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ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

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July 2017

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Club

Congratulations

Round the Island Race 2017

Congratulations to all our Members who took part in this year's Round the Island Race. In particular the following boats for their superb results.

ISC Rating System Team Race - Royal Lymington Yacht Club A – 2nd Place
GBR5765 ASSENT, GBR9585T PICKLE, 5555Y GROWLER III

IRC Rating System Team Race
Royal Lymington Yacht Club A – 5th Place
GBR7805R JIN TONIC, GBR7111 GRAVITY, GBR1129L JELLY BABY

Contessa 26 (IRC) Class
GBR3736Y Elinor - 3rd

Trophy Winners

JEREMY ROGERS TROPHY - First IRC Contessa 26
CO2 - HIGH POTENTIAL - Sarah & Ross Applebey

OBSERVER TROPHY & DECANter - First Monohull to finish
MON888 - HIGHLAND FLING XI - Irvine Laidlaw

HELLY HANSEN ALIVE TROPHY - First O/A IRC Group 0
MON888 - HIGHLAND FLING XI - Irvine Laidlaw

SHEPHERDS TROPHY - First IRC Chartered Surveyors boat
GBR7805R - JIN TONIC - Roberts / Edgerley

IRC Division 2B
GBR7805R JIN TONIC – 2nd
GBR1129L JELLY BABY – 4th

IRC Division 3B
GBR7111 GRAVITY – 2nd

ISC Rating System Div 5C
GBR9585T PICKLE – 4th

ISC Rating System Div 7C
GBR5765 ASSENT – 2nd
5555Y GROWLER III – 4th

Kirsty Timmis, General Manager - Operations

The Americas Cup Endeavour Junior Regattas (O'pen Bic/RS Feva & Hobie Waves)

Junior Member Annabel Luxton plus her friend and crew Alex Hamel took part in the Americas Cup Endeavour Junior Regattas (O'pen Bic/RS Feva & Hobie Waves) as the GBR girls team in the Hobie Wave class coming 7/12 over 2 days but winning the final and Exhibition Race held between America's Cup races 5 and 6 in front of the public stands so much pressure and excitement!



The cream for them was Ben Ainslie coming across at the lunch afterwards to congratulate them.

Membership



Celebrating 50 years as Club Members this month
Congratulations to

- ❖ **Tom & Eileen Rayner**
- ❖ **Richard Rouse**

On behalf of the Club we thank them for their support and hope that they will enjoy continued membership for many years to come.

Clive Sparrow
Vice Commodore



**We extend a warm welcome to the following
New Members of the Club elected on 9th June 2017**

- Jackie Bishop
- Joan Horton-Fawkes
- Lord Irvine & Lady Christine Laidlaw
- Maggie Law
- Martin, Inge, Thomas & Madeleine Park
- Lucas Peters
- David & Sheila Pryer
- Francisca Rogers

I do hope that you will enjoy your membership of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, and that you will become active Members both afloat and ashore at the many Club sailing and social events.

Clive Sparrow

**2017-18 Membership subscription
New payment option available soon!**



For the first time in Club history we will be offering **ALL** Members a number of payment options when paying subscriptions by direct debit.

Apologies but we will need to add a small fee to cover the additional bank and admin costs. From 1st October 2017 payments can be made

- ✓ In-full one payment (no additional cost)
- ✓ Quarterly + 3%
- ✓ **MONTHLY** + 8%

Clive Sparrow
Vice Commodore

Club website compatibility

When we went live with the current website we provided details of which software was certified to work with the website. We felt it was now appropriate to provide an update for members:

Following industry standard practice, the Club's website (both the modules that we use and the content delivery system) has been tested across the most widely used web browsers and mobile devices. The following is a list of supported browsers on both desktop and mobile devices.

Outside of this list of supported browsers, the website cannot be guaranteed to perform as specified.

