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Dear ,

The latest edition of ePN has now been published and can be viewed below:

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Kind regards,

Kevin Podger
Secretary

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News & Announcements

Lymington Town Sailing Club &
Royal Lymington Yacht Club
present their Annual

Cowes Fireworks Trip

Friday 8th August 2014

Join us for a 'magical' cruise down the Solent with Blue Funnel Ferries
Enjoy a delicious chicken in the basket followed by
the spectacular display of fireworks from the best location on the water!
Tickets £27.50
(Vegetarian option available)

Obtainable from the LTSC Office 01590 674514 or the RLymYC Reception.
Ferry departs from Harbour Masters Pontoon promptly at 7pm returning
11/11.30pm

Newtown Harbour Update

Following months of inactivity, discussions concerning Tranche 2, Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ's) were resumed at the end of June with two meetings. The proposals, including those for Newtown are planned to go for formal consultation in January 2015. DEFRA, the Government department responsible for the Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) proposals (including Newtown, Yarmouth and the Needles and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) responsible for managing marine planning have both started consulting the RYA and the public at large about MCZs in the case of DEFRA and South of England Marine Planning in the case of the MMO.

The RYA Southern Region was invited to a "stakeholder" meeting by the government department responsible for MCZ's, DEFRA, in Ryde, IOW on 26th June and a meeting was arranged by Brian May at Berthon with the MMO.

At the meeting with Southern Region RYA, DEFRA were told that the consultation process was not fit for purpose. There were huge gaps in information for the current proposals for Newtown and the Needles. The inability of DEFRA to provide data to be used in the consultation was worrying. Our MP, Desmond Swayne has been supportive, understands the need to improve consultation and will take up the issue with the Minister responsible.

During the meeting at Berthon Boat Company with the MMO it became clear that

environmental proposals must take recreation, tourism and leisure needs into account and that the MMO will have considerable influence over any proposals from DEFRA relating to MCZs. The MMO are happy to come to Lymington and give an outline of their role and the way that marine plans will be introduced. I hope to arrange a meeting at the RLymYC in the autumn. So there is progress but the final future of Newtown Harbour is still unclear.

A more detailed report of the meetings is on the Club website. For more information please contact David Brunskill on 01590 677630.

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Club

Dragons Edinburgh Cup - Saturday 5th - Friday 11th July

We are very pleased to welcome the International Dragon Class Association to the Club for their prestigious Edinburgh Cup & Chairman's Decanter series which starts on Sunday 6th July. The Dragon's will be arriving from Friday 4th onwards for the week and we have a jam-packed programme of social events for them. Please feel free to use the Club and to take the opportunity of joining in with the Dragon social scene. The week's Club menu therefore is as follows:

- Sat 5th July - Paella Night - £12.00 per person
- Sun 6th July - No Club Dining
- Mon 7th July - Normal Club Menu
- Tues 8th July - Fish & Chip Night - £10.50 per person
- Wed 9th July - Dragons Championship Dinner - Normal Club Menu
- Thur 10th July - Mexican Night & Racing Special - £9.00 per person
- Friday 11th July - Dragon's Prize Giving BBQ - £6.00 per person

Annual Art Exhibition - Friday 7th to Sunday 9th November

The Annual Art Exhibition continues to draw(sic) an amazing range and quality of Member endeavours, be it in watercolours, oils, photography, wood work and more. This year the evolving Cruising Photographic Competition entries will also be displayed. Mark the dates in your diaries whether to be an exhibitor or viewer. Details for entries will be circulated with

the September ePotterNews so get the paints out, get out with the camera or indulge in your particular artistic predilection in these quiet, balmy summer days in anticipation of the autumn exhibition to rival the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition.

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Racing

Captain of Racing's Round Up

June was a wonderful month to be sailing out of Lymington and our events matched the glorious weather. I have worked out that, on some weeks in June, it was possible to race here every day of the week, except Fridays: we might have to work on that.

