



ePotter News



ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

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December 2015

Club

Accounts

Did you know you can top up your card simply by calling the office? But firstly you may want to check your credit balance. The quickest way is by signing into the Members' area of the Club [website](#). Click on *Statements* to access your account. Here you will see three tabs; your *Account Summary* by month which links to the second tab *Club Statement* itemising your transactions and *Member's balance* which gives you exactly that. Please note transactions are entered up to 24 hours post. You can also check by phoning reception. I hope you will take advantage of this facility as I'm sure you, like me, find it a bit embarrassing having to top your card up at the bar when surrounded by Members trying to buy drinks.

On this point I know Members can get exasperated, even offended, when our first floor staff are stretched and, perhaps under pressure, may not always be as totally courteous or attentive as usual. If circumstances are such that you wish to complain please address your complaints to the Secretary or a Flag Officer as clearly stated in our Club Articles of Association, no. 35.

Clive Sparrow, Vice Commodore

Staff Christmas Fund

Thank you all who have made generous donations so far to the staff fund. There is still time to contribute, so if you are thinking of making a donation, please drop a cheque in to the office, made out to the Club, with a note 'For staff fund'.

Annual General Meeting 2016 – Saturday 6th February

Please note that the advanced notice for the 2016 Annual General Meeting, to be held on Saturday 6th February, is on the board and the website. Please click [here](#) to see it.

Financial Plan

Alongside the 2014/15 annual accounts, which are currently being audited, Rear Commodore Finance has updated the Five Year Financial Plan and asked me to make it available to Members. It is in the Members' area of the website – please click [here](#).

Hospitality Manager

I am delighted to report that from a crop of good applicants, we have selected Stuart Cox, who has accepted the post of Hospitality Manager, with a starting date of 4th January 2016. Stuart is an experienced hotel manager, who has worked up through many establishments around the world, mainly in New Zealand and the south of the UK, but also including the Sydney Opera House. He has spent the last seven years working for Novotel in Southampton, Bristol, Milton Keynes and Reading. We hope that he will come down during December to see one of our functions and to have some handover time with Chloe, who leaves us on 20th December.

LTSC Changing Room Project

Lymington Town Sailing Club will be commencing a project this month to refurbish their changing rooms. By kind permission of the General Committee, we have offered their sailors (mainly on Sunday mornings, for their dinghy Perisher Series) the use of our changing rooms for the 3 month period of the project. They will use the north door and have their membership cards for inspection by staff or by any Member who feels the need to check the identity of an unknown visitor.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

Full Steam Ahead on the Pontoon

Those of you who visited the Club recently will have seen that most of the pontoons have gone. The boatmen led by Andy Eady have done a great job in dismantling the inshore pontoons which have now gone to new homes both locally and in Newtown. The Newtown pontoons were very gingerly towed across the Solent in one of the few weather windows we have had this month.

We are now ahead of schedule and in the coming days, after some Lymington Yacht Haven work, the accessible piles will also have been removed by our contractor Walcon Marine. The remaining pontoons will now stay in place until after the New Year so that we can run the Peter Andrea and Penguin trophies.



Stuart Duffin, Rear Commodore Sailing

From the Pontoon Project team

We are, as Stuart has said, starting to gather momentum with this long awaited project, if you are interested in following progress we have installed a camera on the upper balcony over looking the pontoon area. This will enable members to keep an eye on progress as the live feed from this camera can be viewed 24/7 on the club website.

We will be regularly updating the pontoon project page of the website with a progress to date blog, pictures and a schedule of upcoming activities so members can select an activity to watch 'live' if they so wish.

The roof top camera is also creating a time lapse video file for the duration of the project which when complete we will speed up to create a short video of the project from start to finish.

http://rlymyc.org.uk/Sailing/Waterfront_Facilities/Pontoons.aspx

Andrew Eady - Pontoon Project Team.

