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Club

Congratulations

RS800 European Championships, Medemblik, Netherlands, 12th -14th May

Congratulations to Luke & Emma McEwen, who successfully defended their RS800 Championship in the Netherlands in May. Hannah Snellgrove was second overall in the RS500 Class with Richard Russell of the LTSC. (Photo – Tim Ollin)



Guests

was very surprised when they told me that some Members' reactions had been to say "it is not important, the Club needs the money". Well, all clubs need the support of their members and that support surely includes complying with Club regulations not persistently breaking them and encouraging the frequent presence of other individuals who do not pay a subscription!

Thank you for your continued support.

Clive Sparrow, Vice-Commodore

Dinghy Park

Thank you to all Members who have boats in the Dinghy Park. Your patience has been much appreciated by Vicky and me. We knew that increasing the density, removing the permanent fencing and re-positioning the larger boats might cause teething troubles, and so it has proved. Nevertheless, we are now well placed to adjust some berths and introduce some more boats from the waiting list. Vicky and I will be reviewing the allocations and usage in the next week or two, so please continue to bear with us.

John Tudor

Lymington Sailability

A donation of £380 has been made to Lymington Sailability following the Royal Yacht Clubs' Annual Golf & Lunch event held at the Royal Lymington Yacht Club on Thursday 25th May 2017. The Club would like to thank everyone who contributed on the day. (See report below.)

Kerry Priday, General Manager - Finance & Admin



Celebrating 50 years as Members this month

Michael & Anne Corfield
Joy Jouning-Buchanan
Philippa Tew

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

House

Well, summer's here! Let's hope it lasts!

The first floor made a small profit again in April and May and May is looking positive as well. The Club has been very busy with classes, lunches, dinners and the very popular après racing evenings on Monday and Thursday. In one two-day period we served over 500 meals, and I have had very few complaints.

We are finding there is some confusion over **ordering street food**, which is not surprising as we are using two systems! On Thursdays you buy a ticket either from the bar or the cash bar in the Island Room (price is the same), go to the servery and ask for what you want and take it away (there is lots there already cooked). On all the other days you order at the bar, are given a number on a stick: the food is cooked for you and delivered to your stick wherever it might be, usually after 5-10 minutes. Please don't order until you are ready to eat!

We are starting to serve **street food and a restricted menu on Tuesday evenings** in June following on from the Scow special races, so do come down for a drink and light supper. We will also be going back to **linen tablecloths and napkins** in the Solent Room.

On **Saturday 10 June** the **Summer Ball** sponsored by Moore Blatch will take place, with Dorsal Finn to dance to. The dress code is party wear (Jackets Optional) any colour is welcome. Over 100 tickets have been sold already so if you would like to come you will need to book soon.

On **Friday 16 June** we have our **monthly Jazz night** with Lisa Jazz. Then on **Friday 23 June** there will be a **Wine Tasting Evening** by Priory Wines with a number of white and sparking wines to try and some well-suited food to go with them.

Our coffee suppliers have been changed to **Coffee Mongers of Lymington** who now supply coffee for the coffee machine on the first floor as well as the speciality coffees and the Cafetières. They have offered to **sponsor the coffee stall** at a number of our sailing events this summer, with all the proceeds of the sales going to Junior Sailing. They have also offered to run some "**Coffee Tasting**" mornings for Members where you can learn about the different sorts of coffee and how you can change the taste by the mix of coffee beans and how they are roasted. A 'must' for coffee lovers and coming soon.

We are starting to upgrade the Club's facilities. The interior door in the ladies changing rooms has already been removed as people were getting squashed behind it! There is a plan to change the rusty benches and replace the floor tiles with non-slip ones in October, when the area is no longer in constant use. We will also be replacing the defective taps and shower-heads in the male changing room soon. The broken baby changing table in the disabled toilet is being replaced and the room given a bit of a face-lift as it looks rather tired.

