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ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

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Club

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be at 11 am on Saturday 11th February, 2017. To assist with our planning and if you've haven't already replied to the "All Member" emails sent, I would be grateful if you could indicate your intention to attend or otherwise the AGM on Saturday 11th February by following the link below:

<http://rlymyc.org.uk/AGM.aspx>

Clive Sparrow, Vice-Commodore

House

This is now my last update as I hand over to a new Rear Commodore House next month. I have already thanked all those Committee members who have helped me, but I would also like to thank all those members and friends who have supported me and made a difficult job more fun. I know there will be changes ahead which I am sure you will appreciate.

Already I have had good reports of the new alternative Quiz Nights. Coming up soon is Valentines Night, always a lovely evening with a carefully chosen romantic menu. Do please check the Website for up-coming events, the Club really does need your support.

Many thanks again to all!

Social



Valentines Day Supper: Tuesday 14th February

There are still tables available for our Valentine's Day Supper which starts at 19:30hrs on Tuesday 14th. Club Member Vince Sutherland will also be providing some music to get you in the dancing mood. Please purchase your tickets from Reception.



Annual Cruising Dinner

The Annual Cruising Dinner is taking place on Saturday 25th February with entertainment on the evening by award winning magician Richard Young. Tickets are £31.

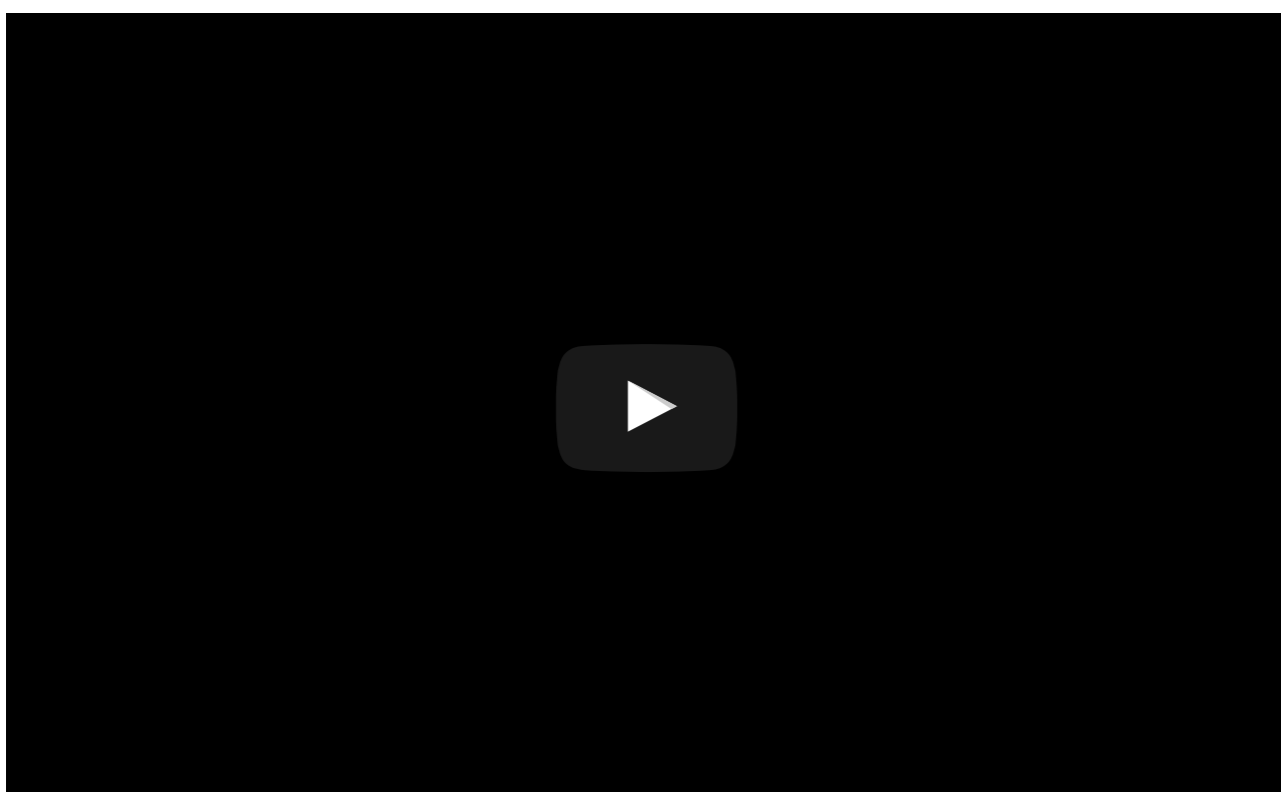
Movie Nights:



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.

