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Newtown Anchorage Update

Apology - February's ePotterNews was on the website the week before the AGM but, due to technical problems, the email with the link did not go out until the following week, so several changes were made to the original to keep it topical.

Ann Brunskill

Club

Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 8th February 2014

The Club's AGM on Saturday 8th February was attended by some 140 Members. Although the main business was completed in 45 minutes, there were sufficient questions for the informal part of the meeting to continue for a further 30 minutes, whereupon attendees retired to the bar for a well-earned complimentary drink.

The agenda items included acceptance of the audited accounts and approval of a 3% subscription increase and the indicative budget for this year targeting a retained surplus of £29k. The two Special Resolutions, both of which were approved, were the adoption of the automatic application of Article 5.7 on fulfilling the age (now 70 years of age) and membership (25 years) qualifications for a reduced subscription; and the formal provision in Article 5.8 of the facility for subscriptions to be paid by Direct Debit at a period shorter than annually as approved by the General Committee (currently quarterly).

The Commodore announced the election of John Adcock, William Newton, Liz Thunhurst and John Tudor to the General Committee and thanked Tony Jarvis, John Thunhurst and Ros Urwin for their three years of service. He then welcomed Roger Garlick as the new Rear Commodore Finance in the place of John Miller and thanked John for all his hard work to look after the financial health of the Club. Phil Batten was elected as the new Trustee. The Commodore thanked James Beattie for no less than 10 years of trustee service and announced that John Bence's offer to continue for a second five year term had been accepted.

The informal part of the meeting included discussion on beer taps, marketing the Club, training yacht skipper qualifications, winter lectures, membership numbers and joining process, and facilities for youngsters.

If you would like to know more, the minutes will be distributed in the mailing this week.

March Mailing – call for further volunteers

Thank you to those Members who have agreed to help stuffing envelopes in the Sail Loft on the morning of Thursday 6th March, or to deliver mail in their area in the few days following, thereby saving the Club in the order of £2000. We are still looking for 15 more slots to be filled and many hands do make light work (March includes the handbook, so it will be heavy!), so if you can spare an hour or two, do

please call Vivien Shute on 642468 or inform Reception and get your name on the list.

Cloakroom coat security keys

The plastic keys for the secure coat storage in the clockrooms are getting fewer and are impossible to replace. Could Members please check to see if they have any keys lying around at home and, if so, return them to the slots in the cloakroom.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

Dinghy Park

The annual Dinghy Park space allocation renewal process is nearing completion. We have some free spaces in the Oppy Rack, and there is a pretty continuous turnover, so if any Member needs a space please register your request with Vicky in the Office and she will put you on the waiting list.

The Dinghy Park working party did excellent work to lay more membrane and gravel, weed & tidy, and repair the boundary fence. Subject to budget, we are aiming to complete the gravel / membrane work across the Dinghy Park in the next two years.

John Tudor

Social



Click on the banner for more details



Your last two chances this season for the best seats in the house. Tuesday 11th March - Hugo and Tuesday 25th March - Monty Python's Life of Brian. Click on the banner for full details.

Dates for the diary for the Autumn

The Laying UP Supper will be on Saturday 25th October and Movie Nights start on 7th October with 'Captain Phillips'.



House

Spring is in the air and the Club is bracing itself for the new sailing season and summer ahead. As some of our regulars will have noticed, the bad weather has delayed the completion of the balcony repairs but we are pushing to get them completed as soon as we can. Thanks for your patience.

Our new House Manager, Simon Green, is now in place and already we are getting some great feedback from Members. Please introduce yourself to Simon and feel free to discuss any ideas you may have.

Thursday Evening Racing offers the Club a great opportunity to show we can rise to the occasion, which isn't easy when several dozen thirsty sailers descend on the bar at once. To try and ease the bar waiting time Simon (House Manager) is looking at at the possibility of pre ordered drinks or maybe a beer bar on the ground floor. We are also considering a Thursday BBQ every week for those of you who like to grab food and stand with friends. Watch this space.

Geri Harris

Racing

On St David's Day for those of us with Welsh ancestry; the sun was shining and the boatyards were busy as all those tins of antifouling, piled up in the chandlers all winter, are finally being applied. Just a couple more bright days required and we will be ready to re-launch, in time for the first day of the Portmore Insurance Spring Series on Sunday 30th March.



We are following our well rehearsed routine again this year: starts for IRC, Lymington Handicap, Folkboats and RS Elites. The separate finish boat is a great treat and means we can start the second races promptly; no hanging around out there and back to the Club in plenty of time for some lunch, and the daily prize giving, with more prizes this year.

Clicking on the banner above will take you straight to the Notice of Race and Entry form. Early entries much appreciated, so we can set the handicap bands to give competitive racing for all.

We will be revving up for the season's racing with our now traditional reminder of the racing rules with John Doerr on Thursday 27th March, just after Happy Hour. One active area of discussion in the yachting press over the winter has been what constitutes 'trash'? Can spinnakers still be banded, with the bands then dropping into the water?

