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Dear ,

The latest edition of ePN has now been published and can be viewed below:

If you have feedback or content for next month, please message the editor, Ann Brunskill by using the “email the editor” button at the top of the ePN webpage.

Kind regards,

Kevin Podger
Secretary

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Club

Organisation Chart

Following last month's announcement of staff changes the Club's latest staff organisation chart can be viewed by logging in to the Members' area on the website:

http://rlymyc.org.uk/About_The_Club/Club_Staff.aspx.

Club Website

The Club website continues to provide essential information to Members and has increasingly been used for on-line event booking. During the next month or two we expect to introduce a capability for Members to securely store their Credit Card and/or Debit Card details for future use. This will allow them to use this stored card when booking events on the website in future. We also expect that in the first quarter next year we will also enable the on-line top-up of Members' cards.

We are working with the Cruising Group to make the Cruising area easier to access and easier to navigate. We expect to produce a short guide for the Cruisers to advise how to enter and move around the site so that they can find their material more easily.

There has been a request to run another "drop-in" clinic at the Club so that Members can ask questions about website etc.. Therefore Kirsty and I will be running another drop in session on Monday 22nd December at 10:30 - 12:00.

It has become apparent that we need to improve the Club Archive, which evidently lost some quality and quantity when we converted from the old website. The IT team will be working with the Club Archivist to rectify this.

John Tudor

Dinghy Park

With winter now upon us we will be scheduling a Dinghy Park working party as usual, probably on Saturday 10th January, weather permitting. This year we expect to continue laying gravel

and membrane, which we started two years ago and there will need to be a group to complete the first phase of fence replacement.

The overgrown area of the Balance Pond Oppy rack will need some concerted effort from volunteers; it is hoped that this year there will be a good turn out from the people who benefit from this work. Vicky and I started on the worst affected areas last week, clearing the area close to the hose; in the brambles we discovered (alongside the usual water bottles and assorted rubbish) a complete Optimist trolley and a Merlin Rocket mast.

We will be repairing missing space numbers over the winter so that spacaes can be clearly identified again.

Vicky has started thinking about space allocation for next year: if your Dinghy Park space requirements have changed please let her know as soon as possible.

John Tudor

Sailing Issues - Marine Conservation Zones

The latest news after a recent meeting with Minister responsible for implementing legislation on Marine Conservation Zones, George Eustice MP is on the Sailing Issues page of the webiste.

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Youth Sailor of the Year

There is still time to vote for Vita Heathcote as the cloing date jhas been extended to 15th Decmber.The date for voting has been extended to 15th December. The link is <http://www.yachtsandyachting.co.uk/articles/yachts-yachting-awards-2015/>

Social

Christmas Buffet Party, Friday 12th December
7.30 pm - Sold Out



The annual Christmas Buffet Party is one of the highlights of the Club's social programme and marks the beginning of the festive season.

Needles Relief, Saturday 13th December 7.30 pm



More details and sign-up sheet on the Club notice board.

Carols with
Santa
18th December 5 pm - 6.30 pm

Thursday



Full details and Sign up sheet on the Notice Board

New Year's Party, Wednesday 31st December 8 pm



Tickets are now on sale for this years' New Year's Eve Party. Tickets are £59.00 which includes a five course dinner, live music from Vinyl Cafe & a glass of fizz at midnight. This event is usually very popular so please book soon to avoid disapointment.

New Year's Day

The Club will be open as usual on New Year's Day for lunch with a reduced menu and sandwiches.