House

There is something very nice about the Autumn/Winter months at the Club when we enjoy socialising at the many and varied events run at the Club. We saw the start of the Lecture Series every Wednesday evening, Movie Nights every other Tuesday as well as our main Club functions. The Annual Art Exhibition and accompanying Bistro night were extremely good, the quality of the art was exceptional and the Bistro a sell out. The annual dinner with the crystal on the tables and beautiful food was excellent and very well attended. It has been a very busy period for our 1st Floor.

It is with regret that I have to announce that Chloë is leaving us. After many years at the Club, rising to the position of Front of House Manager, she is leaving to pursue another career avenue. On the subject of staff, I do hope, if you have not done so already, that you will make a contribution to the Staff Christmas Fund. As you know, being a Royal Yacht Club we do not tip during the year, but show our appreciation through the Christmas Fund.

I would like to thank all of you who have offered me kind words in the last month. I know we do not always get all of it right, but will do the very best that we can and are still trying to improve.

Denise Moore, Rear Commodore House

Needles Relief - Saturday 12th December



Click on the banner for details of the traditional start to the Christmas festivities for Cruisers and Racers alike. Don't forget to get your raffle tickets for the trip on the Yarmouth Lifeboat from the bar.

Christmas at the Club

Friday 11th December 2015



Saturday 19th December



Thursday 31st December



Kirsty Timmis, Events Manager

Social



There are two films in December, first on Tuesday 8th **What We Did On Our Holiday** - while visiting family in the Scottish Highlands, a troubled couple (Rosamund Pike, David Tennant) try to put on a happy face, but their three children innocently reveal all of their biggest secrets. The second on Tuesday 22nd December is **Elf**, perfect for family viewing just before Christmas. To attend please sign up on the Social Notice Board or [online](#). The normal Club Menu will be available on the evening. Please pre-order to ensure your food is ready as soon as the film finishes.

Past Social Events

American Bistro Night, Friday 27th November 2015

With tables laid out in red, white and blue some 70 diners selected supper from a wide choice on the three-course American themed menu. The Club took on the atmosphere of a good USA 'food outlet'. Although the plates looked to be piled high as they left the kitchen they were certainly empty on their return.



Harvie Woolley

Dinghy Sailing

Dinghy-related events to look forward to in December:

The Setley Cup on 26th December is for juniors sailing model yachts, mostly home-made, on Setley Pond. Get building now to avoid disappointment! Separate starts for mono- and multi-hulls. Simple rules on <https://www.facebook.com/setleycup>.

The Peter Andreae Trophy on 27th December is open to Club juniors. Races are in loaned Scows, right in front of the Club, with cash prizes.

The Penguin Trophy on 28th December is similar but grown-ups are allowed to join in and the boats are sailed double-handed. There's no cash, just a beautiful trophy for the winner and some edible treats.

All three events are great spectator sport.

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies

Cruising

Cruising Awards

There are nine trophies to be awarded each year. Most depend on the submission of a report on the cruise which can be in many forms. Whereas a detailed log with photos and descriptions of places, trials and tribulations, good restaurants and reviews of marinas and anchorages is always great to behold, a very simple and short account of the trip is also very acceptable. **So review your cruise this year and get a write up submitted before the end of December** and you could be the winner of one of the Trophies listed below and have your name on one of the honour boards displayed in the Club.

The Trophies, which are returned to the Club at the end of the year, can be awarded to both owners or their crews and to those chartering yachts. An engraved glass will also be presented as a lasting record of the Trophy awarded. Full details are on [website](#).

Both the John and Angie Bailey Trophy and the Junior Brownlow Cup are open to nominations so please contact the Captain of Cruising should you have anyone in mind who would be deserving of either award.