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

Cruising

February has been fairly quiet on the cruising front with many Members away on holidays, but we had one meet to the Master Builder's at Beaulieu (see below). B & G ran a seminar on how to use your instruments and on March 1st we had our annual Cruising Dinner with guest speaker Dick Durham, news editor of Yachting Monthly, who gave a talk with a presentation of mainly east coast sailing.

Hannah Neve presented the cruising awards for 2013, with the Seamanship Trophy going to Andrew and Marie Wilkes, the Quains Cup to Peter Bruce, the Cadiz Cup to Peter Fryer, the Channel Trophy to George Johnson, the Senior Brownlow Cup to Allan and Penny Sprigs, the Fen Dawn Cup to John and Kath Adcock, and the Photo prize to Julia Trevellyn.

The Cruising Committee would like a lot more entries for 2014 so please start to think about this year before you start cruising, even if it is only a diary with pictures. We can only award these trophies if we have entries.

Our next day sail is March 20th to Cowes and the Island Sailing Club for lunch; the sign up sheet is on the Cruising notice board at the Club.

We now have a Radar tutor cd available to borrow for use on Windows only. Contact Peter Lowe if you wish to borrow it.

Lastly please put Saturday April 12th in your diaries for the annual Safety seminar in the Island Room.



Nick Olney, Captain of Cruising

Cruising - Future events

Safety Morning - Saturday 12 April 2014 0920 hrs

Including a talk by the National Search and Rescue Operations Officer of HM Coastguard on their reorganisation.

The purpose of the morning is to remind Members of standard safety procedures and safety equipment. We all get a little rusty and such revision from time to time can only be useful. The morning should be of interest to sailors whether they sail or motor, cruise or race.

Members of the Lymington Town Sailing Club are also being invited to attend.

David Houlton, Sailing Sub-Committee

Cruising - Past events

Day Sail to Bucklers Hard - Tuesday 18th February



Following the skipper's briefing at the Clubhouse, the light shower at the start of the day soon gave way to clear bright weather enabling five motor boats and four sailing boats to set off in a S/SW force 4/5 breeze and on a comfortable incoming tide. Club Members, including some who arrived by car, met at the Master Builder's in Bucklers Hard for lunch. In all 45 sat in the reserved restaurant to eat from a varied menu and to share details about their trip over. Many expressed their pleasure at being able to continue the programme of day sails throughout the winter and are grateful to the Cruising Sub-committee for organising them.



For the return trip there were even brighter skies plus stronger winds to provide a great sail back to Lymington for the yachts.

Bob Woolley, Cruising Sub-Committee

Social - Past Events - Valentine's Night



50 people braved the storm to find a notice from the police that the Club had to be evacuated by 10 p.m. due to flood risk. New house manager, Simon Green, Robin and all the staff did a wonderful job getting all the guests fed with time left over for dancing to music provided by Nick Hayward-Young. Although cut short, the evening was a resounding success: good food, good music and good humour. Ladies leaving in wellies was sight to behold. At least we didn't hit the national headlines like a certain restaurant west of Lymington.

Wednesday Junior Sailing

Pre-season dates

9th April, 2pm - Pre-season safety briefing

The first date is the most important, when we ask all our volunteers to gather at the Club on 9th April at 2pm for our pre-season safety briefing. Please make this a top priority as it's a requirement that all our helpers have this briefing. It's a huge help to us if everyone comes, as it means we can get all the paperwork out of the way in one go and you can all join in right from the start of the season. If you have any friends who might like to join our happy band, this is the meeting to bring them along to.

16th and 23rd April - Training days

These days are offered as an opportunity to hone your skills ready for WJS and refresh your memory of the way we do things. We'll be offering Power Boat training in the mornings (10 am -12 noon) and sailing in the afternoons (2 pm - 4 pm). The first afternoon we'll be concentrating on single-handers, the second afternoon on double-handers.

30th April - WJS begins



Ali Husband and Peter Salisbury

Fleets

Scows

Winter Activities

The successful Scow Division Winter Programme continues. On 3rd February Chris Willard entertained over 40 members with an interactive

presentation on the Birds of the Solent. On 3rd March Jonathan and Jane Cook took us on Wainwright's Coast to Coast walk across the North of England and on 17th March Rory Paton and Mike Urwin are to give an extended briefing on how best to set up a Scow for good performance, to be followed by a session covering things to do (and not to do) while afloat. The emphasis will be on racing but there will be plenty for the cruising sailor who wants to sail better. As usual, both talks will be followed by supper.

Despite the weather the Walks programme organised by Dick Thorn has continued with good support, even on the wetter and windier days. Only one walk has had to be postponed, Chris Willard's Sea Wall Bird walk, now re-scheduled for 6th March, meeting and lunching at the Chequers. The Walks will continue until 17th April, the last Thursday before Pottering begins on 24th April.

