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ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

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December 2016

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Club

The 'Strategic Thoughts' section of the Annual Sailing and Club Review - Saturday 3rd December at 9 30 am until to 10 45 am

The 95 Members who attended the Annual Sailing and Club Review on 5th November will be aware that the 'Strategic Thoughts' agenda item was supplanted by some full, lively and constructive discussions. A majority of those attending supported the Commodore's suggestion that as direct Member input into our considerations of strategy is important, we should dedicate a further meeting for the purpose. Do please attend this important meeting.

Date for the Diary – Saturday 11th February.

The AGM will be at 11 am on Saturday 11th February, 2017. The mailing with the papers for the meeting will be sent out in January.

Club Handbook 2017

We are now compiling our 2017 Club Handbook and have a few advertising spaces still available. This is a great opportunity for your business activity to be advertised to our Membership for the whole year especially if you are able to offer Members discounts! As you know we all constantly refer to the book of which 1800 are issued. We can offer quarter/half and full pages. Please email [Kate](mailto:kate@rlymyc.org.uk) kate@rlymyc.org.uk for more details.

We look forward to your support.

Staff Christmas Fund

All Members will have received a letter reminding them of the Staff Christmas Fund. Cheques may be sent to the Club throughout December.

Restaurant hours

The Restaurant can now serve from 6 pm every evening it is open, and will continue serving until 2.30 pm every lunchtime. This should allow Members more freedom of booking times, more time to eat, and can be used at busy times to allow two sittings.

Clive Sparrow, Vice-Commodore

Christmas Special (and for 2017)



British clothing retailer Joules has been supporting the Club's Youth Week regatta for over five years. As a special Christmas treat Joules has offered all Club Members a 20% discount at its shop in Lymington. Members simply need to show their RLYMJC Membership card when in store to take advantage of this discount which applies to new stock only.

PS - Youth Week 2017 date for the diary

Youth Week will begin on Monday 21st August with registration on Sunday 20th August.

London Boat Show 6th – 15th January 2017

Members may be interested in John Goode's special "3 for 1" offer for London Boat Show tickets. This year for one £12.50 ticket (plus booking fee) you will receive another 2 tickets.



Details are posted on the noticeboard in the Club

Perrin Towler, Vice-Captain of Cruising

Secretary's notes

Enigma Book Launch at the Club 11am on Friday 16th December

Members are offered the unique opportunity to attend the launch of **Enigma – The Untold Story of the Secret Capture**, the story of the recovery by the late David Balme, then the Navigating Officer of HMS Bulldog, of the Enigma machine from a U Boat U110 in the Atlantic in May 1941. David was a Member of the Club for 46 years until his death in January this year at the age of 95. The book is edited by prominent naval historian, Captain Peter Hore, who will be on hand, with Susan Balme, to sign copies which will be available to purchase on the day at £15. Please book your place on the sign-up sheet on the notice board or by calling Reception, with the number attending the launch, attending lunch and how many copies of the book to be reserved.

The launch will also be opened to a limited number of members of the public though an advertisement in the Lymington Times this weekend (2nd December), so please do book your places now.

RYA Affiliated Clubs Conference at the Solent Conference Centre Southampton Solent University 0930-1600 Saturday 3rd December

Its aim is to provide clubs with the opportunity to learn more about the services that are available and how these services can benefit your club and its members. We will update affiliated clubs on key events and research and outline our strategies for the future support of clubs. During the day there will be the opportunity to attend specialist club development workshops led by RYA and guest experts.

There will also be the opportunity to book an appointment with a member of the RYA team to discuss the needs of your own club. Members are very welcome to attend, but please reserve your place by registering on the [website](#)

Lymington Harbour News

For details of the new Commissioners, town quay redevelopment, salt flats recharging and much more, please click [here](#)

Kevin Podger, Secretary

We welcome the following new Members to the Club:

- Christopher & Fiona Fry
 - Nicholas Impett
 - Eileen Hurdle
 - Leslie & Janette Russell
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Congratulations

RYA Community Award for Lifetime Commitment

Vince Sutherland was presented with RYA Community Award for Lifetime Commitment by our Patron, HRH The Princess Royal. There are more details of the award under 'Volunteers'.