Windows

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 11 (or above)
- Google Chrome - Latest Version
- Mozilla Firefox - Latest Version

Mac

- Apple Safari - Latest Version
- Google Chrome - Latest Version

Android

- Google Chrome - Latest Version of App

iOS

- Apple Safari - Latest Version of App
- Google Chrome - Latest Version of App

John Tudor

Reciprocal 'Down Under'

The Club has recently signed a reciprocal agreement with the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria so the next time you are sailing past Port Phillip Bay in Australia call in! The club is situated in Williamstown just south west of Melbourne.



The picture shows their Vice Commodore, John Duffin, exchanging club burgees with our Rear Commodore Sailing, Stuart Duffin, spot the likeness!"

John Tudor

Clubhouse Opening Hours

For those early risers who may be around the Club & on the pontoons before 08:00hrs, please be aware that the cleaners are not insured to allow you into the building without a member of staff present and so will not let you in, if asked. If there is a need for you to access the building earlier than our normal opening hours, please contact me prior to the day so we can arrange an earlier opening for you.

Thank you in advance.

Kirsty Timmis, General Manager - Operations

House

What a lovely June! A bit hot at times, and there were only 130 at the Summer Ball, but what a time we had! The Club looked lovely, thanks to Jose Nieve and her team of stalwarts who did amazing things with tissue paper; Elizabeth Andrews and Daphne Johnston and their team of helpers who held a flower workshop to produce some of the most beautiful flower arrangements I have ever seen in the Club; and Gillian Poole and her team who put up (and took down) the marquee on the balcony in record time as well as finishing off the tables and lights. The food was good, the band was great and, as they were in the marquee, we could still chat as we had our coffee inside the Club.

The street food and buffets on race nights have been a great success with up to 200 eating on Thursday nights. The Friday night a la carte menu is proving very popular with over 60 eating every Friday which means that it is definitely worth booking as otherwise you have to wait to be served.

The Front of House staff look very smart in their new uniforms, and the table service is working well, with lots of Members enjoying a selection of puddings as well as the lovely new Coffee Mongers coffee, either served in a cafetière or as espresso/latte/cappuccino. However there are a few Members who have had such a good time, they forget quite what they have had. Please, if you remember the next day that you missed paying, either give us a call or send an email to house@rlymyc.org.uk. so that your Club card can be debited.

Opening Hours and Tuesday Evenings

Just a reminder that we are serving until 2:30 pm at lunchtimes and from 6:30 pm in the evenings. Also the chefs are always happy to provide you with something to eat if they are in the Club, so it is always worth asking them.

The Club is now serving food again on Tuesday evenings and we are starting with pizza nights, so you can not only enjoy the best views in Lyminster with your drinks at "Happy Hour" prices from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, but can also enjoy a simple, very economical, supper as well.

Buildings

On the buildings side, the baby changing table has been replaced, the internal door has been removed from the ladies changing room

and the showers, basins and toilets have been fixed in the men's changing rooms.

Finally - the [July a la carte menu](#) is the best yet so do check it out

Roger Wilson, Rear Commodore House

Social



*Yoga
Classes*

*Moving into stillness
With Katy Williams*

*£28 for 4 weeks in July
Every Friday starting
On 7th July at 09:30*

*£42 for 6 weeks - Sept/Oct
Every Friday starting
On 1st September at 09:30*

*Places are limited so book your
place now!*

*Please Book at
Reception*

Or call 01590 672677

Still a few places left for the next class

Bridge Classes.

We are looking at starting up Bridge Classes again in the Autumn on Mondays! In order to express your interest please add your name to the Sign-Up Sheet on the Socials Notice Board and state whether you would like beginner or intermediate tuition.

Racing

Lymington Dinghy Regatta Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th July



This month the big dinghy event is the Lymington Dinghy Regatta on 15/16th July. Three races are scheduled each day (two for Scows) around laid courses in the Solent, followed by tea and doughnuts ashore, included in the entry fee. The first start is at 13:00 on the Saturday and 10:30 on Sunday.

On Saturday night RLymYC is laying on a good value Spanish supper with the Club's famous paella and jugs of sangria. Registration, Sunday breakfast and the prize giving will be at LTSC.

There is an entry limit of 120 boats and an early entry discount (by 5pm on Friday 7th) so please enter online as soon as you can. All the details are on the [website](#).

