ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

May 2015

Club

Mobile Phones

I would like to clarify our Club's position on mobile phones. Nobody likes to have someone close to them talking or, as it always seems, shouting into a phone when we are with friends having a drink or a meal. We recognise however mobiles are part of everybody's life. Our Club regulations state, "The use of Mobile Phones and Laptops is generally permitted in the Club, but not at any time on the staircases, nor in the Restaurant, River Room and bar during lunch and dinner; their use should always be discreet and with full consideration for others at all times."

Outdoor Clothing and kitbags

Whilst on subject of keeping our bar and eating areas as comfortable and welcoming as possible I would like to remind Members and their guests that outdoor clothing must be left in the areas on the ground floor where there are secure facilities.

The good news is that our Club is getting busier again, not just on the racing nights but also on the casual dining evenings. We look forward to seeing you down there.

Clive Sparrow, Vice Commodore

Credit Card Surcharge

As previously advertised, In an attempt to reduce the operating costs of the Club, the General Committee has decided that in future all credit card transactions processed by the Club will incur a surcharge of 1.75%. This is the amount that we are charged by our card processing company and costs over £4,000 per annum. Debit card transactions are unaffected as they do not attract the same commission charges. This charge will apply to all credit card transactions, whether they relate to payment of subscriptions, race entries or other fees, together with transactions on the first floor to either purchase food or drink or top up a Member's card. We regret having to take this action but, despite previous appeals to Members to pay by debit card, we suffer substantial charges from the continuing use of credit cards. This surcharge took effect on **Monday 4th May** and will be shown separately on all receipts issued for credit card payments.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

Lymington Editions Clothing

Catch a bargain - stock clearance of Club clothing - the list is at the bottom of this issue.

Presentation to the Club



Dick Thorn, who retired as a trustee at the AGM, recently presented an engraved wine decanter to Jane Pitt-Pitts, the new trustee. Some ten years ago, he presented the Club with three engraved pint glasses for use by the Trustees while in Office. These were taken on recorded charge by the Club, and remain Club property. As we now have our first lady Trustee, he has donated a suitable engraved wine goblet under the same conditions.

Club Pontoon Replacement.

Your General Committee has decided that the Club pontoon should be replaced during the winter of 2015/16. It was felt that the continuing deterioration of the present pontoon, which is over 30 years old, could become a health and safety risk resulting in it being taken out of use. This would have a very serious effect on the Club's core activities on the water. The plans for the new pontoon have been developed by an experienced working party over the last few years, after taking them that took place in 2013. All necessary approvals have been obtained for the new pontoon and tenders were received from suitable suppliers late in 2014.

In order to build the new pontoon in the coming year it will be necessary to raise additional funds to ensure that the Club continues to maintain its minimum cash reserves of £300,000. To that end it is proposed to ask Members if they would be willing to lend the Club £150,000, in units of £1,000 each, which would be repayable over 4 years. Interest at the rate of 4% will be offered on the loan and this will be credited against Members' subscriptions which, it is believed, will result in it being tax free.

Both the decision to build the pontoon and the decision to seek Members' loans need to be confirmed at an Extraordinary General Meeting and this will be held at 1900 on Tuesday 28th July 2015. The papers for this meeting, including an application form for the loan, will be sent to all Members by the end of June. To ensure that they are available to Members who are away sailing for the summer a link to the offer on the Club website will also be emailed to all Members for whom the Club holds an email address. Details of the project, including the terms of the loan will be included in these papers

Roger Garlick, Rear Commodore Finance

Dinghy Park

Please could all Members who have been allocated spaces make sure they are in the correct space and have their two stickers applied. The smaller sticker is designed to go on your mast so that we can easily identify dumped boats. If you don't display your stickers you could be evicted.

Trailers: road trailers may only be left in the Dinghy Park if they don't increase the footprint of the launch trolley. They must not be left with a wheel-lock, unless a spare key is lodged with the Boatmen. This is because we need to move boats for maintenance

There will be an inspection in early May. Please make sure you are aware of and compliant with the Club's Dinghy Park regulations, that can be found on the website.

We now have a lengthy waiting list for spaces so if you don't require your space please let the office know.

John Tudor



Congratulations

Ian Williams - Presentation of Honorary Membership Award

The Commodore is awarding Ian Williams, our World Match Racing champion, his Honorary Life Membership after racing on Thursday, 7th May. Even if you are not racing that evening, please come along and make it a special occasion for our exceptional sailor who has won the World title a staggering 5 times.

