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Golden Summer

Not only has the weather taken a turn for the better but Club Members have been going for Gold even before the Olympics have begun. Five Club Members on the GBR Team podium is a fantastic achievement and a tribute to the hard work put in by the sailors, their families and coaches.

The Summer Regatta and Ball was a great success, the Ball was sold out and everyone danced the night away, over 80 boats raced over the two days and a good time was had by all.

Ann Brunskill

ISAF Youth World Championships - Club Gold and Bronze Medals



Pictures of our successful Club Members from top left clockwise, Rupert White and Tom Britz, the GBR team, on the podium for the Nations Cup, Annabel Vose and Kirstie Urwin afloat, Rupert and Tom, Annabel and Kirstie.

RYA Volvo Team GBR came back from the ISAF Youth World Championships (the Olympics of Youth sailing) with two gold medals, one bronze medal and The Nations Trophy for the top performing country. Rupert White and Tom Britz won gold in the SL16 catamaran, Annabel Vose and Kirstie Urwin took bronze in the girls 420. With standings calculated based on a nation's top four crews after each race is completed across all the fleets, Britain finished 13 points ahead of the current holders France who have won the team award three times in the last five years. A particularly proud achievement with Lymington contributing 6 of the 14 sailors to GBR's Team.

Current 420 World Champion Annabel Vose, and her crew Kirstie Urwin said "they would be happy to finish in the top 10, so to win the bronze medal is fantastic!"

420 sailors Charlie Cox and Craig Dibb rounded off their regatta in 14th place and other local sailor, Ben Batten, with Tim Gratton finished seventh in a competitive 29er class.

Tom Britz, who started sailing in WJS, is on top of the SL16 World, having won the SL16 World Championships in France the previous week with Rupert White, they then crowned a momentous month by becoming ISAF World Youth SL16 Champions, World Champions and helping to secure the Nations Trophy for the team.

Duncan Truswell, RYA Youth Racing Manager and Laser Radial coach/Team Leader for RYA Volvo Team GBR, commented: "It has been a great week for RYA Volvo Team GBR in some really challenging conditions. To come away with two gold medals, one bronze, the Nations Trophy, and so many of the team in contention and clearly on the pace, is a great testament to the strength of our programmes and the hard work and commitment of the coaches, sailors and parents. The whole team have pulled together really well, been great fun, and great to work with afloat and ashore and we are very proud of their efforts and achievements.

Ros Urwin

Matt's Friday Bistro Nights



Matt's special Bistro style menu is already a great success. The accent is on more modern food in our lovely casual surroundings. We do hope you will book and come and see for yourself.. Click on the banner for more details and a sample menu.

Olympic Sailing Events on Club's big screen TV

This Friday is the beginning of the long awaited and much anticipated 2012 London Olympics. To celebrate our British athletes we will be showing as much sailing and Olympic event coverage on the Library big screen as possible.

Kicking off this Friday evening 27th July from 1900 we will be showing the Opening ceremony followed by the first of the Finn sailing on Sunday 29th at 1200 please come down to show your support.

And Friday is Matt's Bistro Night so it will be a double treat.

Club

Projects Update

Front Door

If you have visited the Club recently, you will have seen our temporary outer front doors to maintain security while our doors are being stripped and painted. We expect to get our doors back for re-installation very soon.

Balcony Furniture

Two more table and chair sets and one small table with stools will be arriving in the next few days, just in time for the surge in popularity the balcony will see in next week's glorious weather. Our thanks are due to Roger and Jenny Garlick, James and Belinda McGill and Peter and Margie Lashmar for helping us to purchase these welcome additions. If the main balcony is full, please remember that the top balcony has been refurbished and is fully operational.

Art Project

I hope you have seen the fruits of Hannah Neve's work in re-organising our old pictures and procuring some new. I think the new pictures are a stunning improvement to our Club. Any pictures the Club decides to dispose of will be offered for sale to Members around the time of the art exhibition in November, so please look out for that.