The Summer Regatta was very well supported on the water, with 65 boats taking part. The races were described as 'Thursday Nights but longer'. The light winds and strong tides did pose some challenges, both for the race team and the competitors. However, close racing was achieved, with all fleets scoring finishes as planned. Off the water, the sold-out Summer Ball was, again, a resounding success. The whole weekend was a triumph and we will do it again in mid-June next year.

Every fleet has been racing full-on this month, but the climax is surely the annual Round the Island race. Once again this year, our Members scored superb results, as listed elsewhere in this edition. One of our IRC teams demolished the competition: Andy Hind was second overall in *White Mischief*, Eric Williams 12th in *Love in a Mist* and Peter Schofield 28th in *Zarafa*. Their Methuselah Trophy was gracing our bar last week and the accompanying full bottle will be consumed with relish shortly.

July brings another highlight of our racing year as we welcome the prestigious International Dragon Class for their Edinburgh Cup series. This is an important event and has been a long time in the planning. Our visitors arrive on Saturday, July 5th and will be staying all week. Naturally, this may cause some changes to our usual routine, but I am sure we will all take any changes in good spirit and take the opportunity to make sure our visitors see the best of the Club. It is amazing how a good reputation spreads, bringing new members and sponsored events to the Club.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

Cruiser Racer Series

The next race in the Cruiser Racer Series is scheduled for 12th July when, weather permitting, we hope to go out into Christchurch Bay for the afternoon. There is still time to enter if you have not already

done so. The ethos of this event is family fun with all boats sailing under Lymington Handicap in two classes.

*Richard Truscott, Captain of
Captain of Cruiser Racers*

Royal Lymington Yacht Club

*Cruiser Racer Saturday Series
including
Saturday 24th May
Christchurch Bay Race*

Race Dates & Provisional Starting Times

24 May (Christchurch Bay)	10:25
12 July	13:40
16 August	13:40
20 Sept (Long Race West)	11:25

Photo of Richard Truscott with crew aboard the Lymington Handicap from the Royal Yacht Club. To share photos visit www.RLYYC.org.uk

Lymington Classic Regatta

The BCYC, in conjunction with the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, Lymington Yacht Haven & Lymington Harbour Commissioners are preparing a new Classic Yacht Regatta on the weekend of the 13th & 14th September 2014.

The provisional format for the weekend will be as follows:

- **Arrive Friday 12th September**
Moor on Dan Bran River Pontoon & enjoy a Welcome Reception at the Haven Bar & Bistro.
- **Saturday 13th September**
2 Races in the Western Solent on Saturday followed by a Gala Dinner.
- **Sunday 14th September**
1 Coastal Race followed by a prize giving in the afternoon.
- **Sunday evening or Monday departures.**

LYMINGTON CLASSIC REGATTA
2014
13th & 14th Sept

Lymington Yacht Haven

- Two Competitive Days Racing
- International Race Officer & Team
- Course Setting to suit Tides & Wind
- Welcome Reception & Registration on Friday Evening at Haven Bar & Bistro
- Saturday Gala Dinner at RLYYC
- Reduced Entry Fee for All Boats Entered Before 1st Aug
- Free Mooring for Visiting Boats

For More Information Visit **RLYYC.org.uk**

Int 6 Metres . 8 Metres . Spirits of Tradition . Classic Cruisers . Darings . Gaffers

For more information about the regatta or to register your interest, [please click here.](#)

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Monday 11th August - Friday 15 August

Youth Week is a five day sailing event from Monday 11th August to Friday 15th August 2014 for young sailors aged 8 – 18 years.

There will be four fleets:

- 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 both Optimists and Teras
- Gold Fleet – Experienced helms Optimists, RS Teras, Laser 4.7, Laser Radials, Cadets, 420, PYS Class

We will be running a series of races over four days (Monday – Thursday), competing for Class prizes and trophies. On the final day there will be themed ‘fun’ racing for all fleets in the morning only.

[Please click here for more info.](#)

Amanda Dingwall, Youth Week Organiser

We felt it appropriate to include Amanda's article verbatim as a tribute to her 25 years of Membership and devotion to the role she built in helping junior sailors and running Youth Week. She is very sorely missed by several generations of sailors, volunteers, Members and staff, and our thoughts are with her family.

