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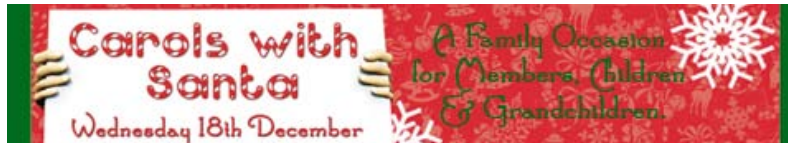
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## Christmas - Ashore



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## New Year's Day Brunch - Wednesday 1st January

Celebrate the first day of 2014 with a 'healthy' brunch from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm.

Just come down or, to avoid possible disappointment, get your tickets in advance. Details are on the [website](#).

## Christmas - Afloat

### Needles Relief, Saturday 14th December



Click on the banner for details for Cruisers and Racers

## Setley Cup, Boxing Day, 26th December



The Setley Cup for model boats is on Boxing Day morning, organised again this year by Stuart Jardine. Don't be daunted if you don't have a boat yet; based on the variety of craft that have competed for (and won) the Cup over the past 30 years, it can safely be said that no prior boatbuilding experience is necessary (but it does show on the water ed.). There are separate classes for monohulls and multihulls and the rules are very simple: - max length overall: 66cm, sails must fit into a rectangle 100cm x 50cm, no stored power, batteries, radio control etc, boats must be launched for each race by a child.

## Peter Andreae Trophy Friday 27th December



The Peter Andreae Trophy for Club Members under 21 years old will, as usual, be sailed on 27th December in Club/WJS Scows. The format is similar to the Penguin trophy but sailed single-handed for cash prizes. That's got to be worth turning up for, whatever the weather. Details on the [website](#).

## Penguin Trophy Saturday 28th December

This year the age limits have been removed so everyone can compete



You just need someone to sail with and a tenner between you. Sailed double handed with lots of short races straight off the pontoon in loaned Scows, the regatta is always great fun. Registration is 09:00 to 09:30 and the racing should be over by 13:30. If you can't sail, you can still watch and cheer from the comfort (and warmth) of the Club bar. For more details click on the banner above.

## Club

### Balcony Resurfacing Work

The renovation and re-tiling of the main balcony will commence on Monday 9th December and is scheduled to be completed on Monday 20th January. During this period the Club will be open as normal and running a full service for members and their guests. Both the main and upper floor balconies will be closed whilst the work is carried out.

### Visit to new research ship RRS Discovery - Saturday 4th January at 0900

The Royal Institute of Navigation, Solent Branch, have invited Club Members to join a visit to the RRS Discovery. The visit will comprise an introductory talk ashore at the National Oceanography Centre followed by a tour of the ship lasting about two hours. To learn something in advance about the ship and her naming by HRH The Princess Royal, visit [www.noc.ac.uk](http://www.noc.ac.uk). Numbers for this visit will be strictly



limited. Early booking is recommended and greatly assists the administration. Closing date noon, 2nd Jan 2014. To book send name, telephone number, preferred e-mail address and car registration number to [solprog@rin.org.uk](mailto:solprog@rin.org.uk) and Cc to [solsec@rin.org.uk](mailto:solsec@rin.org.uk) . Bookings will be acknowledged.

## Mailing

David and Helen Matcham have contributed massively to the Club by coordinating a small and faithful band of volunteers, many of whom have worked with them stuffing envelopes and delivering mail for much of the last 18 years. I am sure you will join me in passing on our hearty thanks to them and welcome Vivien Shute who takes over, so please look out for the next notice in February calling for volunteers to help sort and deliver the handbook mailing on 8th March 14. Anyone who would like to join the team is most welcome, especially anyone who can deliver the mail to other Members in their area.

## Staff

If you have visited the Club this week, you are likely to have met Alma Stapley, who is the most recent, and very welcome addition to the staff, filling the position of Administrator vacated by Nicola Smith. Alma is an experienced office manager, most recently working with Frampton Plumbers and PV panels and as the head receptionist at the Chewton Glen Hotel.