Visitors Book

We also now have a smart new Visitors Book and Members are reminded to sign in guests accompanying them to the Club

Lost Property

We will be offering lost property for sale at Youth Week, for the benefit of our charities. There has been quite a bit of kit left in the changing rooms recently, so if you have lost something, recently please call Reception before it goes.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

Cruising - future meets

Summer Anchor Meet, Chichester - Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th August

This will be held in Chichester Harbour (anchorage TBC either Thorney Channel or Itchenor). There are no formal arrangements but there will be an endeavour to gather for drinks on the evening of the 7th. If you are going to attend please put your name on the list posted on the Club notice board. Full details on the [website](#). Please call Alice Macnamara if you have any queries.

Day sail cruise to Osborne Bay - Tuesday 21st August

Sail to Osborne Bay for a picnic, (just round the headland from the River Medina). The tides are just right to push you (and the family and/or friends) to Osborne Bay, anchor, have lunch afloat and then catch the tide back to Lymington. Sign- up sheet on the notice board. Full details on the [website](#) or contact [Derek Barnard](#).



Bucklers Hard BBQ Meet - Friday 31st August to Sunday 2nd September

Venue: Bucklers Hard Yacht Harbour master's Facilities. Full details are on the [website](#) and final instructions will be issued and the participant registration form posted on the Club noticeboard in due course. Contact [Michael Coombes](#) for any queries.

Autumn Meet and Buffet Supper, Gins Farm - Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd September

Courtesy of the Royal Southampton Yacht Club, we are once again holding the Autumn Meet at their Gins Farm Clubhouse on the Beaulieu River.

For those arriving on Friday night there will be informal supper parties on our boats. Please watch out for 'Gin Pennants' for pre-supper drinks.

Saturday evening will start with drinks outside Gins Farm at 5.45pm followed by the buffet at 7.00 pm. Dress is casual (no reefer jackets).

The menu will be Chilli Con Carne, Chicken a la King or Vegetable Lasagne, served with rice, new potatoes and salad, to be followed by Eton Mess or cheese and biscuits, and coffee. Drinks are not included in the ticket price of £22 per head.

Full details are on the [website](#). If you have any queries please contact [Peter Upcher](#).

Clive Sparrow, Captain of Cruising

Cruising - past meets

West Country Cruise June 2012



Dismal weather and even worse forecasts in the days leading up to the planned Dinner at the 'Boat that Rocks' in Portland marina put off even the more adventurous skippers signed up for the West Country Cruise. There was a weather window a day or two earlier than our planned departure and three boats made it to Portland for dinner at 'The Boat that Rocks'. With the help of mostly dry and bright weather, our bus passes and convivial company each evening, we, enjoyed a few days stormbound in Dorset. Things improved for the Dartmouth leg of the cruise with nine boats (and one car) making the venue. Special thanks to Sue and Andrew Sutherland for sailing directly from Lymington to Dartmouth overnight to arrive in time for the dinner at the Royal Dart where 24 of us enjoyed the excellent food,

wine and hospitality.

The weather intervened again and some of us were 'forced' to spend a few more days in Dartmouth putting up with lunch at the Anchorstone cafe, dinner at the Cherub and invigorating walks. Not to mention a number of pre-dinner drinks parties on various boats.

Continuing indifferent forecasts meant that numbers for the Fowey leg of the cruise couldn't justify a Club dinner at the Royal Fowey YC; however some of us enjoyed a few more weeks in the West Country on sea and land.

Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub-Committee

Racing

Something odd happened last Thursday at the Brewin Dolphin Thursday Evening Keelboat series. It did not seem quite right, but since it was neither raining nor stormy, we went racing. And a terrific race it was too; all the fleets were out and the race team ensured we received full value by using all the time allowed.

