



ePotter News



ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

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August 2015

Club

Report of EGM 28th July - Replacement of pontoons.

This meeting, called to approve the project to replace our pontoons this winter and to approve the proposal to raise £150,000 of the funding through loans from full Members, was attended by over 140 Members. A comprehensive presentation of the project, detailing the design changes and highlighting the increase in capacity for all users, was given by Stuart Duffin, Rear Commodore Sailing, supported by Project Manager Michael Derrick. (Full details are on the Club [Website](#).)

Rear Commodore Finance, Roger Garlick then presented the Club's financial performance this year with an anticipated above budget profit. Our conservative projections for the next five years showed that we expect to maintain our substantial cash reserves taking into account the repayment of the proposed loans. (Full details are on the Club [Website](#))

The attending Members raised both technical and financial questions which were answered comprehensively, not least a re-assurance that, in any event, the repayment of Members' loans would be met.

The Commodore then called for a vote on each proposal. The result of the proposal to replace the pontoons was virtually unanimous and to fund the project partly through Member's loans, was unanimous. This result was endorsed by the 42 proxy votes received.

Loan application forms are available from Reception or please click on the [link](#). The deadline for applications is Friday 14th August.

There was a very positive "buzz" about project after the meeting and we all look forward to going ahead this winter. On behalf of the Flag Officers, I would thank everyone taking part this project.

Clive Sparrow, Vice Commodore

Membership Subscriptions 2015 - 2016

In readiness for payment of your 2015-16 Membership subscriptions, please remember that the Club's preferred payment method is via direct debit. If you do not already have a direct debit mandate set up please contact Alma Stapley Membership Secretary, who will send you the necessary forms to complete. New direct debit instructions need to be returned to the Office by Friday 4th September 2015.

Clive Sparrow, Vice Commodore

Cowes Ferry Timetable

Blue Funnel
Day Cruises Party Nights

Aberdeen
Asset management

COWES
WEEK

Lymington to Cowes Ferry Service 2015

In association with Cowes Week Limited

From: Lymington Town Harbour Masters Jetty, Next to Harbour Office
To: Trinity Landing, West Cowes Parade

Dates: Saturday 8th August to Saturday 15th August

Fares: £18.00 Return, £10 Single, £126.00 for an 8 Day Ticket
Child Fare (4-14): £10 Return, £5 Single.

Departure Times: ****Changes for 2015****

From Lymington: 0700 and 0930

From Cowes: 1830

Approximately 1 Hour Journey on the MV "Ashleigh R". Hot, Cold and alcoholic beverages available.

*PEASE NOTE

Delayed Racing If the Race Starts are postponed then the 1830 sailing may be delayed to wait for those racing (except Fri 14th).

Fri 14th Aug There will be a 0015 late service after the fireworks on Friday 14th. An alternative vessel may be used.

For further information and advance ticket bookings:

Tel: 023 8022 3278

E-mail: office@bluefunnel.co.uk

House

It is now mid-summer and the racing and cruising has been good for most people. The Club has been busy with events and, I am very glad to say, with Members and visitors using the bar and restaurant. When I took over as RCH, it was my hope that we could make Friday Nights Club Nights for Members, so that it would become the place to meet your friends, make new friends and enjoy a relaxed drink or meal amongst likeminded people. I am happy to say that this is now happening and Members are enjoying the atmosphere.

We will continue to try to improve how we do things and are always happy to hear your suggestions. The teams making up the House Committee are working well together and most certainly achieving results.

We have had a lot of new Members joining this year and would like to welcome them. There is always the Club Table in the River Room which is a great place to dine and meet other Members.

First Floor

We are aware of the sticky feel to the some of the table tops in the River Room, this is because of their age, (nearly 10 years) and the varnish surface having degraded with constant cleaning. We hope to replace these this autumn.

Denise Moore, Rear Commodore House

Social

French Night - Friday 14th August

Friday 14th is the the Club's next themed night and this time we are going for a French affair. Please [click here](#) if you would like to book a table or click the poster below for the menu.

Royal Lymington Yacht Club's

FRENCH EVENING

SACRE-BLEU!

IT'S A FANTASTICALLY FRENCH AFFAIR!