Secretary

Dinghies

Henri Lloyd Lymington Dinghy Regatta 19th & 20th July

Entry is now open for the annual dinghy regatta, on paper or using the Club's new online entry facility. Don't be put off if you don't have a member login to the website, it's a very easy process (even I managed it). Enter by Monday 14th July to get £5 off the regatta entry fee - you can still pay on the day so there's no commitment before you see the forecast; the important thing is to submit your form early. One day entry is also available, as is camping for visitors on the Saturday night. We have some great prizes and of course tea and doughnuts after racing. [Click here for more info.](#)

Solent House Dental Centre Monday Evening Dinghies

We are delighted that Solent House Dental Centre is sponsoring this year's Monday evening racing and an informal barbecue was held last week to mark the end of the Early Series.

Potter Dinghy Race Saturday 23rd August

Following the success of last year's inaugural race, Jane Pitt-Pitts and her team will again be running the Potter Dinghy Race on the morning of Saturday 23rd August. This is one great big handicap race for all dinghies from Optimists via Scows to foiling Moths, scored on average lap times like the Potter Ship. Entry is free. Boats must be helmed by a Club Member.

Bart's Bash Sunday 21st September

"The biggest sailing race in the World" is open to dinghies and keelboats, in aid of the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation. The race starts at 11am, with keelboats from the platform and dinghies from a committee boat to the west. The Club will host a lunch, prizegiving and charity raffle/auction after the race for the dinghies and keelboats together.

Visiting boats are welcome at all these events other than the Potter Dinghy Race, so please encourage your friends to come down too.

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies

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30 Years of Wednesday Junior Sailing

Thirty years ago local GP Dr Jonathan Rogers decided to give all local children a chance to get on the river, so he started the Wednesday Junior Sailing by persuading his friends to buy six bare Scow hulls which he completed. He and Doug Baverstock (then the Boatman)

constructed a floating pontoon in front of the club for these boats and opened the doors to young hopefuls. They learnt fast, thanks to the splendid body of volunteer members who taught sailing, rowing and seamanship. They only, like today have to pay for their tea and doughnut! In the early days it was all very basic but soon the generosity of member's own time, skills, (and generous donations) enabled the purchase of more boats, and rescue craft to keep the children out of trouble. The rule is "Have fun! (and learn in safety)"



The 30th Party, efficiently organized by Carol Canning, was celebrated with a return to the way things were done 30 years ago, with coloured spots on the children's foreheads to show their level of experience and volunteers in waders off the slipway to help with the instruction of the Optimist sailors. The main aim of the afternoon was to have fun with an emphasis on seamanship. The LR Scows picked up streamers and balloons tied onto buoys in the River, while the Optimists raced after and collected floating balloons and had timed sprit races around human marks in waders. The Tera sailors had to find inflated rubber rings and retrieve them. The rowers enjoyed a letter treasure hunt.

The afternoon was rounded off with a sumptuous tea and prize giving. Jane Head, daughter of and in memory of Bruce Kilpatrick, who was a volunteer and a great supporter of the program, presented an Optimist to WJS.

Jonathan Rogers spoke about WJS and gave credit to Roger and Jenny Wilson who took on the running from him and to Edward Harrison.

He wished Ali Husband who currently runs WJS well, and hoped it continues to go from strength to strength. He spoke of the number of children who had been through WJS, producing National, World and Olympic Champions. Most importantly hundreds of young people have discovered the delights of sailing, all that is needed is enthusiasm and determination and a dedicated team of volunteers!

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Congratulations

Congratulations to all Members who completed JPMAM Round the Island Race this year.

Our Trophy Winners are:

Silver Roman Bowl and JPMAM Salver

2nd Overall IRC

IRC Division 3C 1st

White Mischief Andy Hind

IRC Division 2A 1st

No Chance Chris & Hannah Neve

IRC Division 2C 1st

Zarafa Peter Scholfield

Methuselah Trophy

First IRC Team, RLymYC Team 1

White Mischief, Love in a Mist, Zarafa

ISCRS Division 7C 1st

Vigilant William Norris

Red Lion & Jack Knights Trophies

1st Folkboat

Crackerjack Stuart Watson & Matthew Jones

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Cruising

The Summer cruise is now coming to an end with 21 boats on Ken Claydon's text message list, all scattered over the West Country and Brittany. Some gatherings have taken place but we will review the format for next year, so we would like feedback from those who took part.

