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## July Jollifications

Visit to Berthon Boatyard –12th July

Membership

Lymington Dinghy Regatta 13th and 14th July

Youth Week 19th- 23rd August

Volunteers wanted for both the above events please

*Ann Brunskill*

## Club

### Visit to Berthon Boatyard - Friday 12th July 1730

Berthon has been trading continuously since 1877, and occupies a riverside site mentioned in the Domesday Book. This will be a fascinating visit with many insights into the historical perspective of the boatyard which has been synonymous with yacht building and boat repairs in Lymington. Brian May will lead the tour of the boatyard which will take about one hour. There is no charge, a complimentary glass of wine and an opportunity to join others for supper at the Club afterwards. Details on the [website](#).

### Summer weekends at the Club in July

We've been promised the start of summer this weekend so please come down and make the most of it while it lasts. What could be nicer than a quiet drink and a meal with the best view in the Solent? From the comfort of one of the balconies you can watch the RS Teras weekend of training and racing on Saturday and Sunday 6th and 7th and the Club's own Dinghy Regatta on the 13th and 14th. There is plenty of room for everyone.

*Kevin Podger, Secretary*

## Club

### Membership

Whilst our Membership numbers remain healthy, particularly given the current economic climate, we do have capacity for more Members and this is where you can help. We seek to encourage the introduction of new Members by our existing Members as against advertising or open days. To give a little focus on how you can help, the majority of new Members come from three sources:

- parents of our juniors
- crews from Thursday evening racing
- new to area – retiring or relocated.

These are by no means the only sources; berthholders in the marinas is another example.

If you know of someone who you think would make a good Member but not well enough to propose them please remember we have a Provisional Membership category which enables them to join and gives them 12 months to acquire a proposer.

Our Membership criterion of being active on the water in some capacity remains.

Finally, your ideas on how we encourage new Members would be greatly appreciated and should be emailed to our [Membership secretary](#).

Thank you

*Dunlop Stewart, Vice-Commodore*

## Lymington Dinghy Regatta Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July

Come sailing and support your Club's annual Lymington Dinghy Regatta. This year's event will be jointly hosted by us and the LTSC. Courses will be laid in the Solent with three short races each day (two for the Scows). Tea and doughnuts after racing are included for all competitors. There's an informal social on Friday at LTSC after a passage race from Keyhaven and on Saturday we have a £10 supper followed by dancing with Derek from the Frog and Frigate playing guitar at the Club. Tickets available from RLymYC Reception. Entry is open to all boats with handicaps less than 1500 - so Oppie sailors come along and race in a Scow, Cadet, Feva, or whatever you like. Visiting sailors can camp at the scout hut, just a short walk away, or even sleep in the hut if they don't want to bring a tent. The Notice of Race and Entry form can be downloaded from the Club [website](#). Registration by Tuesday 9th July gets you a £5 discount on the normal entry fee and into a draw to win a bottle of champagne. One day entry is also possible, with a £3 discount for early registration. Entries form & payment to LTSC please.



*Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies*

### Volunteers for this event

We are short of people to help in the safety boats. The proposed plan for the weekend is three races each day starting from 13:00 on the Saturday and 10:30 on the Sunday, therefore I would need you to be available from approximately an hour before the start of each race to monitor the boats on the way out of the river. We are hoping for a big number of boats as this event is also being run with the Lymington Town Sailing Club. If you would like to help, then please contact [Kirsty](#) as soon as possible.

### Youth Week 19th - 23rd August

An exciting week of racing for 8 -18 year olds and the Youth Week prize giving will once again be sponsored by Joules. Entry forms for 'own boats' now available and booking for Wednesday Junior Sailing boat places open. Full details and Notice of Race on the [website](#).

- Scow Fleet Lymington River Scows (Keyhaven Scows) both a racing and instruction fleet
- Bronze Fleet both a racing and instruction fleet for beginner optimist sailors
- Silver Fleet less experienced helms in Optimists and RS Teras
- Gold Fleet Experienced Optimists, RS Teras, Laser 4.7, Laser Radials, Cadet, 420, PYS Class



Volunteers needed to join our team to ensure our young sailors have an exciting and challenging week of racing and enjoyable social events.

We need over a hundred volunteers to make this a great week for our young sailors so please come and join our team. For more information contact the Club office or visit us at Wednesday Junior Sailing. Volunteer forms available from the Club and on line.