There has long been talk of making better use of the roof top area, which has such wonderful views of the river and Solent. We are discussing ideas for a **conservatory-type Members' room on the second floor** with a small bar and coffee/snack facilities served by a **central glass lift** to both floors, as well as upgrading the first floor. We are hoping to have costed plans available by the AGM for discussion with a view to getting the work done during 2019/20 so it is finished in time for the Club Centenary in 2022.

Roger Wilson, Rear Commodore House

Social



5 Reasons why you should not miss out on this year's

Summer Ball.

Tickets still available! Book now!

- 1. It coincides nicely with the Club's Summer Regatta which is free to enter for all Club Members.
- 2. Dorsal Finn are back by popular demand!
- 3. We've got Marling's Sparkling Rose to kick start the party & jugs of Dark & Stormy available at £14.00 a pop!
- Tickets are capped at £30 for our 3 course dinner thanks to our generous sponsors Moore Blatch and finally
- 5. There are still a few tickets remaining and you wouldn't want to miss out on the party of the year!

Tickets close at 12:30 on Thursday 8th June.

The next Jazz Night is coming up in 2 weeks! Come & enjoy the long summer evenings here at the Club surrounded by the music of LisaJazz.



Hope to see you there!





Taste a selection of white & sparkling wines available from Priory Wines which are perfect for drinking in the UK this summer followed by James's Chicken Parmigiana.

£21.00 per person.

Please note there are only 50 tickets available, so please book fast to avoid disappointment.

Book Tickets Online.

Golf



The 9th annual Royal Yacht Clubs Golf Meeting on Thursday 28th May was played at Brockenhurst Manor followed by a jovial Lunch and Prize Giving at the Royal Lymington.

Thirty-six players took representing ten Royal Clubs teed off in glorious weather in the morning and enjoyed the traditional glass of port on the 12th hole, before repairing to the Club for Lunch. The Commodore welcomed the guests, Alexander Kilgour gave the Golfers Grace and Rod Perry gave the Toast to the Queen coupled with our Patron.

The Royal Yacht Squadron team of Chris Copeland and Chris Preston (pictured above with the Commodore) won the Royal Lymington Claret Jug, with a score of 40 stableford points on a count back from the Royal Navy pair of Johnny Talbot and Richard Sanderson. Tony Bird of Royal

Freshwater Bay and his partner Ron Viveash came third.

A raffle was held over Lunch and £ 380 was raised for Lymington Sailability. The 10th Anniversary Meeting will be held on May 31st 2018.

(Anyone interested in joining the group and having an active golf handicap should get in touch with Rod Perry or John Thunhurst.)

Racing



Thursday Night Racing - taken by Richard Truscott

For more photos of our Thursday Night Racing Series, please follow us on facebook.

Keelboats

Summer Regatta: 10th & 11th June

The RLymYC Summer Regatta and Ball has become firmly established in our Club calendar. Back to it's original format with racing on Saturday & Sunday. There will be Class starts for IRC Yachts, Lymington Adjusted Handicap, XODs, J80s & Nordic Folkboats. This year's event is sponsored by Moore Blatch & Dubarry so there are plenty of prizes up for grabs. Entry is free for all Members so please click here to get your copy of the Notice of Race & Entry Form.

Duo Race Series - Fun but Competitive Double Handed racing

Three down, four to go. 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.

Race 3 - Around the Island Race

Saturday 3rd June saw nine yachts compete in the 3rd Duo Race of the season – around the Isle of Wight.

Starting at 09:50 at the mouth of the Lymington River, sailing conditions were near perfect in the early stages – sunshine with a good breeze driving the boats around the Needles and on to St Catherine's, before the wind freshened and backed a little making spinnaker conditions exciting.

The usual lumpy conditions from St Catherine's to Dunnose were not ideal for gybing spinnakers, but the run to Bembridge Ledge was flatter and fast.

There remained the difficult beat against the tide all the way home. Unlike that "other race" which finishes at Cowes – the long slog against the tide ran all the way from Bembridge

ledge to Lymington, except for the later finishers who started to gain some tidal advantage on the approach to Lymington. Short tacking down the mainland shore was tiring after a long day, but rewarding.

