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Club

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be at 11 am on Saturday 11th February, 2017. The January mailing which includes the papers for the AGM will be sent out on the 17th January.

Clive Sparrow, Vice-Commodore

February issue of ePN

Owing to the editor's absence (on holiday away from wifi contact) there will only be notices of forthcoming Club and Social events in the February newsletter, but if anyone has anything urgent they wish to be included, please [email](#) the Club office. Normal service will be resumed in March.

London Boat Show 6th – 15th January 2017

The Secretary has a limited number of free tickets for this month's Boat Show, if you would like the tickets, they will be given on a first come, first served basis. Please contact the office for more info.

Alternatively 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

Secretary's notes

Club Handbook

As the Members' Handbook contains personal details, please return or send any unwanted/old copies to the Office for destruction.

Club Cards

We have recently had our Clubhouse card-entry system upgraded as some of the components had become obsolescent, reducing our capacity to register new cards. There will be some Members with cards issued or replaced between 10th December and 4th January whose cards may not operate the doors system. If you have one of those cards please take it to Reception for it to be re-activated accordingly. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

House

Happy New Year and what a great start. Following a splendid New Year's Eve Party with an outstanding band, the Club was full again for New Year's Day Sunday lunch. A huge thank you to all our staff for looking after us all so well.

But, before that we had an action-packed December with numerous celebration dinners and parties at the Club, it was great to see so many people enjoying themselves. We catered for the Folkboats Dinner, the J80s dinner, the Not for Lunch Group, Lymington Rotary Club, U3A Yoga Group, Farnleys Mead dinner, Ladies Golf Society Lunch, the Gunners, Fisherman's Quay dinner, Gentlemen's Lunch.

The Club was busy and fun for the whole of the Christmas period with Club Christmas Party and Carols with Santa.



We now look forward to 2017 with some new additions to the calendar. Do please check on the [website](#) to find out what is on week by week.

First up is Burns Night, so all Scots or anyone who enjoys all the ceremony of Burns Night and the fun of the Ceilidh. It's a really great night complete with Piper, Caller and of course the Haggis. Full details below.

As I near the end of my time as Rear Commodore House, I want to thank all those who have helped as well as all those who have chaired and served on the Sub Committees without whom I could not have done the job. In particular Liz Thunhurst and her team on the Social Sub Committee, Richard Martin and the Building & Maintenance Team, and Oliver Stanley and the Bar & Catering Sub Committee. Then there are the members of the House Committee including Elizabeth Andrews and her ladies on the Flower Rota (the first floor Christmas display is pictured above) and of course Harvie Woolley who has helped so capably with communications.

I hope that 2017 is a good year for everyone.

Denise Moore, Rear Commodore House

Social

Burns Night: Saturday 21st Saturday



Please join us for our annual celebration of Scotland's National Poet, Robert Burns with a dinner and Ceilidh. Tickets are £33 available from Reception.

Movie Nights:

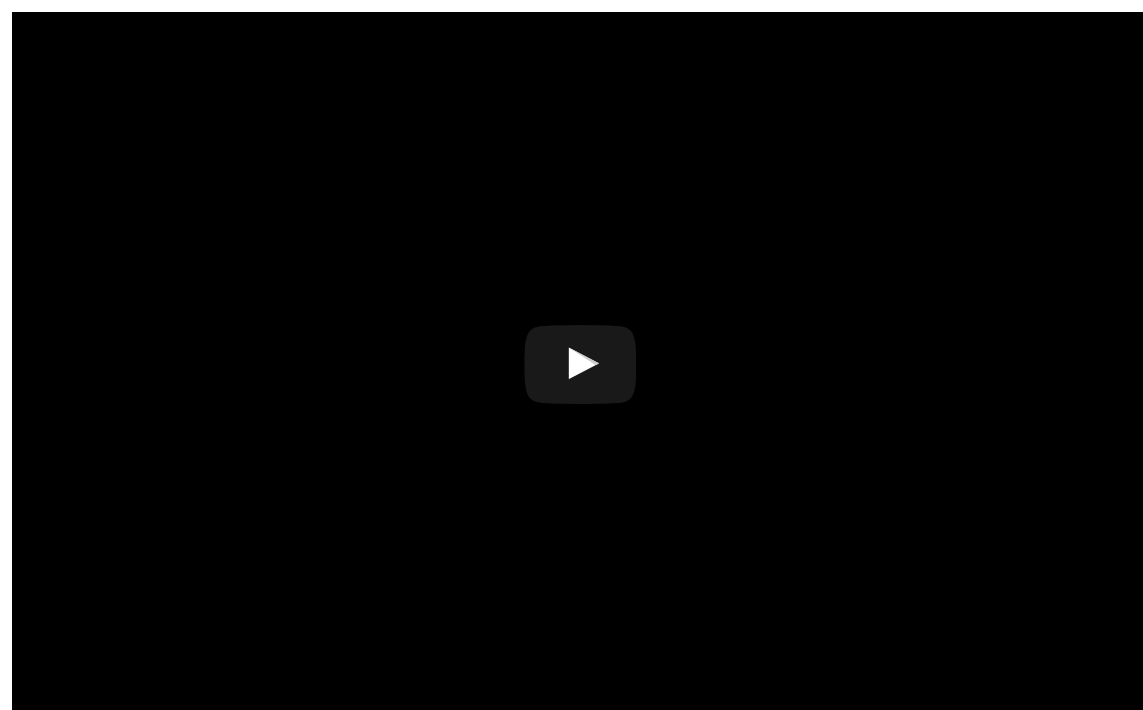


The Club will be running a series of Winter Movie Nights through to Thursday 30th March 2017. The Film starts at 20:00 and is free of charge to all Members. Please sign up on the Club notice board or complete the form below to register your interest.

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

Thursday 12th January: Florence Foster Jenkins

In the 1940s, New York socialite Florence Foster Jenkins (Meryl Streep) dreams of becoming a great opera singer. Unfortunately, her ambition far exceeds her talent. The voice Florence hears in her head is beautiful, but to everyone else it is quite lousy. Her husband St. Clair goes to extreme lengths to make sure his wife never finds out how awful she truly is. When Florence announces her plans for a concert at Carnegie Hall, St. Clair soon realizes that he's facing his greatest challenge yet.



Racing

Dinghies (and even smaller boats...)

Dinghy park

There is now a substantial waiting list for spaces in the Club's dinghy park. If you think you may not use your boat much in the coming season, please give consideration to passing your space to one of the keen sailors who would like it, even for a limited period. You can discuss it with me, with John Tudor or with Vicky at the office.

There will be three dinghy park maintenance working parties scheduled in January, February & March. This will be to carry out routine maintenance such a weeding, relaying of membrane & just a general tidy up! Please look out for the dates, your help would be greatly appreciated!

Christmas Racing

The three festive sailing events after Christmas went well despite varied winds. A record 71 monohulls and multihulls turned out to race for the Setley Cup and Seahorse Trophy model yacht competition on Boxing Day, once again run capably by several of the Club's most experienced race team members. Setley Pond was graced with sunshine and a decent breeze, albeit from an unusual direction, requiring ingenuity from the course setters and some wet feet for the smaller competitors. A full report is on Y&Y at <http://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/193811/Setley-Cup-and-Seahorse-Trophy>.

Peter Andrae Trophy

The next day the wind went away, so the 19 young competitors between 8 and 16 years turned up to race, the largest number for many years battled it out in the Club's rowing tenders. PRO Stuart Jardine set a course was from the Club's smart new pontoon across to marks on the other side of the river and back. The racing was often close but many oars went overboard and the number of crabs caught would have fed the assembled helpers and supporters. Most competitors were very tired after their heats but the fitness of the finalists was impressive. Two final heats produced a clear winner.

Winner of the Peter Andrae Trophy (A silver model of a Lymington Scow) - Tim Hire 2nd – Annabel Vines, 3rd – Sam Webb, 4th – Vita Heathcote crewed by Dirk Rogers and 5th – Lola Mordant. All the competitors received a fair cash prize from the fund left to the Club for this event in the name of Peter Andrae.

Thanks are due to all the volunteers who came down to help particularly those in the registration office - Jane Clegg, Jane Pitt-Pitts and Katie Ould - sorting out the boat selection, the results and a fair distribution of the cash prizes. The two RIB crews covering mark laying, safety and keeping the river traffic clear. Ann Brunskill on radio and ferry traffic and the five volunteers on the Club pontoon ensuring the right crew was aboard each dinghy and released at the same time and returned safely to the correct position at the finish. Plus a guest appearance from Robin Markes as the PRO's right hand man.