Looking back over a dismal few weeks, we see that all the keelboat fleets had not been Thursday racing together since the end of May, half a summer ago. Thank goodness for the Summer Regatta in mid-July. After a slow start, entries picked up as the weather forecast improved and 66 boats came to the start line on Sunday, including a magnificent 24 XODs. At a time when race entries are down generally around the Solent, we were very pleased with the support given to this Club event, and intend to run a similar format next year.

On Mondays we have been luckier with the weather with 'only' three evenings lost. Whilst we have over one hundred entries, the numbers coming to the starting line each week are, thankfully, somewhat fewer. Nevertheless, dinghy racing remains strong this year and we are all ready for the annual Open Meeting at the end of July.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

Racing - Future Events

Solent Masters

The Royal Thames YC has invited entries for a team event to be held over 3rd and 4th November 2012 at Queen Mary Reservoir.

It will be a two boat team racing event where the helms must be over 40 years of age, and the combined team must be over an aggregate of 160 years per boat, hence the "Masters" title.

The Club would like to enter a team of eight Members to crew in the two boat format. However, given the costs of accommodation in London, it would be most helpful if any Members of the Club with properties in West London could offer some accommodation for the night of Saturday November 3rd. If you think you could offer B&B to a team Member, please contact our team manager, [Chris Baldwick](#).

Thank you.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

RS Elite "big August" about to start

The RS Elite programme for August this year could not be more action packed:



Southern Area Championship – 4th and 5th August

Hosted by our own Club and with glamorous racing in Christchurch Bay run by RO Roger Wilson, which means Roger will have to hand the beautiful new Southern Area Championship trophy that he won with daughter Pippa last year to someone else at the end of the event.

Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week – 11th to 17th

RS Elite Class racing each day – “off road” racing as only Cowes can - with an Elite social programme through the week.

Crewsaver RS Elite Stadium Cup – Sunday 12th

All action event with two knock-out heats followed by a four boat final around a very tight course in front of spectators on Cowes Green - live commentary on Cowes Radio. Three RS Elite Nationals winners, three Cowes Week champions and other top sailors from the Class will fight it out between 6 and 7pm on the Sunday evening – don't miss it!

Wight Vodka RS Elite National Championships – 30th August to 2nd September

Hosted by the Royal Yacht Squadron and with forty boats already entered, this will be a fantastic climax to the most exciting month of RS Elite sailing so far. All the fleet will be berthed in the RYS harbour in front of the Castle – a great atmosphere will compliment the tough racing and full-on social programme.

Charter “Freebie” - dry-sailing by Berthon

Don't forget you can charter our Club's own RS Elite Freebie – fresh and fast after a winter refurb and now being dry-sailed courtesy of sponsorship by the Berthon Boatyard. Bookings through the office – and plenty of Elite sailors on hand with tips and advice as you rig up with the rest of the fleet on the Berthon pontoon.

Martin Wadhams

Racing - past events

Scows

It does not need a sailor to tell you that the elements have been against us so far this year. Indeed, an unprecedented number of Monday night races have had to be abandoned because of the weather. Not so the Scow Thursday Potters. Graham Neale and his safety team have done us proud and, despite the two 'Picnic Potters' to Pitts Deep never actually making it to Pitts Deep, the first with too little wind. On the second day twelve scows were making good progress through Pylewell Lake but then the wind became stronger and more gusty: three capsizes in short order kept the two safety RIBs busy assisting the swimmers. (That is the great thing about our Thursday Potters: we know that there is a guardian RIB on hand if we do get into trouble). Discretion ruled out Pitts Deep so the fleet returned to the entrance to Pylewell to raft up, have their picnic and enjoy spectacular views of the four J class yachts racing in the Western Solent.