## Annual Dinner

The Club Annual Dinner was held on Saturday 23rd November. The presentation of the annual prizes (details and photos will be in the 2014 PotterShip) was followed by a talk from John Doerr, one of the America's Cup Jury, on the latest Challenge in San Francisco this year.



## Art Exhibition

The Art Exhibition attracted a large number of high quality exhibits, a proportion of the sale of which was donated to the RNLI. Our grateful thanks go to Charles and Vicky Holden and their volunteer stewards for helping to make it a successful show. Charles Holden reported " , I can only direct that praise to the high standard of presented artwork and the industry of those who gave up time to make the event possible, both groups to whom I give my thanks. Sales were excellent and the percentage given to the Club has been donated to the RNLI. It was excellent to see the talent within the Club across a broad range of artworks - maybe it will be even broader next year? I hope that next year even more of members will exhibit examples of their work - it is truly amazing to see what members achieve. This year the Commodore's Choice was a piece by Shaun Stevens, who proved also to be the winner of the champagne for the most popular painting. Maybe that champagne could be yours next year."

*Kevin Podger, Secretary*

## Club



### Valiant refurbishment

Valiant with its new Yamaha 200HP outboard, which has recently been fitted. The inboard diesel, after 13 years valiant service, had to be replaced and after lots of research an outboard was agreed upon as the best option.

### Club Ribs *Quiver* and *Barbarine* for sale

The Club invites offers from Members and non-Members for the Club Ribs *Quiver* and *Barbarine*. The boats are offered on a 'sold as seen' basis including engines. *Quiver* is an Avon 4m Rib, new in 1996, with a Yamaha 25hp engine new in 2009 with tubes refurbished in 2009. *Barbarine* is an Avon 4m Rib, new in 1997, with a Yamaha 25hp engine new in 2009 with tubes refurbished in 2009. Both come with Quick fit helm and Teleflex cable steering and have been regularly serviced by BHG and our Boatmen. Both boats can be viewed on the Club pontoon.

Offers, in a sealed envelope marked 'Offer for *Quiver*' or 'Offer for *Barbarine*', should be posted in the Club



mailbox in Reception. The closing date for offers is noon on Monday 13th January and the successful bidder must complete the sale by 20th January.

The Club has set a reserve price for each Rib and may withdraw them from sale if no offer reaches the reserve.

*Chris Neve, Rear Commodore Sailing*

## Pontoon Replacement Consultation



The pontoons and dinghy dry storage area are 20 and 25 years old and need replacing. The plan is to carry out the work during the winter of 2015/16. A project team is looking at various options and we will shortly be sending Members a short questionnaire asking for your views and suggestions as to layout and facilities, having regard for your own particular usage.

It is important for the Club and the project team that we reflect your future requirements as much as possible. Clearly it will not be possible to incorporate everything, but we will listen to all your ideas, so please take the time to complete the questionnaire.

*Chris Neve, Rear Commodore Sailing*

## House

'tis the season to eat more, and our chefs are trying their best to tempt you in. Christmas Lunches will be served on the 12th, 19th and 20th December. So everyone has the opportunity to join in the festivities, please check with the House Manager if you would like to book a table as they are filling up quickly.

Wednesday 18th December please make sure you come along to our Christmas Carols with the St Nicholas Singers and really get into the festive mood with complementary Mulled Wine & Mince Pies. Father Christmas will be making a star appearance at 5.00 and will have handmade Christmas goodie bags for all the children, so not to be missed. Christmas Buffet and New Year's Eve tickets are still available but are selling fast.

Lastly may I wish you all a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of my House Team and other House volunteers who have helped make 2013 a successful year for the Club.

*Geri Harris, Rear Commodore House*

## Social - Dates for the Diary



### Burns' Night - Friday 24th January 2014

Burns Night will be on Friday 24th January, not Saturday 25th as published in the calendar. Full details will be on the Club [website](#) shortly and a sign-up sheet will be on the notice board.

## Film Nights

### Sleepless in Seattle - Tuesday 17th December at 6.15 pm

A light, delightful feel good film starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan – just right for this time of year.

