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Weather Woes But Lots Of Good Things Are Happening

It's been the worst season ever for strong winds forcing plans for cruising and racing to be changed or cancelled. In spite of that the Club's racers have had another excellent Round the Island Race (see details below). We're only halfway through the year and there's bound to be better weather sometime. We've plenty to look forward to; the Summer Regatta and Ball, which, if it is half as good as last year, will be fantastic; Matt's Friday Night Bistro to start the weekend off and Youth Week in August.

It's easy to keep up with the Club's activities through the [website](#) and Facebook as well as the monthly digest you get from this excellent publication!

Ann Brunskill

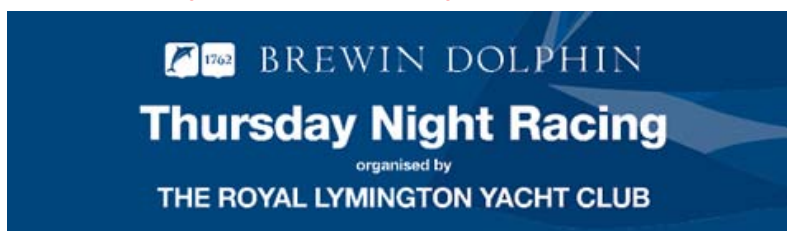
Summer Regatta and Ball



The Summer Ball tickets are selling well so ring the office (01590 672677) and book your tickets. Last year was a sell out. Danebury Vineyards are supporting the event and the same great band are playing.

Although the racing format will be like Thursday evenings except it's Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning (but not too early, the first warning is at 1025) you still have to enter your boat for the regatta. Click on the banner above to download your entry form. Entry is free for RLYYC, LTSC and RSoLYC yachts.

Brewin Dolphin Sponsorship of Thursday Keelboats



Some great news for Thursday Night racers!

We are pleased to announce that Brewin Dolphin are now the proud sponsors of Thursday Night Racing. They will be generously providing bottles of champagne for the class winners each week, which will be awarded in the Clubhouse after racing by Brewin Dolphin representatives.

If you haven't yet entered this year's series then please download an entry form from the Club's website and drop it into the office. Here's hoping for better weather throughout the late series.

Chris Neve, Rear Commodore Sailing

Matt's Friday Bistro Nights



Some of you will have already enjoyed Matt's food at the functions, Matt is looking forward to cooking us a special Bistro style menu on Friday nights. The accent is on more modern food in our lovely casual surroundings. We do hope you will book and come to Matt's Friday Bistro Nights, starting 20th July. Click on the banner for more details and a sample menu.

JP Morgan Asset Management Round the Island Race

Another strong performance from the Club's sailors. Last year's Gold Roman Bowl winner, Jo Hutchinson's Contessa 26, 'Sundowner', won IRC Division 3D and the the Silver Roman Bowl for second overall in IRC with a corrected time of just 3 minutes and 4 seconds slower than Golden Bowl winner. The Club's IRC teams took two of the three IRC Group trophies: winners of Jeraboam Trophy for IRC Group 2, were Peter Scholfield's 'Zarafa', William Newton's 'Jelly Baby' and Robin Taunt's 'Jibe'. IRC Group 3's Jeraboam Trophy went to Andrew Hind's 'White Mischief', Charles Roberts' 'Growler' and Rory Fitzwilliams' 'Simplicity'. The list of all the Club's successes is on the [website](#). Full results are on the RTI [website](#).

Club

Balconies

The furniture for the main balcony has been ordered and will be put out shortly. The top balcony has now been spruced up and the new furniture is in place.

Smoking Reminder

The only area on the Club premises where smoking is permitted is the top balcony. Please do not smoke on the main balcony.

Front Door

Work on the threshold has been completed and we are taking the opportunity to paint the front door and surrounding area.

Library lighting

The lighting is being installed, the woodwork repainted and the trophy cabinet is being refurbished.