House

I cannot believe that it is December already and the Clubhouse is in Christmas mode. November was a busy time with the various Fleet divisions holding their annual dinners, including the Scows AGM and dinner, the Contessa 26 AGM and dinner and the XOD Dinner. We also held the Club Annual Dinner, after which Manley Hopkinson kept us all enthralled with stories and video of him skippering one of the yachts in the BT Global Challenge. The videos included seas that most of us would hope never to experience except in the comfort of the Dining Room.

The good news is that with recent reorganisation of the Kitchen team we can now open the restaurant for longer hours. The lunch menu will be available daily, including Sundays, until 2.30 pm all year round. During the winter months, October to March, evening meals will be served from 6 pm Monday and Wednesday through to Saturday. We hope these extended hours will help families and those who like to eat earlier in the evenings.

Coming soon is the Club Christmas Party, one of the 'must not miss' events with a spectacular Christmas Buffet, one of Vince's fun

Table Quizzes, and lots of party fun all round.

New Year's Eve will be a glittery event with a great band and super menu, Champagne on arrival and everything you could want to welcome in the New Year. If you have not been before, do come along and join the fun.

I have been asked to request that when you come along to Quiz night, Happy Hour or Film Night, times when the Bar is very busy, if at all possible, could you top-up your Club Card before the event. It does speed up things for everyone.

May I thank all of you for the great support you have given me in what proved to be a very difficult year, but I would like to assure everyone that we now have a really motivated team on the First floor, both in the Kitchen and Front of house, ready to serve you and make your visits to the Club enjoyable.

Merry Christmas to everyone and a Very Happy New Year.

Denise Moore, Rear Commodore House

Social

Christmas Buffet Party: Friday 9th December



Good friends, Good Cheer - It's the most wonderful time of year!

Please join us for our annual Christmas Party on
Friday 9th December!

There are now only 20 tickets remaining so book fast to avoid disappointment!

This feel good evening is a highlight on the Club's social program and is the perfect opportunity to get into the festive spirit whilst partying the night away, Tickets are £31 a head. For more details, please click the banner on the left.

Carols with Santa - Saturday 17th December



The Quayside Carollers will be back signing your festive favourites from 12:00hrs on Saturday 17th December. Enjoy some Mulled Wine and festive comforts whilst we wait for Santa to magically appear.

Booking a table in the River Room for prime viewing is recommended.

New Year's Eve - Saturday 31st December



New Year's Eve at The Royal Lymington Yacht Club guarantees an unforgettable evening.

Enjoy a glass of Champagne on arrival, and then delight in a delectable four-course dinner created by our New Head Chef James Keyte.

Entertainment on the night will be from the stylish 5 piece Pop/Rock band Wired4Sound who will be entertaining us with their most popular covers which are sure to get you up dancing. Join other Members to view the midnight countdown accompanied by the chimes of Big Ben and start 2017 with a bang, as the clock strikes midnight where else would you rather be, than with Good Friends &

Family, at your Club.

Tickets are £69.00 per person and guests are very welcome. To book your tickets please [click here](#) or contact Reception on 01590 672677.

Movie Nights:

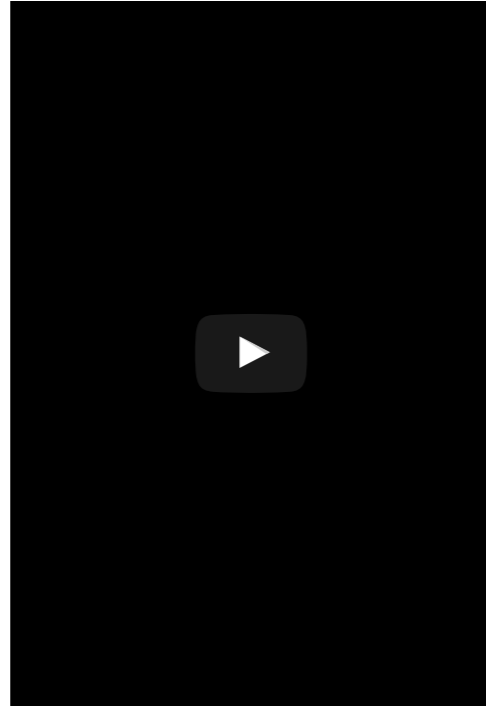
The Club will be running a series of Winter Movie Nights through to Thursday 30th March 2017. The Film starts at 20:00 and is free of charge to all Members. Please sign up on the Club notice board or complete the form below to register your interest.

Hot food will be available from 18:30hrs and served before the film starts at 20:00.



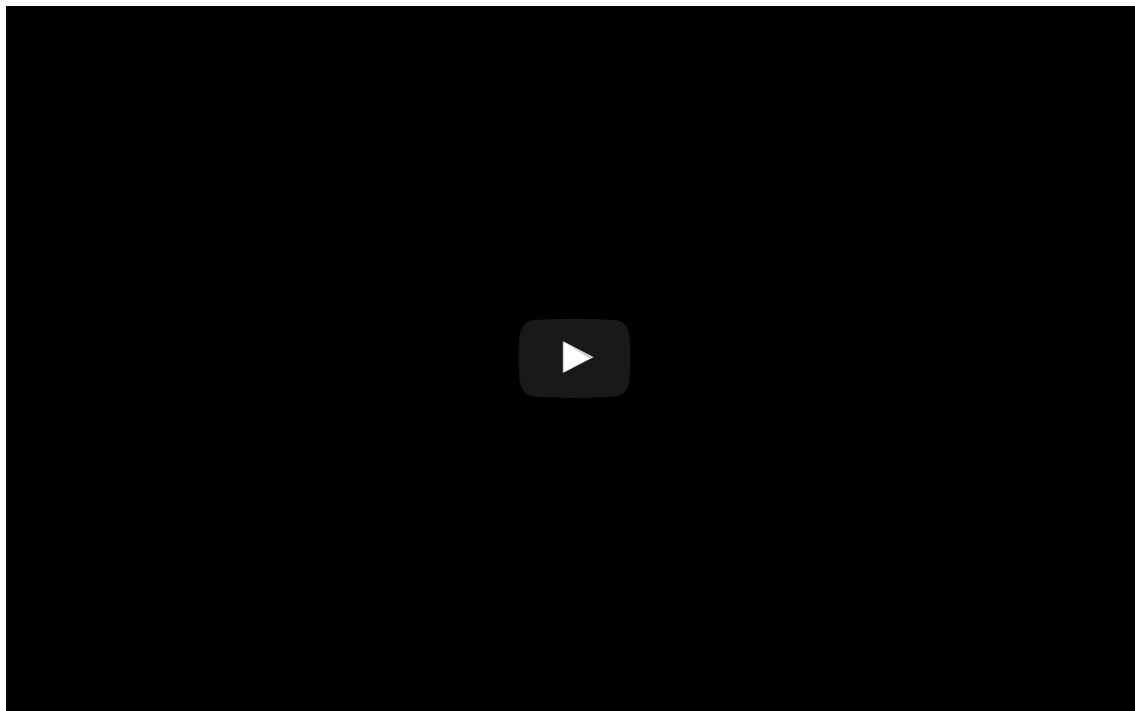
Thursday 8th December: Dad's Army

The misadventures of the elderly members of the local voluntary defense force.



Thursday 22nd December: Its a Wonderful Life (in colour)

After George Bailey (James Stewart) wishes he had never been born, an angel (Henry Travers) is sent to earth to make George's wish come true. George starts to realize how many lives he has changed and impacted, and how they would be different if he was never there.



Racing



Click on the posters for details of these Christmas fun activities.