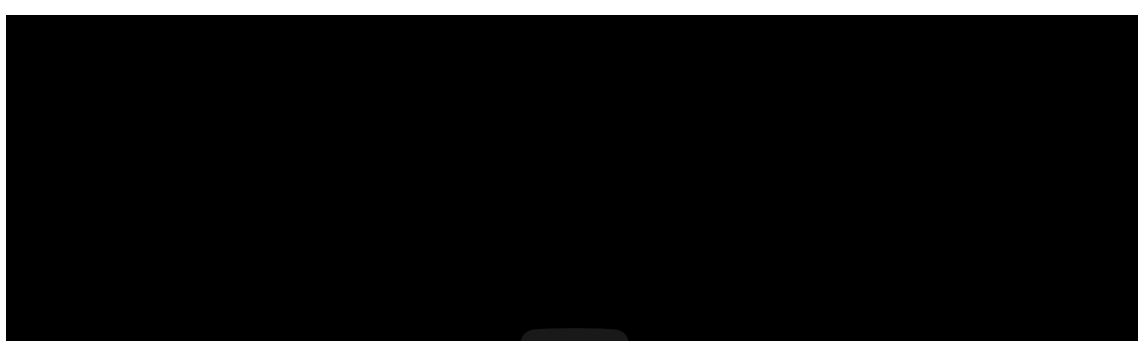
Hot food will be available from 18:30hrs and served before the film starts at 20:00.

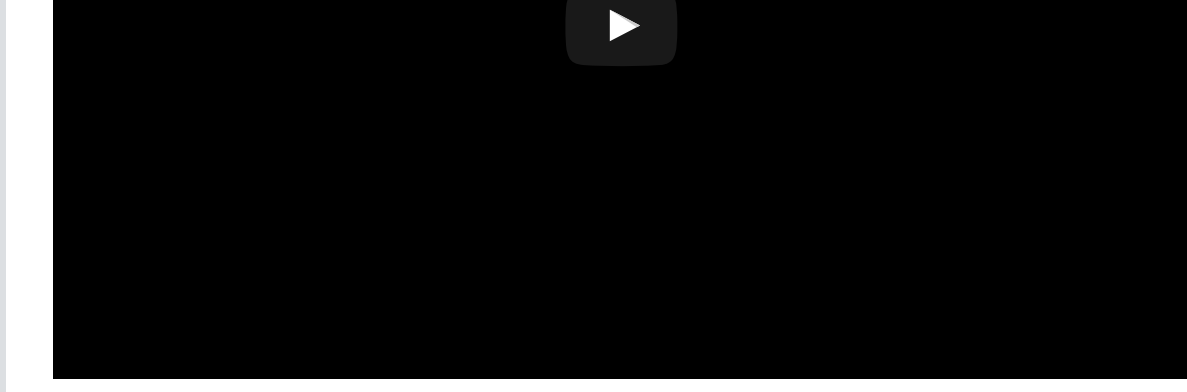
Thursday 09th February - In the Heart of the Sea



In 1820, crewmen (Chris Hemsworth, Benjamin Walker, Cillian Murphy) aboard the New England vessel Essex face a harrowing battle for survival when a whale of mammoth size and strength attacks with force, crippling their ship and leaving them adrift in the ocean. Pushed to their limits and facing storms, starvation, panic and despair, the survivors must resort to the unthinkable to stay alive. Their incredible tale ultimately inspires author Herman Melville to write "Moby-Dick."

Thursday 23rd February - Kids Film - Trolls. Starts at 17:00





After the Bergens invade Troll Village, Poppy (Anna Kendrick), the happiest Troll ever born, and the overly-cautious, curmudgeonly Branch (Justin Timberlake) set off on a journey to rescue her friends. Their mission is full of adventure and mishaps, as this mismatched duo try to tolerate each other long enough to get the job done.

Cruising

Future events

Valentine's Day Club Cruise to Gins on the Beaulieu River. - Tuesday 14th February 2017.

The February day cruise is to The Royal Southampton's Gins Club House on the Beaulieu River. Skipper's briefing to be held at 09.00. to complete final numbers and details.

Cowes High Water 12.58.

The intention is to arrive for 12.00. and to sit down to lunch at 12.30.

A Club RIB will be on hand to ferry members from the central pontoon.

- **There will be two main courses:** one meat pie and one fish pie.
- Desserts can be purchased separately if required.

In the event of foul weather it is hoped that members would go to this meet by car. Numbers have to be capped at 85.

Robert Woolley – Cruising Committee.

Mobile: 07950 038959.



Thursday 2nd March - Cruise to Cowes (HW Portsmouth 13.50 4.7m)

Cruise to Cowes and treat yourself and crew to a midday stop at Cowes Yacht Haven, taking in lunch at the Island Sailing Club (ISC). Members will catch the 'flood' tide during the morning to Cowes and then join the 'ebb' for Lymington in the afternoon.