Friday
14th August

Bookings
from 19:00

Appetizers

Moules Marinière
White wine and Garlic sauce with crusty bread - £5.95

Paté de Canard
A Duck paté with Melba Toast - £5.95

Champignon Portabella au Fromage
Grilled mushrooms with Brie, coated in a herbed crust - £5.95

Entrees

Poulet a la Provençal
Supreme of Chicken, garlic, mushrooms, chopped tomatoes, onions, and a hint of French Tarragon - £10.50

Filet de Pore Normandie
Pork Fillet tenderloin medallions coated in apple sauce, and a hint of Apple Brandy - £11.50

Steak Frites
6oz Sirloin cooked to your taste - £14.95

Bouillabaisse
A French Fish Stew with Crusty Bread - £10.50

Desserts

Tarte au Citron - £4.60

Petit Pot au Chocolat - £4.60

Booking with the Restaurant is Essential

Photographic Competition



The first entries have already been received at the Office, but there is still time much to take that 'special' shot - before the end of October. The competition is open to all Members of all ages. The theme is simple – the photograph has to be taken on the water.

Please deliver your A4 print to the Office – one per Member – in an envelope marked for my attention. Thank you

Harvie Woolley

Past Events - Greek Night



Although the European parliament was struggling to sort out the finances of Greece the Galley at the Yacht Club was fully prepared to fly the Greek flag and to offer members an ambitious menu of traditional Greek food. For many present this evoked terrific memories of sailing around the Greek Islands and trying out food at tavernas. More than 70 were welcomed into the River Room to tables dressed in smart blue and white and found it difficult to select from the many delicious choices on offer. Many opted for the mouth-watering starter platter for two although deep fried calamari was also popular.

The appetizing main courses included a range of tasty dishes - moussaka, lamb kofta kebab, chicken souvlaki, beef stifado and roasted white fish – there really was something for everyone. For those who could manage to eat a dessert there was the classic Greek baklava – filo pastry leaves with nuts, all soaked in honey and accompanied by ice cream.



Harvie Woolley

Racing



Youth Week



There is still time to get your entry in for this year's Youth Week.

Starting on Monday 17th August, this year's event will consist of four fleets: Bronze (Beginner Optimists); Silver (Intermediate Optimists & RS Teras); Gold (Advanced Optimists, RS Feva's, RS Tera Sports; PY Handicap classes) and Scows (Private & WJS Scows). For more information please visit the [Youth Week webpage](#) or "Like Us" on Facebook for instant updates.



The Youth Week team & RLymYC are proud to partner up with Roberts Radio to offer you a chance to **win one of their nautical inspired Revival Radios!**

We want you to create a message highlighting the best bits of Youth Week and why people should get involved. Your message can focus on the past or present and can be in the form of either a video; photograph; picture or written word.

We are looking for uplifting, positive and inspiring messages so remember to use bright summery colours and get creative. Then simply follow the steps below!

To enter simply:

- Create your message and upload it to either our Facebook page ([rlymcyouthweek](#)) or Twitter Account (@rlymyc)
- Make sure to tag [@RobertsRadioUK](#) on twitter and [@RobertsRadio](#) on Facebook.
- You must use the hashtag [#YouthWeek15](#)

RYA Honda Youth RIB Championships

The Club are hosting the southern regional final of the RYA Honda Youth Rib Championship on Saturday 15th August.



This event will bring young rib drivers from RYA affiliated training centres in two age groups 8 - 12 and 13 - 16 from across the south to test their rib driving skills on a specially designed course which includes a slalom, stop and reversing exercises all which they complete against the clock.

Four young rib drivers will compete for Lymington, Alice Wood, Tom Rogers, Ollie Tait, and James Eady, Alice and James are the reigning southern regional champions from 2014 and Tom is the national head to head champion from 2014.

They and other juniors have been practising hard to master this tricky course in as fast a time as possible without incurring time penalties.

The fastest driver in each age group will go onto compete at the national final at the Southampton Boat show in September with the prize for the winners a Highfield rib and Honda outboard for their club.

The Lymington event will be run at the western end of Oxey lake behind the Salterns from around 11:00, with spectators being able to watch the fast action up close from the sea wall.

Come and watch and cheer on our young rib drivers.