Bar and Main Foyer painting

The main entrance area are being painted soon, we apologise in advance for any inconvenience and disruption will be kept to a minimum.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

First Floor Art Project

Observant Members will have noticed that the pictures in the Library and Dining Room have changed. Some have been moved, some have been reframed and there are some new photographs as well which we believe better reflect the current life of the Club and its activities. We would like to thank Vicky Roberts at Beaulieu Fine Art, Steve Powell and Rory Paton for their help with this project and a big thank you to Marc Lloyd Images.

Just one example is this wonderful picture of Steve Powell's "Uhuru"



Hannah Neve

Youth Week - 20th to 24th August - Can you help?

A Club institution, this is an integral part of everyone's summer sailing. We hope to provide four fleets for our 8 – 18 year olds, reflecting the increasing number of competent young sailors in a variety of dinghies. Full details are on the [website](#).



To run this event we need at least four Race Teams with committee boats and the appropriate safety cover and mothership support. Whilst we have a number of Club ribs we always need additional rib support, 5 or 6 metre ribs are ideal. Training is given before the event and new helpers are always welcome as well as old hands.

Although there has been a good response we are particularly looking for shallow draft mother ships, a shallow draft committee boat, one more venue for a BBQ evening and a volunteer for cooking bacon butties in the mornings.

If you have any queries or would like to discuss your possible involvement please do contact me on 01590 683334 or by [email](#).

Amanda Dingwall, Youth Week Co-Ordinator

Facebook and Twitter

Facebook and Twitter are used by many clubs to pass on information quickly: there will be instant mark round information for all the Olympic racing at Weymouth via Twitter.

The Club's Facebook and Twitter presence continues to grow. Facebook is regularly updated with photos and comments from events. Competitors check in to look at the pictures from their events. Twitter is used on race days to publish courses and pictures of the start line to interact with those who may or may not be out on the water and has nearly 100 followers. This season it has used rather too often to tell competitors of races being abandoned due to bad weather!

Both Facebook and Twitter could be extended to the cruising community. They are an easy and immediate way to find out who's going on which cruises or whether there are other cruising Members in their vicinity both in the UK and abroad: also to keep an eye on family and friends posting back home. There are links to both at the bottom of ePN and you can see the latest posts with just one click.

Cruising

J Class Solent Regatta

These magnificent yachts will be racing from Cowes from the 18th to the 20th of July with "100 Guinea Round the Island Race" on the 21st. On the 18th of July the race is in the West Solent with a planned start time of 11.00 from Cowes. (There are some details on the J Class Solent Regatta [website](#)). No formal arrangements, just a 'heads up' to let you know they are here.

Clive Sparrow, Captain of Cruising

Future Meets

Solent Meet - Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th July

The arrangements for the Meet at the Hornet Sailing Club can be found on the [website](#). Details of the venue are at [HSC](#).

The participant booking form will be on the Club noticeboard until Monday 16th July. Skippers must provide the names of their crew members on the form no later than 16th July for HSC security reasons. For any other information please [email](#) me.

Summer Anchor Meet, Chichester - Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th August

Daysail cruise to Osborne Bay - Tuesday 21st

Details for both the above will be on the [website](#) shortly.

Bucklers Hard BBQ Meet - Friday 31st August to Sunday 2nd September

Venue: Bucklers Hard Marina Harbourmaster's Facilities

Details are on the [website](#) and final instructions will be issued and the participant registration form posted on the Club noticeboard in due course. (Picture shows last year's very successful



BBQ)

Please note that the BBQ on Saturday 1st September is a family event with easy access for those who prefer to arrive by car.

Michael Coombes, Cruising Sub Committee

Racing



We have had better sailing weather in November than the sky has thrown at us this past month. Almost uniquely, we lost Keelboat racing on two consecutive Thursdays with racing on the third Thursday taking place only due to a brave Race Officer and some dogged competitors. On the second lap, only one boat was seen attempting to fly its spinnaker, but wisely dropped it whilst it was still in one piece.

