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## Spring Is Coming

The daffodils are finally out, the paint brushes have the dust shaken off and the sailing season is at hand. The cruising fleet has sailed to local meets throughout the winter in record numbers, and the social side continues for another month before the quiz papers and lectures are put away for the summer. Balanced Seas and the Wind Farms' activities are being monitored, the dining room roof is really earning its keep, the racing season is round the corner and the AGM has been and gone. This month the running order sees the AGM and Club matters at the top and Social matters almost at the bottom, so please don't think that the Social season is over - it isn't, it's just a little further down this month!

Ann Brunskill

## AGM

### New Commodore and Rear Commodore Sailing



Rod Perry presented the Commodore's burgee to Phil Lawrence after his election at the Annual General Meeting in February and Phil presented Chris Neve with the Rear Commodore Sailing's burgee.



### New Committee Members



From left to right - Bob Baker, Roger Garlick, Geri Harris, Richard Wood

### New Captains of Cruising, Racing and Juniors



From left to right - Clive Sparrow Captain of Cruising, Robin Taunt Captain of Racing, Ian Jarman, Captain of Juniors

## Club

### Green Roof

The Club has now installed a photovoltaic solar electricity generating system on the roof of the Dining Room. It is a 3.9kW system consisting of 20 panels which are almost completely hidden from view but are ideally positioned for maximum exposure to the sun. This will help us to reduce our carbon footprint, as well as our electricity bills. We know some Members have been keen for the Club to become 'greener', and, after a few months clearing planning approval, the system was installed last week.



### New Commis Chef

Fergal O'Riordan has left the Club to further his career in pastures new and we are recruiting a new Commis Chef. We have been interviewing several applicants and there will be more news next month.

*Kevin Podger, Secretary*

## Racing - the theoretical stuff

### Round The Island Race Seminar

The Island Sailing Club is running two free seminars to allow owners to become better acquainted with all aspects of the race. One of them is here in the Library starting at 1800 on Saturday 24th March. To book your place, register here without delay: [rtir.me/seminar](http://rtir.me/seminar).

### Winter Talks - last chance to sign up

### Racing Rules update by John Doerr -Thursday 8th March

A reminder that the first event of the new season will be an update on the Racing Rules by John Doerr on Thursday 8th March. John will be on the juries of the 2012 Olympic Games and the next America's Cup and we are very grateful for all the work he does for the Club 'in his spare time'.

### Peter Kay's 'Advanced Sail Trim for Racers' - Tuesday 27th March

Time to shake out the baggywrinkles and get yourself ready for the Spring Series.

## 2012 Racing with the Club

With the recent warmer weather, the boatyards, dinghy parks and moorings are coming to life again. Varnish and antifouling has been applied in sheds and garages all around the town and skippers' floating assets will shortly be sailing down the river, with hopes high for a glorious racing season over this rather special summer. Some of our Fleet Captains outline below the main events which their fleets have arranged for this summer. Come out to join us.

## New Captain of Dinghies

I am delighted to tell you that Luke McEwen is taking over from Marc Malanaphy as Captain of Dinghies. It is a good opportunity to thank Marc for all his efforts over the years, and for finding an excellent person to carry on his work.

Luke grew up sailing Cadets in Lymington, then spent four years team racing at university. Since then he and his wife Emma have raced a Laser 4000 and now an RS800. In between those they did a bit of yacht cruising, which has little to do with dinghies... other than competing in our eight foot tender against a 72' yacht in Tonga (we lost).

Luke says "I'm keen to see the RLYC adult dinghy fleet flourish from the early days of "ready steady go" on Monday evenings. We've already come a long way with excellent race management without losing the original sense of fun. If anyone has ideas then I'd love to hear from them. In particular I'd like to encourage Members to join in with the dinghy racing at the LTSC, and to get more of the LT SC members to join in our racing. There are few dinghy venues other than Lymington where you can get four good races a week and still have three quarters of your weekend free to do other things."

*Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing*

## Cruiser Racing

### Fitting out Supper

The Cruiser Racing Fleet are organising a table at the Fitting Out Supper on Saturday 10th March. This would be a good opportunity for everyone to meet up socially before the season. Please let the office know if you want to join it.

### Racing

The Spring Series is almost on us. It starts on Sunday 1st April. A great opportunity to shake out the cobwebs. I know it's a bit early, but the Diamond Jubilee Regatta takes place on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd June. The Club will be co-hosting the regatta with the Royal Solent Yacht Club. There will be a party on Saturday evening at the Royal Solent and the prize giving on Sunday at the Club.