What's for lunch? – a fixed price (£15) 2 course lunch: Chicken, Ham and Mushroom Pie or, Haddock Florentine and both served with Sauteed Potatoes, Green Beans and Carrots, a choice of sweets and Coffee.

Want to go? - sign up at the RLYC Club's Notice Board and indicate your crew's food choices, (these are to be pre-advised to the ISC and our berthing requirements to Cowes Yacht Haven). If you cannot get to the Club then contact your organiser by text 07971 206 864, or email: yachttangaroa@btinternet.com.

Haven't got a boat? - no worries: tell your organiser and he will try and place you on one.

Derek Barnard

CsC Member and organiser

Summer Cruise 2017

This is preliminary notice of the cruising section's plans for this year's summer cruise incorporating initial thinking.

As discussed at the cruising forum in October and following positive feedback from participants in last year's event the cruise will continue the informal format adopted over recent years. There will be no fixed passage plan but everyone who signs up will be kept up to date with 'fleet' movements by a daily text message from mid-June until mid-July to facilitate ad hoc meets in a wide variety of locations. The main changes, based on the feedback from the Forum and the experience of the past couple of years will be:

- The option of cruising across the Channel "in company" to support those who are less experienced or confident of making the



journey. Depending on the wind and weather, we would aim to either cross to Cherbourg or Alderney. This would be followed by cruising in the Channel Islands and the North Brittany coast. The extent of "in company" support has yet to be finalised but could include sailing within sight of other boats, maintaining VHF contact and leaving the dock together as well as early arrivers helping the later ones moor up.

- There will be no fixed dinners other than the cruise supper at the club. Instead, dinners at local restaurants will be organised depending on the number of boats in the same location. For those wanting to cruise "in company", dinners will be organised at the time. For example, there could be a dinner in Cherbourg on day 3 if the initial destination is to that port.

This year the cruise will start with a pre cruise supper at the club on Friday 9th June. In view of the flexible nature of the cruise there will be no deadline for signing up although we will need to firm up on numbers for the cruising in company nearer the time. That said early expressions of interest by email to me would be appreciated. If this can include information on your likely cruising area so much the better. Also, if you have any ideas or proposals for the cruise, please let me know.

In order to avoid loading the office with unnecessary work and to speed communication please email me at tovieres@gmail.com rather than clicking reply to this message

Bill Parsons Cruising Sub Committee

Past Events

Trip Report – Newtown Harbour 17 Jan 2017

The first day sail of 2017 ventured to the New Inn at Shallfleet. Weather conditions were benign with a light south westerly wind and light cloud cover tempting some 80 Members and guests to brave the crisp January morning. Good progress was made on the flood and nearly all participants arrived by 11:15. Whilst the keelboats made fast to buoys the smaller motor boats were able to navigate to the quay on the rising tide. This greatly eased the work of the RIB drivers ferrying crews ashore and we thank the skippers for their willing participation.

All 80 people made the trip down the lane to the Inn without incident. The Club in fact completely filled the tables in every area. The steak and fish pie on offer was not only excellent fare but good value at only £10 per head.

Suitably fortified, at about 13:30 we wended our way back to the quay and the return to the boats at their moorings. This was accomplished without incident by 14:30 and the nineteen participating boats made their way back to Lyminster on the strengthening ebb in glorious sunshine.

The day was notable for its jollity and high spirits as the winter blues gently breezed away.

Perrin Towler, Vice-Captain of Cruising

Volunteers

The 2017 Sailing Event Teams Form is now available, so if you would like to get involved this season, then please follow the link below.

[Click here for the 2017 Sailing Event Teams Form](#)

Volunteer Tokens 2017



These are the only Volunteer tokens to be accepted this season.

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| 1 token | = A glass of house wine / A Pint of Club beer / Soft Drink or **New for 2017** a portion of large chips. |
| 5 tokens | = Bottle of House Wine or **New for 2017** a Race Supper (limited to Monday & Thursday evenings) |
| 12 tokens | = **New for 2017** A Musto polo shirt personalised with RLymYC Race Team |

Fleets

Scows

Gales, fog, even snow; who cares when the Scow social programme is in full swing. Last month we much enjoyed a humorous and informative talk from Steve Harridge "It shouldn't happen to a Consulting Engineer". Predictably, it does, albeit very rarely. February's lecture and supper on 20th will be all about of the evolution of the Super Yacht, from one of the most qualified people to tell us: Chris Cecil-Wright. We are looking forward to hearing about what goes on behind the scenes of some of those fabulous vessels pictured in the magazines.

Regardless of prevailing conditions, the Thursday walks continue. Last week was the traditional birder walk around the marshes, where conditions reduced the number of species spotted to 38, still a very good result. This week we will be 'doing the sea wall'; a once-a-month delight followed by lunch at the Club.

