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## Winter Warmers

This month the focus is on social events. Beaujolais nouveau makes its annual appearance, closely followed by the Annual Dinner. and preparations are in hand for the festive season both ashore and afloat. October was marked by a visit from our Patron when she named the two new Lyngby Sailability boats and even the weather obliged that day.

Ann Brunskill

### Club



Some photos from the Princess Royal's recent visit to the Club, when she officially named two new boats for Lymington Sailability.

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## Annual Club and Sailing Review

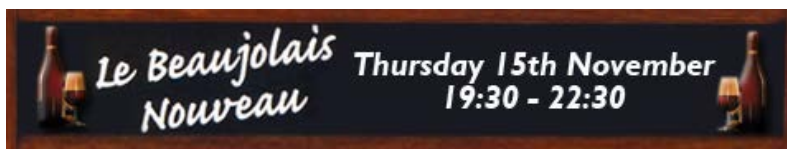
55 Members attended the Annual Sailing and Club Review on Saturday 3rd November. Having welcomed them with his overview (from the beneficial altitude of 200mm, courtesy of the new staging), the Commodore introduced a five minute summary of the Club's activities from each of the other Flag Officers. There followed 20 minutes of discussion led by questions from Members on subjects including Membership trends, the IT system, catering initiatives, the kitchen project, cruising meets, open racing events planned, Navitus Bay wind farm, the budget and 5 year plan, the Island Room project, the crane and the use of social media communication. There followed an hour of rather more freestyle discourse in the bar and over lunch.

*Kevin Podger, Secretary*

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## Social

### Forthcoming Events - November



Click on the banners above for further details of these events.

### St Andrew's Night themed supper, Friday 30th November

Further details on the website shortly

### Movie Nights Tuesday 20 November

The Descendants -not to be missed - George Clooney in search of a moral compass on a Hawaii that is not the paradise it's made out to be.

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### Mark Fishwick's leaving drinks lunchtime Friday 30th November from 12.15

Mark will be leaving the Club on 30th November after 18 years service. Come along to join the flag officers in wishing Mark well for the future. There will be a buffet lunch available afterwards and the opportunity to meet Mark's successor, Iain Robertson. If you would like to show your appreciation and contribute to Mark's leaving gift, then cheques, made payable to the Royal Lymington Yacht Club and placed in an envelope addressed "Mark's leaving gift ", can be sent or handed into the Office by 28th November.

### Winter Lectures

November 14th John Doer -Inside the Olympics and Americas Cup November (sold out)

21st Chris Willard - Birds of the New Forest November

28th Clive and Tricia Sparrow -Entre Deux Mers

All lectures start at 1830. Please sign up on the noticeboard.

### Bridge Suppers on Monday 12th and Monday 26th November

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### Dates for the Diary in December

The Christmas decorations go up on Monday 3 December.

Thursday 6th December - Quiz Night

Saturday 8th December - Christmas Buffet Party and disco, with a special quiz from Vince Sutherland, rolling 50p coins for

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Monday 10th December - Bridge Supper

Friday 14th December - The Turkey Dinner (black tie)

Tuesday 18th December - film night - "The Dish".

Thursday 20th December - Carols with Santa, luchtime

New Year's Eve party with "Zac and the Zeros" Band (black tie)

More details in next month's issue or on the [website](#).

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## Catering News



Matts Friday Bistro's are a regular popular evening at the Club with fresh 'cooked to order' food in a bistro atmosphere. Timed bookings are necessary in order for each meal to be freshly cooked. Click on the banner for the latest menu.

Members are also encouraged to book mid-week, especially for groups or special occasions. For a special meal do contact Mark or Matt who will be happy to help.

Thursday Mid-Week Roast lunches are also becoming popular especially as Autumn is upon us.

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## Art Exhibition Friday 9th to Sunday 11th November

This will be held in the Island Room. The Members' preview is on Thursday 8th between 7 pm and 8 pm. Exhibitors are reminded that entries should be handed in between 10 am and 3.30 pm on Wednesday 7th November, together with the completed duplicate entry form. If anyone would like further details, please phone Bridget Atkin(01590 671702).

### Club pictures for disposal

The Club pictures no longer on display and for disposal will be available to view during the Art Exhibition and are offered to Members for auction by sealed bids which should be submitted to the Office.

