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

The Summer Regatta and Ball is BACK...

and is taking place on the weekend of June 14th and 15th. Building on the outstanding success of last year, there is racing to please every keelboat fleet, whilst the Ball is bigger and better than ever. The lead sponsor for this year's regatta will be [Spencers of the New Forest](#). Iain Bonneywell, manager of the Lymington branch, comments "We are delighted to sponsor the RLYM YC's summer regatta again this year. It promises to be a fantastic weekend and we are proud to support the club in bringing the best in class sailing events to Lymington!" We are also pleased to announce the repeat support from Danebury Vineyards.

IRC rated boats have two races on Saturday afternoon and one on Sunday morning run from the Platform and the Lymington Handicap fleets, XODs and Folkboats have one each day.

The Ball will follow the same format as 2013 with multiple food choices to tempt your taste buds. This year we are using influences from *Morocco, Spain, England & the Sea*. Try something from each location during the evening. Tickets are £29.50 per person and include a welcome drink on arrival. Race entries and tickets for the Ball are available now, please book fast to avoid disappointment and download your entry form now by [clicking here..](#)

Book early to make sure you get tickets for the best evening in the summer

Club

New Club Website:

As you may know, a lot of work has been going on to redesign the Club website. The new version will have a different look and feel, and will be integrated with our Event and Membership Management system: Jonas. We have introduced some new features as well as restoring some functions which were lost when we moved from our old system to Jonas.

We are finalising testing of the new site and, subject to this concluding successfully, we expect to launch it around mid-May. We will inform Members by email exactly when the site is being launched. The website address is the same so no changes are required to your computers; when you go to the website it will just look different and provide more functionality for members.

Please raise any questions concerning the new site with Kirsty Timmis and John Tudor.

John Tudor, General Committee

Balcony Resurfacing Work Update 1 May 14

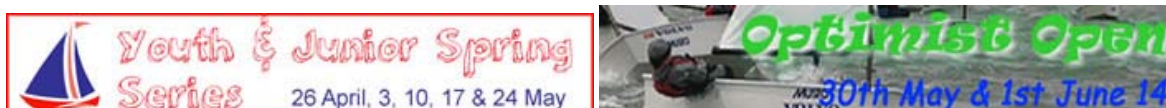
The next stage of the work is tiling, which cannot start until we have a period of consistently dry weather. The last two weeks of showers have therefore prevented progress and we are determined that the work will be done in the correct conditions. The forecast is improving for next week, so we hope to for significant progress by mid May. In the meantime, the balcony may be used, but strictly no smoking and no stiletto heels or other sharp objects to avoid damage to the surface.

Boatmen

We welcome back Cameron McKeon who has returned to join the boatmen for the summer.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

Racing



Click on any of the banners above for event details, results and reports.

Racing

The racing season has started well. As usual, we worried about the initial slow take up for the Portmore Insurance Spring Series and, also as usual, a good number of entries eventually arrived. In the end, 42 boats took part and the majority of the five fleets achieved the full set of eight races over the four Sundays, not least thanks to a very experienced race team. The results are on the [website](#).

and show how competitive the racing was in some classes. In one race in Class 1, four boats finished within 4 seconds; in another there was a dead heat for first place on handicap. Thanks to generous sponsorship by Portmore Insurance, we were able to award prizes for the first three boats in each class on each Sunday, which added considerably to the interest of the crowd in the bar after racing. The trophies will be awarded at the Annual Prize Giving party on 11 October.

I write these notes the morning after a wonderful first race in the Moore Blatch Thursday Night Keelboats series. Seventy boats came to the starting line, in seven classes, and the race team achieved finishes in every class, despite the light wind dying off as the sun set. The Club was heaving after racing for the presentation of prizes, kindly sponsored by [Moore Blatch](#).



Future events

All our fleets are springing back to life and beginning their own series. The XODs are arriving at their moorings and they have started their racing programme as have the Folkboats with their Saturday series. It is going to be a busy season: we hope the weather cooperates.

Duo Series

The first race of the Duo series was on Saturday 26th April with seven IRC Class 1, one IR Class 2 and seven Lymington Handicap boats on the starting line. William Newton in the J105, Jelly Baby, won the first race in IRC 1 and David Gough was first in LH in the Elan 333, Aventura.

