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Racing



The Summer Regatta and Ball is on the weekend of June 29th and 30th. Building on the outstanding success of previous years, there is racing to please every keelboat fleet, whilst the Ball is bigger and better than ever. We are most fortunate to be sponsored this year by the estate agents, Spencers of the New Forest, and by our new computer system supplier, Jonas Software. Wines from Danebury Vineyards and prizes from Dubarry and North Sails complete the list.

IRC rated boats have two races on Saturday afternoon and one on Sunday morning run from the Platform and the Lymington Handicap fleets, RS Elites and Folkboats have one race on each day. On Saturday the XODs start from their own committee boat for the three races of the Bobby Bongers trophy and on Sunday they join in with a Platform start.

The Ball will take a new format for 2013 with multiple food choices to celebrate famous racing venues around the world. Try something from each venue during the evening. Tickets are £29 per person and include a welcome drink on arrival. Race entries and tickets for the Ball opened on Thursday 30th May so please book fast to avoid disappointment.

All boat entries received by Monday 17th June will be entered into a free draw for 1 of 2 pairs of Dubarry Windward Deck Shoes which will be drawn on the Saturday evening, so download your entry form now by [clicking here](#).

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

Winning Ways

Another excellent day for all the Members in the Round the Island Race on the 1st June

[click here for a list of prize winners](#)



(Picture taken by Jeremy Warren at St. Catherine's as he was sailing around the Island in a Wayfarer)

2013 World Match Racing Tour

Our match racing star Ian Williams has made the perfect start to his bid to become the most successful match racer ever by winning the first round of the 2013 World Match Racing Tour on Lake Constance, Germany. His team, GAC Pindar, battled with some extremely variable conditions to win 75% of their races – a superb performance, given that 2 of Ian's crew are new this year. They are now in Korea for Stage 2 and the final match of the series will be the Monsoon Cup in Malaysia in December.



Club

Staff

We say farewell to two members of staff this month. Sophie House, who joined in 2009, is leaving to go travelling and then off to college to start a career in midwifery. After a year cooking excellent meals for us David Spender is off to work in the Mediterranean. We wish both of them well and thank them for their time at the Club.

Club cards

Please could Members try to avoid asking to top up their cards at the bar on Thursday evenings. It would help to make service quicker if they could top up beforehand either over the phone or in person at other less busy times of the week

Slipway, Starting Platform and Dinghy Ramp



The Harbour Office's preparatory work on the slipway has been completed and the remaining work will be done in September. Notices will be on the board and in ePN when we know the dates. A very successful operation to take out and install the new steps at the Starting Platform was completed recently. A brief weather window appeared, the long standing barge booking held firm and a busy day's work for all the Club's boat men ensured the steps were fitted in just one day. Job done on time and under budget. We expect that the steps will help provide secure access for race teams for years to come. (They do - Ed.)

The new dinghy ramp for the Scows and Junior Sailing has been fitted on the pontoon and is working well.

The Nancy Blackett

The 28ft 1931 Hillyard *Nancy Blackett* was Arthur Ransome's favourite cruising yacht. Now owned by the Nancy



Blackett Trust, she was on the pontoon recently on her way to the Yogaff meet in Yarmouth. Peter Willis, chairman of the Trust, kindly showed her to some of our Members.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

House

We now have our new chef Robin Kitson who is settling in very well. In addition to developing new and exciting weekday menus which will offer both quality and value, Robin is looking at making Friday evenings at the Club the place to eat, creating exciting new menus and themed evenings. Please keep an eye on the website and notice boards for further information.



During the summer months we intend to carry out a few maintenance and painting projects in order to keep the Club looking its best as all times. We will try to keep any disruption to a minimum; in fact I'm hoping you will only notice the slight smell of new paint on occasions.

The social, events and catering teams who support me are already in full swing arranging your autumn and winter programme. Elisabeth Cook and her team are currently pulling together the New Year's Eve party, laying up supper and several other great evenings for you. Meanwhile Andrea Jarvis and her team are working hard on new events and opportunities, like Afternoon Cream Tea with a twist and Italian and French evenings, showcasing great food and special selection wines to complement your meal. So much more to come over the next few months, so enjoy the summer and the Club.