Addressing the perennial problem of regular crew, the Duo Series was set up offering double handed IRC racing with simple courses, long legs and is ideal for both experienced and new sailors. In addition to the IRC Classes there will be a Lymington Handicap class, so if you are interested please let the office know. The first race is on Saturday 14th April.

We are considering racing on Saturdays with the possibility of a class under the IRC rule with a rating of .850 and below. If you are interested please contact me. For more information and your suggestions please [email](#) me.



*Charles Roberts, Captain of Cruiser Racing Fleet*

## RS Elite - Bumper 2012 Season



Freeble (AKA E7u) wins Cowes Week 2008

This will be the biggest year of racing so far for the RS Elite class at the Club and in the Solent generally. Also we have added a range of Saturday racing, the Southern Area Championships and the Nationals hosted by the Royal Yacht Squadron at the end of August, when forty Elites from across the UK are expected to compete.

### Key dates:

Class training day	31st March
Spring Series	Sundays 1st/15th/22nd/29th April
Thursday Evening racing	Start April 26
Saturday racing	Programme starts in May
Southern Area Championship	4th/5th August
Cowes Week	11th -17th August
National Championship	30th August - 2nd September
Solent Circuit Sunday Series	14th October to 18th November

## Freebie - Major refit - Ready to charter and win

Thanks to the generous support of the Lymington Elite fleet and RS Sailing, Freebie has had a major refit at no cost to the Club, bringing her right up to competitive racing standard ready for the season. Work included new underwater hull finish, new rope-out, fittings check and replacement as required, new rudder bearings, gel repairs and an overall polish. She looks extremely smart and is ready for Members to charter during this exciting RS Elite season.

The office is taking bookings for the above races, with demand expected to be high especially for major events such as Cowes Week and the Nationals. Freebie presents a fabulous opportunity for Members, so don't delay if you would like to get involved! Potential charterers are also welcome to join the fleet for their start-of-season training day, when you can learn the fast set-up and sailing tips from the top local Elite sailors.



*Freebie after a major refit, ready to charter*

*Martin Wadhams*

## XOD's

The 2012 Racing programme is now fixed and we have something for everyone, long races to the East and the West for total ideological balance, short windward/leeward race series for the Bobby Bongers and Alastair Easton trophies, even a single handed race to remind helms why they take a crew with them. We start racing on Saturday April 27th and our Autumn series finishes on 27th October. There will be a tuning day on Sunday 6th May to help everyone get up to speed.

### Further afield

XODs will be having an interdivisional regatta at Port Crouesty in France. With racing from the 1st till the 4th September and accommodation a small walk from the boats and clubhouse everything will be on hand. There is even going to be an engineer in attendance to help look after troublesome trailers and fix the odd breakage. For further information please email [Lesley Norris](mailto:Lesley.Norris@lymingtonsailingclub.org.uk).

### Lectures

Ian Burr has kindly arranged our lectures, the first of which is by Paul Davis of Harken on Tuesday 13th March to help use chose the right rope or block and how to use it. Click [here](#) for more details.

*Rory Paton, Captain of XOD's*

## Folkboats



season.

The Folkboats have a packed season this year highlighted by the Nordic Folkboat Nationals to be hosted by the Club on 16th and 17th June. In addition to the Club's premier events, starting with the Spring Series on 1st April, we have the Nordic Folkboat Saturday Afternoon and West Solent Series giving everyone a chance to get out on the water for some fun and competitive racing, both one design and under our local Nordic Handicap rule. The Thursday Evening Series is a perennial favourite running from April to August. If you are a regular competitor, we look forward to seeing you on the water and if you are just thinking about getting involved, please [email](mailto:chris.hills@lymingtonsailingclub.org.uk) me or call 07958 181246 to see how we can help (information, crew etc). Have a great

*Chris Hills, Captain of Folkboats*

## Scows

2012 promises to be an exciting year for the division with yet more new Scows entering the fray. Although the first race is not until Monday 23rd April Stuart Jardine and Rory Paton will not only be telling us how to get the best out of our Scows but showing us how, with a fully rigged Scow in the library on Monday 19th March. No Scow season can start without a party and our "Spring Back to

Scowing" supper is on Monday 16th of April.