Penguin Trophy

The second of the RLYMJC's post-Christmas sailing events is the Penguin Trophy sailed in WJS Scows. There are no age limits except that any person under the age of 8 on 31 December 2016, must be accompanied by a person over 18 on 31 December 2016. Boats must be raced double-handed.

Viewing the flat surface and lack of wind, Race officer Vince Sutherland decreed a 30 minute postponement. Patience was rewarded and the wind filled in from the east at 10 – 12 kts. The hardy supporters on the pontoon had an excellent view of the techniques and tactics employed by the competitors as they raced round from the start to the south of the Club pontoon, across and up the river

to a mark off the eastern moorings and back to the finish at the entrance to the slipway. The best two from each of the sets of two heats produced six hot shots for the final. Nik Froud and Freddie Fitzsimmons won the Penguin Trophy convincingly (presented by Barry Dunning, in his role as Mayor of Lymington) with Sarah and George Richards second and Ailsa and Sean Muskett third. There were seasonal prizes for all the finalists and mulled wine, mince pies, shortbread and chocolate biscuits were enjoyed by all.



Cruising

Future events

Day Cruise to Newtown Creek – Tuesday 17th January 2017

The opening event of 2017 is a short daytime cruise to Newtown Harbour on the Isle of Wight for lunch at the New Inn at Shalfleet. With a transit time of an hour or less, boats attending can moor at the buoys laid in the harbour or anchor. Club RIBs will assist in ferrying crews ashore to the jetty at Shalfleet Quay Boatyard, with a 10 minute walk to the New Inn - which is well known for its food. Lunch will be available from 1215 with a choice of either steak or fish pie at a price of £12.00. Please make your selection on the sign-up sheet at the Club. The Inn will accommodate special dietary needs on request. The sign-up will close at 1200 on Friday 14 January, so that numbers and details can be passed to the New Inn and contingency plans made in the event of bad weather. Arrival is recommended by 1120 to allow adequate time for mooring and the transit to the Inn. There will be a briefing at the Club at 0900 to update any changes to the plan, especially in the light of the weather on the day. Any volunteer crew are most welcome and invited to the briefing where they can be married up with available spaces.

Informal Cruising Supper – Saturday 4th February 2017

The second event of the year is another Informal Cruising Supper to be held on Saturday 4th February. These events are growing in popularity so don't delay in booking up on the sign-up sheet in the Club where details of timing and menu will be posted.

Day Cruise to Ginns Farm – Tuesday 14th February

An ideal location for that romantic lunch with all your friends around to give you any encouragement that may be deemed to be lacking! Seriously though, a great place for a short winter sail and a good lunch.

Cruising Dinner – Saturday 25th February

The last event in February is the Cruising Dinner on Saturday 25th. This year there is a departure from the traditional After Dinner Speaker and instead our entertainment for the evening will be provided by an award winning magician and member of The Magic Circle, Richard Young, he was most recently featured on the prime time ITV series 'The Next Great Magician' and shortly embarks on a national UK theatre tour in the show 'Champions of Magic' (it's closest stop to the Club is on March 30th at the Theatre Royal in Winchester). Richard has been performing magic since he was eight years old and on the night you will witness his full body of work including incredible sleight of hand magic inches away at your table and after dinner he will amaze us with his wonderful cabaret show. You are all warned to hold on to your wallets and purses and prepare to be amazed!

Following this amazing show hopefully not all the Cruising Trophies will have disappeared and some will be left to be awarded to this year's recipients. Certainly an evening not to be missed.

Past Events

Informal Cruising Supper - Saturday 3rd December

The Informal Cruising Supper on the evening of Saturday, 3rd December was attended by 62 members including seven new Members who enjoyed the convivial atmosphere. These ever popular suppers are the ideal place to meet up with like-minded people, old friends and greet new acquaintances. Do come along and join in, everyone is most welcome.

Needle's Relief – Saturday 10th December

Leadens skies greeted the Needles Relief. The weather did not put off either the racers, with 28 boats competing, or the cruisers with 16 boats attending. Unfortunately though the helicopter had a call out and could not attend this training session but Members did witness the Yarmouth and Lymington Lifeboats in a high speed "Fly Past".

The Needles Relief Raffle draw was made on Sunday 4th December with the winner of the Half Hull Model of Valsheda being Gill Taunt. Bob Barlow won the meal for two at the Club, Rodger Cruttenden-Woodhams won the three bottles of wine and David Wansbrough won the trip on the Lifeboat. All proceeds from the raffle, the race entry fees and cruising berthing fees go to the local Lifeboat organisations of Lymington and Yarmouth.