We had a very successful day meet to Gins Farm with 14 boats and 50 crew attending, see report below.

Our next event is the meet to Bembridge on the 15th to 17th July, with a BBQ on the 15th and dinner at Bembridge Sailing Club on the 16th (see below).

On the 5th August we have a day sail to Yarmouth with drinks on the pontoon before walking up to the Red Lion for lunch, the Harbour Master. will get us in for a lunch time stop but we must have numbers, please sign up on the Club board or let me know.

We have a Member who is setting off on a world cruise this autumn and is looking for crew

to help, we do not have a crew register at the moment on line so if you or you know anyone who would like to gain experience, please contact me in the first instance.

Nick Olney, Captain of Cruising

Two Day Meet at Bembridge IoW, Tuesday and Wednesday 15th & 16th July 2014

This rally is a repeat of last year's very successful trip to Bembridge where we enjoyed both a BBQ at the Marina and a dinner in the great surroundings of the Bembridge Sailing Club as well as some memorable walks. The weather was just fantastic and we have booked the same for this year but unfortunately could not get any guarantee!

Moorings have been arranged at Duver Marina for the nights of 15th & 16th July. A BBQ is arranged for Tuesday evening so please bring your own food etc.(a small charge is made for this facility). For Wednesday evening we have booked to have dinner at the Bembridge SC for which we need to establish numbers asap. The menu for the dinner will be displayed shortly. Please sign up soon as you are able.

George Johnson, Vice-Captain of Cruising

Day Sail to Gins Club - Tuesday 17th June 14

Fine weather and fair winds marked a very successful club cruise to Gins Club, Beaulieu River. Although it had been agreed for 12 RLYMYC boats to use the Gins pontoon on arrival it was found to be full. The manager gave permission for twelve boats to raft on the outside of the resident boats. However, two motor boats had to use the river pontoon where the rib from Forge Ahead saved the day ferrying people to and fro for lunch.

Fourteen boats with 50 crew arrived in good time for lunch at 12.45. with a few members joining by car. An excellent lunch was enjoyed before a good sail back to Lyminster, all home before 16.00.

The next Cruising Section event is 15th, 16th 17th July to Bembridge. There is a BBQ on Tuesday 15th July and dinner at the Bembridge Sailing Club on Wednesday 16th July. Members are welcome to attend all or part of the event.

Bob Woolley, Cruising Sub Committee

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Fleets

XOD

The weather has been very kind so far and the XODs have had many races in what a

number of crews have described as “champagne sailing conditions”. Perhaps it’s the weather or just the high quality of racing that has seen an increasing number of boats on the water. Max Crowe, aged 16, in X33 Clair de Lune won the Summer Regatta - well done Max - and it’s a very encouraging aspect of the fleet that so many young sailors are sailing in the XOD as a compliment to their dinghy and keelboat sailing. The class offers an under 25 bursaries for Cowes Week.

In the Saturday series there have been nine different winners over the 10 races so far sailed. The Wednesday series has seen a bit more consistency among the top boats with five different winners. However, the XOD class on Thursday nights has seen a different boat winning the prize bottle of bubbly every week with Phil & Jo Brewer winning the early Thursday night series overall.

The Saturday series has seen twenty six boats taking part so far with Ado Jardine in *Lucrezia* currently topping the leaderboard, three points ahead of William Norris and Bill Dunsdon in *Beatrix*, in second, two points ahead of Paul Woodman and Oliver James in *Ibex*, in third.



In the Wednesday series twenty three boats have taken part and positions are even tighter with two points separating first place Rory Paton in *XL* from second place Stuart Jardine in *Lone Star*, who in turn is two points ahead of Karl Thorne in *Mersa*. So, it really is all to play for in both series.

Boat and crews are now getting prepared for various “away” regattas such as Cowes Classic

Week and Cowes Week as well as other regattas around the Solent and we wish them well in their endeavours.

