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RYA courses for all

Ann Brunskill

Club

Balcony repairs

The work on repairing the defects prior to putting on a new surface is well underway. There will be a short period when the door from the bar to the balcony will have to be removed, but this will be done at a quiet time to ensure minimum disruption to Members.

Dinghy park

Last Saturday John Tudor and a small team of volunteers carried out the maintenance work on Area B of the Dinghy Park, laying membrane and shingle to improve the site, ready for the sailing season.

New House Manager

I am very pleased to tell you that Simon Green has started work at the Club last Wednesday as the new House Manager. Simon has spent his whole career in the food, beverage and hospitality industry and brings a wealth of experience to the Club. Prior to his last position as estate manager at Danebury Vineyards, he spent 5 years as the Food & Beverage Manager for a hotel chain. Earlier in his career he was a Sommelier at several premium restaurants including 3 years at the Chewton Glen Hotel. I would like to wish Simon every success in his new role and I know he is looking forward to meeting and getting to know our Members

March Mailing

The 2014 Handbooks will be sent out on 6th March. The volunteer forms will be on the notice board soon, so please put your names down to help.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

Congratulations

In the Women's 470 class at the ISAF Sailing World Cup in Miami Club Member, Sophie Weguelin, with Eilidh McIntyre, sealed their comprehensive victory with a win in the medal race and they are No.1 in the ISAF World Sailing rankings in the class. Also congratulations to Nick Thompson for his third place in the hotly contested Laser Class.

Social



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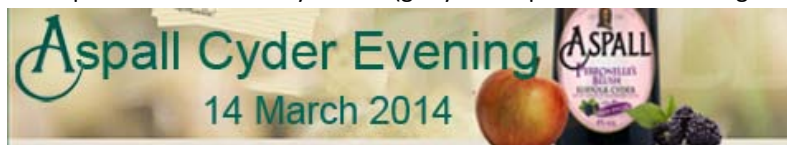
February's film is *The Great Gatsby*



Date for the diary



Tickets £25, Music - Vinyl Cafe, Dress Optional Great Gatsby theme (get your inspiration from seeing the film on Tuesday 18th February).



Tickets £22.50, Max No of Tickets is 50.

Cruising

January has started off as December finished, wet and windy, but the first meet of the year to Newtown and then by Club ribs (thanks to Perrin, Derrick, Bob and Roger) to the New Inn at Shalfleet for an excellent lunch. 12 boats with 47 people attended and we were rewarded with a break in the weather so able to sail there and back after the fog and frost cleared.

The next meet is on Tuesday 18th February and this is going to the Master Builders at Beaulieu not Ginns Farm as in the programme, see the sign up sheet on the board or [email](#) Bob Woolley.

Extra Cruising Seminar

We have an extra seminar on Saturday 22nd February called 'Know your Numbers'. This is a presentation by B&G about your instruments and plotters. [Please click here for more details.](#)



Our guest speaker is Dick Durham, news editor of Yachting Monthly. Dick an east coast sailor has sailed a 26ft centre-boarder, Contessa32 and his current boat a 26ft gaff cutter, he will talk about Bob Roberts last skipper of the sailing barge Cambria, yacht designer Maurice Griffiths and Mike Peyton amongst others. This is always a popular night so buy your tickets early from the club reception.

[Winter Lectures](#) (click for more details)

Please let the office know if you cannot attend a lecture you have signed up for. Most are sold out and we are ending up with unnecessarily empty seats. The kitchen must know who is staying for supper afterwards.

Nick Olney, Captain of Cruising

Cruising - Future events

Summer Cruise June 2014

As most of you will recall last year's summer cruise was a cruise with a difference! Unlike in previous years there were no fixed destinations or events. As planned everyone kept up to date with each other's movements throughout the month of June through a regular text update of ports of call. The lack of pressure to get to a fixed destination on time was seen as a plus point and a number of enjoyable ad hoc social gatherings took place during the month in a wide variety of locations.

The cruise was by its nature something of an experiment but feedback from participants and from the cruising forum held in October was positive. A similar format is therefore proposed for this summer.