Cruising Events 2015

The final event of this year on the water is the Needles Relief joint charity event with the Royal Solent Yacht Club on Saturday 12th December. The Needles Relief Race starts at 0900hrs in the Lymington River and is to be completed before 11.45 so that the demonstration by the Life Boats and the Coast Guard helicopter can proceed at 12 noon. Cruising Boats are advised to be in Yarmouth harbour in good time before the event which is best viewed from the Royal Solent Club balcony and bar where warm (and cold) drinks are available. This year the ground floor bar in the Royal Solent is open and will have a piano available for those traditional carollers to exercise their vocal cords. Tickets for this event are available from the office and full details are posted on the notice boards and [on line](#). All proceeds are divided between the Lymington Inshore Life Boat and the Yarmouth Offshore Life Boat. All are welcome, whether coming by racing yachts, cruising yachts, motor boaters, ribs or ferry, please come and enjoy the spectacle.

On the evening of the 16th December is the pre-Christmas Cruising Supper. So come along and enjoy some festive cheer with your friends in a warm and cosy (won't say dry!) environment. The poster is already on the boards with details of the menu so sign up and come along.

Cruising Events 2016

Cruising Supper

The year's first of our newly established Cruising Suppers is on Monday, February 1st which is a great event to meet up with your boating friends. This will need a signup sheet to let the kitchen know how many to cater for so look out for the poster.

The Cruising programme for 2016 is well established and starts with the ever popular day sail to Newtown Creek on Tuesday, 26th January. The yachts and motor boats are joined by club ribs to ferry the crews ashore for the short walk up to the New Inn at Shalfleet for lunch. This event has always been blessed by good weather and is a very welcome relief from the normal January blues.

Cruising Programme 2016

Tuesday 26 January	Day Sail - Newtown / New Inn, Shalfleet	1 day
Monday 1st February	Cruising Supper	19.00
Thursday 25 February	Day Sail - Bucklers Hard / Master Builders	1 day
Saturday 27 February	Cruising Dinner (Black Tie)	19.30
Monday 14 March	Day Sail - Cowes /Shepherds/Island Sailing Club	1 day
Saturday 9 April	Safety Day	09.30
Saturday 9 April	Cruising Supper	19.00
Saturday 23 April	Day Sail - Newtown Creek	1 day
Friday 29 April - 1 May	Spring Meet	3 days
Monday 9 May	Day Sail - Warsash	1 day
Tuesday 10 - 12 May	Chichester Meet + Anchor Night	3 days
Tuesday 24 May	Day Sail - Gosport / Hornet	1 day
Saturday 4 - 5 June	Poole Anchor Meet	3 days
Tuesday 14 June	Summer Cruise	4 weeks
Saturday 11 June	Day Sail – Gins	1 day
Wednesday 22 June	Day Sail - Island harbour	1 day
Saturday 23 July	Day Sail - Bucklers Hard Picnic	1 day
Saturday 23 - 26 July	Bembridge Meet & Family Weekend	4 days
Saturday 13 August	Day Sail - Hurst Spit	1 day
Friday 19 - 21 August	Poole Weekend	4 days
Saturday 3 - 4 September	Bucklers Hard BBQ	2 days
Saturday 10 - 13 September	Weymouth and Poole	4 days
Saturday 17 September	Day Sail - Folly Picnic	1 day
Tuesday 4 October	Day Sail - Cowes	1 day
Sunday 16 October	Cruising Forum	11.00
Tuesday 18 October	Day Sail - Warsash / Trafalgar Day meet	1 day
Saturday 5 November	Day Sail - Yarmouth Fireworks	Evening
Friday 18 November	Day Sail - Cowes - Island Sailing Club	1 day
Saturday 10 December	Needles Relief	9.30

All the events organised by the Cruising Section are open to all Members whether in sailing yachts, motor cruisers or ribs and, where appropriate on day sails, to Scows or other dinghies. On day sails it is always possible to accommodate crew looking for a sail so either contact the organiser or the Captain of Cruising before the event or come along to the briefing on the morning and you will be made very welcome.

