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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

Summer Ball Saturday 14th June



Class starts for IRC, Lymington Handicap, XODs, & Folkboats

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Summer Regatta & Ball

Entry into a prize draw for 1 of 4 pairs of Dubarry Deck Shoes for all tickets and entries received before 2nd June

Live music from Dorsal Finn

14 & 15 June

www.RLymYC.org.uk

Food influences from Spain, Morocco, England & the Sea: £29.50pp

Open to all, whether you are competing in the Regatta or you just fancy dressing up in your black tie and party dresses then this is the event for you.

We have food to tempt your taste buds with influences from England, Spain and Morocco along with the seafood and dessert bars: choose from as many as you fancy during the evening.

We have not-to-be-missed live music from Dorsal Finn to round off the evening.

Tickets are only £29.50 thanks to our sponsors, Spencers of the New Forest. Call the Office on 01590 672677 or [book online](#)



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Club

Temporary Road Closure - Captains Row from 30th June

New Forest District Council has announced that Captains Row Lymington will be closed between its junction with High Street and its junction with Grove Road for approximately five days between 0930 and 1600 from 30th June. The full notice is on the website and Club Notice Board.

Disposal of Handbooks

Tuesday 10th June 2014 is the final date for disposing of redundant Members Handbooks.

Should you wish to take advantage of this secure disposal route, please leave your old

handbooks with the Reception Team in the Clubhouse.

A polite reminder to all Members that as our Handbooks contain Personal Information they should be disposed of using a secure method therefore complying with the Data Protection Act

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Racing

Summer Regatta 14th and 15th June

IRC rated boats have two races on Saturday afternoon and one on Sunday morning and the Lymington Handicap fleets, XODs and Folkboats have one each day run from the Platform. The lead sponsor for this year's regatta will be Spencers of the New Forest. Continued support from Danebury Vineyards and prizes from Dubarry and Harken complete the list of supporters.

Captain of Racing's Round Up

Racing is now in full swing. Once again we are running what are effectively two major regattas each week. On Mondays we have up to 50 boats out racing in 5 fleets; on Thursdays we now have just over 100 keelboats entered to race over 7 fleets. The weather has not been particularly cooperative so far this year and it has been a real challenge for our race teams to achieve finishes. Sometimes we don't make it, but most of the time everyone scores a finish as the breeze dies away.

Saturday racing for XODs and Folkboats is a long established tradition. In recent years we have added the Duo series for Cruiser Racers. In the second of the series, raced last Saturday, fourteen boats came to the start line in very light and tricky conditions for a race which eventually lasted well over 5 hours. It was good to see the young team of Fergus Roper and Rupert Houlton, on the borrowed *Jibe*, win IRC1 by a margin of 45 minutes on corrected time.

The previous Saturday it had been the turn of the fully crewed Cruiser Racers for the first race of this season in their series, scored under Lymington Handicap. The early morning wind was deemed too strong to send the smaller boats out into Christchurch Bay without support, so courses for both Classes were set in the Solent, and completed successfully as the wind eased considerably during the day. The nine boats taking part thoroughly enjoyed the relaxed Club racing and we are expecting the enthusiasm to be contagious as entries increase for the next round on July 12th.

The Summer Regatta and Ball, will take all our attention. Full details are above, so get your crew organised for racing and partying.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

Sappers 'barbecued'

The Club hosted the Royal Engineers Yacht Club annual regatta on Saturday 17th May. Seven boats visited the river accompanied by some 50 crew, race officials and supporters. The event consisted of two races in two classes for the REYC yachts and a special team race against the RLymYC for the Carlier Trophy, which last year was won by the Sappers. Morning racing was disrupted by calm winds and strong tides but a sea breeze kicked in for the afternoon races. The Club team was headed by Peter Scholfield's HOD35 *Zarafa* with Richard Jenner's Elan336 *Bonni Lady* and Allan Hill's J30 *Colleen*. The REYC were represented by the X332 Ilex of *Upnor*, Dehler 32 *Right Royal* and Contessa 32 *Gualin*.