George Johnson, Captain of Cruising

Chart Room

New arrivals are the 2017 Reed's Nautical Almanac (Atlantic Europe) and 2016 RCC Atlantic Islands Pilot, RCC Orkney/Shetland including N & NE Scotland and RCC Firth of Clyde. Coincidentally, in view of our possible September 2017 Croatia charter, we have the 2016 Imray Adriatic Pilot and the newly translated Harbour Guide to Croatia, Montenegro and Slovenia, also 2016. For inland waterway users, there is a 2016 Inland Waterways of the Netherlands.

The previous editions of the first four Pilots above are available in the Chart Room at £5 each (payable to Reception), first come, first served.

Logs and Blogs

It is now possible to upload electronic logs/blogs to the cruising page of the same name, please send them to the Captain of Cruising.

Peter Lowe Cruising Sub Committee

Cruising Section Photography Competition 2017



Thank you to those Members who entered the last competition – the winner of which was George Trevelyan with his photograph 'Force 5 off Roscoff'. This is now be on display in the trophy cabinet (and picture right).

The Cruising Section is now announcing the launch of this year's competition – which is open to all Members and with no age limit.

Do please remember this competition as you may use you cameras, mobile telephones, iPads, drones and any other equipment to record an image taken during your boating year.

Rules are simple:

The photograph must have been taken between November 2016 and October 2017. One entry per Member. Entries must be an A4 print. Closing date is end of October 2017.

Harvie Woolley

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 started again on Wednesday evenings at 18:30. All are welcome to come along and enjoy the talk. 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](#).

The next two months' topics are:

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
1 st February	Solent Conservation	Solent Protection Society
8 th February	The RAF Today	RAF Presentation Team
15 th February	The Panama Canal	Harvie Woolley
22 nd February	High Speed sailing	Colin Palmer

Any Member is welcome to contribute to the Winter Talks and engage and entertain their peers with their sailing experiences or by introducing a topic of particular interest or expertise. Volunteers should please contact Sue Sutherland.

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

Perrin Towler, Vice-Captain of Cruising

Volunteers

The last two sailing events of 2016 showed the adaptability of our Race Teams as they made the best of difficult conditions to ensure that events went ahead when it would have been all too easy to give up and go home.

Peter Andreae race officer Stuart Jardine had 12 eager crews but not the sailing conditions to go with them so, undaunted, set a series of rowing races to decide the winners. Several crews remarked that this had used a different set of muscles and the event had shown up some weaknesses in their technique but they had enjoyed themselves nevertheless. The following day race officer Vince Sutherland was greeted with flat calm conditions for the Penguin Trophy, but a favourable forecast. Rearranging the order of play, mince pies, cakes and mulled wine and coffee were consumed and the the wind duly filled in about 30 minutes late. Racing got underway and there was some debate as to whether the early refreshment had helped or hindered the performance of teams and Race Crew.

Happy New Year

Jane Corden

Training

First Aid Courses, Sunday 15th January and Saturday 5th March

The course runs from 09:00hrs to 16:30 approx. in the Island Room.

COURSE INFORMATION

Our one-day course covers all the usual first aid subjects, but from a boating perspective. It is aimed at anyone who goes afloat, whether on inland waters, rivers, estuaries or on cross channel passages.

In a medical emergency a little first aid knowledge and immediate action can save lives, especially in remote locations. This one-day course is designed to provide a working knowledge of first aid for people using small craft and to support skippers.

It fulfils the requirements for; professional skippers of small craft working within 60 miles of a safe haven, including Boatmasters; the Senior First Aid certificate needed by offshore racers subject to ISAF's regulations on first aid training (OSR 4.08.4). The course is recommended by the MCA and HSE.

The subjects specific to boating include: the recovery position in a confined space, CPR, including the drowning protocol, cold shock and hypothermia from immersion and/or exposure, seasickness and dehydration, medical assistance or advice by VHF, helicopter rescue.

To book onto a course you will need to fill in the [application form](#) and return it to the Club along with your payment. The course is £50 for Members and £70 for non-Members.

If you require any further information about our training courses please click the banner or [contact the club](#).

Race Management Training - Not just for racers

Come along and find out how **you** can be part of the team

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.