Andrew Eady

Royal Lymington Cup 2016



Sunsail are actively supporting the Royal Lymington Cup providing their F40s as an option for yacht clubs from far afield and those clubs without an active IRC fleet. Simon Boulding, the Sunsail Events Director stated "I am very excited to be involved in this initiative and will give it our full support."

Stuart Duffin, Rear Commodore Sailing

Past Sailing Events

RS Elite National Championships



RS Elite teams from all over the country competed in the Lofoten RS Elite UK National Championships held last weekend. Hosted by the Club under Roger Wilson's PRO management, conditions varied from light air to full-on breeze, flat water to surfing waves and all under blue skies and sunshine in Christchurch Bay.

On the first day in a patchy NW breeze off the shore, only one boat managed to consistently work it out, upwind and down - defending champion Jono Brown, winning all three races. Once again, in conditions to their liking, the Browns produced the best of the second day, posting two first places and a seventh. Martin Wadhams won the second race comfortably, but followed up with an unforced OCS for an inconsistent day.

Stronger winds and building seas on Saturday saw the intense racing develop into probably one of the best ever days of RS Elite racing. The three races produced three winners, with Mike McIntyre taking the first ahead of Stephen Polly, and Paul Fisk in. Overall leaders, Jono Brown and family, were down in 8th and everyone wondered whether an upset could begin.

The Browns sealed the title with a day to spare – an incredible performance in this hot fleet. One point separated second to fourth going into the final race. Mike McIntyre came out of the port end at the start, crossed the fleet and was never headed. Paul Fisk claimed 2nd in the race to take 3rd overall.

The RS Elite fleet is renowned for its camaraderie ashore and a packed social programme sponsored by Kando and Kipper Sailing, included free beer one night and rum punch at the Nonsuch Bay Caribbean night.



Footnote

An enormous vote of thanks goes to Steve Powell and his organising team for their excellent running of the Championships. I am very pleased to report to you that that the event was a stunning success from start to finish. As a result of great preparation and work during the event by all those involved at the Club including office, boatmen, chef /catering staff, bar staff, Roger Wilson's stunning race team, volunteers, plus some amazing weather, our Club got a lot of very genuine praise from all the visitors about how well everything was organised. The generosity of the sponsors

was also a big factor. Berthons also played their part with very efficient launching & lifting.



Stuart Duffin, Rear Commodore Sailing

Tour des Ports de la Manche – a well-kept French secret

Captain of Racing, John Corden, and Rear Commodore Sailing, Stuart Duffin, plus two experienced colleagues took John's yacht *Kipper* to France to compete in this prestigious French Regatta from 5th to 10th July. The Tour des Ports de la Manche started this year in Carteret and raced to a different port in the Channel Islands or Normandy coast each day, finishing in Cherbourg. The race is limited to 125 entries because of the capacity of the tidal marinas. Unusually, the entry fee of 54 euros is charged for each member of crew and includes all marina fees plus food and entertainment at each port of call.

This is a fun event which is beginning to encourage UK entries by translating the Sailing Instructions and providing bilingual radio messages during the races. There are five classes in the regatta and *Kipper* won its class overall to the delight of its crew. Our verdict - This is a friendly event you should consider putting on your race programme next year.

Stuart Duffin, Rear Commodore Sailing

Dinghies

Monday Evening Dinghies

Supported by Neil Pryde in association Nick Cox Chandlery



After a very successful Early Series, the Late Series has started and there were a record number of 72 boats starting in glorious sunshine. The Club provides an excellent viewing point to celebrate the end of Monday and watch the boats sailing and the excitement as they return up the river to finish. You can enjoy the action with a drink and a snack or have something from the excellent buffet menu.



Potter Dinghy Race - 29th August



The Potter Dinghy Race is a handicap dash for all dinghy classes from Oppies to foiling Moths, all on a single start. This is your one opportunity to pit yourself against the Club's entire dinghy fleet, and entry is free. Scoring is on average lap time around a short course, so everyone races for about the same time - that means lots of laps for the fast boats! So come down in your Scow/Laser/RS on the morning of Saturday 29th August to join in the fun and have a crack at winning this great trophy.

Lymington Dinghy Regatta

The third Lymington Dinghy Regatta was a great success, with 98 boats competing, thanks to the hard work of our volunteers afloat and ashore and the surprisingly good weather. The Club ran the West Course for the Scows, Medium and Slow Handicap, while the Merlin Rockets and fast asymmetrics were on the East Course, run by LTSC. On the Saturday evening the Club hosted a very popular Paella Night with ice cream and sangria by the jug. Excellent prizes were donated by Harken and Nick Cox/English Braids. Next year's regatta will be on 30th & 31st July.