A good day out, some minor gear casualties, and a few lessons learnt, but everyone came home safely.

The attached photo shows Susimi II on her way to the Needles, she would later take line honours in a time of 8 hours 35 minutes.





Monday Dinghy Pursuit Race - Monday 19th June

The Monday Evening Dinghies Early Series is going really well so far 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 both the Early Series and the Late Series. Please contact Vicky if you can help.

Don't forget that on 19th June the normal Monday evening race will be replaced with a fun Pursuit Race, with all classes racing together, starting at the Club line and finishing in the Solent. After the race there will be a BBQ and prizegiving in the Club. The Sailing Instructions and start times for each class will be posted on the website and Dinghy Notice Board in early June.

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.

Cruising

Future events

Day Cruise to Island Harbour – Monday 26th June 2017

The June day cruise is to Island Harbour Marina with lunch at the Breeze restaurant at 12.30.

Up to 12 berths have been reserved at no cost on the condition that everyone eats at the restaurant. A separate area has been arranged for eating inside. In good weather we will be able to eat outside.

Lunch will be eaten from their usual menu, but those under sail may need to order accordingly so as not to miss the tide.

Please sign the list below stating the name of the skipper, name and length of boat (sail or motor), mobile number and number of crew.

The restaurant has requested numbers by Friday 23rd June.

Please remember that the decision to participate in any Club event is entirely the responsibility of the skipper of each participating boat. Queries to Bob Woolley

Club Charter Cruise in Croatia, 2nd- 9th September 2017

A Club cruise is taking place from the 2nd - 9th September with boats that are based near Split being charted through Cosmos Yachting. Having spoken to Cosmos at the beginning of May, they still have some boats available. These range from Bavaria's 37', 40's and 42' and a Dufour 412. The cruising area is well suited to all types of cruising, with plenty of marinas, anchorages, islands and shelter.

For further details email Sue Sutherland or phone or phone 01590676604. Alternatively, call Ryan Bird at Cosmos - 02088780880 and mention the Royal Lymington Yacht Club Cruise.

Perrin Towler, Captain of Cruising

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 22^{nd} 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

RYA Courses at the Club

RYA Youth Sailing Scheme		
17th & 18th June 31st July & 1st August 7th & 8th August		
	17th & 18th June 31st July & 1st August	

		£110 - Member
Stage 2	1st & 2nd July	£150 - Non Member
	3rd & 4th August	
	10th & 11th August	
Stage 3	15th & 16th July	
	14th & 15th August	
Stage 4	17th & 18th August	

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.

In a medical emergency a little first aid knowledge and immediate action can save lives, especially in remote locations. This one-day course is designed to provide a working knowledge of first aid for people using small craft and to support skippers. It fulfils the requirements for:

- professional skippers of small craft working within 60 miles of a safe haven, including Boatmasters;
- the Senior First Aid certificate needed by offshore racers subject to ISAF's regulations on first aid training (OSR 4.08.4).

The course is recommended by the MCA and HSE.

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.

Full details of courses for all are on the Club website. Click here.

Fleets

XOD

Big Winds for the Alastair Easton Trophy, 20th May

Due to the forecast of high winds the usual three short races were combined into one long race. The race started at 1300 hrs with wind at 18 kts, and building steadily to 28 kts with gusts over 30 kts. To the relief of most sailors, the Race Officer Ken Hay shortened the course at 15:12 after over 2 hours of racing right on the limit.

It was a day when the strength and fitness of youth mattered. By the time the leaders had run down from Hurst to Hampstead Ledge buoy only Lone Star was still in the mix with our youngest helms and by the time the lead boats crossed the Solent and started the slog back upwind to the line our two youngest, Nick Froud in Venus X 72 and Max Crowe in Clare de Lune X 33, were clear out in front. Soon afterwards James Markby in Expeditious X 179 also passed Lone Star. It was wonderful to see our young sailors leading the fleet (with three Olympic sailors trailing behind them) offering a very encouraging result for the Lymington XODs. For more senior sailors there was a price to pay in aches and pains, but the exercise probably did us all a lot of good.