We are still looking for volunteers to help at this regatta, if you would like to help then please contact Vicky Leen.

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies

Keelboats

Summer Regatta

Despite a change of format this year to two short races on the Saturday, and one longer one on Sunday, the turnout was very disappointing I would welcome feedback from those who didn't come out to play to see how we can improve matters. Those who did turn up enjoyed good breeze and excellent courses on both days. Our thanks to Jenny Wilson and her race team, and the volunteers and staff who made it happen.

Thursday Evening Early Series

Competitors and race team faced a bit of a learning curve this year with the changes to race management (committee boat starts and greater use of radio comms). Hopefully, the teething problems have been ironed out. The weather gods provided the usual mix of blowing its socks off to flat calm, and shorts and tee shirts to full on foulies. You all know the results, so let's hope we have similar good racing for the Late Series. Once again, a huge thanks to the race team, especially Roger and Jenny Wilson, all the volunteers and staff. PS Phil's idea of boats dropping crews off on the pontoon after racing has saved huge amounts of ferrying time, so please keep it up - it also means the skipper gets his drinks bought for him!

Good racing all.

Chris Rustom, Captain of Racing

Duo Race Series - Fun but Competitive Double Handed racing

Interesting and varied courses, not just "round the cans". Typically 2- 3 hour races – Christchurch Bay, Mid/West Solent and the best of all:

Classes for IRC and Lymington Handicap, with an option to enter as "Non-spinnaker" for the Series.

Monday Evening Dinghy Racing

The Monday Evening Dinghies Early Series has been great thanks to the many volunteers on and off the water in the race team and RIBs, and record turnouts of Scows. There are still some slots to be filled for the rest of the Late Series. Please contact [Vicky](#) if you can help.

The normal Monday evening race should have been replaced with a fun Pursuit Race on the 19th June, except there was no wind, but a few brave souls took part in an impromptu rowing race in Scows. Over 60 people stayed to enjoy an excellent BBQ in glorious weather. Not a bad end to the series.

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies



JUNIOR REGATTA 2017

21st - 25th August

Own Boat Entry Forms are now Available

We are looking for volunteers to help with year's Junior Regatta – yes, we have gone back to its original name.

This flagship community regatta for local children needs over 160 volunteers helping both on and off the water to run successfully. It is huge fun, you make some great friends and you help to get lots of young sailors out on the water enjoying learning to improve their sailing and racing skills. Volunteering includes every role from making sandwiches for an hour each morning through to crewing a safety rib.

Junior Regatta Availability 2017

This link above lists all those who have volunteered so far. Some people have already offered to take up their usual role, others are simply volunteering to help on the water or, on the shore. Roles will be confirmed and allocated much nearer the time by the race management team and communicated by

email to everyone.

Do please sign up to help again this year and involve as many friends and family as you can! An afternoon, all day or the whole week – the help is appreciated. We simply could not run the Junior Regatta without you all.