Royal Engineer Yacht Club Inter Club Sailing

We look forward to hosting the Royal Engineer Yacht Club here on the 17th May to race against a team from the Club.

Saturday fully crewed Cruiser Racing series

Building on the success of the Duo series, last season we re-instated Saturday racing for fully crewed Cruiser Racers. We will continue the initiative this year: the idea being one fairly low-key race on just four Saturdays through the season. Scoring will be under Lymington handicap only, to encourage as many boats as possible to come out racing. The published programme calls for a race on Saturday 10 May, but we have now decided to start the series with the trip around Christchurch Bay on Saturday 24th May. The Notice of Race has just been published and the Sailing Instructions will follow about a week before the first race.

New Radio Requirements

If you are thinking about buying a new handheld radio, you might like to check out the new ISAF regulation 3.29.1.e regarding recommendations for boats racing in Category 4 and above to carry handheld radios with Digital Selective Calling (DSC) capability and be equipped with GPS. Full details on the ISAF [website](#).

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

Crew Match

The Crew Match morning on 12th April was well attended. 11 skippers joined in with 19 potential crew. Many thanks to all those who attended. Since then, the list has grown by another two boats and three crew. Although there was quite a bit of 'matching' achieved at the event if any other skippers or crew are still 'unmatched', please let me call me on 01590 673509 or [email](#) and I will send you the list.

Richard Truscott, Captain of Cruiser Racers

Racing Successes

ISAF Sailing World Cup

Congratulations to Sophie Weguelin who was 2nd in the Ladies 470 Class at the recent ISAF Sailing World Cup regatta at Hyères in France.

Solo Offshore Racing Group - Round The Island Race

Congratulations to David Cowell, *Sea Horse*, who was 1st in Class 2 and 1st overall and to John Corden, *Kipper*, who was 2nd in Class 2.

Dinghies

Monday Evening Dinghies got off to a flying start on Easter Monday with 63 boats racing on the first evening, including a record 31 Scows, under the guidance of our new Principal Race Officer Steve Green and his team.



The Easter Egg prizes presented to the winners of the first race by the captain of racing also went down very well. (Pictures shows Class 1 start on 28th April.)

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies

House

Summer is just around the corner and I am pleased to report that the new Club menu has been very well received. We have had some feedback on a few items so Simon our House manager is reviewing this weekly. Please feel free to let me have any suggestions.

The House Team are keen to make further progress on our Herb Garden which is being constructed on the roof of the Club. Robin, our head Chef, is an excellent gardener so he is keen to get the wooden troughs established and growing produce. He and his team intend to make good use of the fresh herbs and salads with further developments planned for the future. Final planting will be completed by mid May when we will have an unveiling ceremony with Dick Thorn who is one of our project sponsors handing the garden over to Robin and his kitchen team.

A gardening team have started clearing some of the shrubs at the front of the club, but a few more visits will be needed. A big thank you to Chrissie Gill and Andrea Jarvis for all their hard work even though it rained most of the time. If anyone would like to help with future gardening projects please let me know.

Several Members, who like to go sailing on a Sunday and would like to eat at the Club after they return, have asked if we could provide some food after normal Sunday lunch time service is finished, I'm happy to say that from Sunday 11th May the bar will be open until 6.00 and we will be able to provide food for anyone who would like to come in for a late lunch. The kitchen will be offering Hot Roast Meat baps with gravy and roast potatoes. Posters will be on the Club notice boards shortly and further details will be on the website as well.

Thank you

Geri Harris, Rear Commodore House

Cruising

Finally April saw better weather and a full turn out to Warsash S.C. For a day sail with good winds both ways, and the Warsah S.C. did us proud and had to change the menu for lunch because so many of us came. Last weekend saw the Spring Cowes Meet with dinner at the Royal Yacht Squadron on the Friday night and supper at the Island Sailing Club on the Saturday, I understand the weather was not good with plenty of rain, we are in Greece for the summer and the weather at the moment is no better here with violent thunder storms and heavy rain.

Our next meet goes to Chichester on the 8th of May details on line or on the board.

Don't forget the summer cruise, more details below.

Nick Olney, Captain of Cruising

Cruising Awards

Once the new website is up and running there will be a simple proforma set up in the Cruising Section for those who wish to apply for the various awards. You will be able to either fill this in online or print it off for a hard copy. Hopefully this more simple procedure will result in a lot more submissions this year!

