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## Club

A big thank you to Members for responding so well during the last few months of work and I'm delighted to report that the kitchen is now up and running in good time for the summer. We have some national championships to run, the Sigma 38s enjoyed themselves so much they are coming back this year. This will be followed by the Tasar Nationals.

We welcome Mike Keeley, back as fourth boatman for some of the summer months, and Cameron McKeon who will be doing the job for part of the time.

The new steps have been delivered for the starting platform and will be installed in the next few weeks.

*Kevin Podger, Secretary*

## Racing - upcoming events

### May

In addition to the regular Club events, reported elsewhere, we are delighted to welcome some visiting fleets this month. Over the early Bank Holiday weekend we are hosting the Sigma 38 Nationals for their 25th Anniversary regatta. Details on the [website](#). This is a very enthusiastic fleet with three days of intense racing and some serious partying. The end of the month sees the [Tasar National Championships](#), again over three days. On 8th June the Junior Offshore Group (JOG) will be racing clockwise round the Island, and have chosen to finish in Lyminster, with the Club as their designated meeting place for post race hospitality.



The series goes on till the end of May



Next Duo Race on 11th May



The Cruiser Racers are trying something new this year; a modest Saturday Series. The emphasis is to make the event easy to join and simple to run, with one fleet all scored under Lymington Handicap. On 18th May, we will be joined by the visiting Royal Engineers Yacht Club who will be setting us an exciting course with three of our boats competing against their best three. Then in June and August we will set our own courses with a two hour target race time. The final race, on a favourable tide in mid-September will be a 'Long Race West' for all keelboats.

## June

The Round the Island Race is on 1st June and we will be selecting the Club teams shortly (will Sir Ben be picked?). We trust they will emulate last year's success. Remember, the prizes are liquid, a powerful motivator.

The Folkboat Nationals are on the 8th and 9th June. Racing will be in Christchurch Bay on the Saturday and the Solent on the Sunday. We are hoping for a mass turnout of Folkboats and sun this year.

## Race Teams

We are looking for volunteers for the Folkboat Nationals, Tasar Nationals and race team for the JOG fleet. Great opportunity for getting out on the water and not having to cut the grass. See the Race Team news further down. Contact the [office](#) if you can help.

*Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing*

## Club

### Bar - Summer opening times

Just to remind everyone of the revised opening times.

Monday to Friday 1030-1400 lunchtime and 1730-2230 in the evening

Saturday 1130-2230 and Sunday 1200-2000

It's a great reason to sit on the balcony on a lovely afternoon on a Saturday and Sunday and watch the world go by.

## Lecture - The loss of the Titanic

Joint meeting with the Royal Institute of Navigation, Wednesday 8th May 1800 for 1830

As former Chief Inspector of Marine Accidents, Rear Admiral John Lang, FRIN's role has put him in position to examine the loss of Titanic with a forensic eye, to re-interpret the evidence with a seaman's eye, and to draw conclusions from which emotion is absent. HMS Blazer, under the command of Lt Amie Jackson RN, will be coming to Lymington for this event. There is no charge for attending this event but prior booking is required for Club Members.

## Social

### Fun, Fashion and Fundraising.

On the 24th April, Carole Hayles, supported by the Social team, organised a fashion show presented by Julia of Stanwells in Lymington in aid of SailAblity. It was a packed morning that delighted the 100 'fashionistas' attending.



Following coffee and homemade biscuits everyone moved into the Island Room to find it transformed into a catwalk with a 'Goodie Bag' full of surprises on every seat. Six delightful models 'strutted their stuff' to a very appreciative audience. Carole also invited local author Helen McGinn to talk about her life as a wine buyer and how this led her to write 'The Knackered Mother's Wine Club', a wine guide for females. Many Members will be meeting each other at the local wine racks, book in hand taking guidance from Helen's book. Eliza Choo – brother of Jimmy – brought along samples of his natural products called Bodhi for everyone to try; he also spent time offering skin care advice. Everyone was refreshed with a

glass of 'fizz' and an array of wonderful canapés.