George Johnson, Captain of Cruising

Chart Room Updates

We now have the 2016 editions of Reed's European Atlantic Almanac and the CA's Cruising Almanac, plus the 2015 editions of the Greek Waters Pilot; RCC Atlantic Spain & Portugal; RCC Islas Baleares; RCC Channel Isles, N Brittany & Cherbourg Peninsula; CCC Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan; CCC Cruising Scotland; Imray Irish Sea and East Coast Pilots; Imray Grenada to Virgin Isles.

However, **we are still missing a few pilot books, presumably "borrowed", despite the policy being that no books or charts are to be removed from the Chart Room**, please. In particular, the current editions of the North Sea Pilot and the Cruising Guide to Germany and Denmark are missing, the "borrower" having replaced them with his/her out of date editions. Return of all borrowed books would be appreciated.

Peter Lowe, Cruising Sub-Committee

Future Meets

Cruise the Caledonian Canal – Charter 2016 - Meeting Tuesday 24th November at 11 am

As reported in last month's *ePotterNews* your Cruising Section are to organise a cruise on the Caledonian Canal in Scotland. On the 24th November a meeting was convened to examine the proposal, identify potential costs, the charter companies, start date and also heard the personal experiences of a guest speaker who transited the canal both ways last year. Twenty members have so far registered an interest in the cruise and several unregistered members attended the meeting. It was concluded that the cruise will go ahead and the **charter start date will be from Monday 19 September for 7 nights**, (allowing the weekend for members to get to Inverness). The likely costs should be budgeted at approximately £750 per person or £1240 for a couple, but this expense is largely dependent upon personal choices on type of boat, provisioning, eating out and method of travel, (*for example, to fly from Southampton could cost circa. £400 per person but much cheaper options exists at Gatwick and Heathrow*). Members at the meeting expressed a preference to drive to Inverness and perhaps use their cars to explore The Great Glen and Scotland.



So far, three boats are known to have been hired, representing five couples and one Member has expressed an interest of meeting up with the group when they hope to transit the canal in their own boat.

If you are interested in this cruise but haven't registered your interest then you should contact Derek Barnard on 07971 206 864 or, preferably, by [email](#) to ensure you are kept informed about developments of this cruising extravaganza of 2016 and its participants.

Note: *Derek has details of Charter companies operating on the Caledonian Canal and has negotiated a 10% discount on charter fees, please ask for details.*

Derek Barnard, Cruising Sub-Committee

Advance notice of the day sail to Newtown Harbour with lunch at the New Inn – Tuesday 26 January 2016



Please put the date for the first cruising event in your diaries. A chance to blow away the cobwebs.

Photography Competition

Thank you to all who entered the photographic competition. Your photographs are ready for collection from the desk below the pigeon holes in the hall.

Cruising Division Photographic Competition 2014 / 15



28 excellent photographs were submitted for judging in this year's competition. Our judge, William Payne, was exceptionally impressed by the high standard of entries and the wide variety of subjects and locations. He faced a difficult task but finally selected the winner to be Carole Hayles saying "This photograph contains much interest and makes excellent use of light." Carole's photograph will be displayed in the silver frame in the trophy cupboard for the next year and the official presentation will be made at the Cruising Supper Dinner on 27th February 2016. Carole's Photograph was taken on Bank Holiday Monday 3rd August 2015 at the approach to Bembridge Harbour looking toward St Catherine's Fort.

The Cruising Sub-Committee is very grateful to William for giving his time and expert opinion for what was a difficult task. Second place was awarded to David Hunter and third to Bob Woolley.

Thank you to all those who entered and presented some truly marvellous results for the exhibition. We look forward to your efforts for next year. The next Competition will run from now until October 2016 and requests from you 'A Photograph taken during Your Boating Year.'