At this early stage it seems likely that a number of us plan to cruise in the West Country perhaps including the Scilly Isles. Others may choose the Channel Islands and/or North or South Brittany.

The format of the event is such that participants could choose to cruise in any of these areas, or elsewhere for that matter, and be kept in touch with others making a similar choice.

I will be contact with everyone again in April when I will be inviting potential participants to provide contact details and outline passage plans. In the meantime if you have any questions please feel free to call me on 01590 610121 or to [email](#) me. To avoid delay and unnecessary work for the Club office please email me direct rather than by clicking reply to this email.

Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub Committee

Needles Relief

Members will be glad to hear that the RNLI Raffle produced around £400. With the amount raised in addition for the entry fee we have been able to give a donation of £800 to the Lymington RNLI and £500 to the Yarmouth RNLI. Jointly with the Royal Solent we also presented both lifeboat crews and the helicopter crew with two cases of wine each. A big thank you to everyone for their support.

David Houlton, Cruising Sub Committee

Wednesday Junior Sailing

There's plenty of time before the WJS season begins but we wanted to get in touch to tell you about a few things that will be happening this year.



9th April, 2pm - Pre-season safety briefing

The first date is the most important, when we ask all our volunteers to gather at the club on 9th April at 2pm for our pre-season safety briefing. Please make this a top priority as it's a requirement that all our helpers have this briefing. It's a huge help to us if everyone comes, as it means we can get all the paperwork out of the way in one go and you can all join in right from the start of the season. If you have any friends who might like to join our happy band, this is the meeting to bring them along to.

16th and 23rd April - Training days

These days are offered as an opportunity to hone your skills ready for WJS and refresh your memory of the way we do things. We'll be offering Power Boat training in the mornings (10 am -12 noon) and sailing in the afternoons (2 pm - 4 pm). The first afternoon we'll be concentrating on single-handers, the second afternoon on double-handers.

30th April - WJS begins

18th June 2-6pm - 30th Anniversary Party

This year is the 30th anniversary of WJS and we intend to celebrate in style. Any good ideas for appropriate mementos etc, please let us know.

10th-17th August - Youth week

1st October - final WJS session for 2014

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the past and welcome to all new helpers. We look forward to working with you in 2014 as we celebrate 30 years of making sailing accessible to everyone in and around Lymington.



Ali Husband and Peter Salisbury

Racing

Winter Seminars



Get ready for the new 2014 season with the following winter lectures...

North Sails - Downwind Trim - Thursday 20th February

B&G Know Your Numbers - Thursday 27th February: [For more info please click here.](#)

Racing Rules Talk by John Doerr - Thursday 27th March

All talks are 18.30 in the Island Room

Dinghy Racing 2014



14th April: briefing for Monday Evening Dinghies

21st April: Monday Evening Dinghies first race

19/20th July: Lymington Dinghy Regatta

23rd August: Potter Dinghy Race

21st September: Bart's Bash

And don't forget the race team evening training for anyone willing to help out with the racing we all enjoy; the next one is on 13th February .

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies

Race Management Training

Thursday 13th February 1800 hours - Keeping Time

An Introduction to the Role of the Timekeeper - Jane Clegg

It is planned to include some practical work so if you have your own stop watch do please bring it.

Tuesdays 11th and 18th March 1800 hours

Course Setting Round the Cans - Malcolm McKeag

Thursday 27th March 1830 hours - The Art of Support Boating - Peter Phillips and Vince Sutherland

Please bring paper and pencil

Saturday 5th April 1100 hours

VHF Radio Use for Race Team Members & Support Boats - Phil Baker

- Sign up Sheets for the sessions are on the main Noticeboard.
- A message from Captain of XODs and Captain of Juniors. XOD and Junior events offer a great opportunity to gain practical experience. They are waiting to welcome you on board!
- If you missed any of the winter training sessions, or have forgotten the detail, the PowerPoint presentations of the Race Management Training Documents will be available shortly on the Club [website](#).