We still need:

Committee Boat and Motherships (including shallow draft boats to run the Bronze fleet)

Rib drivers (PB2 & 2+) and Crews for support fleets.

Do you have a rib or know someone who does who would be willing to join our support team on the water?

Help onshore launching and recovering boats daily on the slipway. Help with supervising the rigging of boats in the mornings.



Early morning chefs for Bacon Butties and helpers to prepare packed lunches(8am – 10am)  
 Help with the evening Social Events (extra pairs of hands)  
 Some help during the day plus choice of evenings.

*Amanda Dingwall*

## Summer Regatta ....

The sun shone for the first day of the Club's Summer Regatta, sponsored by Spencers of the New Forest and Jonus Software, with supporters Dubarry, Danebury Vineyards and North Sails. The 65 boats were divided into two fleets on Saturday afternoon. The XODs, in one area, were competing for the Bobby Bongers Trophy whilst the rest had platform starts as per Thursday night racing. Class 1 and 2 IRC had 2 races while the other classes had just one in the afternoon in what proved to be very testing conditions with the south-westerly sea breeze trying to establish itself over the prevailing north-westerly, with resultant large wind-shifts and holes which made for a great game of snakes and ladders for everyone.



On Sunday the all 8 classes had one race from a platform start. As forecast, fog descended before the first start and racing had to be postponed by one hour, with boats sailing up and down the line with varying degrees of visibility. Once the racing got started, the breeze proved to be a lot steadier at SW 10-14 knots but a strong flood tide made for some tricky decisions as to when to strike out into the tide to Black Rock just off Yarmouth.

In IRC Class 1 'Jitterbug', the J111 showed the way, with two firsts on Saturday and a 4th on Sunday, she won by a clear 2 point margin. 'No Chance' came 2nd overall, but only on countback, from 'Jellybaby'. IRC Class 2 also found themselves in a "hole" at some point but the luck evened out over the two days. Newcomer 'Magnum Evolution' won the first race on Saturday as well as the Sunday race to take the series with Reach Around getting one first and two seconds to take second place overall with Colleen third.

The Folkboats had their the usual closely fought battles in the first race on Saturday. On Sunday morning, sadly 'Bonnie' led the whole fleet bar one round the bottom mark the wrong way, which resulted in every boat except 'Jos' being classed as DNF and giving the overall win to 'Jos' as well. 'Crackerjack' was second and 'Madelaine' was third. Full Results on the [website](#). Many thanks to the Race Team led by Jane Pitt-Pitts who produced some fantastic courses and to Stuart Jardine and his team who ran the windward/leeward racing for the XODs on Saturday (see report below).

*Chris Neve, Rear Commodore Sailing*

## ... & Ball

We were very lucky to have received a surprise visit from summer on Saturday 29th June just in time for our big Saturday evening event,



our Summer Ball was just amazing. The weather was warm, Robin our head chef produced a stunning array of food and Iain and his team were incredible in their level of service for the evening. Well done, I'm a very proud Rear Commodore House. Both Robin and Iain had told me they were going to surpass my expectation but I never imagined the whole event would run flawlessly. Behind the scenes and working



their little socks off were the individuals from the House Social and Events Teams, Pauline Crates, Vivien Shute, Chrissie Gill, Carrie Hill, Hannah Neve, Elisabeth Cook and the team. A very big thank you to you all, you were wonderful.

*Geri Harris, Rear Commodore House*

## House

## Cowes Fireworks - Friday 9th August

Our next event is a boat trip to see the Cowes Fireworks on Friday 9th August. This event is in partnership with our friends at the Lymington Town Sailing Club; between us we have chartered a boat to take 200 members to Cowes to have supper on board, enjoy a great view of the fireworks and have a safe journey back. Tickets are £27.50 and include chicken and chips. The boat has a bar for refreshments so please come along and join us. More details on the [website](#), so book yours now.

## Summer wines

Our new wine selection is selling well and we have had some very positive feedback so come and try them. Sparkling wine by the glass or small bottle is also available. For those of you who enjoy a beer, the Club now has Peroni on draft and it seems to be very popular. Enjoy the summer.

*Geri Harris, Rear Commodore House*

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## Cruising

The month of June in the UK and north France has not been good again, but we had a good meet at Buckler's Hard (see below), the cruise to north France and the Channel Isles happened despite the poor weather and the idea of people dropping in and out throughout the month seems to have worked well. We are in the Ionian Islands with sunny skies and 34 C temperatures with two other boats from the Club, having fought our way down in May with challenging conditions through France, Corsica, Sardinia, Sicily and up the Italian coast to Corfu where fortunately the weather changed for the better. The Mediterranean this year has not been settled at all and the weather can not be relied on, with Mistral winds in France and bad weather in Croatia and the Balearics. There is a Club meet in the Ionian Islands starting on 8th September, not too late to come and charter a boat.