Winter Lectures

The lectures resume in the New Year on Wednesday 6th January. Col David Houghton and Fiona Rogers will be giving a talk celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the introduction of the Contessa 26. Not only will this cover some of the history of this classis class but also some of the exploits that have been accomplished in this tough, compact cruiser. As secretary of the Contessa 26 Association and owner of *Elinor*, David has long acquaintance with many other owners and has arranged a number of events to mark this year.



Other lectures in January are:

In Shackleton's Footsteps	Martin Thomas
The Round Britain Race	Conrad Manning
Hampshire Marine Police	Alexander Stypulkowski

Members are welcome to share tales of adventure and 'derring do'. Volunteer speakers for the 2016/17 lecture season are invited to contact [Perrin Towler](#) or the Secretary. Full details on the [website](#).

Training

First Aid Courses - 09:00 - 17:00

- 5th December 2015
- 23rd January 2016
- 27th February 2016
- 12th March 2016



Members - £50, Non-Members £70

RYA Powerboat Level 2 Course November - December

Three courses this year - 12th and 13th December. Members - £95 Non-Members - £195

RYA Safety Boat Course – January 2016

Next Course Friday 8th (evening), 9th and 10th January. Members - £75 Non-Members £175

RLymYC PB Level 2 + Course – 6th February 2016

£10 for Members and Non-Members

Mark Laying Course - 12th March 2016

£10 for Members and Non-Members

Full details and booking information on the [website](#).

Vicky Leen, Events Assistant

Race Team Training

Please note an change of date: Course Setting – RLymYC Keelboat Series – now Thursday 10 March

Thursday 21 January 2016, Island Room 1800 - Knots and Knatter – plus Happy Hour!

An informal session to remind ourselves of the knots needed to keep the flags flying - the bowline, sheet bend and clove hitch. The secret of the matchstick and the art of folding flags. Start sequence count downs – give it a go. Come and meet other race team members. Bring some string.

Frances Evans and Paul Driscoll

Tuesday 26 January 2016, Island Room 1815 for 1830 - "When It All Goes Pear Shaped"

The problems that lead to protests – and how to deal with them – David Brunskill

Tuesday 09 February 2016, Island Room 1815 for 1830 - A Practical Session

Re-live the CRO Course Scenarios and more - Jane Corden and Frances Evans

Thursday 10 March, 2016, Island Room 1815 for 1830 (date changed) - Course Setting

RLymYC Keelboats Series - Simon van der Byl

Tuesday 15 March 2016, Island Room 1815 for 1830 - Setting Courses for Monday Evening Dinghy Racing - Steve Green

Saturday 16 April 2016, Island Room 1030-1130 - VHF Radio Use for Race Team Members and Support Boats - Phil Baker

NB Phil tells me that some of the buttons on the new VHF radios have different functions compared to the old radios we have all become used to. Just when you thought you had coped with the latest update!

Please add your name to the sign-up sheets on the notice board for these sessions.

Frances Evans

Fleets

XOD

Some photos from the XOD Class Prize Giving (i.e. for all the divisions, not just Lymington) at which Lymington did well in terms of prizes.



Sam Southern Cup
Oliver James & Paul Woodman



Dennis Ellis Bowl
Roy Froud, Gile Lloyd Williams & Les Abbot



Cowes Week 2nd Overall
Rory & Amanda Paton



Cowes Week 3rd Overall
Paul Woodman, Oliver James & Simon McCarthy

Roy Froud

LR Scows



The Scow Divisions AGM took place on the 2nd November, attended by some 66 members. Dick Moore was elected Captain, David Weller as Vice Captain and Carol Dunning as Treasurer/Secretary. In his review Dick thanked retiring Committee Members Gillie Pearson and Philip Shute for all their hard work. He also welcomed Frances Evans as a co-opted Committee member responsible for organising the walks programme.