A total of £775 was raised for SailAbility through tickets and a raffle of outstanding and generously presented prizes – probably the most coveted was a Chinese water colour art work on silk, painted by Jean Mills.

*Harvie Woolley, House Committee*

## 2013 Fitting Out Party Pirates of the Caribbean

On Friday 19th April 120 Members arrived to celebrate the start of summer sailing. Most were dressed as pirate folk or people of the Caribbean islands, indeed some were quite unrecognizable. There were cutlasses, pistols, ear rings a-plenty as well as leis and even one grass skirt. Few clubs can boast their very own Captain Sparrow or Captain Cook – but they were both there to support. The



River Room, Island Room and restaurant had been decorated accordingly and the event started with a terrific glass of fresh rum punch especially prepared by Rob. Although it was believed that the rum ration had long ago been a government cut a chaser shot of rum was produced.

Following a delicious Caribbean supper came the task of dancing and singing into the night to the music of our ever popular and favourite band Zac and the Zeros. This having been done 120 tired, satisfied sailors went home and all looking forward to the forthcoming sailing season that had been so successfully

launched.



*Harvie Woolley, House Committee*

## House

We had a hugely successful Kitchen Launch party on Saturday 6th April attended by over 350 members and guests. The evening was rounded off with a wonderful dinner enjoyed by 110 people who partied into the late evening. The Pirates of the Caribbean Fitting Out Party and Fashion Show were sell out events and much enjoyed by all.

The First Floor team will be working hard this summer to ensure we all enjoy the Club and its catering facilities as much as possible. New menus and events will be posted regularly on the website and notice boards so keep a look out. Don't forget the Island Room is now available for lunch and dinner as long as no other activity is on. You can check with Iain Robertson or the office.

*Geri Harris, Rear Commodore House*

## Cruising

### Chart Room

Heikell's East Aegean, 2012 edition, has now arrived. We have also received outline 2013 Cruising Plans for 25 boats so far, these are in a folder above the chart chest and are also posted on the Cruising section of the [website](#). This facility has been provided at Members' request and is growing in popularity, all Members are invited to contribute, at any time.

*Peter Lowe, Cruising sub Committee*

## Cruising Section Summer Photography Competition 2013

Members of the Cruising Section are invited to take part in this competition which will follow the format below:

- Theme for the photograph – "Cruising."
- A limit of 1 A4 print per person may be entered.
- Closing date Thursday 31st October.

All photographs entered will be displayed in the Island Room on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th November 2013. On Friday 15th November an external judge will attend to give constructive comments on entries and to select the winning photograph. A supper will be organised for the same evening. A presentation will be made to the winner at the Annual Cruising Dinner.



## Cruise Chesapeake Bay

The Cruising Committee are in the process of organising a cruise in the Chesapeake Bay. The Chesapeake Bay, considered to be one of the prime cruising areas in the USA, is the largest estuary in the United States: stretching from Baltimore to the Intra-Coastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean. It's a cruising delight with sheltered anchorages and historic towns and villages to visit, including Annapolis, home of



the US Naval Academy and museum.

We would link up with the [Sailing Club of the Chesapeake](#) (SCC), whose members would be pleased to cruise with a party of Club Members. This would give us the benefit of their local knowledge and favourite anchorages and marinas as well as meeting a very charming hospitable group of sailors. They prefer to anchor wherever possible rather than using marinas and we would be able to join in dinners and BBQ's with them. There could also be the possibility of cruising on some of their members' boats. Our cruise would link in with the annual SCC "fall cruise" in the third week of September 2014 or with

the SCC annual, possibly more extended cruise in early June 2015.

However knowing that Members plan this sort of cruise a long way in advance, we would like views on whether this should be in:

- September 2014 (still warm but remote possibility of the remnants of an early season hurricane impacting on the weather).
- June 2015. Better weather (and swimming before the jellyfish get into the north of the Chesapeake). Also better to extend for more than one week. In June it could also be a pleasant diversion for any members returning back home across the Atlantic after the ARC or other Caribbean cruising.