Movie Nights

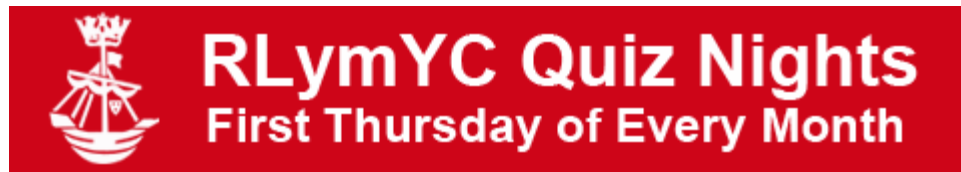


'The Holiday' Movie Night is free for Members so please come along & enjoy the film. Films start at 18:15. We are running a Movie Night Buffet, the cost is £12 which includes a choice of three hot dishes followed by a tub of ice cream. You can purchase your tickets online, from reception or you can email sail@rlymyc.org.uk who can take the payment off your Member's Card. Forthcoming attractions are:

9th December - Christmas Film - The Holiday

13th January - Love Punch

10th February - The Monument Men



There will not be a Quiz Night on Thursday 1st January 2015, the next will be Thursday 5th February

Date for the diary - Valentines Night Saturday 14th February

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Members' Art Exhibition



Over the weekend of 14th to 16th November, the annual Art Exhibition was held in the Island Room. It proved to be an extravaganza of Club talent ranging from the 74 framed artworks, many mounted artworks, 47 photograph entries to the Cruising Section competition, a plethora of cards, needlework, jewellery, sculpture, chinaware, self-published literature and woodwork (an amazing violin crafted by David Wansbrough). Shaun Stevens and Lee Illis shared the accolade of the favourite framed artwork. Sales were healthy and some 250 Members viewed the exhibition.

Keep your eye out for the 2015 dates and get an enjoyable perspective of how so many Members can do so much more than sail.

Charles Holden

Thank you to exhibitors, organiser, volunteers and Members who visited and bought art. The commission on sales raised £166.85, which has been donated to the RNLI. We apologise for an error in the original letter inviting exhibits, which indicated that part or all of commissions would go to Club funds.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

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Cruising

November was fairly quiet on the water, we have had our annual meet to the Fireworks at Yarmouth on November 5th, with 39 members on 7 boats attending. The traditional torchlight procession, bonfire and display was excellent followed by the very welcome bangers and mash supper as usual in the Royal Solent. Most boats stayed overnight and made a quick get away back home before the wind and rain set in.

The destination for the second meet was to be Island Harbour on the River Medina on Nov 11th but this had to be cancelled because of the forecast of very heavy rain all day and winds gusting up to 36 knts from the SW.

The last meet of the year will be the Needles Relief trip over to Yarmouth on the 13th December to watch the Helicopter and Lifeboats and raise funds for the RNLI. Please sign up on the notice board and pay the £15 per boat entry fee at the office, where you can also buy lunch tickets if you are not making your own arrangements. Berthing in Yarmouth is free but please donate at least £1 per head when leaving the pontoon.

Looking forward to 2015 our first meet will be on 23rd January to Newtown and the New Inn at Shalfleet. This is always a very popular meet and the sign up sheet will be up soon.

The annual Cruising dinner on Saturday 28th February with guest speaker Rear Admiral Terry Lochran (details and costs early in 2015). This is when we present our cups and trophies for the year. WE CAN ONLY AWARD THESE IF MEMBERS SUBMIT LOGS, BLOGS OR NARRATIVES. Please send in anything you have by the end of the year. (something to do over Christmas and a good excuse for avoiding shopping etc!).

I would like to thank all the Cruising Committee for their efforts during the year and wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and fair Cruising for 2015.



Photography Competition Exhibition 2014 - 2015

47 excellent photographs were entered for the competition by Members from all sections of the Club. They reflected locations from all over the world including Japan and Chile as well as from home waters and were taken with a variety of cameras and other digital equipment. It was especially satisfying to receive a very good photograph from our youngest entrant – aged 12 years. For the first time the exhibition was incorporated with the Members' Art Exhibition. This met with popular opinion and thus will be repeated next year.

The judges, Commodore Phil Lawrence, Rear Commodore Sailing Chris Neve and Hannah Neve had a very difficult task. However, they made a unanimous decision and awarded first place to Jean Mills for a spectacular sunset, taken in the Peloponnese. This will be displayed for the next twelve months in the trophy cabinet of the Island Room and the official presentation will be made at the Cruising Dinner in February. In second place was Carolyn Howden with a Cornish Crabber at anchor and third Freya Derrick with a charming family sailing image.