*Bridget Atkin*

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## Navitus Bay Wind Farm

Since the brief report on the meeting organised by the RYA and hosted by the Club on 24th September appeared in the last month's ePN, the developer, Eneco, has extended the third round consultation period to February 2013. Eneco has said that this is due to the high level of attendance at events and responses, to enable additional illustrative material to be prepared and to enable surveys of local businesses to be undertaken.

Eneco are required to demonstrate that they have fully consulted with the local community and to register all comments submitted to them. The Club will submit comments during January. Because it will count as just one submission, Members are encouraged to make their own comments direct to Eneco.

In the next few days a general email will be sent to Club Members setting out the areas where comments are likely to have most effect, to invite Members' comments to be taken into account in preparing the Club submission and providing details of where individual comments to be made direct to Eneco should be sent.

*Richard Woods*

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## Newtown Creek Anchorage under threat again

We know that Natural England are trying to make the whole of Newtown Creek, including the anchorage zone, a "reference area". No information has been provided on how Newtown Creek would be managed in the future.



Government will start consultation on Maritime Conservation Zone proposals nationwide at the beginning of December. We should then be able to view exactly what is proposed for Newtown Creek and make comments accordingly.

The RYA and the Club are sure that sailors want to preserve and protect areas that are especially beautiful and where there are environmental reasons to do so. We would prefer to work with Natural England to achieve satisfactory compromises. However to make sure that we can achieve our aims – of keeping the Northern end of Newtown Creek available to sailors as an anchorage and the shingle beaches free for use for swimming etc in the summer - we will have to lobby very hard. We need to expand the list of people and organisations who are concerned about the future of Newtown Creek and wish to raise objections.

If you are concerned about Newtown Creek, please [email](#) or call me on 01590 677630.

*David Brunskill*

## Cruising - future events

### Winter Lectures

See dates in the Social section above.

### December Day-Sail

Tuesday 4th December to East Cowes Marina and lunch at "The Lifeboat" restaurant at 12.30.

Full details and sign up sheet on Club notice board. Organiser Bob Woolley.

[Please note in your 2013 Diary](#)

In addition to the events in the Club calendar: Sunday 13th January, 11.00 am a Seminar "Keeping a boat abroad".

Details are on the [website](#) of next year's programme including the Chartering proposal. See the Cruising Forum report for more details.

*Nick Olney, Vice Captain of Cruising*

## Cruising - past events

### Cruising Forum Sunday 21st October 2012

Holding this year's Forum on a Sunday morning proved to be great success with 55 people attending representing 21 cruising yachts and 7 power boats. Nick Olney, Vice Captain of Cruising, talked about the past year's events. A total of 72 different boats took part showing that our meets are on the right lines. Clive Sparrow outlined the plans up to the end of April 2013 and the proposals for the rest of the year. Many interesting ideas and valuable comments came from the open debate which we will endeavour to incorporate in our future meets.

The Cruising Committee will now be able to confirm dates of events for the whole of 2013 and these will be emailed to the Cruising Database in November. Details are also on the [website](#).

Following the open debate, Committee member, Derek Barnard, gave a detailed presentation on the Club's Chartering Proposals for September 2013 "Messin' about in the Med". There is considerable interest in this charter opportunity and should anybody wish to be included in the information loop please contact Derek or me. Details are on the [website](#). My thanks to all who attended and for your enthusiastic input.

*Clive Sparrow, Captain of Cruising*

### Day sail to Warsash on 16th October.

12 boats and 51 people set off for Warsash Sailing Club on a sunny morning with a 18 kt to 25 kt westerly wind for a fast downwind sail down the Solent. During lunch the toast to Admiral Lord Nelson was given by Peter Bruce. A 20 kt to 29 kt head wind against tide made for a lively sea, but all had a good sail home back to Lymington.

*Nick Olney, Vice Captain of Cruising*

## Racing

### Captain of Racing's "End of Term" report

When our Patron visited the Club recently, she commented to our group of race officers and fleet captains "you have had a difficult season". Quite correct: the weather was very difficult at times and it was not a vintage season. Nevertheless, we had many excellent events; fleet sizes were very encouraging and the races keenly contested. The disappointment was that we lost more races than usual to the weather: usually too much wind.