Shireen Crowe and the Junior Regatta Team

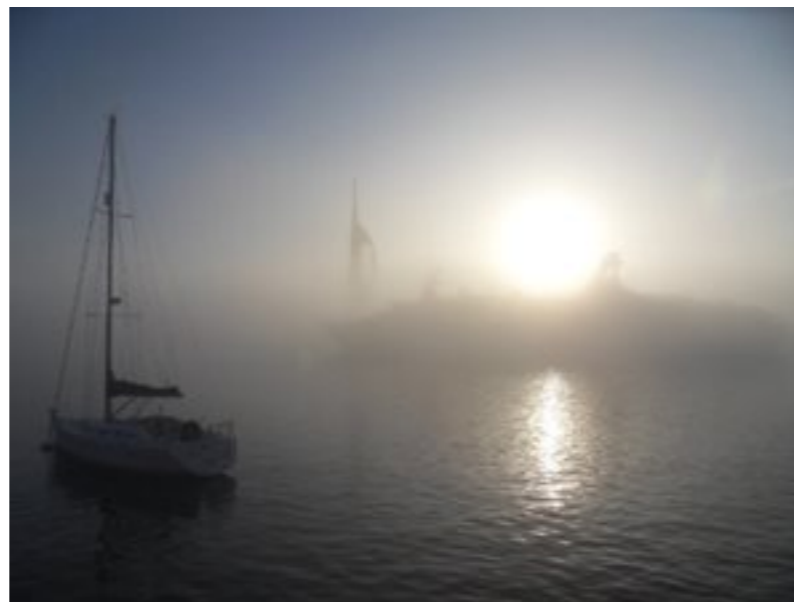
Cruising

Future events

Midweek cruise Hornet Services Sailing Club Gosport, Tuesday 11 July

The day-sail is a trip to Portsmouth Harbour with lunch at Hornet Services Sailing Club in Haslar Creek.

The list for the event is on the board at the Club and will close at 1200 on Friday 7 July, so that numbers and requirements can be passed to the Hornet. There will be a briefing at the Club at 0800 to update the plan, especially in the light of the weather on the day, and allocate any unattached crew to vessels.



Perrin Towler, Captain of Cruising

Day Cruise to Island Harbour – Monday 26th June 2017

A day of glorious sunny weather saw 12 boats and 45 Club members leave Lymington for an excellent crossing to Cowes. A gentle trip along the River Medina took everyone to the locks at Island Harbour by midday.



Fortunately we were all able to sit at tables on the outside terrace for drinks, chat and lunch. The Breeze restaurant had organised an excellent buffet lunch. This was ideal as there was no long wait to be served and because it also allowed people to leave to catch the free flow at the locks for a return with the outgoing tide.

Photographic Competition

The competition is open to all Club Members of any age. Subject: A photograph to be taken on or around the water. Judging is to be done by **DAVID BAILEY** who will also be the speaker at the talk on Wednesday 22nd November.

- Each person may enter 1 A4 print.
- Closing date: strictly Friday 17th November 2017.
- Cameras, I-pads, drones, telephones may be used.
- Our younger Members are encouraged to enter.

All photographs will be displayed in the Clubhouse during the Members' Art Exhibition 24th to 27th November.
Queries to Harvie Woolley.

Harvie Woolley, Cruising Sub-Committee

Training

The Club is running a variety of **RYA Youth Sailing Courses** over the upcoming summer months.

RYA Stage 1; A safe, fun filled action packed introduction to sailing. Suitable for complete beginners.

- 31st July & 1st August
- 7th & 8th August

RYA Stage 2; Finish off the starter skills, progress through the basic skills and get in control.

- 3rd & 4th August
- 10th & 11th August

RYA Stage 3; Sail in all directions and feel in command of your boat.

- 15th & 16th July
- 14th & 15th August

RYA Stage 4; Improve double handed sailing and problem solving afloat. Passing this course is the entry point to advanced courses.

- 17th & 18th August

The courses run from 09:00hrs to 16:30 approx. in the Slipway Lounge. (Children must be 8 years old & above to take part)
To book onto a course please reply to this email or alternatively you can ring reception to book on 01590 672677. The course is £110 for Members and £150 for non-Members.

If you require any further information about our training courses please click [here](#).

RYA First Aid Course

The next course will be on Saturday 8th July from 09:00hrs to 16:30 approx. in the Island Room.

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.

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.

Vicky Leen, Sailing Manager

Fleets

XOD

[A bit of Midsummer Madness](#)

Wednesday 28th June's XOD race was sailed in beautiful sunny conditions with an ebbing tide. The fun started with the race officer displaying a splendid course to S (Sanders Sails) to Z twice round with a moveable mark N marked as the final windward mark from which the fleet would beat to a Platform finish. As the Easterly wind of about 8 knots started to struggle against the SW sea breeze it became a real battle to find any wind at all.