Our thanks must go to Ken Hay, his race team, and to the Club boatmen for setting an excellent starting line from a committee boat in difficult conditions. At the finishing gate the committee boat did not look a pleasant experience in extremely rough water.

Series Race reports

Wednesday 3rd May

The 10 strong fleet were greeted with a chilly 8-15 knot north-easterly breeze, and a fantastic inshore course laid by RO Chris Baldwick for the second of the Wednesday series.

The heavily biased platform end of the line led to a contested start, with XL helmed by Rory Paton winning the favoured end, shortly followed by Stuart Jardine crewed by Doug Rogerson in X119 Lone Star. Further along the line, Venus had also made a clean start and it was these three boats that traded wind shifts up the first beat to occupy the top spots as they rounded mark Pi to starboard before turning onto a reach to mark E.

From then on, both XL and Lone star were able to further establish themselves at the front of the fleet, however places were traded throughout race for the rest of the top five. Displaying impressive downwind speed, X-Ray sailed by Robin Balme with regular crew John Renouf overhauled Venus on the penultimate run, only to then be re-overtaken by Venus on the final beat. Meanwhile, David Da Cunha and Jay Devonshire sailing Mayday demonstrated the importance of playing the upwind shifts to leapfrog both boats, with Madcap and Chris Torrens finding tidal advantage on the right hand side of the course to also overtake X-Ray, placing them in 5th.With

XL and Lone Star continuing to extend their lead on the last run other places remained unchanged as Mayday strengthened her grip on 3rd place ahead of Venus and then Madcap.

Thanks go to Chris Baldwick for laying an exemplary course with plenty of overtaking opportunity that made for a challenging and very enjoyable race.

Saturday 13th May

The fleet of 22 encountered a strong outgoing spring tide and a westerly wind gusting up to 25 knots. Wind against tide made for big waves and exciting yacht racing.

Ibex (Paul Woodman) and Crumpet (Barry Dunning) made the best start, and led the fleet out into the stronger tidal stream. Crumpet and Clare de Lune (Max Crowe) tacked a little early for the lay line, but Ibex judged her move to perfection and turned Pennington mark in the lead. On an exciting run to Berthon buoy Ibex made an early gybe into the outgoing tidal stream and it paid off, as she extended her lead. Zest (Phil Brewer) and XL (Rory Paton) also gybed early, overtaking Crumpet and Clare de Lune.

The next mark was Tanners, with the whole fleet rocking and rolling precariously down the dead run. At the turn, on a white sails reach towards Jacksons mark, Ibex was well clear followed by Zest and XL. Along the last down-tide windward leg from Jacksons to Colten mark, Ibex sailed brilliantly, again extending her lead. On the final flat run to the line in dropping wind Zest was able to cast 'dirty wind' onto both Ibex and Crumpet, but positions were maintained. Ibex won this exhilarating race set over an outstanding course. She was followed by Zest and XL. Crumpet finished fourth, followed closely by X-Ray.

John Olliff-Cooper, XOD Xenon

LR Scows

The past month has seen successive record numbers for our Monday Evening races. The current record is 40 boats, split evenly between our two fleets. So far, 55 boats have competed in the Monday races. How nice it would be if we were all to come out on the same evening.



We have also been racing with our neighbouring fleets. The first leg of the Lymington River Scow Association's 'Travellers Trophy' took place on a mid-month Sunday with windy conditions at Keyhaven. On a recent Friday, we entertained visitors from Beaulieu River Sailing Club and raced through Oxey lake with reefed mains. We are hoping to build on these events through the summer and next year.

Coming up fast is the Hinxman Trophy evening on Tuesday 6 June. This event is primarily to enjoy racing around the cans and, in recent years, has tended to overrun, cutting into valuable social time. Therefore, this year we will be trying a slightly different format: keeping the three races around the cans, but then coming straight home. All the documents are on the website, with on-line entry.

We go again a month later with the Alexina Trophy event on 4th July. In between, we have the opportunity to join the next leg of the Travellers Trophy at Beaulieu on Sunday 25th June.