The first day of the Folkboat Nationals was blown away, but three races were squeezed in on the Sunday to produce a result.

As we all know, the Jubilee Weekend was wet, wet, wet, but our crews participating in the Jubilee Regatta, sponsored by Wight Vodka and Dubarry, were drier than those unfortunate souls on the Thames. Everyone agreed that the joint venture with

the Royal Solent YC had been a great success. Race reports are all available on the [website](#) and there are photos on Facebook.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

Nick and Sophie Bubb - Winners of the Three Peaks Race

The Three Peaks Race is one of the longest running and most arduous endurance events involving four days of sailing, cycling and running from Barmouth to Fort William, taking in Snowdon, Scafell Pike and Ben Nevis and on the way.

Conceived by Rob Haworth and Bill Tilman in 1977, the race has attracted teams from all over the world. This year merely entering was a great achievement as crew suffered the worst weather in memory to get to the start line.

Nick and Sophie, who were joined by Alex Haworth, Ed Wilton and Nicola Fleming, sailing in a Contessa 33, finished second on elapsed time and won the main IRC handicap event by some 7 hours to take the Tilman Trophy. Sophie and Nicola were the only all-girl running team.

The rules of the race are 'relatively' simple. Teams of five leave Barmouth in Wales and sail 60 miles north to Caernarfon where two people jump off the boat and run 28 miles to the top of Snowdon then back again whilst the remaining crew hang around ready to whisk them off the dock. The next leg sees the crews pass through the notorious Menai Straights and on to Whitehaven, a leg of around 100 miles. Once in Whitehaven marina two crewmen jump on their bikes and cycle 14 miles uphill to Ennerdale where they leave the bikes and run 13 miles to the top of Scafell and back. They then jump on their bikes again and race back to Whitehaven. The teams then have the Isle of Man, Northern Ireland and Mull of Kintyre to negotiate before entering the Sound of Jura and, if the tides are favourable, passing to the East of Islay, Jura and Scarba. This is where it starts to get very narrow and very tidal... The teams head for Fort William at the foot of Ben Nevis. Once safely docked in Fort William two more runners must scale Ben Nevis before descending to cross the finish line. Oh and if there is no wind, you are allowed to row!

This was Nick's first offshore race since late 2009. The last 10 years he had spent almost as much time at sea as on land. Whilst some of his crewmates from the 08/09 Volvo Race have continued with the rollercoaster he decided to forge a new career finance with Brewin



Dolphin, who are becoming more involved with sailing as they celebrate their 250th anniversary, including sponsoring Thursday Nights.

RS Elites

Crewsaver RS Elite Stadium Cup – during Cowes Week



In addition to normal Cowes Week racing (if you could ever call Cowes racing “normal”) the RS Elites will have a high profile event on Sunday afternoon – the Crewsaver RS Elite Stadium Cup. This will be staged just off the Green and consist of two four boat knock-out heats around a windward/leeward course with the top two from each heat going through to a winner-takes-all final race. Races will last about 15 minutes and spectators can watch the action from the shore with Cowes Radio running live commentary. The prizegiving will take place in Cowes Yacht Haven as soon as the crews get back to shore. This event promises to be great fun and attract a lot of attention. It will include a number of boats from our Lymington RS Elite fleet, so if you’re in Cowes come down to the Green and support our teams. (Picture shows RS Elites like these which will compete for the Crewsaver Stadium Cup during Cowes Week).

Sponsorship from Crewsaver, well known purveyors of sailing equipment, has made it all possible.

Charter “Freebie” - dry-sailing by Berthon

Don’t forget you can charter the Club’s own RS Elite Freebie – fresh and fast after a winter refurb and now being dry-sailed, courtesy of sponsorship by the Berthon Boatyard. Bookings through the Club office – and plenty of Elite sailors on hand with tips and advice as you rig up with the rest of the fleet on the Berthon pontoon.