### Flight - Tuesday 7th January at 6.15 pm

An airline pilot saves almost all his passengers on his malfunctioning airliner which eventually crashed, but an investigation into the accident reveals something troubling.

## Cruising

Autumn has arrived, the November weather has not been kind to us this month. Our first event this month was to be the fireworks in Yarmouth, but after an unfavourable forecast most boats decided to cry off and only a few people went by ferry. Our second sail to East Cowes was also to be hit by bad weather with a SW forecast of up to 40 knots, just 4 boats ventured out and two of them only made Yarmouth. The first annual photo competition was held this month with 41 entries, this was won by Julia Trevelyan and the prizewinning photos are below.

As the year comes to a close we turn our attention to the Needles Relief in Yarmouth where Cruisers and Racers gather together to help the RNLI. Full details are on the [website](#). Also please don't forget the Needles Relief raffle: First prize is a trip for two people on the Lifeboat from Lymington to Yarmouth. Tickets can be bought from our reception or bar.

Can you please look and see if you have a log or blog or any sort of report on your cruises during the last year, as the deadline for entering them in the Cruising awards is the end of December.

The Cruising committee wishes all our members a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you on our meets in the New Year, the first one on 21st January to Newtown and on to Shalfleet and the New Inn for lunch.

*Nick Olney, Captain of Cruising*

## Cruising Section Photographic Competition 2013



This year the Cruising Section ran its first Photographic Competition. In order to ensure fairness an external judge was invited to give comments on the entries and to select the winning pictures. The judging was done by Pauline Thornton, member of two local camera clubs, who remarked on the general high standard. The exhibition of photographs was on show in the Island Room for two days when interested Club



Members came along to take look, many saying that they would enter next time. The winners were announced at a dinner after the second day. They are: 1st Julia Trevelyan – view from the side of her boat (top left); 2nd Jonathan Hutchinson. – lake and mountains (top right); 3rd John Priestley – fishing boat flags (bottom left). At the dinner Nick Olney, Captain of Cruising, thanked everyone for taking part and announced that the competition would run again during the coming cruising year. Details will be given through the usual Club communication systems.



*Harvie Woolley, Cruising Sub Committee*

## Chart Room - new arrivals and plea for missing books and charts

Just arrived to help your planning this winter are the 2013 editions of Heikell's Mediterranean Almanac 2013-2014, Heikell's Turkish Waters & Cyprus Pilot, Navin's North Sea Passage Pilot and the ICC South & West Coasts of Ireland Sailing Directions. We have also added RCC North Africa, RCC The Black Sea and Calder's Cuba: A Cruising Guide, which make for intriguing reading.

Also, please remember charts and books are not to be taken out of the Chart Room. Since March, we have been missing the West Country Cruising Companion, Peter Bruce's Solent Hazards and several UKHO charts leading from Lymington to the Kiel Canal. All were presumably borrowed by persons who forgot to bring them back, please return them as soon as possible.

*Peter Lowe, Cruising Sub Committee*



## Future Cruising - 2014 and 2015

### New Year mid week Cruise - Tuesday 21st January

Newtown Harbour and lunch at Shalfleet: full details are on the [website](#). Sign up on the Club noticeboard by Friday 17th January.

*Perrin Towler, Cruising Sub Committee*

## Norfolk Broads Charter - 6th to 13th September

November saw the presentation of a charter proposition by your Cruising Section for sailing on the Norfolk Broads and much interest was received. Initially, it seems a charter of possibly 5 motor cruisers and 4 gaff-rigged yachts will be made, but its early days yet and we know of 5 cruisers being negotiated this week! It is likely that the cruise will concentrate on the Northern Broads but local weather conditions will dictate where



the yachts will go. Full details are on the website.

*Derek Barnard, C ruising Sub Committee*

## Chesapeake Bay 2015

Following a presentation to members on Sunday 1st December, there is strong interest in planning a cruise in Chesapeake Bay in



September 2015. We would be hosted by the Sailing Club of the Chesapeake which has already organised two cruises in conjunction with the RYA. The invitation to sail with the Sailing Club of the Chesapeake arose as a result of David and Ann Brunskill participating in an RYA related cruise with SCC in 2012. The hospitality they experienced on that cruise was outstanding. There would be the opportunity of sailing in company in chartered boats, taking your own boat or sailing as guests of members of the Sailing Club of the Chesapeake. If you are interested in participating please email [David Brunskill](mailto:David.Brunskill@sccl.org) or call him on 01590 677630.