RYA Youth Nationals Congratulations

4th - 10th April 2015

Congratulations to Danielle Thomas & her crew Jenny Smallwood who are the 2015 British Youth National Champions and Mimi El-Khazindar & Emma Loveridge who are 29er Girls British Youth National Champions.



2015 420 Worlds and European Teams

Congratulations also to those members who have been selected to the 420 World & European teams. Good Luck!

<u>Worlds</u>

- Danielle Thomas
- Ryan Orr
- Fenella Bennett
- Emily Gent

Junior Europeans:

- Jenny Cropley
- Robbie King
- Alex King

Stuart Duffin, Rear Commodore Sailing

House

Ringing the changes on the first floor is certainly proving popular – Members have expressed their appreciation of improved quality and variety of the menu. This is due to the arrival of our new head chef Aly as well as the cheery welcome from Chloe and her team. Check out the sample menu on the website.

Do try Friday's 'Down at the Club Bistro' night. Aly is sourcing some wonderful foods and the new wine list is terrific value; quality wines at £2 a bottle below surrounding competition!

The Club is a great place for lunch or dinner and now the restaurant opens at the earlier time 6.30.pm. every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Join the buzz of 'Happy Hour' in the bar on Thursdays – and from the newly cleaned balcony watch the Racing Boats return. Sunday lunches are becoming even more popular, so do remember to book. Try Aly's wonderful roast beef with scrummy Yorkshire pudding.

Hope that you have noticed the neatness of the front garden and the restored blinds at the balcony end of the dining room. New thermostatic valves have been fitted to all radiators to provide a more even temperature throughout the building.

I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Date for your Diary: The Summer Ball - Saturday 13th June 2015

Denise Moore, Rear Commodore House

Racing

Thursday Keelboat racing, sponsored by Moore Blatch and Station Financial, Monday Evening Dinghy, supported by Neil Pryde in association with Nick Cox Yacht Chandlery, and the Duo Series have all started. Race Documents and Results are on the website.





John Corden, Captain of Racing

Round the Island Race - RLymYC Nominated Race Hub - 27 June

The Round the Island Race takes place this year on Saturday, 27th June and the Club is at the centre of the action. For the first time the Island Sailing Club has nominated two clubs as Race Hubs for the event because Cowes is becoming overcrowded. Competitors will now be able to get the race briefing on the Friday

evening and complete race declarations and collect tankards on the Saturday at the Club. Furthermore, there will be a big screen at the Club which will display boat positions during the race. The Club will be open to all competitors and their friends and families on the day so if you are not competing on the water come along and enjoy the fun. Rachel Nuding is coordinating our involvement in this exciting initiative.

Stuart Duffin, Rear Commodore Sailing

Dinghies

Lymington Dinghy Regatta - 18 & 19 July

Two courses, eight class starts and three races scheduled each day in the Solent should make for a great weekend of racing. Class starts are planned for Scows, RS Aeros, RS400s, Blazes, Fireflies and three Portsmouth Yardstick fleets. Once again we are laying on Lymington's legendary tea and doughnuts after racing, and there will be more than ever this year.

The regatta, which is hosted jointly by RLymYC and LTSC, nearly hit its 120-boat entry limit last year. So sign up early to get a discount on the entry fees and a chance to win a bottle of champagne. Entry fees can be paid on the day and are refundable if the regatta is cancelled. The notice of race and entry form will be published soon - watch the website

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies

Cruising

May is an action packed month to get you ready for summer cruising. On Saturday 9th May there is a day sail to Warsash. The rally to Chichester starts on the Tuesday 12th May with an anchor meet in the Thorney Channel followed by two nights at Itchenor. Details of both are below.

On the 29th and 30th of May there is an anchor meet in Poole Harbour at South Deep which is a stand-alone event but could also be a point of departure for the Summer Cruise that starts with a dinner in Portland on Sunday 31st May. Sign-up sheets for the anchor meet will be posted in the next few days.

George Johnson, Captain of Cruising

Forthcoming Events

Chichester Meet - Tuesday 12th - Friday 14th May

The Chichester meet will feature an anchor location on Tuesday, followed by two days at Itchenor. Full details are on the Club website. In the event of foul weather, you will be notified of any changes.