Pottering is proving to be as popular as ever, with about 20 boats enjoying a relaxing sail each Thursday. The Pylewell picnic potter was much enjoyed and the Potterers will be paddling ashore at Keyhaven on Thursday 15th for the June picnic.

We are trying something different with Saturday morning pottering. The first dates are Saturdays 8th and 22nd July. Please sign the notice on the Board if interested; we need some idea of the numbers and hence the support boats we will need.

A note about volunteering. Huge thanks to all those who help run our events; it is very much appreciated. However, as our numbers increase and we are trying a few more events, we are finding ourselves a bit short of help from time to time. We are refreshing the Scow volunteer list so, if you feel we are missing you, do please get in touch.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Scows

Juniors

Youth and Junior Spring Series



Laser Fleet



Royal Lymington Youth Laser Regatta

U21 open meeting for all three rigs. Please email us if you are interested or would like to be added to our mailing list

Clare de la Feuillade, Captain of Laser 4.7s



Over the weekend of 6th and 7th of May, the Club hosted the RS Tera Southern Championship and Lymington RS Feva Open, sponsored by Sway Butchers and Gemini Marine. Some 40 entrants, including many Lymington sailors, some of whom were competing in their first open event, took the opportunity to test themselves against some of the top Tera and Feva sailors in the South.

The winds on Saturday provided ideal sailing conditions, with both sun and wind in plentiful supply. In the Tera Pros, Ralph Neville from Frensham Pond dominated, winning every race, but there were some close battles in the rest of the fleet. After the first day of racing, Ben Millard, Josh Roberts and Kate Wharmby all had 9 points

apiece in 2nd, 3rd and 4th place, while Lymington sailors Theo Bell, Alice Wood and George Overton were also on equal points in 6th, 7th and 8th place.

The conditions were not so kind on Sunday with two races to be completed before the wind dropped and the ebb tide set in. This cemented Ben and Joshua's 2nd and 3rd places, with Kate finishing as top Lymington Pro sailor in 4th place overall. Harry finished 11th and Morgan Horn, another Lymington sailor finished 12th.

The winner of the RS Tera Sport fleet was Tom Ahlheid, also from Frensham Pond, who had four firsts, with Freddie Fishor finishing 2nd and Max Sydenham 3rd. Findlay Bignold-Kyles finished as Lymington's top sailor in the Sport Fleet in 6th place, with Henry Patten in 7th and Cameron Bignold-Kyles in 9th.



In the Fevas, the races were closely matched and the lead often changed. Tim and Abby Hire, from Royal Lymington Yacht Club, secured five firsts and took first place overall, followed by Ollie Jenkins and Josh Hobbs from Hayling Island Sailing Club in 2nd and Emma Hutchings and Eliza South from Pagham Yacht Club in 3rd place. Lymington's William Homewood with Ted Ward, George Bell, sailing with Hugo Cartwright, and Isobel Roche with Minnie Rogers came home in 4th, 5th and 6th place.

The RS Tera Regatta fleet, coached by George Richards, was won by Oliver Phillips from Mudeford Sailing Club with Lymington sailors Harry West, Violet Edwards, Jack Stewart and Marcus Edwards following close behind.

Nicola West, RS Tera Fleet Captain

RNLI

Hog Roast Saturday 17th June – 6 pm

At St Leonards Grange, Beaulieu, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Neil McGrigor. Admission £20.00 (Adults) £10.00 (Children 4 - 12) Please bring your own chairs

For tickets call or email Ann Brunskill (01590 677630) or Christopher Knox (01590 642786)



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Lymington River Scow for sale

Lymington River Scow number 336. £5500. Contact Robin Taunt for details.





Club Burgees for sale

Two new large RLymYC burgees for sale. One 19 x 30in and the other 21 x 36 in.

They cost £40 in the Club or more. £15 each.

Contact Peter Bruce for more details.

This advert is not in response to last month's photo of a 'less than new' burgee, but could be a good opportunity for someone to smarten up their flags – Editor.

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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