Scow Division members have recently received an updated programme for the year. We have a talk on 6 March from Allan Hill; Rory Paton's regular pre-season tips on 20 March; and a visit to the Royal Thames Model Room on 28 March. We then benefit from some training, before we finally start racing and pottering again. Keep an eye on the Scow Notice Board for full details and sign-up sheets.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Scows

XOD

The XOD fleet at Lymington is one of 6 Solent clubs that race X's, culminating, if one wishes, in racing at Cowes week and Cowes Classic Week and lots of Solent racing as well. An XOD could take part in over 80 races a season if the owner was willing!

We are a very competitive fleet but extremely welcoming to newcomers, be they transitioning from other boats or perhaps new to the area. We have sailors of all ages, from youth sailors who really enjoy the competitive close tactical racing that is similar to their one design dinghies, to older sailors who just want to improve and learn from the vast experience in the class. Our experienced sailors will help you with setting up your boat and getting up to speed quickly.

There are 38 X boats at Lymington (not all on the water at the same time) and we all race together on Saturday and Wednesday afternoons when we have a dedicated start at 14:00 and also on Thursday evenings when we join in with the rest of the club racing. We typically see between 15 to 25 Xs racing on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

"The standard of racing is high with a number of ex Olympians and world champions taking part and it normally takes mere mortals a little time to get to the front. However, it's a great way to learn especially when the top guys are so helpful!"

If you want to find out more, please contact Lymington Division Captain Roy Froud @ roy.froud@gmail.com

Winter and early season events:

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| Thursday 16 th March 18:00 | Sails shapes & designs @ Sanders Sails |
| Saturday 8 th April 17:00 | Sailing instructions briefing |
| Saturday 15 th April 17:00 | Spring meeting |
| Saturday 22 nd April 14:00 | Racing season starts!!! |
| Sunday 7 th May 10:00 | Set-up & tuning day |
| Wednesday 7 th June – Sunday 11 th June | Lymington XOD Week |

All meetings & events @ RLymYC unless otherwise stated

Roy Froud, Captain of XODs

Juniors

Junior and Youth Sailing Winter 2017

The 2017 season has started with a lot of enthusiasm. Lots of juniors and youths have been enjoying the rather chilly conditions. I am always in awe of the sailors who enjoy their sport at this time of the year.



The last few days of free training donated by the RYA are being planned by the 420's, 29ers Fevas and Teras. Please contact your class captains if you would like to be involved. These days of training are there for everyone to enjoy.

Sarah Richards has been trying something new with the Fevas. She has been planning team racing. This is a great addition to skills of young sailors. It sharpens your knowledge of rules, improves boat handling and while it is there for sailors of any age, it is good for those who would like to sail at university as this is what the majority of uni sailing is about. This coached opportunity (thanks to both Sarah and Rory Paton) is open to sailors from any of the junior and youth classes.

Get in touch with Sarah if you are interested.

All of the classes are doing well with a full program of activities planned for the winter and spring. New members are always welcome so if you want to get involved, contact your head of class (details on the website under "Juniors") or Gillian Poole who is our main contact in the office.

As I am new to the role as Captain of Juniors, I am interested in getting feedback about the experiences of young sailors and parents. If you have any comments that you would like to make please get in touch with me. I'm interested in what works well, what could be improved and anything else that you think might be relevant. I'll be sorting through and responding to your views in March so please get those emails to me in Feb. Clare Carden Chcarden1231@gmail.com



Lasers

On the 21st/22nd January a number of our sailors travelled to Draycote for the 4.7 Winter Championships, this weekend was also the final qualifier for the 4.7 Europeans and the 1st Qualifier for the 4.7 Worlds. The weather was cold, and the wind as fickle as expected of a lake venue. All our sailors were fantastic; we had 10 sailors from Lymington racing, with 7 finishing in the top 20; including Sam DLF (2nd), Matilda Nicholls (3rd), Tom Mitchell (6th) and Lizzie Beardsall (12th).

Winter training is going well, and we have our coaches Hannah Snellgrove, Greg Carey and Robbie Claridge to thank for our sailors continuing successes.

Future dates for training (4.7s and radials) are as:

- 18th/19th February (4.7s only)
- 4th/5th March
- 1st/2nd April

Please book with the club quickly (01590 672677) as we do fill up.

Worlds 4.7 Training

We are planning to offer two training weekends ahead of the 4.7 Worlds in July. The training will take place on the two May bank holiday weekends (29th April-1 May and 27-29 May).

Although we are just gauging interest at this stage, we have already seen a lot of interest. We are coordinating with the RYA and their squad plans to ensure there are no clashes.

Please email us (rlymyc.youth.laer@gmail.com) if you are interested or would like to be added to our mailing list.

RNLI

Dates for the diary

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



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