Tony Hughes, Cruising Sub-Committee

Mid-week Cruise to Gosport Thursday 21st May

This is a trip to the Portsmouth Harbour with lunch at Hornet Services Sailing Club in Haslar Creek. Those wishing to may stay at Hornet overnight and visit The Submarine Museum, Gosport Town centre or Gunwharf Quays. The list for the event is on the Club noticeboard and will close at 1200 on Monday 18 May, so that numbers and requirements can be passed to the Hornet and contingency plans made in the event of bad weather.



Perrin Towler, Vice-Captain of Cruising

Photography Competition

Once again the Cruising Sub-committee is organising the photography competition. It is open for entries from all Members of the Club; all age groups are encouraged to enter.

The rules are simple:

- The photograph must be taken 'ON THE WATER'.
- Each member may enter one photograph, caption optional.
- It is to be a print 25X20cm. or 10"X8". Not framed and not mounted.
- It is to have been taken between November 2014 and October 2015.
- <u>NO Sunsets</u> this year as they took 1st and 2nd places in 2014.
- The competition will close on Friday 30th October 2015.
- Please leave named entries in the office in envelopes marked Photography Competition.
- All photographs will be displayed between Thursday 12th November and Sunday 15th November in conjunction with the members Art Exhibition.
- Judging will take place on the afternoon of 12th November.

Past Events

Cowes Spring Meet 24 - 26 April

Contrary to dire forecasts earlier in the week, Friday dawned quite fair and a fair tide and gentle SW breeze brought most of the five Sailing smoothly to Cowes Yacht Haven. The five participating Motor Boats swept into the Medina at various hours, one a day ahead, perhaps to show their keenness. Fortunately the rain kept off for the pontoon party before dinner was at the Royal Ocean Racing Club, in their new premises of the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, and the assembled 24 dinners were warmly welcomed by the House Manager and his staff to enjoy a dinner in their Members' Dining Room.

Saturday was a "free" day for activities such as a visit to Carisbrooke Castle, bus and walks to Newport, or just a jolly good lunch in Gurnard! The evening brought the forecast rain with some vengeance so West Breeze and Primetime kindly provided shelter for a social gathering before all heading out to a very busy Cowes and The Anchor Pub, conveniently positioned just outside the marina gates.



George Johnson, Captain of Cruising

Cruising Safety Morning - Saturday 11 April



74 Members gained either excellent new knowledge or important reminders from the presentations and demonstrations.

Owen Haisell gave an outline of how engines function, what can go wrong and prevention methods. He emphasised the importance of having a regular system of prestart checks as well as describing the list of necessary tools and spare parts.

Robin Pratt described the correct use of radio through Digital Selective Calling and illustrated the way it works and which channels should be used as well as information on EPIRBs – personal location beacons. It is possible to have an I-pad AP for AIS but this is not a replacement for RADAR. He also talked about the volunteer Coast Watch Institution keeps a visual watch places along the UK coast shores.

Kristy Powell talked about the dangers of falling overboard, most especially into cold waters. The importance of <u>ALWAYS</u> wearing a life jacket was strongly emphasised especially through her description of 'cold water shock' and hyperthermia. It is also vitally important to use a safety harness or line. Kristy also runs the RYA first aid course at the Club at regular intervals.

Steve Bockett from Ocean Safety demonstrated lifejackets and the perils of not maintaining them; also several MOB systems including the Jon Buoy inflatable system with a lazy billy pick up line demonstrating that a lady or child can bring a casualty back on board with ease. Steve can be contacted at sbockett@oceansafety.com

All together a very useful morning was had by all, and many thanks to all the speakers taking part.

Nick Olney, Cruising Sub-Committee

Race Team Training

Firstly, thank you to our presenters in 2015, Alastair Wilson, Malcolm McKeag, Vince Sutherland, Peter Phillips, Phil Baker and Paul Driscoll for giving up their time and sharing their expertise with us.

While you are out on the water over the next few months, hopefully putting your new knowledge into practice, could you spare a moment to think about what areas you would like to see covered for Winter 2016. We would welcome your feedback as regards both presentation and content.

Club Race Officers Course

If you missed the course run in January 2015, or feel in need of a reminder, we are currently looking to run this course again on Sunday 22nd November 2015 with a fall back date of Sunday 29th November. Put it in the diary! There is a sign-up sheet on the Club Notice Board.