As regards costs, [Annapolis Bay Charters](#) have a range of boats available including power boats and as an example the weekly charter rates for 2013 are: 37ft Jeanneau 4/6 berth \$3080 per week, 40ft Lagoon 400 Catamaran \$4620 per week. Flights to Washington/ Baltimore approximately £600 each return. There may be group discounts available for both chartering and flights if enough Members joined in.

David and Ann Brunskill joined a SCC cruise in June 2012, enjoyed wonderful hospitality and plan to join in the RLYMYC cruise. They would be happy to answer any queries by [email](#) or on 01590 677630.



The Cruising Committee will meet in July to work out interest, take a final decision on timing and to start planning.

*Nick Olney, Captain of Cruising*

## Cruising - Past events

### Radar Seminar 6th April

The radar seminar held on the 6th April presented by Robin Pratt and Don Roper from Lymington Town School of Sail & Power was very well received. We had a brief history and an insight into correctly setting up the unit and the various ways that radar can help us navigate in restricted visibility as well as some useful tips on general use such as position fixing etc. Don stressed the importance of someone other than the helmsmen operating the radar particularly when using it for navigation.

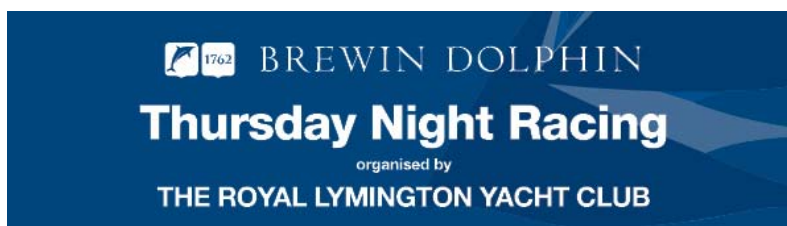
The number of materials that do not easily reflect radar beams and make it difficult to identify a target came as a surprise to many. The presentation included several examples of major radar assisted collisions; leading us into a very interesting section on the IRPCS regarding the use of radar in restricted visibility, with demonstrations on a simulator

*Peter Upcher, Cruising Sub Committee*

### Day sail to Island Harbour, 11th April

On what turned out to be the first decent sailing day of the year, 5 boats and 19 crew headed off for the Medina in a SW3 (yes, SW) under grey skies, which slowly thinned to allow tantalising moments of hazy sun. All arrived at the Breeze restaurant by 1230 for an excellent lunch of leek and potato soup, followed by fish and chips. On the return leg, not only did the wind creep up to the forecast F4, but the threatening clouds gave way to increasingly longer sunny periods, resulting in a sub-tropical 12C ashore. A very successful trip, given that the forecast 36 hours earlier had been for 18-29 knots and that a gale warning for Wight had been issued.

## Racing



In spite of the weather the regular Monday and Thursday racing has got off to a good start. Click on the relevant link for results and race reports.

## Dinghy Racing

Monday Evening Dinghy racing has started in style with good breezes and sunshine. The Scow fleet's slipway marshals have been doing a great job in getting boats on and off the slip quickly, even at low tide. Top marks to the Scows for taking this initiative - if anyone would like to help they are very welcome.

Plans are developing well for the Tasar Nationals, 31st May - 2nd June and the Lymington Dinghy Regatta, 13th-14th July. The latter is open to all handicap racers with PY less than 1500, plus Scows, Wayfarers, Fireflies, Lasers, RS400, RS800 and D-One classes. Camping will be available at the Scout Hut, just a short walk from the Club for sailors from further afield. Anyone interested in helping with either of these events should contact [Kirsty](#) at the Club; see the [website](#) for more details.

*Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies*

## Fleets

### Folkboats

There was a very small turnout of only six boats for the first two races of the 13 Spring Series held on the 7th April. The racing was quite keen for such an early start despite the biting cold moderate easterly. Only five for the second Sunday due so the rumour had it to the adverse weather forecast predicting survival conditions. As it turned out this scenario did not materialise and some keen racing ensued. Sunday 21st April and as if by magic the turnout doubled as eleven boats hit the starting line - in the case of yours truly quite literally. Crackerjack made a welcome return to the water after an absence of some nine months and immediately staked her claim in the top order with a first and a third giving her overall honours followed by Flutterby and Padfoot. The last Sunday did not look promising with no wind and a strong flood tide. But a gentle south westerly kicked in and the racing got underway. The wind picked up for the second race and the end result for both races was a second for Madelaine and third for Tak. Overall results for what turned out to be a most enjoyable and well run series were Tak first followed by Flutterby and Padfoot.