Cruising

Future events

Informal Cruising Supper - Saturday 3rd December

The first event in December is the Informal Cruising Supper on the evening of Saturday the 3rd December These ever popular suppers

are the ideal place to meet up with likeminded people, meeting old friends and greeting new acquaintances. Do come along and join in, everyone is most welcome.

Needle's Relief – Saturday 10th December

The Needles' Relief is a traditional event to celebrate the historical delivery of Christmas presents to the Lighthouse Keepers. Members can either participate in the race or cruise over to Yarmouth to view the spectacle of the combined RNLi and Coastguard Helicopter training session. There is still time to get your raffle tickets and "be in it to win it". Prizes include a trip on the Yarmouth Lifeboat during the training exercise, a half hull model of the Velsheda, kindly donated by David Spy its creator, a meal for two with wine in the Club and lastly, three bottles of house wine. All proceeds from the raffle and berthing charges go directly to the local Lifeboats at Yarmouth and Lymington.

The notices and signup sheets for these events are posted in the Club with tickets available for both the marina berth at Yarmouth and the lunch in the RSYC at reception. Everyone is welcome, come by sail or motor, RIB or even car and ferry to this very social and festive occasion.

Day Cruise to Newtown Creek – Tuesday 17th January 2017

If it is possible to think past Christmas then the first meet of the New Year is a Day Cruise to Newtown Creek for lunch at the New Inn at Shalfleet at £12 a head. Club RIBs will be on hand to ferry everyone back and forth to the quay.. Signup sheets will appear nearer the time. This is normally a very popular event, weather permitting, so don't miss this opportunity to brush off those winter blues!

Past Events

Yarmouth Fireworks – Saturday 5th November

Bonfire Night in Yarmouth was well attended with some 45 members taking supper at the RSYC following a great firework display. Three boats crossed the Solent carrying twelve crew whilst the remainder enjoyed the comfort of the Wightlink Ferry! All enjoyed the firework display and the excellent hearty supper and very warm hospitality of the RSYC staff that followed the display.

Day Cruise to Cowes - Friday 18th November

The Day Cruise to Cowes on the 18th November was graced by a last minute improvement in the weather. This encouraged the six sailing yachts and five powerboats, carrying a total of 32 crew, to enjoy an excellent day cruise to Cowes. Going east on a spring flood there was only a gentle westerly breeze of about 10 kts. However this freshened under a light shower as we approached the Medina but still was at odds with the previous day's forecast of 20 kts and dry all day! As usual, the catering by the ISC hit the spot perfectly with a choice of an excellent fish pie or a succulent roast of pork shoulder, served swiftly and arriving piping hot. The return trip did enjoy the previous day's forecast with a 20 kts westerly plus gusts that encouraged the short Solent chop to get some spray over the decks, giving an exhilarating trip back for the sailors. The powerboats found calmer water on the Hampshire side and all came safely back to Lymington.

Cruising Section Photography Competition

Club Members submitted some excellent photographs – reflecting their boating year - for this year's competition. They were judged by William Payne, who found the task to be challenging and commented that the standard has risen since last year. Indeed it was so very close that an extra fourth place position was awarded to Richard Bagnall for his "Morning Flood" picture.

Well done and thank you to all those who entered. Many congratulations to the winners who were:

- First: George Trevelyan: "Force 5 off Roscoff."
- Second: Angela Reid: "Cowes Fireworks." (left)
- Third: James Eady: "Up aloft." (right)



Harvie Woolley

(Editor's note – ePN cannot do justice to these wonderful pictures, but for those unable to go to the exhibition, this is part of what you missed.)

Circumnavigators

The permanent honour board is finalised and is being made but has run into the Christmas rush so may not appear before the New Year. As mentioned previously, details of each of the voyages currently recorded are available on the web site, [Cruising Section, Log and Blogs](#) page.