Frances Evans

Volunteers 2015

Course Setting

Within our Club we have a vast untapped pool of experts who we would like to encourage to support our excellent but rather small team of regular course setters. The Club prides itself on the high standard of our racing fleets so we would like to persuade our sailors to give course setting a go. You would not need to worry about the process of running a race but we would like



some of our poachers to turn gamekeeper and help to set some courses. If for example you no longer race or you find yourself without a crew for a Thursday evening or are free on a Wednesday afternoon why not join the race team and try your hand at setting a course. You would be working alongside an experienced race office who would advise and guide you.

Two of the best kept secrets of yacht racing are that being part of the race team is actually very good fun, and that you can learn a lot about starting and sailing a race by observation from the committee boat, so please come and give it a try. Email either Alastair Wilson or me for further details and an invitation to see how we do it.

Jane Corden

Fleets

XOD

The XOD season is now well under way, and the results of the first three races would suggest that it has been business as usual with wins for Ado Jardine, Rory Paton and Stuart Jardine. However the rest of the fleet are chasing them hard and have been closing the gap on this trio over the past few seasons. In part this is due to the efforts of these top sailors helping others within the fleet to set their boats up correctly and freely give advice when asked.

On Sunday May 3rd we had our Tuning and Training Day, ideal preparation for the three race windward/leeward series of the Alastair Easton Trophy being held the following Saturday 9th May.

At Lymington we race three times a week: Saturday and Wednesday afternoons, and a class start on Thursday Evening Keelboat racing. There are also a host of 'Open' events including Cowes Classics Week (20-24 July) and Cowes Week (8-15 August) where Lymington is always well represented.

There are always skippers looking for crew on either a permanent or occasional basis. If you are interested in joining our competitive and friendly fleet as either a crew or owner, then please get in touch with Karl Thorne via email: or check on our Facebook page:

Karl Thorne, XOD Captain

LR SCOW

70 members of the Scow Division supported the Spring back to Scowing Supper on 13th April. Thanks to Philip Shute for organising a splendid evening. The Winter Walks programme, organised as always by Dick Thorn came to an end on 16th April.

Race training got under way on Tuesday 21st April, organised by Barry Dunning who was helped by Catherine Maguire. Barry is to repeat the exercise on 5th and 12th May and all members of the Division are welcome to take part.

Monday Evening Dinghies on 27th April saw the first outing of the Gold and Silver fleets. 14 boats started in Gold and 10 in Silver. No Silver Fleet boat overtook a Gold Fleet tail-ender but it is bound to happen!

On Saturday 9th May the annual Figure of Eight race will take place with a start at (or not before) 1430. The tide will be high at 1515 so there will be plenty of water, even for the entrance to Pylewell Creek which is silting up fast since the eastern breakwater was installed. The sailing Instructions and entry forms are on the website and available from the Office.

Later on in May we shall hold the first of our short series, the Hinxman Trophy. This, as regulars will know, consists of 4 short races held on the one evening, all with Committee Boat starts. All boats will start and race together and there will be separate prizes for single and double handers.

And so to the Scow National Championships, held over the week-end of 20/21st June. The Club is hosting this event and we are hoping for a record entry. There are classes for double and single handers and for Juniors and extra prizes for cadets, a new class or participant, solely for those who are between 106 and 18 years of age on the day. The over70's will also compete for the President's Trophy, one for single and one for double handed crews. Click on the banner for more details.



Dick Moore

Oppies – April

The racing season kicked off with a challenging start; the Spring Championships, held on the usually balmy waters of Poole Harbour, was a foaming cauldron topped by 148 (mainly capsized) Optimists. Average windspeeds of 27 kts, gusting 35 was too much for most of the fleet. Only one race was completed and it was



We then split for Easter, with a 40 strong GBR squad headed for Braassememeer, and a further 25 bound for Lake Garda. Braas was, as usual, shifty and chilly but very good racing, and Hattie Rogers again showed her tenacity by ending up as 1st GBR, 7th overall (out of 235). Garda was everything a sailor could dream of, and the 1000 sailors from 31 countries were treated to 4 days of classic "Ora" conditions, when the southerly thermal generates a steady 18-23 kts.

A week later it was time for "Optispring", held in Port Zealande (Holland). Yet again Hattie Rogers (3rd girl, 5th overall) came out top GBR, completing an Easter holiday hat-trick!