Bouyancy Checks Saturday 15th March from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

If you intend to race your Scow you will need a current buoyancy certificate. Even if you don't plan to race, it makes sense to know your boat will float in the event of a capsizel! On 15th March buoyancy checks will be carried out at the Balance Pond dinghy park between 10.00 am until 12.00 noon by Dan McCarthy and Matt Daly. There is no charge for members of the LRSCA.

Dick Moore, Vice Captain, Scow Division

Oppie news:

Across all the squads the sailors have been getting on top of their winter training – that is to say they are more than half way through the programme and, despite a blustery winter (to say the least!) they have been able to sail as much as they intended.

We have seen some good racing this month too. The Random Pairs Team Racing event was held at Bowmoor Sailing Club. It took 2 days, 24 sailors and 132 races to find the winner – congratulations to RLym's very own Freya Black. Further afield Lymington sent 7 sailors to contest the Nations Cup at Palamos, on the Costa Blanca. Conditions were superb: 9 races in 15-25 kts, not a cloud in the sky, 378 sailors from 23 countries. Vita Heathcote (19th) elbowed her way into the silverware as she was 3rd girl and 2nd Junior.

George Heathcote

Race Teams 2014

The nights are drawing out, hopefully there is some better weather on the way and in four weeks the clocks spring forward, heralding the first race of the Portmore Spring Series. This is the start of a full and varied racing programme which can only happen if we have the continued support of our Race Team members.

The Race Team 2014 forms are now available from the following link

http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Volunteers/SailingEventTeamsForm_2014.pdf and paper copies will be included in the March mailing. We are also taking the opportunity to update the information which the Club holds about its Members and their boats so please take a few moments to fill in this section even if you are not able to help with any of the events. Once the forms have been returned they will be directed to the appropriate event co-ordinator who will contact you regarding your availability.

The XOD team meet on **Monday 17th March** and the Thursday Night team on Thursday 24th April at 18.30 so please feel free to attend these meetings if you would like to be involved with these series as a member of the Race Team. For those of you who are not so confident about getting on and off the platform, and would like to make your first ascent without an audience, we are very happy to arrange a visit at your convenience, please contact [Kirsty](#) in the office to arrange.

Jane Corden

Race Management Training

Course Setting Round the Cans

A Quick Reminder

Tuesday 11th & Tuesday 18th March 1800 hours - Sail Loft - Malcolm McKeag

Malcolm asks that you bring paper and pens with you as there will be some practical work.

The Art of Support Boating Thursday 27th March 1830 hours -Sail Loft - Peter Phillips and Vince Sutherland

Peter asks that you bring paper and pens with you.

Newtown Anchorage Update

Following a DEFRA (Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs) update meeting on Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs), including those in our area, attended by the RYA there is a press release and news article on the [Club website](#) the RYA website. If you have any questions please contact [David Brunskill](#).

RNLI

Branch Annual General Meeting - Thursday 13th March.

Come along to the AGM at the Lymington Town Sailing Club at 7 pm. Members and supporters welcome. The meeting will be followed by light refreshments and a short film of 'Lymington in Action'.

Quiz Night at the Club - Thursday 20th March

Come along to the Branch Quiz Night at 7 pm with our favourite Quizmaster, Vince Sutherland. Tickets £5 including £3 donation to the RNLI. Supper will be available. For further details please [email](#) Ann Brunskill.

Beaulieu Boat Jumble -Sunday 27th April, 2014 - Wanted -items to sell

The Lymington Branch will be running the RNLI stall at BBJ and we need all your unwanted (but usable) boat bits and pieces. The Club boatmen will take anything in but if you have a larger item you would like collecting please contact John Niven on 01590 678839.

2014 Lymington Lifeboat 10K Run - Sunday 11th May

Have you entered yet for this year's Lymington Lifeboat 10k Run and Children's Fun Runs which take place on Sunday 11 May commencing at 10:00 in Woodside Park? This popular established community event is managed by one of our Members so please come and support the morning. Better still enter now by following the [link](#) on the Station website. In 2013 we had 1300 adults doing the main run with 380 children (from 5 – 14) competing in the shorter (1k and 2k) distances together with school teams competing for the inter-schools trophy. All finishers receive a medal, a bottle of water and a chocolate bar, plus there are trophies and prizes for the first three men and women and for age categories in the 10k and 1st boy and girl in each children's races

Don't feel overawed by the thought of running in company, although some competitors will inevitably go for the record (33 mins 34 secs for the men and 34 mins 56 secs for the women)). You don't have to be a local club runner or from a recognised club, indeed the majority are fun runners just out to support the good cause and have a scenic jog along the sea wall.

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used, but never stressed or strained
£70

Lewmar 40ST winch
little used as secondary halyard winch
and in good order
£180

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Satisfied customers will be requested to make a small donation to Sailability or the RNLI.

Ann Brunskill

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