The Monday Evening series starts on 23rd April and we will be running the Scow late series again in September. The first of our Tuesday night specials will be for the Alexina Trophy, on Tuesday 12th June. Then the Hinxman, will be on Tuesday 26th June, with the Beesley or Second short Series on Tuesday 17th July. These are thoroughly entertaining evenings with four short races: race out to a committee boat from the Club line; two races out there and then a race back to the Club line in time for another convivial supper.

The Lymington River Scow Association Nationals this year are being hosted by Keyhaven Yacht Club and will be held on the weekend of 9th/10th June. Saturday 25th August will see our annual expedition round Oxey and Pylewell islands in the Figure of Eight race, followed by the tea to beat all teas, thanks to the kindness of our ladies. Saturday 22nd September will, hopefully, prove to be third time lucky for the Scow Challenge when we expect to have at least six teams of three boats from visiting clubs competing in fleet races. The Challenge will also include our annual team race against Keyhaven.



*Sebastian Chamberlain, Captain of Scows*

## Cruising

### Red Diesel

The RYA has just published further clarification on the impact of the HMRC Announcement on red diesel. It is self-explanatory and goes a long way to correct mis-information on the subject. It includes current advice for those visiting Belgium and the Netherlands. It is a must read for all Members who wish to know what the proposed legislation is and what its effect will be. This also gives the latest situation with regard to sailing in Europe. Click [here](#) to read the article and for the link if you wish to give your comments on the HMRC proposals.

## Annual Cruising Dinner and Awards Evening, February 18th

111 Members and guests enjoyed an excellent menu prepared by Club Chef Matt Doe and were entertained by Commodore Ian Gibb with anecdotes gathered over his 43 years at sea, many of which as master of some of the world's largest passenger liners. All present warmly applauded Terry Gerald as he was presented with the John and Angie Bailey Cup for a Lifetime's Achievement and Contribution to sailing and our Club. (see left). The other awards presented during the evening were:



The Cadiz Cup for the best cruising log

The XII Bar blues Trophy for the best "Electronic" record of a cruise

The Senior Brownlow Cup for a log of outstanding merit

The Seamanship Trophy for an act of exceptional seamanship or navigation

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Steve Powell

Peregrine Bruce

Steve Powell for his 35,000 mile cruise to the Antarctic.

## Gins Farm Meet 27th February

A dull day did not deter 110 crew and 26 boats (sail and power) from sailing to Gins Farm – another winter day-sail record! Our thanks to the Royal Southampton YC Gins Farm staff for an excellent lunch. Our thanks to Bob Woolley for his organisation, also to Roger Cook and Mike Smart for providing RIB support. (Is that a happy past Commodore on the right?)



## Southampton - 27th and 28th March

The next event is a cruise to Southampton on 27th and 28th March, mooring overnight at Ocean Village where pontoon berths have been reserved. We will be eating in town at a restaurant to be confirmed. The notice and sign-up sheet is now on the board and details will be emailed to the Cruising Database. We hope you will join us.

## Safety Morning - Saturday 31st March

David Houlton is organising another of his excellent and popular Safety Mornings Full details are on the [website](#) and there is a sign-up sheet on the board at the Club.

## Spring Cowes Meet, Island Sailing Club Friday 13th to Sunday 15th April 2012

Save this date, more information next month.

*Clive Sparrow, Captain of Cruising*

## Channel Cruise, Saturday 16th to Saturday 30th June

Various events in Dartmouth, Fowey and Falmouth will make it difficult for yacht clubs to accommodate us for the planned group dinners. We have changed the programme to allow us to enjoy the hospitality of the Royal Dart and the Royal Fowey. As regards Falmouth, local advice is that even allowing for the J-class Regatta taking place between 26th and 30th June, although there will be spaces we might end up spread between a number of locations.

The outline programme is now as follows:

Saturday 16th June - dinner Portland Marina

Tuesday 19th June – dinner Royal Dart Yacht Club

Friday 29th June – dinner Royal Fowey Yacht club

The time between the Dartmouth meet and the Fowey meet should allow for relaxed cruising with potential stopovers at Salcombe, Newton Ferrers and Plymouth.

Full details on the [website](#).

*Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub Committee*

## Social

Everyone involved with Social is busy preparing their boats and looking forward to sailing, but the social season is not yet over!