Picture shows left to right Laila van der Meer (NED) 1st girl at Braas and Optispring; Annabelle Westerhoff (NED) 2nd girl; Hattie Rogers (GBR) 3rd girl

George Heathcote



Lymington Lifeboat 10k Run and Children's Fun Runs Sunday 10th May 10.00 am - Woodside Park

Wine Tasting Friday 12th June 6 – 9 pm, Fuller/McLelland Halls, Lymington Lifeboats Admission by ticket only available from The Oct. 10 in the Over 800 runners have already entered for the main event and the Children's Fun Runs are fully subscribed. Come along and

Admission by ticket only available from The Solent Cellar(01590 674852) or Ann Brunskill (01590 677630).

Beaulieu Boat Jumble- Thank you

Thank you to everyone who contributed items to the RNLI Stand. We had a great day and made £5,805, slightly more than last year in spite of lower attendances.

Old clothes for mucky jobs

There are a number of waterproofs or wet suits suitable for those messy jobs like antifouling or cleaning the bilges which were not sold at Beaulieu. Contact Marilyn Holmes and for a small donation to the RNLI they could be yours.

Retirement home for old sails

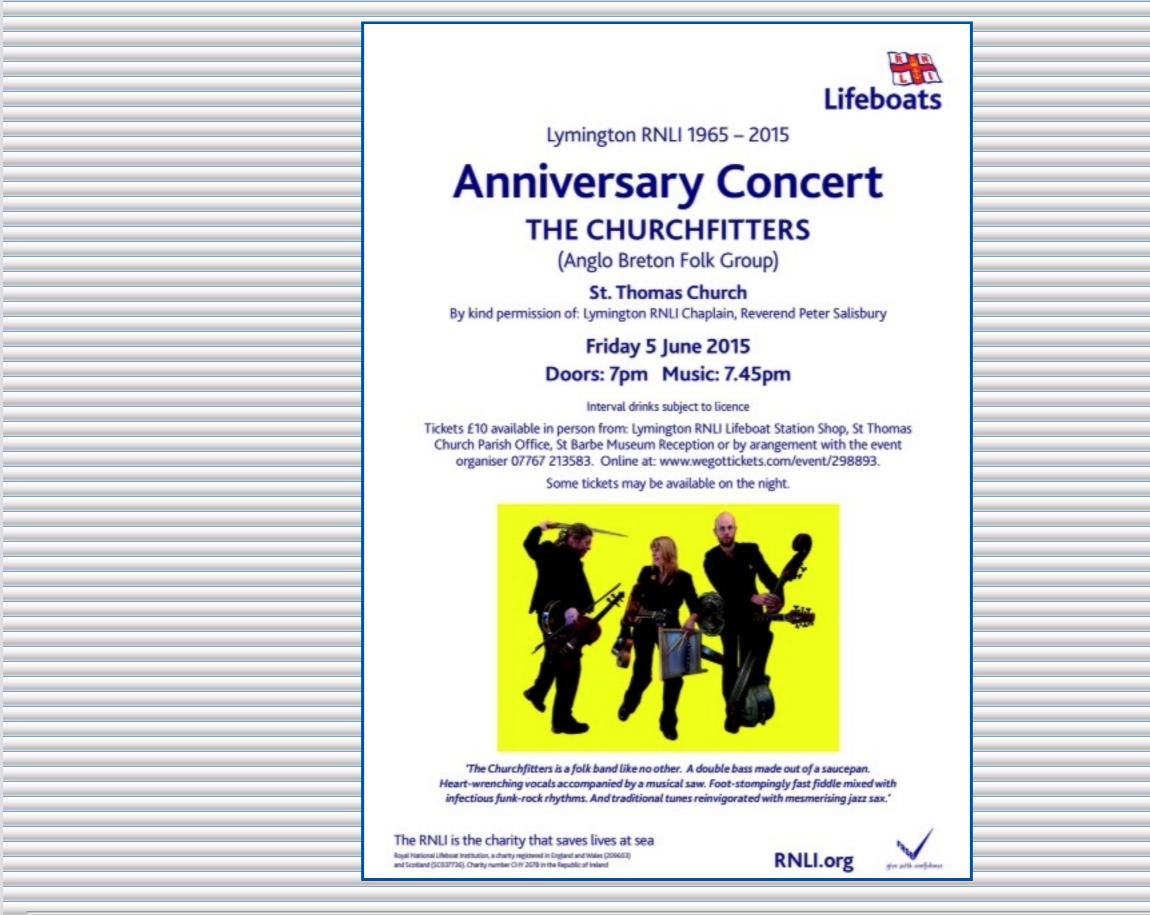
The RNLI has sourced a home for old sails, ensuring they can be recycled and not contribute to landfill problems. Even better, the charity will receive at least £10, perhaps lots more, for each sail.