Frances Evans

Race Teams 2014

The Race team forms for 2014 will be sent out shortly and will also be on the website. Please look at the forms together with the 2014 Sailing Programme and see which events you would like to be part of. The Club will, as usual, be running lots of events throughout the season beginning with the Portmore Insurance Spring Series starting at the end of March. Each event requires a different mix of Race Team members, and support on and off the water.

Monday Night Dinghies

The Club holds weekly racing for up to 70 dinghies ranging from Optimists and Scows to the speed merchants in the PY fast fleet. Races are usually started from the comfort of the upper balcony and finished at the Club line. If you feel that your sea-legs are not yet up to committee boat work this could be the team for you. It is also the ideal time for those who have RIB driving skills to gain further experience following the fleets as safety boats or laying marks where needed. Dinghy dates for your diary:

Wednesday and Saturday afternoon XOD racing

Racing starts from the Platform. With only one fleet to think about the XOD series requires a smaller team: a race officer with one or two assistants plus mark layers. It is a single start on Wednesdays which makes things a lot easier to understand and provides a good opportunity to build up skills and confidence.

Thursday Night Keelboats

The starts at Thursday Night Racing are fast and furious; eight classes, with one starting every five minutes so there is a lot to do. Course setting and communicating the courses to the fleets, timing, flags and sound signals and most importantly recording the starters and finishers as they pass through the line. Crews are also needed to ferry racers to their boats and the race team to the platform, lay the marks and when necessary shorten course and record the finishers.

These series all offer opportunities for Members to support racing and enjoy the fun so please look out for the forms when they arrive, we will be having a much more robust system for processing them this year.

Jane Corden

RYA Youth Stages courses

The following courses have now been finalised for the 2014 season. These courses are a great opportunity to further your child's sailing skills, starting from beginner skills in Stage 1 up to being a fully competent sailor by Stage 4. The dates are as follows:

RYA Youth Stage 1	14th & 15th April, 24th & 25th July, 18th & 19th August
RYA Youth Stage 2	17th & 18th April, 26th & 27th July, 28th & 29th July, 21st & 22nd August
RYA Youth Stage 3	10th & 11th April, 4th & 5th August
RYA Youth Stage 4	7th & 8th August, 18th & 19th October
RYA Sailing with Spinnakers	6th & 13th July

The courses run from 09:00hrs to 16:30 approx. afloat and in the Old Sail Loft. Prices range from £75.00 upwards. To book on to a course you will need to contact the office on 01590 672677 or [email](#) Vicky.

Winter RYA Courses

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 on 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](#).

Juniors

Oppies

There have been some notably exotic triumphs in amongst the usual grind of winter training; in Malta, just before Christmas, Ella Bennett (pictured right) took a great victory at the Euromed Championships. Fellow Lymington sailors Pippa Cropley (3rd) and Alex King (5th) added to the glory.



Later in January a number of Lymington sailors travelled to Torrevieja, in southern Spain. They were very generously looked after by the host club, the Real Club Nautico Torrevieja, and joined more than 300 sailors from 15 countries in a high level championship. Unbroken sunshine and a warm, consistently fresh breeze enabled Alex King (5th) to shine, closely followed by fellow Club member Milo Gill-Taylor (8th) (pictured left).

Winter training continues apace, with Lymington weekends, Zone Squad and National Squads having been able to sail a full programme, which we are now more than half way through. It's a bit too early to hope for spring, but we will at least soon enjoy some slightly longer days.

George Heathcote

Lymington Sailability

Annual Charity lunch with fashion and beauty show at the Chewton Glen Hotel - 3rd March

For more details and to book your place please contact Sue or Aly using the contact details on this [link](#).

RNLI

Lymington Branch AGM - Thursday 13th March, 2014

Lymington Town Sailing Club 7 pm

Quiz Night - Thursday 20th March 7 pm

Vince Sutherland will be quizmaster. Tickets £5.00 (including £3.00 donation to the RNLI). Contact Ann Brunskill (01590 677630 or [email](#)) for details.

Beaulieu Boat Jumble Sunday 27th April, 2014 - Wanted -items to sell

The Lymington Branch will be running the RNLI stall at BBJ and we need all your unwanted (but usable) 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 RLYMJC 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

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