David Houlton, Cruising Sub Committee

Chart Room

Arising from recent donations of surplus charts and Pilot books, we now have a few older editions of Imray C series, Small Craft Folios, Routing Charts, and miscellaneous tables and books. These have been placed under the PC, Members may wish to purchase them in exchange for a suitable donation to the RNLI via the Bar or Reception.

Peter Lowe, Cruising Sub Committee

Future meets

Summer Cruise Update

15 skippers have expressed an interest or signed up for the Summer Cruise. All are planning to be in or on passage through the West Country, Channel Islands or North and South Brittany area during June. As previously advised I will organise regular contact with all boats so that as and when one or more of us are in the same port we can organise an informal get together. Those who have signed up will be emailed directly nearer the time with a schedule of boats and contact information. Remember this cruise is very informal and there is no deadline for joining.

If you want to participate please [email](#) me the name of your boat, your mobile telephone number and your outline passage plan.

Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub Committee



Past meets

Day cruise to Warsash - 15th April

The exceptional sunny weather encouraged a late rush of Members and boats to join the trip to Warsash SC for lunch. A gusty east wind of 10-16 knots gave the sailors speed and a chill on the way up but it died on the way back, which allowed us all to soak up the sun. A total of 72 persons and 20 boats attended, food was quick, tasty and plentiful as usual at Warsash and all in all, everyone had a very enjoyable time.

Peter Lowe, Cruising Sub Committee

Cowes Spring Meet – 25th to 27th April

Six motor boats and six yachts made their way along the Solent to Cowes on Friday 25th April in persistent rain of the very wet variety.



However spirits were soon revived when the clouds parted in time for the pontoon drinks party. Later that evening we were warmly welcomed at the Royal Yacht Squadron where we dined on The Platform amidst many of their interesting artefacts and Honour Boards.

Saturday was a free day with groups enjoying several activities including a visit to Carisbrooke Castle, walks to Newport or just enjoying a jolly good lunch in Cowes. The Island Sailing Club made us welcome in their usual friendly manner on the Saturday evening where we dined from a choice of their very fine fish and chips or equally good steak and kidney pudding. Rain returned overnight but fortunately the trip

back to Lymington was much drier than the outward leg.

George Johnson, Cruising Sub Committee

Fleets

Scows

Easter Monday saw 31 Scows come to the line for the first race of the Monday Night Dinghy Racing early series, a record number. Among the familiar faces were some newcomers, among them Noel Kavanagh with his brand new Scow, sail no 538. Rory Paton was the winner with Jane Pitt-Pitt second and the Dunnings, Barry and Carol, in third place. Lack of wind forced the abandonment of the second race, which was to have been videoed by Barry Dunning. The resulting footage would have been screened the following evening, accompanied by expert (and doubtless pithy) commentary from Barry. This has rescheduled for the 12th and 13th May, weather permitting, and a good turnout is assured.

The slipway volunteers, led by Gillie Pearson, have made a huge difference to the speed with which the fleet is launched and recovered, to the benefit of all classes. It is wonderful to step out of your boat to find your trolley waiting on the slipway to be handed over with a smile! Thanks to all who took part and please, if you are free, come and lend a hand on more Monday evenings. Gillie will be

creating a roster - please drop her an [email](#).

The first Potter of the season took place on 24th April, led as usual by Graham Neal. Eight Scows went afloat on a light and mostly sunny morning, a gentle reintroduction to the pastime and much enjoyed by those who took part. The "big" Potter of 2014 is the trip to Yarmouth and up the River Yar. This has been moved from 6th May to 3rd July when the tides are more helpful. As a result the Potter to Newtown Creek, originally scheduled for the 1st July, has been moved to 31st July. All Members have been emailed and the revised schedule is on the notice-board in the Club.

Finally, our friends at Keyhaven YC, hosts to the nationals this year, have announced that the Notice of Race and Entry Forms and much else is all available on their [website](#). If you intend to take part, it would help the organisers to receive your entry as soon as possible.