The early leaders were Phil Brewer in Zest, Rory Paton in XL, Bill Dunsdon in Beatrix, Fenella Lees in Oyster and David da Cunha in Mayday. By the time the fleet reached Z for the first time the order remained, Zest, XL, Beatrix, Madcap (Chris Torrens) and Persephone (Richard Field). This order remained unchanged until S was rounded for the second time. However at this point the wind collapsed and the key decision was whether to stay offshore or look for wind on the mainland shore. Madcap, Persephone and Mayday went for the inshore route while Zest, XL, Gleam (James Meaning) stayed out in the mainstream. The wind filled in first from the east inshore leading to a very tight and exciting run to Z where the race officer very wisely decided that further punishment was not a good idea and shortened the course to finish the fleet at Z.

This lead to an extremely tight finish, with Madcap just beating Persephone followed very closely by Zest, Mayday and Beatrix, with a complete bunch of XODs all finishing at once in the middle of the line.

John Olliff-Cooper, XOD Xenon

LR Scows

Lots going on, so here is an updated list of dates for your diary. More information is usually on the Scow Notice Board.

Saturday 8th July: First Saturday Potter. Do come along and make it worthwhile pursuing this initiative. Launch about 10.15 and back for lunch at the Club. We go again on Saturday 22 July.

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th July: Lymington Dinghy Regatta - with two races each day for the Scow Fleet. Let's give this event our strong support. As the largest fleet in the Club, it would be nice to be the largest fleet at the Regatta. Notice of Race and on-line entry [here](#).

Tuesday 18 July - Rearranged Hinxman Trophy date. The weather scuppered us in June, so we will be trying again in July.

Tuesday 1 August - Captain's Trophy event; evening racing around the buoys again.

And a quick report on June

And a quick report on June: Monday Evening racing continues to be very strongly supported with a grand total of 58 boats coming to the starting line so far this year. The split between Gold and Silver continues to work well.

On a breezy Sunday, some of us travelled to the Beaulieu River Sailing Club's wonderful site at Need Ore for a race at the mouth of the Beaulieu river. This was part of the Travellers' Trophy which we are developing amongst Clubs with strong Scow fleets. Towing a Scow is easy and, if you need to borrow a trailer, we have a list of people willing to lend you one. **Stop Press: we have just heard that John Claridge now has a source of new trailers.**

Finally, some good news about dinghy parking: 9 more spaces have been allocated so the waiting list is much reduced. Everyone understands that space is tight, and we are grateful for your understanding..

Robin Taunt, Captain of Scows

Juniors

Laser Fleet

Royal Lymington Youth Laser Regatta June 24th/25th 2017

Organisers of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club Youth Laser Open meeting were rewarded with superb sailing conditions for the 67 sailors. Some sailors had travelled to the Solent from as far as Scotland, the North and the East of England. The sailors were welcomed to the event with message of good luck from two of Club's most illustrious members, Sir Ben Ainslie and Nick Thompson. International Race Office Peter Saxton ran an efficient race team, whilst International Juror John Doerr ran an experienced Jury and Protest panel. The event was extremely grateful to the title sponsors, Neil Pryde Sailing and Harken, who donated very generous prizes.



(Pictured above Abby Childerley & Eve Kennedy enjoying the challenge (copyright Christine Spreiter)
(Jo Drake taking to the Standard in impressive style copyright Christine Spreiter)

The aim was to provide a fun event for the sailors, as well as a professional racing experience. On the race course, winds were steady at around 24 and 20-22 knots, with gusts over 25 knots.. The conditions required the boats and equipment to be race prepared and the sailors fit and strong! Despite faultless race management, mark 2 managed to escape during the last race on Sunday, heading off to Hurst Castle before being brought back under control. As a result, race 6 for the Radials and Standards had to be abandoned, with the Radials already well into the second beat. Exhausted sailors lined up for a restart, at which point the Committee boat registered a gust of 32 knots. They all impressively made it around again, arriving back in the boat park on their last legs. The Laser 4.7s attracted the largest entry (35 entries), with many of the sailors preparing for the World Championships in a few weeks' time. The front of the fleet saw great competition between Royal Lymington's Matilda Nicholls (returning temporarily to the 4.7 from the Radial, ahead of the 4.7 Worlds), Matt Beck (Bowmoor SC) and Nick Wellbourn (Hykeham SC). Matilda took the overall win, with Matt taking 2nd on count back from Nick in 3rd. Alex Schonrock (Parkstone YC) was 4th, 2nd girl and 1st U-16 girl and Royal Lymington's Tom Mitchell rounded out the top 5 as 3rd boy and 1st U-16 boy. The battle for 3rd girl went to Abby Childerley (Royal Southern YC/RORC). The award for the youngest sailor went to Iona Cole (Spinnaker SC) and the prize for the sailor who had the highest points, but battled on to complete all races, went to Jack Oswald (Gurnard SC).