## Racing in 2014

The annual PotterShip magazine will have full reviews of the season past, so in this ePotterNews we will look forward to next season. The



first draft of the Sailing Programme has been published and can be found on the [website](#).

It is always tricky to fit together the jigsaw of competing requirements, so the programme could change. In particular, some of the events might gain a sponsor's name. Much of the programme will be familiar, as we continue the various well known and well supported racing series. On the water activities kick off with the Portmore Spring Series on 30th March; before then the winter months are taken up with some vital Race Management training. Do come if you can: race team members are in short supply and it is so helpful if we racers can help officiate when not racing.

Some dates for your diary: Monday Dinghies start on Easter Monday with a special Easter race and prizes to match; Thursday Keelboats start on 1st May; the Summer Regatta and Ball next year will be on 14 and 15 June; Lymington Dinghy Regatta will be on 19 and 20 July. A special mention for the Cruiser Racers: Richard Truscott has taken over as Captain from Charlie Roberts and we will again be racing about once a month, on a Saturday, under local handicaps. We hope there is something for everyone in the programme, so I look forward to seeing you on the water in bright polished boats come the end of March.

*Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing*

## Fleets

### Scows

70 Members of the Scow Division attended the AGM and Supper on 4th November. Class Captain Dunlop Stewart expressed the Division's thanks to Chris Knox who retired as Vice Captain and presented him with a large photograph on wood showing him sailing his scow back from Threading the Needles. Dunlop also thanked Walks Co-ordinator Dick Thorn and Potters Co-ordinator Graham Neal for their huge contributions to the activities of the Division, both ashore and afloat. Dick Moore was elected Vice Captain to succeed Chris.

Dick Moore

## Oppie news:

12 of Lymington's best Oppie sailors ventured to Vigo, Spain for the Semana Caixanova del Atlantico – a major international event with almost 300 sailors. Brutal gales, torrential downpours and a proper Atlantic swell gave the sailors – many of the best in Europe - plenty of challenges. As only four races were completed there was no luxury of a discard. Worst hit was Charlotte Boyle, whose 3rd, 4th and 6th places were ruined by a Black Flag in the fourth race!

Results: 3rd Milo Gill-Taylor, 5th Vita Heathcote (1st Junior), 8th Pippa Cropley.

These sailors were showered with incredibly handsome prizes of explorers' equipment – telescopes, compasses and a sextant, new sails, jackets and invitations to compete at other events. Vigo has a fascinating maritime history as Europe's most important port from which the ships set sail to the Americas and, more recently, as a major fishing and cruise ship port.

The Winter Championships were held at a relatively pleasant Datchet Water. A shifty 8-10 knots meant there was no time to gaze in wonder at the jumbo planes taking off just overhead, or across to Windsor Castle to see if the Queen was in residence.

Results: 2nd Vita Heathcote, 6th Hattie Rogers, 9th Haydn Sewell.