Priory Wines are now one of the Club's suppliers and as such have offered a 15% discount to Members: details are on the [website](#).

Geri Harris, Rear Commodore House

Racing

The Marine Month of May: the Sigma 38 fleet was here and didn't they have fun. The day in Christchurch Bay was marginal for racing and very marginal for those of us on the Committee Boat. Fortunately, Andrew Pearson was kind enough to lend us his motor boat, Belle Amie, and to be with us to drive it. Our mark layers had a much tougher time and very many thanks to all of them for sticking with it all day. The following two days were much more relaxed as the race team stayed in the Solent in excellent conditions, with John Bence and his yacht 'Chatterbox'.

All the regular series are now in full swing. We have had four terrific Brewin Dolphin Thursday Night races, results are on the [website](#); a Duo race; and races in the series for the XoDs, the Folkboats and the Elites. The first of the Cruiser Racer Saturday series was a success which we will build on, although we lost again to the visiting Royal Engineers Yacht Club in their annual race.

Looking ahead to the midsummer month of June, the busy programme continues, culminating with the Summer Regatta at the end of the month and described above.

Weekly Prizes

We have slightly changed the award of prizes in response to calls for a wider distribution. The scheme we are trying for the Early Series, at least, is a bottle to the winner, unless that boat has won either of the two previous races; in which case the bottle goes to the second boat, unless it has also won either of the two previous races; in which case the bottle goes to the third boat. It is thought that this is a sensible balance between 'everyone a winner' and 'always the same boat wins'.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

Saturday Cruiser Racing - next race 15th June



Duo Series - next race 6th July



Cruising - Future meets

Two Day Meet at Bembridge, IoW, on 11th and 12th July

Moorings have been arranged at Duver Marina for the nights of 10th and 11th July. A BBQ is arranged for Wednesday evening so please bring your own food etc. (a small charge is made for this facility).

For Thursday evening it is intended to have dinner at the Bembridge YC for which we need to establish numbers asap.

The Marina has recently been extended and the facilities updated. Dredging work to Bembridge Marina, which has caused some disruption to moorings, is now scheduled for completion in late May/early June.

Entrance to Bembridge Harbour is interesting but clearly marked.



George Johnson, Cruising Sub Committee

Cruising - past meets

Spring Cowes meet 26th to 28th April



This year's meet was supported by 23 boats and 65 crew. The excellent formal dinner was held on the Friday evening at the Royal Yacht Squadron. Most yachts went up on the tide on the Friday morning in good weather and many visited the Prospect Museum which our Squadron host Peter Bruce had arranged to have opened for us. The majority of boats stayed on for the Saturday evening, visiting Osborne House, the Classic Boat Museum or Newport during the day. Prior to the informal dinner at the Island Sailing Club the traditional Pontoon Party enjoyed a fine if chilly early evening glass or two of wine whilst consuming vast quantities of hot sausages. After dinner at the ISC each table tried to outdo each other reciting tales and anecdotes, a great time was had by all and there was plenty to talk about over breakfast the next morning at the new bistro on the marina.

Clive Sparrow, Cruising Sub Committee

Fleets

RS Elites

Southern Area Championships

The 27th and 28th July will see RS Elites from Cowes, Hayling, Burnham and our own Club competing for the Southern Area Championships. With three races each day, a regatta dinner on Saturday evening and prize giving lunch on Sunday afternoon, this will be a busy and exciting weekend. NoR and entry forms now on the [website](#).

I thought you'd like to see these short video clips from the Nonsuch Bay RS Elite Challenge which took place on Lay Day during Antigua Sailing Week this year – and was a real highlight of the Week:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cDi2mKV16U> and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VDkn8a92oY>. The Antigua event used a similar format to the Crewsaver RS Elite Stadium Cup which runs again on Saturday 3rd August during Cowes Week, just off the Green. Not sure we'll have so many spectators in bikinis, but we can dream.

[Crew available](#)



We have a Crew List of good sailors keen to race in Lymington RS Elites – in fact more sailors than we've got spare positions, such is the undeniable desirability of the Class! So, if you're a current owner or a potential new one, rest assured finding crew is easy. I'm also happy to add more names to the Crew List, so let me know if you would like to get involved.