The Radial fleet saw a battle royal evolve between two boats who shared 1st and 2nd in 5 of the 6 races. There was a tie on final points, the break being decided by the final race result, with Royal Lymington's Milo Gill-Taylor edging Jordan Giles (Datchet Water SC) to take the win overall. 3rd to 6th had an equally close contest, with Jake Bowhay (Stokes Bay SC) narrowly taking 3rd from Royal Lymington's Arthur Fry, who was 1st U-17 boy. Paignton SC's Ellie Hutchings was 1st girl, ahead of Paige Caldecoat (visiting from Australia) and Ellie Poole (also Paignton SC and 1st U-17 girl). Youngest sailor, at just 13 years of age, was Charlie South (Stokes Bay SC) and the Endeavour prize went to Christine Wood (CCCDs).

The Standard Fleet had a lot to deal with, the biggest rig making it extremely physical for the young sailors. 16 year old Joseph Drake (RNSYC), in his first event in the Standard, and David Saunders (Stokes Bay SC) battled it out for 1st place, with Jo narrowly taking the win and 1st U-19. Royal Lymington's Robbie Boyd was an impressive 3rd.

Ashore the Commodore congratulated the sailors on their efforts in completing 6 races. The Race Team and Jury were thanked and praised by the competitors, and the busy safety team, led by Alastair Beardsall, were also thanked for their hard work. We wish all the Laser sailors heading to major international regattas this summer the best of luck. Sailors will be competing in the Laser 4.7 Worlds and U-21 Worlds in Nieuwpoort, Belgium and the Youth Laser Radial Euros in Gdynia and the Youth Laser Radial Worlds in Medemblik, Holland.

Many sailors have told us that this was one of the best Laser events they have attended and so plans are underway for another Youth Laser event at RLymYC later this year.



Prize winners on the club balcony

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Results on the Club [website](#)

Clare de la Feuillade, Captain of Laser 4.7s

RS Tera & Feva Fleet

Throughout June we have been running a Friday night Youth dinghy race series. We have had an excellent turn out to the event including entries from the Oppies, Teras, Lasers (4.7s and Radials) Fevas and a 420, with children of all abilities and ages. To date we have not cancelled an evening's racing even with some very challenging conditions. A huge thank you must be made to all Members who have helped make this possible, with a special mention being made of the Race Officers; Ali Husband, Robin Taunt, Jane Pitt-Pitts, John Tudor & Malcom McKeag, Safety Officers; Andrew Eady, Ken Kershaw, Richard Breeze & Phil Lightbody and Mark Layers; James Eady & Harrison Barnett. Also thank you to Vicky in the office for all of your hard work in sorting and posting up the results. This has been a wonderful opportunity for the youth section of our Club to come together and race against one another. Please keep an eye out for future events on the Club noticeboards and via email.



Nicola West, Captain of Teras

RNLI

Lymington & Pennington Carnival and Parade – Sunday 17th July

Station Float and Souvenir stall at the ground

Annual Lifeboat Service Sunday 6th August, 5.30 pm

The Town Band will play.

Open Garden Saturday 19th August, 2 pm to 5pm

Pilley Hill Cottage, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Sandy Glenn.



BBQ on the Green Saturday 19th August 5.30 pm to 8 30 pm

Bath Road Green and the Band Stand. Live music from Zac & the Zeroes.

Club Sponsors & Discounts

Click on the [link](#) for details of our sponsors and discounts available.

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. The listing of items for sale or wanted in ePotterNews does not indicate that RLymYC has knowledge of the authenticity of the advertisement and does not recommend or guarantee the items advertised and the Club cannot accept any liability in this regard.

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