Boats motoring out for the afternoon start were met by the REYC's 52ft Little Harbor yacht *Robin of Cowes* anchored up enjoying a BBQ with chef in 'appropriate' outfit and crew sizzling on deck in the glorious weather. There was a mass start for all classes with the Lymington boats getting away the better. The REYC's *Gualin* must have been distracted by the aroma of grilled burgers as it got the wrong side of the line during the start sequence and had to sail back against the tide. *Zarafa* was first round the windward mark followed by Ilex of *Upnor* and *Bonni Lady*. On the downwind leg into the tide the Lymington boats showed their experience of local waters by gybing hard in against the mainland shore. On IRC corrected time *Zarafa* was declared the winner with *Gaulin* second, *Bonni Lady* third and *Colleen* fourth followed by *Right Royal* and Ilex of *Upnor*. This gave the Club team the Carlier Trophy by 8 pts to 13. One problem, the Sappers were so confident of victory that they forgot to bring the Trophy with them! After the racing a lively reception was held on the Club balcony.

Dinghies

Monday Evening Dinghies

To mark the completion of the Early Series on 23rd June, there will be a barbeque at the Club after racing. A poster with full details will be on the website and Monday notice board shortly.

Henri Lloyd Lymington Dinghy Regatta 19th & th

20 July

The Henri Lloyd shop in Lymington is the title sponsor for this year's Dinghy Regatta. With Nick Cox, English Braids and Harken also supporting the event there will be some great prizes. Racing will be on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning on two Solent courses, with a social at LTSC on Saturday evening. The prize giving will be at the Club after lunch on Sunday and tea and doughnuts after racing both days. Early entry discounts are available so keep an eye on the website for the entry form, up soon - you can also take advantage of the Club's new online entry system. One-day entry is possible if you can't make the whole weekend. Visitors can camp at the scout hut.

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

Dinghies and keelboats will race (separately) for this charity event 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 event so please encourage your friends to come down too.

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies

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30 Years of Wednesday Junior Sailing

We are celebrating thirty years of this successful program on Wednesday 18 June 2014. If you have contributed to the success or been involved in the scheme, please come and join the party. This volunteer-run sail-training program has introduced children to the water who have gone on to love sailing in all its forms, including many successful international and Olympic competitors.

Fun activities are planned for the students in the first session starting at 2pm with a race and tea in the middle at 3pm, ending with a repeat of the activities for the second session. Please join us in the bar at the end of the day's sailing to drink to thirty amazing years!

For more details contact carol.canning@yahoo.co.uk or alihusband@hotmail.com



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Congratulations



James Dodd was a member of the winning team at the Grade 4 Royal Southern Match Cup qualifier earlier this month with helm Tom Mallindine and his other crew members. The team won every race during the series allowing them to qualify for the ISAF Grade 2 Royal Southern Match Cup event next month. The team are planning a trip to St Petersburg, Russia to compete in the National Congress Palace Cup as part of their match racing training before returning to race against some of the world's best match racers at the ISAF Grade 2 Royal Southern Match Cup. The competition will include four times Alpari World tour winner and fellow Club Member Ian Williams, currently ranked 2nd in the world, as well as other world class match racers currently competing on the world tour.

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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

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Meet and Greet

Members volunteer in many ways not just supporting racing events. The Cruising Sub Committee have proposed a new initiative to welcome groups of visitors to the Club.

We regularly are the destination for sailors from other fleets and clubs, for example the Club recently hosted a rally by members of The Royal Thames Yacht Club and the participants of a racing event with the Royal Engineers Yacht Club. In order to make sure that such visitors can benefit fully from our facilities and the friendly atmosphere we pride ourselves upon, we would like to build up a list of members who would be available to be the face of the Club for an occasional 'Meet and Greet'. This might include meeting visitors at the Dan Bran pontoon, helping them exit via the coded gate, introducing them to the Club's facilities, answering their queries and directing them to local services.

The Club staff will of course still be on hand to provide support and it is not envisaged that the host will need to stay with the visitors for very long but, just in case the bar proves to be the natural stopping point, the Member will be supplied with a volunteers drink token. If you think you might be able to help our visitors in this way please contact Kirsty in the office with your details.

Jane Corden

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Fleets

XOD

The XOD training and tuning day at the beginning of May was run in glorious sunshine by Karl Thorne, Start Jardine and Christian Brewer and was a real success. Helms and crews got the chance to practice the equivalent of 3 months of starts in one afternoon.