The photographs have now been placed in the office for collection. Next year's competition will be announced at the end of the month.

Harvie Woolley, Cruising Sub-Committee

Chartroom

Latest additions are the 2015 Reeds European Almanac and a copy of "Atlantic Affair", an account of Otway Waller's life and voyages, including his inter-war invention of a wind vane self steering system.

Peter Lowe, Cruising Sub-Committee

Future Meets

Summer Cruise 2015

As discussed at the Cruising Forum in October the plan for next summer is to repeat the flexible format of the past two years but with three locations/timeframes chosen for club dinners.

Current thoughts are for group dinners in Weymouth on or around 30th May, St Peter Port during the first week of June and St-Quay-Portrieux during the third week of June. We will target a particular day, but final arrangements will be confirmed when participants are able to confirm with reasonable certainty their arrival dates. In practice it is likely that there will also be a number of ad hoc social events at the chosen locations during the weeks in question.

In tandem with these events all participants will be kept up to date with 'fleet' movements by text message throughout the month of June to facilitate other ad hoc meets in a wide variety of locations.

The purpose of this note is to assist potential participants with outline passage planning. More information and a 'sign up' note will be circulated early in the New Year. In the meantime if you have any questions or comments please email me at kenclaydon@outlook.com.

Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub Committee

Training

- RYA Powerboat Level 2 Course
 - 14th & 15th February 2015
 - £95 – Members £195 – Non Member
- RLymYC Level 2+ Course
 - 15th March 2015
 - 4th April 2015
 - £10 to Members & Non Members
- Mark Laying Course
 - 10th January 2015
 - £10 to Members & Non Members

To book onto any of the above courses you will need to complete a Training Course Form (form attached) and pay the course fee to the Club Office. We accept cash, cheque or credit cards. Members may also use their Club Card either in person or via telephone or email. Your place will be secured once payment has been received in full. For more information about courses running at the Club please click here (<https://rlmyc.org.uk/Sailing/Training.aspx>)

Race Team Training

Sign Up Sheet Now on the Club Notice Board

RYA Club Race Officer Course – Thursday 8th, 15th, 22nd,
and 29th January

Island Room, 1815 for 1830 hours start

This is the first level of RYA race team training, run over 4 sessions. The course leads to a RYA Club Race Officer Certificate being issued after attendance at all classroom sessions which is then endorsed after participation in several club events or several races in the longer club series. (Any participation during the 2014 can be counted towards your total.)

- Course Setting – 19th and 26th March
- Island Room, 1815 for 1830 hours start
- Role of the Support Boat - 14 April 2015
- Island Room, 1815 for 1830 hours start
- VHF Radio Use for Race Team Members and Support Boats
- Island Room, Saturday 18th April 1030 to 1200

Knots and Knatter – some informal sessions to get us up to speed tying some essential knots and folding flags. Next gathering: Will be in February - keep an eye on the Notice Board and read ePotterNews.

Frances Evans

Racing

No racing to report for November and I see the boatyards are filling up with racing boats, now ashore for their annual maintenance. December is a month to follow tradition, and we look forward to three of our own traditional events.

On Saturday 13th December we are again holding the Needles Relief Race. The Sailing Instructions will be issued shortly, so it is a good time to remind competitors to enter the Class in which they want to race, to display their Class flags prominently and actually to race in that Class. Failure to do so risks being awarded a bottle prize inadvertently: you certainly would not want that to happen?

Fast forward to just after Christmas and our cheerful volunteers will be clapping their hands and stamping their feet to keep warm whilst a small fleet of Scows buzzes across the river. On Saturday 27th, it is the turn of the youngsters to compete for valuable prizes and the Peter Andreae Trophy. The following day, the Penguin Trophy cracks the ice and cures any remaining hangovers. Come along to compete, or to cheer on those hardy souls who will be on the water.

That's it from me for this year. Have a great Christmas.