*Nick Olney, Captain of Cruising (somewhere much warmer)*

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## Day Sail to Buckler's Hard 11th June

On a day of misty outlook and persistent light rain six sailing boats, two motor boats and five cars set sail following the 0900 briefing. The poor weather persisted throughout the day; however, this did not prevent forty eight Members from turning up at the Master Builder's Hotel on the Beaulieu River. Good company and an excellent lunch was enjoyed by all and should have sustained intrepid sailors for their return journey through foul weather conditions. It was reassuring to know that the rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of Members as they aspire to continue to support the club Cruising programme.

*Robert Woolley, Cruising Sub-committee*

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## Racing

Both the Brewin Dolphin [Thursday Night Racing](#) and the [Monday Evening Dinghy Early Series](#) have finished and the Late Series are under way. Results are on the [website](#) and the race reports can also be read on the respective Event pages. The next Duo Race is Saturday 6th July and details of the Summer Dinghy Regatta are above.

The RS Elites Southern Area Championship is on the 27th and 28th July. Details on the [website](#).

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## Fleets

### XODs

The XOD Class is currently in preparation for its annual assault on Cowes Week in August, with an open regatta every weekend dotted around the Solent from the end of June until Cowes; this also includes an XOD class start every day during Cowes Classics Week in the middle of July. For those not wishing to tune-up quite so intensively the normal program of racing continues from Lymington, with the regular two races a week and a start with the Thursday Evening keelboats.

Last weekend it was Lymington's turn to host the first of these Summer Opens, with the Bobby Bongers Trophy. This was a 3 race series incorporated as part of the club's Summer Regatta. Twenty-four boats entered including seven from Yarmouth. Despite beautiful sunshine, the conflict of the northerly gradient and incoming south-westerly sea breeze made the racing challenging at times. One team that were not put off by the challenge was Paul Woodman and Adrian Summers sailing 'Ibex', winning the Bobby Bongers Trophy with an excellent set of results all inside the top three.



Thanks go to Stuart Jardine and his race team including the mark layers that had their work cut-out for them and especially Bill Dunsdon for the brave loan of his boat as committee vessel. Stuart commented afterwards, "I cannot remember ever seeing the wind switching 90 to 180 degrees so quickly and often at Lymington before and certain I never had to try managing it as the Race Officer". Racing continued on Sunday to determine the winners of the XOD class within the Summer Regatta, which went to David Palmer from Itchenor sailing 'Princess Jalina'.

If you are interested in owning an XOD please get in touch with Divisional Captain John Miller, alternatively if you would prefer to crew please contact Liz Field via the Club XOD [web page](#).

*Karl Thorne*

## Folkboats - Folkboat Nordic National Championships

This year's championships were sponsored by the marine insurance company GJW Direct and held over the weekend of the 8th and 9th June in the Western Solent by the Club

The intention was to race in Christchurch Bay on Saturday and then move inside Hurst Narrows for the final races on Sunday. The unseasonal strong North-Northeasterly breeze made the trip out into the Bay impractical. Although one competitor forgot to look about him when he sailed out on Saturday morning and spent the day outside the Solent looking for a committee boat. He was unable to get back through Hurst Narrows until the tide had turned and he was just in time to see the finish of the last race. No name, no pack drill but we did hear Linda was not amused.

Back on the race track PRO Jane Pitt-Pitts set three testing windward /leeward courses and with the wind both shifting in direction and varying in speed it was a day of mixed fortunes for many of the boats with places both won and lost in equal measure. There were race wins for 'Crackerjack' (the Watsons and Matthew Jones), Chris Hills helming 'Padfoot' and 'Madelaine' (Edward Donald). There were a good number of very tired sailors that adjourned to the club for the buffet supper, with wine provided by GJW Direct and the Folkboat Association.

The wind had eased by Sunday morning but was still subject to shifts that made significant differences to each race's results. In fact it was not a good day for early leaders in either of the two races. 'Madelaine' made a cracking port end start in the first race, cleared the fleet and held her position up the beat and had a good lead at the top mark but gear problems at the bottom mark caused her early retirement from the racing.