Martin Wadhams

Folkboats

The leaderboard for the Brewin Dolphin Thursday Night early series has the same familiar names but in a slightly different order and turnouts have been encouraging with up to fifteen boats on the line. Jeremy Austen's *Tak* is in front at the moment but facing strong competition. Nine boats turned out for the Cowes race which is part of the West Solent Series. The race was somewhat of a lottery due to the strong tide and fickle winds. Stuart Watson's *Crackerjack* took the honours on the outward leg and Tak on the return. Stuart Watson and Matthew Jones took the Red Lion Trophy -1st Folkboat - in the JP Morgan Round the Island Race. The Nationals will take place on the week-end of 8th/9th June and a strong turnout is expected.

John Whyte

Dinghies

Monday Evening Dinghy racing goes from strength to strength, with great turnouts and only one race lost to poor weather so far. Don't forget that Monday 17th June is the Pursuit Race; sailing instructions and start times will be published shortly.

The weekend of 13th-14th July is the [Lymington Dinghy Regatta](#); all classes with PY less than 1500 are welcome, as are volunteers who would like to help with this big event. It's a two-day event but you can enter for either day on its own if you can't do the whole weekend.

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies

Scows

23 Scows took part in the annual Figure of Eight race round Oxey and Pylewell islands on Saturday, 18th May. This year there was very little

rise of tide when the advertised start time arrived. Race Officer Vince Sutherland postponed until 1430 but still all competitors were scraping centreboards and rudders over the shingle and through the mud as the fleet attempted to beat up to the west on the first leg. Several crews were seen leaping overboard to push and at the tail end of the fleet quite a few places were gained by this manoeuvre! Once into the Solent conditions improved and there was sufficient water for the leg inside Pylewell. Jane Pitt-Pitts was the overall winner in Daffy Duck. Gordon Stredwick in Marian came second and Mike and Ros Urwin came third in Nutshell. Additional prizes were awarded for both single handers and crewed boats. Jane Pitt-Pitts was first of the single handers, with Gordon Stredwick second and Peregrine Bruce third in his new boat, Quack. The Urwins won the crewed event with David Wagstaff and Kate Thornton second in Wyndsong and Dubbie Robinson and Carol Edge took third. Traditionally this event is followed by a splendid tea and this year was no exception. Special thanks to Gillie Pearson and her team of helpers for yet another magnificent spread.

Richard Moore

Juniors

Youth and Junior Spring Series

More than 40 youngsters enjoyed mixed fleet racing over an 8 race series, organised by the Club. "Over the six weeks we have had it all from hail and 33 kts to no wind and baking hot," said Jonah Rogers, who came 3rd in the Optimist fleet. "Fortunately it has mainly been somewhere in between! And I really enjoyed getting to know the other fleets," he added. In addition to this Saturday series, the Club organises training on Sunday mornings, racing on Monday evenings and training on Tuesday afternoons and it is hoped that the Club will run another Youth and Junior series towards the end of the summer. Winners in each class: 420 Sarah Jarman/Emily Walters; Laser 4.7 Charlotte Bassett; RS Tera Pro Louis Giron; RS Tera Sport Henry Collison; cadet Ellie Watkins/Fynn Bradford; PYS; Henry Collison in his Tera Sport; Optimist William Heathcote.



George Heathcote

May 2013 Oppie news

May has been a very busy and important month for most Oppie sailors. At the 2013 Optimist World and European Teams Selection Trials, Lymington's finest returned home after 12 superb races clutching plane tickets, knees buckling under the weight of silverware ...congratulations to the following members: Worlds Team (Lake Garda, Italy): Milo Gill-Taylor and Robbie King; Europeans Team (Lake Balaton, Hungary): Jenny Cropley and Vita Heathcote; Development Team (Bodrum, Turkey): Hattie Rogers, Pippa Cropley, Haydn Sewell and Alex King. Each of the sailors had to deal with their own trials and tribulations – those races where the magic takes you, and those where the elements conspire against you.