Fleets

LR Scows

November has been a quiet time for the Scows with no sailing activity . Day by day the Balance Pond and the Dinghy Park look emptier as one by one the boats are taken away to their winter quarters. Summer seems a long time away.

The Walks have started and the walkers have done their best despite the wet conditions underfoot. If you want to join in and are not on Dick Thorn's email list, send your details to him at richard.thorn@btinternet.com.

On 17th November Vince Sutherland gave a well-attended talk on "How to rescue a capsized Scow" . This was a highly condensed version of the PB2 Plus course, a combination of Vince's wisdom and selected videos from the RYA Safety Boat course. Most of those attending had their Powerboat 2 qualification, many had also done PB2 Plus but all agreed it had been a very valuable refresher and, thanks to Vince's inimitable style, highly entertaining as well.

Throughout the month the racers in the Division have been debating how best to reduce congestion and overcrowding on Monday evenings. With an average of 24 boats taking part in last season's races, an all-time record turnout of 31 for one race and with more members joining and intending to race next year we need to find a different way of organising our racing. 46 opinions were received, the majority of them posted on the Forum which Kirsty Timmis kindly set up for us on the Club website.

There was a clear majority in favour of dividing the fleet but no consensus on how best to do so. At a well-attended meeting on 1st December it was decided that we should ask the organisers of Monday racing to give us two starts for at least the Early Series. Helms would choose which fleet they wished to sail in. One would be for the keener racers, the other for those wanting a less intense racing experience! The idea is to review progress as the series goes on and then to decide either to continue or to revert to one big fleet.

The Scow Christmas Cheer supper was on Monday 8th December with the usual big turnout.

Dick Moore

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XOD Fleet

The XODs have now all left the river and are tucked away in various barns and garages in and around the New Forest where they will be lovingly cared for by their owners over the winter. Some of these boats have been racing for almost 100 years so they deserve a bit of rest. John

Miller has passed over captaincy of Lymington division to Karl Thorne and John was warmly thanked for his contribution by the Lymington fleet at the recent divisional AGM.

Lymington division was well represented at the annual XOD class prize giving at the Royal Southampton Yacht Club. The following sailors received trophies for successes at Cowes Week:

Nik Froud & team in X72 Venus for 9th overall, Rory Paton & team in X48 XL for 10th overall. Nik Froud & team won the Steele-Pilcher Salver for 1st place on Wednesday. Rory Paton & team won the Alex Jones Veteran Cup. Paul Woodman & team won the Dennis Ellis Bowl.

Stuart Jardine in X119 Lone Star won the RMYC Challenge Cup which was contested at Lymington.

Roy Froud

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Optimists

The End of Seasons at Rutland Water was chilly, damp and windless, and was one of those weekends where everybody seemed to do badly. Of the 300+ sailors it was Haydn Sewell (5th) and Julia Mellers (6th and 1st girl) who made the best of the miserable conditions. From this championship, the final ranking event of the year, the winter squads were decided. The National squad is once again dominated by Lymington sailors, especially the girls.

Winter training is now well under way both in squads and at Lymington. Sailors benefit from a sense of working together on these weekends, whilst improving boat handling and theory.

But most of the action has been happening a long way from our shores...Haydn Sewell jetted off to Bermuda where he came 6th in the Junior Gold Cup.

Meanwhile at the World Championships in San Isidro, Buenos Aires (Argentina), Vita Heathcote put in GBR's best result to come 33rd overall (7th girl).

Also the Semana Caixenova in Vigo, Spain, out of the 147 boats from 3 countries, was won by our very own Arthur Fry, with fellow Club members Oliver Hill 11th and Julia Mellers 28th. Hattie Rogers headed east to Roompot to come 54th against a strong fleet of Dutch and Belgian boats.

The Winter Championships were held in Cardiff Bay on yet another very light and fickle weekend.

George Heathcote

RNLI

Beaulieu Boat Jumble 2015

Another reminder that the RNLI needs your unwanted boat bits for next year's Beaulieu Boat Jumble. Either bring them to the boatmen or call John Niven on 01590 678839.

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