[Thursday 26 January 2017 - Become a Race Team Member – An Introduction to the Basics - Malcolm McKeag](#)

Island Room. Time:- 1815 for 1830 to 2000 hours.

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. There is a Sign Up Sheet on Club notice board.

[Thursday 09 February 2017 - Race Team Member – An Introduction to the Basics – Practical Scenarios](#)

Needles Room Time:- 1815 for 1830 to 2000 hours.

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.

[Thursday 09 March 2017 - Course Setting and Technology - Roger Wilson](#)

Sail Loft. Time:- 1815 for 1830 to 2000 hours.

Computer Aids to Course Settings, Maps and Aps

[Tuesday 21 March 2017-Setting Start and Finish Lines - Roger Wilson](#)

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

[Saturday 08 April 2017 - Using the Clubs VHF Radios. Island Room](#)

1030-1200 hours

Fleets

Scows

The Scow fleet goes from strength to strength. Within a day of offering a bottle to the person who introduced our 200th member, it was claimed and presented to Caroline Newton at our Christmas Cheer Supper on 5th December. The event was a sell-out, and we were particularly pleased that Vince was there to present the Christine Sutherland Trophy to Eric Williams for the best results cumulated over all the Scow races in a year. This is a prestigious trophy, requiring dedication throughout the long season.

Taking over as Captain from Dick Moore at the Scow AGM in November caused me to reflect on why the Scow fleet is so popular, and what more we can do to enhance its appeal. These are questions which our Class Association is actively debating and there will be a questionnaire to all members and other interested parties shortly. Do fill it in and let us know what you like and dislike.

Here are a couple of things coming up to like. On Monday 16th January at 18.30 the next Monday social will feature a talk by Steve Harridge with the title, 'It Shouldn't Happen to a Consulting Engineer'. Meanwhile the Scow walks are continuing every Thursday morning until Pottering starts up again in April.

And a couple to dislike: the shortage of new trailers and the shortage of space to park dinghies. We are working on both issues, but neither is easy. However, it is the time of year when the dinghy park needs maintenance, so please look out for the call to arms on that matter.

Juniors

Change of Captain of Juniors

After four years of dedicated service, Jenny Wilson has decided to stand back from the role as Head of Junior Classes. Jenny's vast experience over many years in the Club has been invaluable in encouraging the youth classes to develop to be what they are today. A group of six fleets each with their own head of class has been co-ordinated by Jenny in order to give young sailors the opportunity to become confident and competent on the water. Some go on to compete at the very highest level.

Jenny has been the link between the classes and the Club. She has made sure that procedures are in place to enable the Heads of Classes to access the excellent facilities in a fair and safe fashion. She carries such a wealth of knowledge in her head that taking over from her is a daunting task. However, that is what I am attempting to do.

My children have now left the nest. When they were benefiting from the Club's facilities, I arranged training for Optimists and Lasers and was one of the heads of class. My children also trained in the Cadet and 420 fleets. We travelled to sailing events with them all over the world. I am somewhat rusty but I know from experience how wonderful the junior/youth section is and how important this role is.

I have been a member of the Club since 2000. I sailed trapeze dinghies and raced cruisers for a long time. I currently race a J80 regularly and an RS 400 occasionally. I was an RYA Dinghy Instructor and currently hold RYA powerboat qualifications and an ICC.

My children have developed skills and friendships that will last them for life and I hope to help the current generation of sailors to take part in this challenging and rewarding sport.



RS Fevas

The Feva class continue to run training session over the winter months, the next two sessions will team race training on the 22nd January and the 5th February, any junior sailors are welcome to come along and have ago. For more information please contact Sarah Richards by [email](#).

Sarah Richards, RS Feva Fleet Captain

Lasers

The Lymington Laser fleet had a very successful year in 2016, and we are all looking forward to 2017. We said good bye to Dori and Zac in December, they have now moved to Australia for a few years, but they will be back. We cannot thank Dori enough for all she has done for the Laser fleet here in Lymington. A number of our 4.7 sailors have now moved on to the radial rig and so we now have keen sailors in both fleets. The fleets have been training together this winter, and this training continues in the New Year so our sailors are ready for the large number of events and qualifiers that begin in January.

Training dates for both the 4.7s and the radials for the coming months are:

January 14th/15th

February 4th/5th

March 4th/5th

If you would like to book on to one of the weekends please contact the club and if you have any queries, questions, or you would like to be added to our mailing list please do not hesitate to contact us by [email](#).

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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