Contact Marilyn Holmes on 01590 670148 for delivery/collection details

Small storage space required

Does anyone have a small lock-up garage or similar space, fairly central in Lymington, to act as a drop-off point for old sails? The RNLI can get at least £10 per sail, but needs a central point from where the company buying them can collect them. Contact Marilyn Holmes, 01590 670148.

Anniversary Concert



For Sale

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.

Nelson 27 motor boat

Lady H is a NELSON 27 by Tyler built in 1995. She has a Ford Sabre 180 engine giving economical cruising at 7 to 8 kts with a max of 13 kts.

She has two nice and comfortable berths in the fore cabin and will sleep two more in the main saloon. She is very fully equipped in the galley and we have entertained 7 to dinner in the spacious saloon. The navigation and deck is also very well equipped and there is a dinghy and 2.5 hp 4 stoke Yamaha outboard. Full inventories can be supplied.

She is for sale now as is, the engine has been serviced and she is ready for the season. She has a mooring on Dan Bran which could be used by the purchaser until March 2016 free of charge by arrangement.

£30000 tax paid complete and ready to sail

To view email dmacalister@waitrose.com

Lymington River Scow

The package would consist of: the Scow, believed to be a Lymington Scow, with mast, spars and sail, rudder, a long and a short tiller, floor boards, anchor & anchor rope, baler pump, on a Lizard combined road trailer and launching trolley (with detachable jockey wheel for easy launching),cover for winter storage.

The whole package is for sale at £1,495. The boat can be seen by appointment tel. 01590 673740 or 07990 734529.

XS 550 Deluxe Rib for Sale

- With Honda 4-stroke 90-hp outboard engine
- Delta seat configuration
- Jockey seats with single helm and 2 x twin jockey seat positions behind with cushion back rests and grab handles
- Double 2 inch stainless steel A-frame with ski tow on top
- The Rib has been well-maintained including replacement steering helm, installation of
- internal lifting eyes both by Barnet Marine







- Instruments include a new Icom M411 radio with a Raymarine chart plotter
- Individual seat and helm covers are included in the sale including the full overall cover
- Indepsension single axle road trailer included in sale
- Price £12,750 or nearest offer



And Finally..

Lymited Editions

Stock Clearance

2 x Ladies Polo Shirt - Size 12 Pastel Blue with Lentune Ship & 'RLymYC' Logo in	White
Lilac with Lentune Ship Logo in Navy	Now only £10.00 each
Men's Polo Shirt - Size Medium	
Lilac with Lentune Ship Logo in Navy	Now only £10.00
Men's Short Sleeve Shirt - Size Large	
Pink with Lentune Ship Logo in White	Now only £15.00
Men's Long Sleeve Shirt - Size Medium	
Navy with enclosed Lentune Ship Logo in White	Now only £15.00
Men's Long Sleeve Rugby Top - Size Large	100
Navy with Lentune Ship Logo in Gold	Now only £15.00
4 x Men's Short Sleeve Rugby Top - Size Large	
Navy/Green/Red/Grey with Lentune Ship Logo	Now only £15.00 each
Men's Softshell Jacket - Size Large	
Black with Lentune Ship & 'RLymYC' Logo in Gold	Now only £25.00
2 x Ladies Softshell Jacket - Size Medium & Large	
Red with Lentune Ship & 'RLymYC' Logo in Gol	Now only £22.00
Ladies Two Colour Hoodie - Size Small	
Cerise Pink/Navy with Lentune Ship Logo in Navy	Now only £12.00
Adult Hoodie - Size Small	
Bottle Green with Lentune Ship & 'RLymYC' Logo	a
in Navy	Now only £12.00
2 x Child Hoodie	
Purple with Lentune Ship Logo in Gold - Age 9/11 Turqueice with Contume Ship Logo	
Turquoise with Lentune Ship Logo in Navy - Age 12/13	Now only £8.00 each
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Please contact Reception to take advantage of these prices Sale price relates to stock items listed above only. New orders will be charged at full price.

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