Cruising Trophies

There is still time to enter your logs and blogs to be considered for the many Cruising Trophies to be awarded this year. Submissions can be in printed form or electronically and either submitted at reception addressed to Captain of Cruising or sent by to me by [email](#). All submissions of whatever length or detail are welcome.

George Johnson, Captain of Cruising

Visit by Sailing Club of the Chesapeake to the Solent, Saturday 9th - Sunday 17th September 2017

There is availability for more boats – both sail and motor - to join us, both hosting our guests or not. We are also looking for hosts for two nights both at the beginning and the end of the cruise for some of the American visitors who will be joining in the trip by land. If you are interested and want more information please contact me on 01590 679877 or [email](#)

Roger Wilson



Following the Christmas break the Wednesday evening lectures start again in January on Wednesday evenings at 18:30. All are welcome to come along and enjoy the talk. The first is on the 4th January by Gill Perkins and entitled 'The Plight of the Bumblebee'. A meal to follow breaks up the somewhat darker evenings and adds a little jollity to life. Do join us. Full details are on the [website](#).

January's topics are:

4 th January	Plight of the Bumble Bee	Gill Perks
11 th January	Battle of Quiberon Bay	Don Wark
18 th January	Norway Cruise	David Shepherd
25 th January	Oil-well Blow-outs	John Morrow

We very much look forward to your continued support during the darker winter evenings.

Perrin Towler, Vice-Captain of Cruising

Volunteers

Vince Sutherland

Supporting Volunteers is not always about chasing them to fill places on Race teams, or smoothing the way after a misunderstanding, sometimes there is also the opportunity to recognise the many hours that an individual has given to The Club and the wider sailing community.

In March the Sailing Committee were asked to put forward names to the RYA Honours and Awards Panel and it was unanimously agreed to submit an application for an RYA Community Award for Lifetime Commitment. We then waited several months before hearing that our submission had been successful and still sworn to secrecy we continued to wait until the RYA announced the Awards in November.

As many of you will know the worthy recipient of this Award is Vince Sutherland. Like many volunteers he started as a novice by supporting his son who sailed with the local Cadet Squadron, this led to local and National involvement with the class. Progressing from safety boat driver to fleet safety officer and eager to pass on his expertise and love of the sport to others he became a RYA powerboat Instructor. Not stopping there he became the Club's Chief Instructor (Power), mark layer for Sail For Gold, the London Olympics and Paralympics, and a RYA mark laying instructor.

Whilst acknowledging that we all learn from our mistakes he has helped many of us make less of them with his tactful asides and many an experienced race officer has benefitted from his brief observations at the windward mark. Still an active mark-layer at the club he lets others take the helm where possible and his contribution has raised the standard of mark-laying within the club.

If there is ever a space to be filled for an event on the water Vince's name is always at the top of the list and he has stepped in to the breach on many occasions. He has spent thousands of hours out in all weathers enabling others to enjoy racing safely and at a high level. His skills as a race officer have made him in much demand especially by the Scow fleet and off the water he is a member of the club's General Committee and the Training sub-committee. He does all this with a cheerfulness and willingness to help others get it right which has earned him the respect which he so richly deserves.

Congratulations Vince from all the volunteers at The Club, you have shown us what can be achieved from a modest start and lots of hard work, you certainly deserve this Award.

Jane Corden

Training

Race Management Training

Race Team Members are vital to the smooth running of the club's racing programme. They work hard but they also have a lot of laughs. Come along and see if it is for YOU!

Thursday 26th January - Become a Race Team Member? –An Introduction to the Basics -Malcolm McKeag

We will cover the basics to get you started as a volunteer, or add to your other skills if you crew a support or mark-laying boat.
Sail Loft. Time:- 1815 for 1830 to 2000 hours

Thursday 9th February - Race Team Member – An Introduction to the Basics – Practical Scenarios

We turn the Island Room into a Committee Boat and have a bit of fun putting theory into practice.
The scenarios will be distributed in advance so you can come prepared.
Sail Loft. Time:- 1815 for 1830 to 2000 hours