Dick Moore



Oppies

The Spring Championships, held in Torbay this year, kicked off the racing season for 165 sailors. Would all that winter training have been worth it? Spring-like conditions made the palm trees seem real and the large French contingent thought they had gone south rather than north! Lymington's sailors made the best of the patchy breeze over Atlantic swell; William Heathcote won the event and Toby Schonrock won Silver Fleet. The following weekend we reconvened in Weymouth for the Joint National Squads. Properly cold, heavy rain and 25+ kts tested all the sailors, but again Lymington's finest dominated the event with an impressive series of bullets from Milo Gill-Taylor. Alex King came in a comfortable 2nd followed by Ella Bennett 3rd and 1st girl.

Over the Easter break we were spoiled for choice – was it to be the Lake Garda (Italy), Portoroz (Slovenia), South America (Columbia) or Braassemmeer (Netherlands). As it happened most of us were bound for Braass as part of the 40 strong GBR squad. On the way there many of us took in the Belgian Worlds Team Selection Trials at Port Zeelande. The Dutch were out in force as this forms part of their trials too. Like our own Spring Champs the event was heavily over-subscribed and many sailors were frustrated not to get the chance to race. William Heathcote again made the best of the shifty conditions, coming 2nd overall and 1st Junior) (172 sailors from 11 countries).



Continuing on to Braass, (picture - Tulips on the way to Braass) we encountered very tricky conditions that flummoxed the entire fleet and, with only one discard for 13 races, it was to be a very high scoring event. Three of Lymington's finest fillies - Ella Bennett, Milly Boyle and Hattie Rogers seemed to be the only ones who had a measure of it until black flags, yellow flags and the jury room got the better of them! In the end it was Vita Heathcote (7th and 1st girl) who came through, closely followed by Alex King (9th), who after a hard winter of training is having a terrific start to his racing season. (212 sailors from 12 countries).

Back in the real world, in Lymington, the sailors are able to enjoy and benefit from regular, high quality local racing (Sat afternoon, Monday evening) and training (Sunday morning, Tuesday evening). 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

Training

Youth RIB Club

The Youth RIB Club is shortly being launched to offer young Members the opportunity to take the RYA Powerboat Level 2 course over an 8 week programme, together with gaining RIB driving skills associated with Club activities such as mark laying, event RIB support and ferrying.

The sessions are planned to run from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm from Wednesday 28th May to Wednesday 16th July 2014 inclusive.

The RIB Club is open to Junior & Family Members (minimum age of 12 years) for £40.00 paid in advance. Students under the age of 16

years old who pass the course will be issued with an endorsed certificate.

Places are strictly limited and on a first-come basis so please register your interest with the office as soon as possible to stand the best chance of taking part. Please make sure you are free to attend every session otherwise you may not be able to gain a RYA Powerboat Level 2 certificate.

Tom Dudley Organiser

Facts and Figures

During this winter's Training Season the Powerboat section qualified:

4 new instructors,
14 Level 2 RIB drivers,
5 Club Mark layers and

12 drivers have completed the level 2 Plus course

I would like to thank all the PB instructors who on some very cold and wet weekends gave up those weekends to coach these students to success and look forward to seeing everyone out on the water.

Vince Sutherland, Chief Powerboat Instructor

Powerboat Level 2 Plus – Sunday, 11th May

A great way to get your skills sharpened up early in the season. Chief Powerboat Instructor Vince Sutherland's course is designed for those who help at Club events, and who may not necessarily drive the safety boat, but would like to gain some of the knowledge and skills to enable them to more effectively deal with safety of fleets and capsize situations as a crew. Full details on the [website](#). £10 – Members, £15 Non-Members. To book on the course contact the office on 01590 672677 or [email](#) Vicky.

RYA First Aid Course – Sunday, 18th May

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.

£50 – Members, £75 – Non-Members. Full details on the [website](#). To book on the course contact the office on 01590 672677 or [email](#) Vicky.

RNLI

Beaulieu Boat Jumble

In spite of the spring downpours the RNLI stand at Beaulieu took nearly £6,000. Thank you to everyone who donated and also to the Club and the boatmen who stored all the donations. It's never too early to start for next year and the RNLI have storage facilities, so do [email](#) John Niven if you have any good but unwanted boat items.



Lifeboat 10K Run - Sunday 11th May

There's still time to enter for this year's Run and children's Fun Runs. Details are on the [website](#).

Hog Roast - Sunday 28th June

Blackwater House, Warren Lane, Beaulieu (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Ed Dubios). Tickets £20.00 from Ann Brunskill (01590 677630 or [email](#)). Please bring your own chairs!

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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