Vince Sutherland presented Rory Paton with the Christine Sutherland Cup for the second year running. The Trophy goes to the Scow sailor who has recorded the best aggregate results in all the Scow races held in a year. Rory, helped by daughter Alex, won the Gold Fleet Early series, the Gold Fleet Late series, the Double Handed Class in the LRSCA Scow National Championships and the Hinxman Trophy, a series of 4 short races held in May.

The meeting was followed a cheerful dinner with special guests Stuart and Nicky Duffin, Ann and David Brunskill and Vince Sutherland.

The first walks have been well attended, with 26 out for the sea-wall walk on the 5th November, 23 and sundry dogs for the Hatchett Pond walk a week later, roughly the same number despite the rain for the Setthorns and Longslade outing on the 19th and 13 for the 10-miler led by Jonathan Cook on the 26th (see photo). Frances has volunteer leaders for all walking Thursdays up to and into the start of February and her aim is to provide variety and something for everyone. (Photo right -*Everybody DID manage to get back on their feet again!*)



Tickets are selling well for the Christmas Cheer Supper on 7th December and there is a full programme of talks starting on the 18th January.

Dick Moore, Captain of Scows

Juniors

RS Tera

Winter Training Dates

- 23rd January 2016
- 20th February 2016
- 27th February 2016

Julian Hire, Captain of RS Teras

Laser 4.7 and Radial

Well done to all the Lymington sailors who attended the two sailing events in November and sailed their best in the extreme and tricky weather conditions.

At the **Inlands Championship** the fog and the lack of wind was a concern on both days. On Saturday the shifty light wind resulted in a series of general recalls. After spending the whole day on the water the Laser 4.7s managed to finish just 2 races and the Radials only one. The racing on Sunday was cancelled due the thick fog sitting over the lake. Congratulations to Zac West coming 2nd, Arthur Fry 8th, Matilda Nicholls 12th and Flo Nicholls 26th, Flo was the best 12 year old in the 4.7 class.

Radial sailor Milo Gill-Taylor showed his outstanding performance racing against Lijia Xu (CHN) London 2012 Olympic gold medallist and coming 3rd in his flight and 5th overall in the event.

Three weeks later the GUL Ladder 4 event was a different story at Datchet Water SC. It was so windy on Saturday morning, gusting over 35 knots and the temperature hardly rising above 3°C, that some competitors left for home straight away. The wind averaged 26 knots all day, Arthur Fry was muscling his boat around the buoys in all three races to great effect, finishing 3rd, 5th and 3rd. Our youngest sailor, Flo Nicholls bravely finished the first race in 14th.

Sunday dawned to the flat calm after the storm. The light wind certainly played into the hands of the lighter sailors with Zac winning the last race. Overall, Arthur Fry finished 3rd, Zac 11th and Flo 19th.

The Laser 4.7 winter training dates:

Sunday 13th December

Sunday 9th January

420

Lymington's 420 sailors are a very busy bunch, and they range from the very best in the land, Jenny Cropley and her crew Emma Baker who are off to the Youth Worlds in Langkawi, Malaysia, next month, right down to, well necessarily the worst. The latter are only just starting out in the 420 so as ex oppie sailors the crew needs to work out what to do with a jib, a spinnaker and a trapeze – often all at the same time as well as two in a boat! We have been training most weekends, aimed primarily at the newcomers and they have made some good progress.

40+ boats braved a very blustery End of Seasons on Grafham Water, and Lymington's girls came out top: Jenny and Emma 1st girls; Ella Bennett and Emily Gent 2nd; Vita Heathcote and Milly Boyle 1st Juniors.

We also say farewell to those who have recently moved on to other classes – good luck!

George Heathcote, Captain of 420s

RNLI

Early Reminder - Beaulieu Boat Jumble Sunday 24th April 2016

When you are tidying up for Christmas the Lymington Branch are always happy to accept items for next year's Beaulieu Boat Jumble. Contact John Niven 01590 678839 or Celia Lassen, 01590 672881 for more details.



For Sale Notices

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.

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