## Saturday 10th March



Another of Matt's super suppers followed by dancing to the band "Midnight Rambler". Only £24 – tickets available now. Click on the banner for details

## The Six Nations continues



Click on the banner for details

## Our last two Movie Nights before the summer recess



## Looking ahead - Saturday 21st April.

The Royal Thames Yacht Club join us for a "Spring Excuse", All welcome, more details later.

## RNLI Quiz Night - Thursday 29th March and Final Club Quiz Night Thursday 5th April

Puzzle over Vince's fiendish questions for the last time until the Autumn.

## Balanced Seas

### Newtown Creek - good news but we still need to be vigilant

A trip to Newtown was arranged with John Pockett of the RYA to meet the National Trust Harbour Master, Davie Flannagan, and to get more detail as regards the proposed Marine Conservation Zone. We were accompanied by representatives from the LTSC and the New Forest Kayak and Canoe Club. It was an informative meeting, made better by mild weather, flat seas and the quality of the coffee and cake on board Bob Woolley's "West Breeze".



The proposals regarding anchorages, access to Shalfleet and the eastern side of the harbour entrance seem to be fine. But it was agreed that use of the spit of land on the western side needs more clarification. From a National Trust viewpoint landing there causes them no concerns but after our discussion Davie Flannagan contacted Natural England – who are submitting their report to Government following the Balanced Seas Study - for clarification. Their response was that if the area currently proposed and bounded in red on the submission chart (below) is approved as a "Reserved Area" then Natural England "can't see any issue that would prevent the continued use of the Western Spit as a public landing place". To quote Davie Flannagan "we all seem to be on the same frequency on this".



As ever however the devil is in the detail and we will continue to monitor progress as the proposals move through the various

Governmental levels of assessment, public consultation and then finally legislation to make sure that we continue to enjoy using Newtown Creek without damaging the environment.

*David Brunskill*

## Training

### Race Management Training 2012

#### Course Setting for Thursday Evening Keel Boats Thursdays 15th and 22nd March 6-8pm

Two interactive sessions to learn and practise course setting skills. There will be a particular focus on courses suitable for the Club's Thursday Evening Keelboat Racing in the Solent. This two session course will be of interest to race officers, race team members and mark layers. The course consists of two evening sessions.

#### Course Setting for Dinghy Racing - Monday 26th March 2012 6-8pm

An interactive session, to learn and practise course setting skills with a particular focus on Dinghy Racing. Vince Sutherland and John Evans will lead the sessions

#### Flags and Racing and Race Management Tuesday 10th April 2012 6pm

Flags are used to communicate with competitors before they go afloat, during racing and at the end of racing. So if you race, or are involved in a support role in race management in any way, the discussion will focus on what flags mean and how we use them. John Evans will lead this session.

If you would like to attend any of these courses, please contact [Frances Evans](#).



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2012 Calendars - Price reduced by 30%

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We also have a few sale clothing items in stock:

Ladies Polo Shirts, Men's Cotton Shirts  
& various Hoodies

Please contact Reception for details

## RNLI

### Beaulieu Boat Jumble

The response has been fantastic from Members recycling their unused boat bits for the RNLI stall, but we've got a few more weeks to go till the 29th April. The Club boatmen will take almost anything in but if you have a larger item you would like collecting please contact [Claude Hamilton](#).

### Lymington Lifeboat 10k Run - 10:00 Sunday 13th May

The eleventh Lymington RNLI 10K run, will have the added interest of 1K and 2K distances for



youngsters through the support of the Lymington Triathlon Club . The main event commences at Woodside Park going through leafy lanes. the old drovers' road and the sea wall before arriving back at Woodside. For the children their races are within the confines and safety of the park and will start shortly after the 10k competitors, thus ensuring all are back in time for the prizegiving. Last year 1100 runners. Find out more and enter online at



[www.lifeboatweather.org/10k/10k.shtml](http://www.lifeboatweather.org/10k/10k.shtml) or

[www.frssystems.co.uk/lymington10k](http://www.frssystems.co.uk/lymington10k). Children's entry forms can be downloaded from the website.

## RNLI crew member Paul Harrison doing the London Marathon

Paul Harrison is running in the 2012 London Marathon raising funds for the RNLI. So 10K in May will be a walk in the park after 26 miles round London. Paul would be very grateful for your help and you can support him via:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PaulHarrisonRNLI>.

### FOR SALE



24 inch club burgee in perfect, unused, condition. Reasonable offer below the new price of £40.80.

Please call Richard Robinson on 01590 67 77 87

### 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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