Martin Wadhams

Folkboats

The Folkboat fleet has enjoyed excellent racing on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons although weather conditions reduced the fleet to two on one Thursday evening; with the rest watching from the bar. The Club hosted the Nordic Folkboat Nationals on 16th and 17th June but winds strengths of 25kts on Saturday forced PRO Jane Pitt-Pitts to abandon both racing in Christchurch Bay and the Solent. Three races were sailed on Sunday in 18kts wind over tide conditions. Crackerjack (Stuart Watson and Mathew Jones) , Tak (Jeremy Austin) and Padfoot (Chris Hills) convincingly dominated the regatta finishing first ,second and third in each of the races. There was some very close racing for the lower order positions with Bossa Nova (David Fox, Royal Solent) finally taking 4th place ahead of Chris Baldwick (Bonnie), who had finished 4th in both the first two races, but pushed too hard and was adjudged OCS, which set him back in the overall standings.



Congratulations to Padfoot (Chris Hills) for winning both the Folkboat class in the West Solent series Prince Consort race run by RSolentYC’s and the overall event.

Congratulations to Crackerjack (Stuart Watson and Mathew Jones) for winning the Round The Island Race Folkboat class in an elapsed time of 8.16.08 with Sonya (Chris Willard) 4th, Samphire (James Hoare) 5th, and Sweet Caroline (Mike Hawthorne) 9th

Andrew Salanson

Dinghy Racing



The Monday Evening Early Series has now finished, after some really great racing. The race officers made an excellent job of setting courses and only lost two races to strong winds. In the end all the fleets saw very close results at the top, although consistency paid dividends for Oppie sailor Thomas Mitchell who won by 20 points. The McEwans beat Nigel Walbank by one point, such is the competition in Class 1. The battle of the Blazes was just won by Ian Sanderson. Rory Paton only lost two races in the Scows, whilst Jude Massey won from James Eady on the count back of the scores. Race reports are all available on the [website](#) and there are photos on Facebook.

Final preparations are under way for the Summer Dinghy Open on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July, which promises to be a great event with three races each day planned in the Solent and neap tides. For more details see the [website](#).

Luke McEwan, Captain of Dinghies

Race Management/Training

[Well, so much for flaming June – A course on Race Team Survival Training anyone?](#)

Joking aside, while prevented from being on the water by the inclement weather perhaps you have used the time to

reflect on what Race Management Training would be appreciated throughout the year and the coming winter.

Training that will both enhance your own skills and maintain the standard of racing offered by the Club. There is a long list of you who may have some answers: Flag Officers, Class Captains, Race Officers, Race Team members, Shore, Mark Layers, Support Boat Crews, Results and Protest Committees. Where do you see the gaps? The Training Sub Committee and I would appreciate your feed back.

To new Members and those not currently involved, as you will see from the list above, the race management team for each individual event involves many tasks and activities that cover a wide range of skills and abilities. The Club's racing programme relies on volunteers and we are always on the lookout for new members. There are many different ways you can fit into working with a fun team of people.

If you are not yet involved and would like to be, please do get in touch with [me](#) or the [office](#).



Frances Evans, Training Sub Committee

Juniors



RS Feva

Club Member Jess Eales(14) and her sailing partner, Anna Prescott(15) of LTSC, became the RS Feva National Ladies Champions at the National Championships in early May. The girls faced very challenging conditions during the event including huge waves, 30mph gusts and driving rain and one day of very light shifty winds. The girls, who are sponsored by Gill Race Team, came 4th overall out of a fleet of 106.

At the prize giving the girls collected trophies for 4th overall, Ladies National Champions and for winning the RS Feva Grand Prix series, part of the World Qualifying series.

Jennifer Muskett

Lymington Oppies

The soggiest June on record did not deter our intrepid Oppie sailors from strutting their stuff in exotic locations around the globe, representing teams they have worked so hard to qualify for. Milo broke his arm at a party but the rest of his Worlds Team have been busy flying the flag in Germany, Finland and Singapore. And a good many others have been training in the Greek Islands – although from their photos it looked more like scuba diving, windsurfing and wake boarding!