Cruiser Racing

With the mid-season break from weekend cruiser racing upon us it's a good time to think about the resumption of competition while relaxing on board in foreign ports. The Cruiser Series has enjoyed some tremendous sailing for those who made the commitment to participate. The next races are on 22nd August and 19th September and, if you haven't already done so, it's not too late to enter this family event raced under LAH classes only.

The Duo Series is raced under IRC and LAH and has three races coming up, comprising a mini-series, on 5th, 12th and 26th September. The first of these could be a duo round-the-island race if the conditions are favourable and the support is there. Again, don't delay in booking the dates or making a fresh entry if you wish to join in the fun.

Richard Truscott, Captain of Cruiser Racing

Cruising

In August there are two events organised. The first is a joint Day Sail with the Scows to Hurst Spit on Saturday, 8th August. The Cruisers will anchor off the Spit and provide a firm platform to socialise with the Scows for lunch. There is a briefing in the Club at 10am on the day.

The second is a Day Sail to Yarmouth on Thursday, 13th August. Yarmouth Harbour is expecting us and lunch has been arranged at the Red Lion in Freshwater, a pleasant 1.5 mile work along the river side. The organiser for this event is Nick Olney.

Looking ahead to September there are a further two events.

The first is a five day tour of the Solent, starting on Friday 11th with the now traditional BBQ at Bucklers Hard on the Saturday, followed by dinner at the Royal Albert yacht Club on the Sunday in Portsmouth. Monday and Tuesday is a cruise to Chichester with a supper at the Yacht Club with Wednesday seeing a cruise across the Solent to Bembridge with supper at the Brading Haven Yacht Club. Thursday could be a sail back home or stay around for the next event! The organisers for this event are Tony Hughes and John Adcock.

The second event is a Day Sail to the Folly for a picnic on the pontoons in the Medina. The organiser for this event is Ken Claydon.

Everyone is very welcome to join any of the above events, for the Solent Cruise it is not necessary to sign up for all of it, you may wish to do just a single event or miss a few of the trips out.

There is, of course, the Chesapeake Bay Cruise now fully organised by David Brunskill and scheduled for the 18th to 26th September.

For the events somewhat closer to home, please use the signup sheets that will be posted on the Club Notice boards or contact the organisers directly.

Cruising events are organised throughout the year and everyone is welcome. For the Day Sails there is normally a briefing in the morning where any member looking to crew can be accommodated on one of the boats so please come along.

George Johnson, Captain of Cruising

Past Events

Two Day Meet at Bembridge Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd July



Although the weather was not up to previous heat wave standards, we did avoid most of the worst of the weather that was around during that week and this made for a most enjoyable few days in delightful Bembridge.

Several boats took the option of arriving early and were then joined by the majority on the Tuesday to make up a compliment of 18 boats on the Meet, 7 motor and 11 sail.

The Tuesday night dinner, set in the rather grand surroundings of the Bembridge Sailing Club and served by their very well turned out and attentive staff, was very much enjoyed by the 37 of our Members who attended.

Wednesday was devoted by some to various walks around the area and by others to a long lunch at the Life Boat Cafe. A few boats had to leave due to other commitments. However, the evening BBQ brought all the remaining members together to enjoy their meals protected from the wind within the provided marquee. The sun did peak out and allowed the men to venture outside to perform at the griddle as only men can!

Thursday's forecast was somewhat mixed to say the least. Several boats left on the early morning tide, tacking across the Solent and trying to avoid the Classic

Racing off Cowes. Some of the sailing yachts reverting to motor sailing to plug against the wind to get them back home to Lymington.

Altogether a most enjoyable few days in lovely Bembridge, made all the more enjoyable by the attention of the Duver Marina Staff and the reception and service at the Bembridge Sailing Club.

George Johnson, Captain of Cruising

Day Sail to Bucklers Hard – Saturday 4th July



On a warm sunny but breezy day six Club boats (four sail and two motor) and 22 people met up for a lunch stop on the mid river pontoon at Bucklers Hard. Although labelled as a 'pontoon picnic' most of us lunched on our own boats but not before circulating for an hour or so of enjoyable socialising on various boats and on the pontoon with a glass in our hand. A similar event is planned for Saturday 9th September on the Folly mid river pontoon upstream of Cowes.

Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub-Committee

Training

RYA First Aid Courses

The next course is on 11th October and 8th November. £50 – Members, £70 – Non-Members. Full details on the [website](#).

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Vicky Leen, Events Assistant

Race Team Training

We would welcome feedback from your time on the water this summer so that we can adjust the content and presentation of the Club's race management training over the winter months to **your** needs. We have 6 evening slots booked in January, February and March.

So far we have received requests for:

- practical scenario sessions,
- round the cans course setting (possibly covering longer distance races) and
- "Knots and Knatter".

Club Race Officers Course Sunday 22nd November 2015

This is the first level of RYA race team training. The course leads to a RYA Club Race Officer Certificate which is then endorsed after participation in several club events.

Registration: 0915

Start: 0930

Lunch: Short 45 min break

Finish: 1700 approx.

Bring with you: Racing Rules of Sailing, pen and paper.

If you wish to attend please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Club Notice Board.

Frances Evans

Volunteers 2015

Race team finally win a prize

For many years Race Team members have looked on as competitors receive trophies, prizes and the recognition of other competitors. Of course competitors have

expressed many kind words in their appreciation of our Race Teams' work on the water but until now we have not been the recipients of a prize ourselves. Imagine our surprise at the daily prize giving for the RS Elite National Championships to find that we had been singled out for the Duckworth Trophy. Collected on behalf of the team by Roger Wilson a nice bag of sailing kit, a reward for losing the Event flag the first time when the Nationals were held at the Club in 2010, and again when it jumped over the side of the committee boat at the start of race 5 in 2015. We have been very careful with the remaining flag as we do not think losing it will be so generously rewarded a third time.

Jane Corden

Fleets

LR SCOW

Two Monday Evening races cancelled and one blown off, with only a few brave souls venturing out has meant a frustrating July for Scow Racers. The Thursday Potterers also lost the planned visit to Yarmouth owing to high winds although other, more local, potters have been very enjoyable including a picnic on Hurst Spit last Thursday. We are all hoping for gentler conditions in August with two Short Series scheduled, the postponed Alexina Trophy races on 11th August and the Captain's Trophy on 25th, both with a first start at 1730 down the river and the usual Thursday Potters continuing.

Dick Moore

Youth & Junior Sailing

RS Teras



The first of the Tera squad summer training sessions was unfortunately cancelled due to the unfavourable forecast. We have two more organised on the 14th August and the 4th September.

Three Lymington sailors were competing at the RS Tera World Championship in Bruinisse in Holland. It was unusually windy all week (their windiest week since 1901), only the last day saw the winds drop below 20 knots. During the first four days the sailors had to compete in winds regularly gusting in the thirties with a maximum of 41 knots! With breakages and capsizes the norm it was a trial of seamanship and quick reactions. The Pro class completed all 12 races, Henry Collison came 21st with a best of 9th and Tim Hire 29th with a best of 8th, both had stories of what could have been. In the Sport class Abby Hire came 41st with a best of 29th out of the 60 in her class. (Picture shows Henry, Tim and Abby at the Worlds.)

Julian Hire

RNLI

Barbecue on the Green Saturday 6 pm Saturday 15th August

Bath Road Green and Bandstand. Live music.



For Sale

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.

And Finally ...

New RLymYC Musto Regalia

We are pleased to announce the arrival of new Club Regalia now provided by Musto. All garments* will be embroidered as usual with the RLymYC logo in contrasting colours.

Items available to view & order from Reception:

Musto Fast Dry Cap £14.99 (inc logo)
Available in Silver Grey, Navy & Black



Musto Cotton Twill Cap £14.99 (inc logo)
Available in Navy



Mens Musto Polo Shirt £35 (inc logo)
Available in Navy, Black, White, Red & Carbon



Ladies Musto Polo Shirt £35 (inc logo)
Available in Navy, Black, White & Red



Musto Evolution Wallet £14.99
Available in Black & Black/Platinum



More items will become available in the future, so keep an eye out in the next ePN!

* Wallets not available for embroidery of logo

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