George Heathcote

## XOD Fleet

Whilst November may be the first of the six months of hibernation for the XOD boats, work continues tirelessly behind the scenes to both maintain the welfare of the Class and look forwards to the future. Our recent Class AGM was positive. The debate about the shroud positions is still well and truly alive and it is hoped a resolution can be put forward next year, a step that would make the boats much easier to tune and is intended to bring the back of the fleet closer in speed. Whatever perceptions people may have of the XODs, the Class has always been committed to ensuring that one of the main attractions is its level of competition. As a Division, Lymington has always understood that it is important to help all of its members race to a high standard, thus sustaining the quality of competition. With that in mind we are looking to introduce some on the water coaching next season alongside the normal tuning day, and hopefully a winter lecture from a recent Cowes Week winner. Another positive that came from the Class AGM, was the extension of bursaries to assist crews aged under 30 for Cowes Week. Cowes Week Limited, through their sponsors Aberdeen Asset Management, are offering assistance to the first 20 crews (aged below 25) to enter Cowes Week. We would encourage anybody thinking of taking this up to waste no time in entering via the Cowes Week website to try and qualify. The local Division has also committed to make free coaching and tuition available for those that qualify for the Bursary to help the teams prepare properly. The Class is introducing a new online database to be used to re-issue certificates and store details about five-yearly weight and boat checks. The idea is that this will make it much easier to see which boats need checking and when. Going forwards the database will also be used to store documents for each boat. Finally, congratulations go to John Miller sailing *Mystery* and James McGill in *Quest* for completing 51 and 47 races this season respectively. Bearing in mind there were 83 races scheduled (excluding Cowes and Classics Week) and 69 races actually sailed, this is a fabulous achievement.



Karl Thorne

## Training

### Winter RYA Courses

RYA Powerboat Level 2 - January 11th & 12th 2014,	Members - £95, Non Members - £195
RYA Powerboat Level 2 - April 12th & 13th 2014,	Members - £95, Non Members - £195
Level 2 Plus Course - March 9th 2014	£10 to all
Level 2 Plus Course - May 11th 2014	£10 to all
RYA Club Mark Laying Course - February 9th 2014	Members - £10, Non Members - £25

To book onto a course you will need to fill in the [application form](#) and return it to the Club along with your payment.

Details of all the Club's training courses are on the [website](#).

#### Quote from Nick Ryley, Club Member:

"I like to think I am a good sailor. I know which way to go, call the lay lines, make the most of opportunities; but that was until I did the mark laying course at the Club. All of our skills are for nought if we are sailing around badly laid courses! Did you know that at the Olympics if the weather mark was more than a RIB length (8 metres) out of position they relaid it! (Picture shows Club mark layers at the Paralympics) Dead beats and dead runs mean that we get great racing.

Laying marks (it is never just one,) to that accuracy with 50 boats waiting on the start line, the wind gusting up, the tide turning and rain in your face is a real skill. You have to lay the anchor so the mark comes to rest where you want it. What is the depth? How much chain and rope is the minimum you need so the mark does not sail away? I learnt a lot that weekend and have a real respect for the people that enable us to race. Try the course some time. I bet you have to relay your first attempts."



## Race Management Training winter dates

Details of the programme are on the [website](#) and sign-up sheets for the January sessions are on the main Noticeboard. Get your name down and come and join us. If the timings are difficult for you let us know – things can be arranged. These sessions will be of interest to existing race team members, newcomers to the fun and games, rib drivers and existing/potential Race Officers who would like a refresher as to what their team has to achieve.

### [RYA Club Race Officer Plus \(CROP\)/Regional Race Management Seminar](#)

This course is designed to give those involved or interested in race management the opportunity to consolidate their knowledge and build on their current experience. We were planning to run the above course over a weekend this winter but it is more likely now to be in 2015. However, there are courses being run in the region that you can attend:

22/23 January           Sunsail Port Solent

1/2 February            Itchenor SC

15/16 February        Poole YC.

Full details and application forms are on the RYA [website](#).

*Frances Evans, Training Sub Committee*

## RNLI

### [Lifeboat Shop open Wednesday to Sunday 12 noon to 4pm](#)

Just the place for your Christmas cards, last minute presents and stocking fillers.

### [Bridge Drive and Lunch - Monday 3rd February, 2014](#)

£40 per table from 12 noon to 4.30 p.m. To book your table call Sandra Allpress on 01590 643268.

### [Beaulieu Boat Jumble Sunday 27th April, 2014](#)

The Lymington Branch will be running the RNLI stall at BBJ and we need all your unwanted (but useable) boat bits and pieces. The Club boatmen will take anything in but if you have a larger item you would like collecting please contact John Niven on 01590 678839

#### 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.

The listing of items for sale or wanted in ePotterNews does not indicate that RLYM 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.

*Ann Brunskill*

#### Club Discounts

[please see list on website](#)



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