The Club hosted the Optimist Coached Regatta where 42 of our more fledgling sailors battled their way round four races in 15-18 kts. Gusts up to 27 kts asked a few questions of even the more experienced sailors, but in the end it was our very own Hayden Sewell who showed us that the equation of 1kg (bodyweight) per knot (wind speed) can be over-ruled with strong tummy muscles and a big smile; 4 bullets for the 22kg sailor!

The following weekend (Harken Royal Lymington Optimist Mainfleet) was more challenging still, with 34-40 kts on the Saturday. The French had sent over their top team of 18 sailors, the fleet was very strong and the safety fleet very experienced (20+ RIBs for 100+ sailors). In the end a compromise was reached, with time trials held in the river. As each Oppie crossed the Club start line they were being



timed all the way out, around Tar Barrel and back over the line. 65 volunteers finished this course, and as the anemometer hit 49 kts at Hurst Castle, our very own Karyna Manuel (right) took the course record and the Tar Barrel Trophy in a time of 11 mins 57 secs.

The following day a healthy hundred sailors enjoyed a steady 18 kts, a ripping (favourable) spring tide, great (warm) waves, and plenty of sunshine. It was the French, however, who got the better of the day, claiming 6 of the top 10 places over 4 races. The Lymington girls gave a very good account of themselves though, with Jenny Cropley 5th, Karyna Manuel 7th and Charlotte Boyle (also 1st Junior) 12th. "We really made the best of the weekend," said PRO Simon Rogers. "Thanks to the support of the Club and the regatta sponsors Harken, we were able to lay on a full weekend of spectacular and glorious Oppie sailing."

The following weekend we had another opportunity to put all that training to the test at the Hayling Island Oppie Open. The Regatta Fleet had to be cancelled (due to the strong winds) but 87 main fleet entries tore themselves away from the joys of the impossibly fine sandy beach and set forth in an unrelenting Force 6. The lighter 25% of the fleet was shaved off during the course of the first race, back to the beach for rounders and ice creams. With so many sailors feeling as though they had mastered the windy conditions, the top of this six race series was eagerly fought. Sarah Jarman eventually triumphed, with fellow Royal Lymington sailors claiming 7 of the top 10 places. Charlotte Boyle (4th) was again top Junior.

George Heathcote

Cadets

Our Cadet fleet is building at Lymington and the Club is now being regularly used by new sailors. Several sailors have been busy on the racing circuit: Max Crowe and Henry Collings (National Junior Squad), Will Davis and Harry Fitzimmons (National Junior Squad) and Henry Marsh and Freddie Collings (RYA Zone Squad). At the last qualifier at Burnham on Crouch Will and Harry finished 8th, Max and Henry 16th and Henry and Freddie 54th. Henry and Freddie were 3rd in an Open Event at Tamesis Sailing Club on the Thames. Will and Harry, and Henry and Freddie entered the South Cerney Open, it was extremely windy and most people capsized. They only managed to do one race on the Saturday and the rest had to be completed on Sunday when the wind dropped. Both crews finished really well, Will and Harry in 4th place and Henry and Freddie 7th.

The Cadet fleet are planning a sail to the Isle of Wight on Sunday 8th July for a picnic which will be a fun day for all, experienced and new.

Ruth Marsh

RNLI

Lifeboat Station Open Day and Thanksgiving Service - Sunday 4th August

The Station will be open from 11 am to 4 pm and the Thanksgiving Service will be at the Bandstand in Bath Road at 5 pm.

Bournemouth Air Festival Saturday 1st September

Watch the display from the lawn of the Miramar Hotel on the East Cliff at Bournemouth. Park in the grounds of the hotel, enjoy morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea whilst watching the Air Festival from the lawn, with a view across Bournemouth Bay from the Needles to Old Harry Rocks. Ticket price is £40 (including a donation to the RNLI). For more details contact Mary Reay on 01590 677034.

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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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