The Saturday series commenced on the 4th May and the season is now in full swing. No more excuses about the cold weather. Let's see you all out on the water.

*John Whyte*

## RS Elite

After opening the season with a training and tuning day, the racing in the Portmore Spring Series began with four of the Elite fleet in line abreast on the first run. Overall Kiss has dominated but nearly all boats have led races at some stage and going into the last weekend there was everything to play for with only a point between Wombat and E'Tu in second and third after Kiss. We have several new faces to welcome to the fleet, Thursday evenings are under way, our Saturday Series begins on 11th May and we had lots of sailors around the Elite table for lunch at the end of the Spring Series. Plenty happening.



My promise to the class of great weather all season has been totally fulfilled so far. Probably can't match the temperature at Nonsuch Bay where the RS Elite Stadium Cup was about to take

place right of the beach during lay-day at Antigua Week.

### Charter Freebie and get involved

It's been good to see Freebie competing in the Spring Series and right on the pace - second in the final day's racing. She has been booked for some Thursdays but there are still plenty available, nothing confirmed (although two teams talking) for the Saturday Series and the Southern Areas and Cowes Week. Freebie presents such a great opportunity to get involved in some of the best racing – contact the office to book.

### 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!

*Martin Wadhams*

## XODs

We have already completed three races in a variety of conditions. A cold shifting northerly ranging between 5-25 knots and an ebbing spring tide, made conditions challenging, not least for Race Officer Ken Hay. Ibex, helmed by Phil Brewer in the absence of Paul Woodman, had a good lead round the first three buoys, however the long beat across the tide, between Number Four and Yacht Haven proved to be their undoing. The beat started in 20-25 knots of breeze, dropped to 5 knots and came back to about 12 knots. Most of the fleet chose to get to the mainland as quickly as possible to find some tidal shelter, however when the wind dropped they were flushed a long way west and away from the mark. Karl Thorne sailing Mersa, having rounded Number Four in seventh place came out first at Yacht Haven, having lee bowed the worst of the tide in the middle of the Solent and getting into a freshening breeze before the others. Mersa's lead was short-lived as a failure to cover the boats behind, allowed three of them to slip past, including the eventual winner Stuart Jardine sailing Lone Star.

Results: 1st Lone Star, Stuart Jardine, 2nd Lucrezia, Ado Jardine, 3rd XL, Rory Paton, 4th Mersa, Karl Thorne.

*Karl Thorne*

## LR Scows

In March we had an inkling of the year ahead when Rory Paton and Mike Urwin described how to get the best out of your Scow. It all made absolute sense but as always it is the application of the knowledge that makes the difference. Judging by the results of our first two races not much has changed as Rory and Mike are once again at the front of the fleet, but there are signs they will have some serious competition this year. All very healthy for the Division. A new Scow, number 522, was launched with month by Dorinda and Brendan Nellis. Congratulations and welcome to the fleet. The boat name is interesting, "Doris", derived from the sea nymph wife of the sea god Nereus. It also represents the goddess of the rich fishing grounds at the mouth of rivers, where fresh water mingles with the brine. The racing and pottering have started and we have a very full programme for the season. I do hope you enjoy the year. The Club is again to host the Inter-Club



Scow Challenge, a team racing event , on 31st August. So far entries have been received from Bembridge SC, Brading Haven SC, City Livery YC, Keyhaven YC and Yarmouth SC and we hope to include teams from Beaulieu and Bosham. Last year, the first, we won it!

*Dunlop Stewart, Captain of Scows*

## Optimists

Easter kicked off the racing season with a bang, as teams of oppies were sent around the globe, in search of fun, sun, glory - and to see whether their winter training programmes had been worth the battering! At the 31st Lake Garda Meeting, 16 Lymington oppies joined more than 1200 others from 30 countries; in many ways this is a festival of sailing but it also provides everything the kids could hope for. GBR's Max Clapp (2nd) was first boy, Jenny Cropley (35th) was 2nd girl, with fellow Lymington sailors Robbie King 15th and Benno Marstaller 24th.