Roy Froud

LR Scows

This month saw the second of the Division's trophy races, the Alexina, with 19 Scows on the start line; a record entry for this event and in keeping with the growth in the fleet this year. The conditions were "fresh" which meant lively for some and comfortable for others. The result was a clear win for Catherine Maguire and 8 year old Nicola Putt, with Rory Paton and Alex Paton taking second, and Mike and Ros Urwin coming third. The first single-handed went to John Evans, following by David Ridout and Chris Sanders. The prizes were presented by Mrs Joan Hampton, the mother of the late Alexina Williams-Thomas, in whose name the race is commemorated. After prize-

giving some 30 Scow Division members sat down for a well-deserved supper.

The picnic potters commenced this month with one to Hurst and the other planned for Colwell Bay but re-routed to Hurst. The re-routing was sensible as it was calculated that during the picnic ashore the tide would be ebbing leaving the Scows well and truly beached. As an 8-hour picnic was not in the plan this proved to be a good decision by Graham Neal and his team.



Dunlop Stewart

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Oppie News

June was another busy month for Lymington's burgeoning Oppie flotilla. First up was the Lymington Open and, for the first year in living memory (and in Oppie years that isn't very long) we had ideal conditions for both fleets. The Boyle twins dominated the 79 strong main fleet, but in the end it was Milly who took the Nick Rogers Trophy from Charlotte who got the Pom Green Trophy. In the regatta fleet our home grown talent also put in a good show, with Tom Ling, Maya Williams, Santi Sesto, and Emily Pepin all coming in the top 10. Meanwhile the Worlds Team (Vita) were at the Dutch Youth Regatta competing against a very strong field of 490 sailors from 28 countries and the Europeans Team (Milo, Ella, Julia, Sophie, Oli, Haydn) were training in Dublin.

Somewhere in amongst this there was the Mundeford Open. Superb conditions in Christchurch Harbour offered the ideal platform to showcase Lymington's emerging talent: 1st Ted Ward, 2nd Euan Etheridge, 3rd Jess Mills, 4th Amy Tunney, 5th Holly Ward.

Hattie Rogers, Pippa Cropley and Arthur Fry jetted off to Annapolis to join a training squad hosted by the US National Squad. 10 hours a day on the water plus 2 more in the classroom made the long trip worthwhile – and their GBR counterparts seem like part-timers over here!

We then decamped to the wrong side of Southampton Water for a weekend at Warash. Tricky tides and a flukey breeze made this a frustrating regatta for most sailors – 87 in the main fleet. Generally the Lymington sailors fared well, especially Arthur Fry 1st, Milo Gill-Taylor 2nd, Julia Mellers 3rd and Oliver Hill 4th.

Finally it was off to Hayling Island. A classic sea breeze on the Saturday got the fleet off to a great start, though a more fickle offshore breeze had the sailors thinking a bit harder on the Sunday. For the second year running Hattie Rogers won the Open – with 72 sailors it is one of the biggest in the country; an excellent result from one of our best sailors. 3rd place Arthur Fry continued his fine form and in the regatta fleet Santi Sesto 6th, and Freya Cox 9th also had a great weekend.

Meanwhile at Lymington the Worlds and Europeans Teams had a joint training weekend, with the emphasis upon team racing, and mastering the short chop that we get here – and can expect in Argentina in October.

George Heathcote

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RNLI

**Lifeboat Station Open Day Sunday 31st August -
11 am to 4 pm**

**Annual Lifeboat Thanksgiving Service Sunday
31st August 5 pm**

The Bandstand, Bath Road. Accompaniment provided by Lymington Town Band.

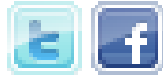
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Adverts

Looking for a Laser to Sail

Experienced Laser sailor and current Folkboat co-owner/skipper/helm would like to race a Laser on Monday nights. Happy to pay a year's insurance and perhaps a contribution for upkeep in return for occasional use for RLymYC Monday evening races.

Please contact: Seanine Joyce seanine@soundfutures.co.uk or 07957 386 445



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