

Long Race West (Reserve date: Sunday 4th June)

Wednesday 7th June – Sunday 11th June

Lymington XOD Week Open event

The 2017-2020 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing came into effect on 1st January 2017 and it is therefore important that sailors - both helms and crews - are familiar with these as well as the rule changes within our own Sailing Instructions (SIs).

Roy Froud, Captain of XODs

Nordic Folkboats

The 2017 Season is almost upon us, and we welcome Robin Taunt and David Barnes to the West Solent fleet. Roddy Steele is also hoping to join in the racing on Thursday evenings.



The Portmore Spring Series is proving very competitive in with only four points between the first four boats.

For those who missed John Doerr's talk, just a reminder that 2017-2020 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) came into effect on 1st January 2017 and it is therefore important that sailors - both helms and crews - are familiar with these as well as the rule changes within our own Sailing Instructions (SIs).

The 2017 Nordic Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions have been published on the Nordic Folkboat [Home Page](#) of the Club website, and on the Nordic notice board in the Club foyer.

For 2017, our West Solent Nordic racing calendar includes:

- 15 Saturday Races,
- 5 Southern Area Championship races,

- 6 West Solent Series races
- In addition there should be Nordic Starts at:
 - RLmYC Spring Series
 - RSoIYC Taittinger Regatta
 - Cowes Classics Regatta
 - Cowes Week

- Folkboat Week
- Nordic Nationals

A quick calculation suggests a total of around 70 starts in the Solent. Enough for everyone?
See you on the water.....

Chris Baldwick, Captain of Folkboats

Juniors

Optimists

Spring Training dates: Tuesday after school sailing, from 25th April to 11th July, more details to come.

We continue to work towards the Nationals in August, the Zones Squad children to transition to main fleet in the open events. The Gold Fleet will be busy training for Selection Trials and travelling to either Lake Garda or those within the GB Team, to the Easter regatta in Braassemmeer. Fair winds to you all.

Valeria Sesto, Captain of Optimists

RS Tera & Fevas

The Teras have training over Easter on the 15th and 17th and in May, there is an Open even which is part of the Southern Traveler series and the Southern Championships, which are combined with the Feva fleet, Click on the [link](#) below.



Sarah Richards, RS Feva Fleet Captain & Nicola West, RS Tera Fleet Captain

29ers Small Group, but perfectly formed

The 29er Winter Championship and Harken GP5 were held at Draycote on 4/5 February. The weekend was forecast to be very light and much banter took place in the club house as to whether were going to be any racing, but what do parents know! As the day progressed the wind increased to 4-8knots and the race officer Ian bullock and his team got four good races off.

The next day the wind increased slightly and positions started to change race by race. Hattie and Emily started had a very impressive win in the first race of the day, but they still had to fight hard to be top girls, James and James fought a battle for second place y which all came down to the last race but sadly missed out. We all agreed the racing was nail biting but enjoyed watching from the club house. It was a tough weekend for all, but what was nice to see was half the sailors in the top 12 were girls.

RNLI

Beaulieu Boat Jumble Sunday 23rd April

Not too late to make some room before the season gets fully under way. Chandlery and Sails welcome. Please bring any items to the boatmen at the Club or contact John Niven (01590 678839) or Celia Lassen (01590 672881).



Hog Roast Saturday 17th June – 6 pm

At St Leonards Grange, Beaulieu, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Neil McGrigor.

Admission £20.00 (Adults) £10.00 (Children 4 - 12)

Please bring your own chairs

For tickets call or [email](#) Ann Brunskill (01590 677630) or Christopher Knox (01590 642786)

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