Meanwhile in Braassememeer, Holland a further 209 sailors from 11 countries had to break the ice every morning in order to launch! Will Heritage put in our best result coming 40th, and Dan Atherton and Hattie Rogers each took a brace of black flags to come 62nd and 63rd. We then travelled to Port Zeelande for the International Optispring Regatta which, although it is in Holland, is the Belgian Worlds Team selection trials. The Dutch also use the event as their Selection Trials, and the Danes sent a team, the French, the Poles, Finns and, most remarkably, spring finally arrived! Being an invitation only event, the standard was exceptionally high, right across the 175 sailors. GBR's David Labrouche won the event but again Lymington sailors put in a terrific showing with Milo Gill-Taylor 2nd , Jenny Cropley (16th) very nearly first girl, Robbie King (18th ) and Vita Heathcote (30th ) first Junior.

Back in the real world, in Lymington, the sailors are able to enjoy and benefit from regular, high quality local racing (Sat pms, Mon eves) and training (Sun am, Tues eve). Both the numbers and the standard are most impressive, so we can not only enjoy the moment and feel proud of what we have achieved but are filled with hope and excitement for the future.

*George Heathcote*

## Race Team News

This April the race team has been busy with the Portmore Spring Series. or the first time in a number of years all eight races were



completed and although a bit chilly the weather was kind to sailors and race team alike. We were very fortunate to have the use of Geoff and Marilyn Holmes' Dale Nelson 38 Mainframe as a committee boat, a good platform and excellent hospitality, the ideal combination. I was part of the finish team on Roger and Jenny Wilson's Orkney 24 Elida where it was so warm at one point that we had to contact Roger to find out how to turn down the heating! We were in prime position to view the unfolding drama of the racing and Kirsty kept the rest of the world up to date with regular updates on Twitter. To see some of the action shots there is a link to Twitter at the bottom of this newsletter.

I know that some of us are not able to commit too far in advance to support these events so I will be using the volunteers' notice board, located on the corner of the corridor to the changing rooms to highlight gaps in the rosters or when extra support is needed.

*Jane Corden*

## Race Management Training

Were you one of those children who longed to creep up behind an unsuspecting adult, better still a Great-Aunt dozing in the armchair, with an inflated brown paper bag -- BANG!! Well we could have just the job for you... Race Team Gunner. We are looking for new or old race team members to take responsibility for sound signals. Training will be given in use of the starting pistol plus horns and whistles various. Also, for those not familiar with it, the starting sequence. Please contact Alastair Wilson if you are interested.



**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.

### VHF Radio Use

Thank you to Phil and Ian for the briefing on using the Club's VHF radios. If you missed the session, Alastair Wilson has produced a pocket size aide memoire which you can download from the [website](#) or collect from the office.

### Future Training – Content – Scheduling?

We would appreciate your views on the training that you would like to see organised. There are plans to repeat last winter's sessions on Communications, VHF Radio Use, Recording and Timing for those who missed some or all the dates. What content would you find useful? When - are evening sessions just impossible for you to attend?

*Frances Evans, Training Committee, Race Management*

## RNLI

### Beaulieu Boat Jumble, Sunday 28th April

Many thanks to everyone who sent unloved or unwanted items. The total raise was £3750 after deducting expenses, included 30 euros.

### Lymington Station 10K Run and Children's fun runs, Sunday 12th May

Still time to enter or take the children for the fun runs. Details and entry form on the Station [website](#).

### Lymington Lifeboat Shop

The shop is open from Wednesday to Sunday each week from noon to 4 pm. New stock and lots of ideas for presents.

### Cadland House Gardens - Thursday 13th June 2013 2.30 pm - 5.30 pm

A rare opportunity to visit the only remaining small garden designed by Capability Brown. Conducted tour of the gardens followed by strawberry cream tea. Admission by ticket only £15. from Dorothy Bishop 01590 677102.



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Ann Brunskill

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