The Long Race East took place in glorious sunshine but with negligible wind at the start. However the race team did an excellent job in laying a shorter course than normal to allow a race to be completed. Results: 1st *Red Coral*, Robert Young a Roy Froud, 2nd *Lone Star* Stuart Jardine, 3rd *Zest* Phil & Jo Brewer.

Racing on Saturdays has seen average numbers around 20 and with no less than 8 separate boats posting top three results after 4 races. It's been similar on Wednesdays with 7 boats finishing in the top three after just 3 races. Robert Young & Roy Froud currently lead the Saturday series and Rory Paton helming *XL* is leading the Wednesday series. However, with so many different boats posting good results this season it's more competitive than ever so there will be many twists and turns as the season progresses.

Roy Froud

LR Scows

On 13th May International Coach (and keen Scow sailor) Barry Dunning gave a masterclass in how to race a Scow, using the video he had shot during the Monday evening race on the 12th as illustration. About 30 members attended and everyone took something away to try on their next time afloat. By popular request the evening was repeated on 21st May with a smaller audience and a lively discussion of the rules followed.

The first of the Scow Division's special race evenings took place in light conditions on 20th May when 19 boats came to the line for the Hinxman Trophy. Rory Paton was the clear winner in *Wizard* with 3 firsts and an 8th, followed by Chris Sanders sailing the Club Scow *Valmai*. Barry and Carol Dunning in *Snowgoose* were third. Announcing the winners Class Captain Dunlop Stewart thanked the support team led by Vince Sutherland for providing a splendid evening's racing.

On Tuesday 27th May the first Picnic Potter took place. Hurst Spit was the destination; only 5 Scows were bold enough to brave the indifferent weather. In the event those who took part were rewarded by a decent sail in a light northerly. The next Picnic Potter is on 24th June when Colwell Bay is the intended destination. We are hoping for better weather and a larger turnout.

Finally, are you receiving regular emails from either me or Philip Shute with details of upcoming events in the Scow calendar? If you are not, please email me (richard@mooresatsea.com) and I'll add you to the list.

Dick Moore

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Oppie News

Wow May was a busy month for the Oppies! First the Worlds Team Selection Trials in Portland Harbour and Weymouth Bay. After 13 light to medium, often tricky races we ended up with our GBR teams selected for 2014: Vita Heathcote (1st) will go to Argentina in October where she will compete at the World Championships against the top 5 sailors from 60 countries. Ella Bennett (7th), Haydn Sewell (8th), Milo Gill-Taylor (10th) and Oliver Hill (11th) will go to Dublin in July to contest the European Championships. Arthur Fry (15th), William Heathcote (19th) and Charlotte Boyle (34th) will go to the French Nationals in Biscarosse, also in July. Johnny Thompson (24th) will go to Flanders.

Meanwhile Zac West has been in Japan, and had the opportunity to present an RLymYC pennant to his host, the Commodore of the Yumenoshima Yacht Club, Tokyo. The lucky chap had been invited to the International Friendship All Japan Regatta, held on the water to be used for the 2020 Olympics. The following weekend, Zac again took to the stage at a very blustery ET inter-Zone Championships at Rutland Water and came in 3rd.

We then all reconvened for the Inland Championships at a very sunny Grafham water. Of the 210 sailors in the mainfleet, William Heathcote (3rd) got the better of the patchy conditions with Milly Boyle (10th), Vita Heathcote (11th) and Ella Bennett (12th) all having some good races too. Fellow Club members Sam de la Feuillade (1st), Amos Sopher (3rd) and Santi Sesto (5th) dominated the regatta fleet and proved that we have no end of emerging talent.

George Heathcote

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Hog Roast Saturday 28th June

Some tickets still available for the Hog Roast. Contact Ann Brunskill (01590 677630) or Chris Knox (01590 642786) for details.

Beaulieu Boat Jumble

Many thanks to everyone who contributed items and in spite of the wet weather £6,000 all of which goes towards the running of the Lymington Lifeboat. John Niven will accept your unwanted boating items any time from now on. Call him on 01590 678839.

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