Thursday 9th March - Course Setting and Technology – Roger Wilson -

Computer Aids to Course Settings, Maps and Apps
Needles Room. Time:- 1815 for 1830 to 2000 hours

Tuesday 21st March - Setting Start and Finish Lines - Roger Wilson

Sail Loft. Time:- 1815 for 1830 to 2000 hours
(We hope, also, to get a practical session arranged the morning of Saturday 25 March)

Saturday 8th April - Using the Club's VHF Radios

Members new to race management are particularly welcome. The sessions are also designed to be a useful update to existing race team members, support boat drivers, mark-layers, committee boat skippers and shore based support. Sign Up Sheets will be on the Club notice board shortly. Venue: Island Room. 1030 to 1200 hours

Frances Evans

RYA First Aid Training

- 4th December

To book onto this course, please fill in the [training course disclaimer](#) and either bring it into the Club with payment or contact the office to book onto the course.

We are able to accept payment over the phone so please do not hesitate to contact us.

Members £50 Non-members £70

Vicky Leen, Events Assistant

Juniors

RS Fevas

There will be a number of Feva training sessions over the winter months, including some team racing sessions which all youth and junior members are welcome to join in. The next training session will be on the 22nd January. The Club Fevas will be available for hire, all levels of ability are welcome. For more information please contact Sarah Richards by [email](#).

Sarah Richards, RS Feva Fleet Captain

Optimists

Optimist Winter Training and RYA Zones and National Squads as strong as ever

Counting with around 30 children per weekend, Winter Training started the first weekend of October, led by Scottish hero, RYA and IOCA, National and International coach Robbie Burns and supported by our team of talented local coaches, Charlie Cox and Nik Froud. The minis was led by Joff McGill supported by Maria Claridge (who has been doing an amazing work throughout the whole year with this age group, now moving on to Silver Fleet) and junior assistant, ex oppie sailor Callum Cook.

November saw another excellent IOCA and RYA coach Kat Colvin leading the weekend, again with our fantastic team of locals. This time Maria joined the main fleet as we have an ever growing Silver Fleet with a large pre-zone and zones group of children. In the minis, we were lucky to have Nick Rogers returning to lead for the weekend, supported by Dave and Kate Davis. Nick would do more coaching with the minis, but he is away sailing most the time. For the next weekend we will have Dave Davis and Richard Breese leading the group.

Next Training date is 10th and 11th December, led by RYA and IOCA Optimist National Squad and International coach Tom Hayes together with a team of great coaches - Max Moyles, Charlie Cox and Maria Claridge. The theme of the weekend is sharp boat handling, speed, starts and mark rounding in preparation for a Sunday packed of Team Racing.

End of Year Party and Dinner Saturday 10th December

Sunday evening after sailing is also the End of Year Party and Dinner, including cinema night. Please call the Club to book your ticket (£7 for children; £11 for adults : beef/turkey roast dinner, vegetables, vegetarian option, ice-cream, mince pies, coffee, etc).

Our Children and the RYA Zones and Nationals Squads 2016-2017

RYA South- Zones Squad:

Emma Breese
Freddie Fitzsimmons
Ella Lightbody
Jake Stokes
Molly Dowson McGill

RYA/IOCA National Squad (top 24 in the rankings):

Hector Bennett
Henry Heathcote
William Heathcote
Emily Muller

RYA/ IOCA Intermediate National Squad (top 25-48 in the rankings):

Alfie Dowson McGill
Delfina Sesto Cosby
Santiago Sesto Cosby
Sophie Stoate

George May
Sam Webb
Freya Sewell
Freddy Howards

Ben Muller
Hayden Sewell
Freddie Lonsdale

Valeria Sesto, Captain of Optimists

RNLI

Dates for the diary

Monday 6th February: 12 noon – 4.30 pm
BRIDGE DRIVE & BUFFET LUNCH

Tuesday 21st February: 6.30 pm for 7 pm
QUIZ NIGHT



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Click on the [link](#) for details of our sponsors and discounts available.

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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