The course was tweaked for the last race to allow for a shift towards the East. David Fox sailing 'Bossa Nova' copied 'Madelaine's' earlier tactic and started by the ODM. Again it paid. He led up the course and then down the course. However he went on to an extra mark and this allowed the fleet to pass him as they correctly started up the 2nd beat. This error left 'Tak', 'Crackerjack' and 'Tagomago' pulling clear of the rest of the fleet. 'Crackerjack' just managed to get ahead coming into the final leeward mark and then it just a matter of covering the other two on the final beat to the finish to take her 2nd win and the overall 2013 title.

Parallel to the level racing the class has developed a 'handicap' system that allows for the less experienced owners to have a trophy to race for. This year the winners were James Hoare and Graham Coulter on 'Sapphire of Oykel'.

At the prizegiving Chris Hills, Class Captain thanked the Race Team for giving such a good weekend's racing and the sponsors, GJW Direct, for their hospitality. He also congratulated the winning team and wished them success when they go to San Francisco in September to compete in the 2013 San Francisco Folkboat Cup against the American and other European teams.

The full results are on the [website](#).

Overall Results 1st Crackerjack (Stuart Watson & Matthew Jones), 2nd Tak (Jeremy Austin), 3rd Padfoot (Chris Hills).

(Article and picture by Eddie Mays - there are lots more super photos on his [website](#).)



*Eddie Mays*

## Scows - Threading the Needles - Tuesday 2nd July



25 Scows left the North East Shingles buoy to starboard and the Needles Lighthouse to port and back through the second gap in the Needles on a grey Tuesday morning. Meticulously planned by Graham Neal and Chris Knox and the Needles duly threaded the crews returned via a picnic stop inside Hurst. The full story will be in the PotterShip next year.

## Volunteers

The season is now running apace, many hours have been spent, setting courses, starting races, laying marks, pulling flags, timing finishes, blowing whistles, pulling sailors out of the water (not too many I hope) and all the other things needed to make successful racing happen. On a quiet week we have racing on three weekdays and on Saturday, requiring about 60 members just to cover all the roles. Now that all the extra regattas, short series, and open meetings are upon us this number can increase greatly so please spare a thought for Kirsty when she sends out an email for extra support. Also don't forget there is still the opportunity to join the race team on the platform on Thursday evenings, my spies tell me that the new steps are a great improvement and with so many boats out the views are stunning.

People who volunteer live longer happier lives, this must be true because I read it in the papers a few days ago. Here at the Royal Lympington Yacht Club, in addition to a lot of fun they also get a free drinks token each time they turn out, and I am pretty sure this doesn't cancel out the benefits of volunteering.

If you would like to volunteer but would like some more information please contact me via the [office](#).

*Jane Corden*

## City Livery Yacht Club - Cowes Regatta 18th May

Club Member Peta Walmisley inadvertently represented the Information Technologists' Livery Company and won a cup at the City Livery Yacht Club regatta in Cowes on 18 May. Inadvertently, as she should have been crewing for Richard Pickance, also a Member and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Woolmen, in his Contessa 26, 'Thousand Knights II'. Sadly, Richard found, when he came to launch her, that the rudder was split and so he arranged for his crew to sail on another Contessa 26, 'Jiminy Cricket'. Peta was the leader, although the owner, Mike Harrison, was the skipper and the other crew members were Cynthia Robinson and Philip Pirie. Richard was on a fellow Woolman's yacht, 'Crackajax', which won the cup for second place. The race was delayed by one and a half hours due to lack of wind and, when it was finally started, the course was shortened to one round. 'Jiminy Cricket' just managed to cross the finishing line three minutes before the time limit (and just ahead of Robin Leuchars in 'Hotch Potch'), coming in 11th out of the 15 which finished (three gave up earlier) and being awarded the Epsom Cup for the best performance by a small boat (actually it was the smallest!). Peta and Mike were presented with the trophy by Sir Clive Martin, CLYC Admiral, another Club Member.

Peta is organiser of lunches for members of the Livery Companies who are also Club Members, as well as coordinator for the CLYC team which competes in the Inter-Club Scow Challenge hosted by the Club (the next of which will be held on Saturday 31 August).



'Jiminy Cricket' off Cowes

### FOR SALE

R.LymYC defaced red ensign.  
21" drop by 48"  
Little used - £25.  
Mike Redfern 07880 725791

### 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.

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Ann Brunskill

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