Two weeks later they were off to Grafham Water for the Inland Championships, for 6 tricky, black flag plagued races in a mini heat wave. Lymington could boast more than 40 sailors in the main fleet alone, of whom 11 came in the top 20 (of 200+), but best of all: Robbie King (4th), 1st girl Jenny Cropley (5th), Dan Atherton (6th), 1st Junior Haydn Sewell (7th), William Heathcote (8th). In the regatta fleet Nicklas Host-Verbraak came 2nd and Hector Bennett 10th. (Picture right shows Haydn Sewell receiving his trophy from IOCA Chairman, Simon Rogers).



Since then it has been quite hard to keep track of everyone as sailors have been ping-pong off to increasingly far flung events, including the ETs at Rutland Water (Toby Bennett, Toby Atherton, James Gent, Margaux Welch, Henry Chandler), Team Racing in Venice (Hattie Rogers, George Ford), and now Bodrum, Turkey (Development Team). Closer to home, the chocolates were fiercely fought over at the Mudeford Optimist Open by a wave of promising fledgelings, who we will be seeing a lot more of over the next year or two.

George Heathcote

Race Management Training

Are you getting involved in Youth Week? Would you like some day time race management training prior to the event? It can be arranged. We shall be running the same sessions during the winter of 2014 as we did in 2013, namely: Communication, Recording, Timekeeping, VHF Radio Use. Plus sessions on areas of Race Management that you would like to have covered.

Please do get in touch with Alastair Wilson, Jane Corden or Frances Evans with your requirements re contents or timings. Are evening sessions just impossible for you to attend? Let us know!!

Dates provisionally booked for race management training for winter 2014 are: Thursdays on 9 January, 23 January, 13 February and Tuesdays on 18 February and 11th March all at 1800 hours and Saturday 5 April at 1100 hours.

Next Level Training – Go a Step Further

The RYA runs courses to train race officials from Club through Regional to National Level. The Race Management section of the RYA website is very informative and explains how to start the process and what qualifications are required. They do not run that many each year so book early and get the date in the diary. <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/raceofficials/wanttobearaceofficial/Pages/default.aspx>

Frances Evans, Training Committee, Race Management

RNLI

10k Run

Many thanks to all who took part or helped at this year's run. Over 1000 runners took part in the main event and nearly 400 children in the 1k and 2k Fun Runs organised by the Lymington Triathlon Club. Over £18,000 was raised. Next year's run will be on Sunday 11th May.

Lymington Sailability

Lymington Sailability are having their Summer fete on the 8th June. Click [here](#) for full details.

And finally



Movie/Supper Nights

The Social Sub-committee runs movie/supper nights on several Tuesday evenings during the winter. Every effort is made to show films to suit a range of tastes and provide a low cost supper. The first movie night in winter 2013 will be on Tuesday 8th

October.

Missed a film?

A library of the films shown during the last two seasons is held and DVDs can be borrowed for viewing at home. [Harvie Woolley](#) holds the films and if you wish to borrow one please e-mail her detailing the name of the selected film. She will answer stating when the DVD can be collected from your pigeon hole at the Club. After viewing the film please let her know that it has been returned to her pigeon hole and is ready for collection. The films are listed below in alphabetical order:

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| Amelia | Midnight Cowboy | The Blindsight | The Lady |
| Billy Elliot | My Week With Marilyn | The Blues Brothers | The Last King of Scotland |
| Brighton Rock | Robin Hood | The Descendants | The Taking of Pelham 123 |
| Elizabeth | Salmon Fishing in the Yemen | The Dish | The Social Network |
| Girl With The Pearl Earring | St Trinian's | The Help | Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy |
| Invictus | The Artist | The Iron Lady | War Horse |
| Love Actually | The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel | The King's Speech | |
| Made In Dagenham | The Boat That Rocked | The Kite Runner | |

Harvie Woolley

FOR SALE

Marina berth in Yacht Haven for up to 40ft boat.

Available for private sublet

from 7th to 13th June,

from 1st to 24th July and

from 2nd to 10th August.

Possibly some other weeks also. Reasonable terms

Call Jonathon Proctor on 07834487134

FOR SALE

HPX Ocean Dry Suit - Large

These suits are very highly rated by serious offshore sailors such as Mike Golding as they keep you dry in the most extreme conditions when ordinary oilies let in water.

Problem is that they cost £950. This one is some years old, but little used, and is a bargain at £150.

Peter Bruce, 01590 718912.

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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