Sebastian Chamberlain, Captain of Scows

The Royal Lymington RS Elite Summer Series

The Royal Lymington RS Elite Summer Series is over already; just as it looks as if we might see some summer. The series, that has had 5 of the



expected 12 race series cancelled due to bad weather, finished on Saturday with two races in the Western Solent. Both races were dominated by light winds and strong tides, which became the major challenge of the race. The real race was between Steve Powell in E'Tu and Simon Cavey in Livez: today's winner would win the series outright. In the first race Wilhelm Vinke in Easy Does It, took an early lead and held onto it until the end, after a nervous start by E'Tu as they hit the ODM and had to go back. A long fight back saw Livez and E'Tu separated by less than a boat length at the finish, Livez just holding on to take then one point up. E'Tu had a better start in race two taking an early lead to win the race after Livez made unfortunate navigational error that forced a disqualification, Jason Proctor in Wombat 2nd and Easy Does It 3rd. RS Elite Summer

Series: 1st Steve Powell in E'Tu, 2nd Simon Cavey in Livez, 3rd Crauford McKeon in Kandoo III

The RS Elite fleet now head into the busiest racing period of the year with four major events in the next six weeks. The Irish Open National Championships, Belfast, The Southern Area Championships, Lymington, Cowes Week and the Wight Vodka UK National Championships at the Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes.

Steve Powell, RS Elite Captain

XOD Racing

XOD racing has been much disrupted by the British summer. The racing we have managed has been tactical and very competitive. The Race Officers have provided some very imaginative courses which have allowed the boats to get more than a mile of separation. We've also managed some great turnouts with 24 boats racing for the Summer Regatta. Stuart Jardine's Lone Star narrowly leads Eric William's Diana in both series with Robin Balme's X Ray third on Saturday's and Ado Jardine's Lucrezia third on Wednesdays.

With 82 boats already entered for Cowes Week and 16 from Lymington it should be a highly competitive week.

Fenella Lees

Juniors

470 European Championships 2012

Club Member Sophie Weguelin is 470 Women's European Championship winner with Sophie Ainsworth after a nail-biting medal race at the recent 470 European Championships held at Largs470. Club Member, Richard Mason, sailing with Ben Saxton won the Men's Silver Medal at the same event and Phil Sparks was 5th sailing with David Kohler.

Race Management Training

The focus of this coming winter's Race Management Training will be on the tasks undertaken by the various members of the Race Team and how they fit together. The emphasis will be on understanding the principles behind the process. Four sessions are planned which can stand alone but preferably should be seen as part of a complete course.

These sessions will be of interest to existing race team members, newcomers to the fun and games, and existing/potential Race Officers who would like a refresher as to what their team has to achieve.

Winter dates booked for these sessions are listed below. Please pencil them in to your diary. We hope by early autumn to be able to confirm which session will take place on which date.

Sail Loft

Tuesday 11 December 2012	1800 hours
Tuesday 08 January 2013	1800 hours
Thursday 17 January 2013	1800 hours
Tuesday 5 February 2013	1800 hours
Tuesday 12 February 2013	1800 hours
Tuesday 19 February 2013	1800 hours
Tuesday 05 March 2013	1800 hours

Frances Evans

RNLI

Lifeboat Station Open Day and Thanksgiving Service - Sunday 5th August

The Station will be open from 11 am to 4 pm and the Thanksgiving Service will be at the Bandstand in Bath Road at 5 pm.

Bournemouth Air Festival - Saturday 1st September

Still time to get tickets to watch the display from the lawn of the Miramar Hotel on the East Cliff at Bournemouth. Park in the grounds of the hotel, enjoy morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea whilst watching the Air Festival from the lawn, with a view across Bournemouth Bay from the Needles to Old Harry Rocks. Ticket price is £40 (including a donation to the RNLI). For more details contact Mary Reay on 01590 677034.

Car Boot and Jumble Sale - Sunday 2nd September

Bottom end of Woodside Park, Rookes Lane. Contact David Codling on 01590 676706 for further details.

Small Ads

Email me the details and any photos and the ad will be in one month's ePotterNews. If you don't want your contact details published, interested parties can be asked to contact you via the club pigeon holes in Reception.

Satisfied customers will be requested to make a small donation to Sailability or the RNLI.

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Ann Brunskill

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