October has brought similar weather, but our wonderful XOD sailors have been out there on Wednesdays and Saturdays, completing their Autumn Series. The Potter Ship race on the first Saturday was blessed with lighter conditions, and the view from the Platform was spectacular as the fleet started under spinnakers. The following Saturday saw the Club Champions event, where the leading sailors in each fleet compete in XODs, kindly loaned by their owners for the occasion. No one was surprised when the event was won by Stuart Jardine, representing the XOD fleet, with Rory and Alex Paton (representing the Scow fleet) in second place. Their prizes were presented that same evening at the Prizegiving Party, which was again sold out as the winners throughout the season and their crews came to collect their silverware and dance the evening away.

It takes more than weather to keep our sailors down. Take a look at the Club's [2012 Roll of Honour](#). Club Members were winners, from the most junior Optimist sailor to a certain Finn Olympic Gold medallist. (If anybody has been missed from the list could they please contact the office on the form provided.)

The Racing Calendar for next season is well advanced and a summary of the draft programme is on the [website](#). We will be trying one or two new events, as well as running the perennial favourites.

*Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing*

### Captain of Dinghies "End of Term" report



The Merlin Rockets held their final Silver Tiller traveller event on Saturday 3 November. The Club also hosted their annual dinner that evening. Thanks to all the volunteers helping in the racing and safety teams so late in the season.

Twenty Club Members were invited to join the informal match racing event hosted by LTSC on 14 October in their fleet of four RS Visions. A force 3 wind from the north-west gave a perfect windward/leeward course in front of the Dan Bran pontoon. This inaugural event was great fun for all with the wide range of competitors' ages from 7 to 78, and will be well worth supporting again next year.

#### [Lymington Dinghy Regatta 2013](#)

The weekend of 13/14 July has been fixed for the Lymington Dinghy Regatta, a joint effort between RLymYC and LTSC. Around 100 boats are expected, making it double the size of each club's 2012 dinghy events. Competitors and helpers are very welcome.

*Luke McEwan, Captain of Dinghies*

### Racing - Future Events 2012



The Club's annual race or cruise to Yarmouth for the Needles Relief is a great opportunity to shake out a few cobwebs before Christmas and support the RNLI whilst watching the display of the helicopter and local lifeboats.





The Peter Andraea Trophy for Club Members under 21 years old will as usual be sailed on Thursday 27th December in Club/WJS Scows. This Trophy, a silver model of a Lymington Pram, was presented to the Club for under 21 year olds to compete for annually at Christmas many years ago. Along with the trophy was a legacy of Hanson Shares, with the specific request that the annual interest on these shares be used as cash prizes for all the young entering that year. The event for sometime now has been competed for in Scows and the numbers entering has varied from 15 to 30 Members. It is started off with three heats split into Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors by age, the top three from each group then move forward to a two race final. And it is not always the seniors who come out on top.



This years Penguin Trophy will be held at the Club on Friday 28th December. The event will be sailed in Lymington River Scows which will be allocated to competitors from a pool of loaned and WJS boats. Competitors will be allocated a different boat for each race. Helmsmen must be Members of the Club with a minimum age of 18 years. The boats shall be raced double-handed, with a minimum combined crew age of 35 years.

## Fleet News

### RS Elites

Different winners collected the top trophies at the prizegiving dinner for each of the Club series that have concluded so far this year. The Spring Series went to Crauford McKeon's Kandoo III, Martin and Amanda Wadhams took both Thursday evening trophies in Kiss and Steve Powell in E'Tu clinched the summer Saturday series. With the INEOS Solent Circuit half way through as we write, Simon Cavey in Livez took the first win, much to the chagrin of Steve Powell who had a big lead around the last mark (fittingly on his big birthday) but watched the fleet invert as the wind dropped and the tide took over. Since then Kiss has had a run of wins, which hides a few battles on the way. Both Livez and E'Tu will feel vaguely robbed following the former being taken out by a boat from another class in one race and the latter getting lost in another! All to play for with three weekends remaining.



Planning of the 2013 calendar is underway – with the a full Club programme as well as the Southern Areas, Cowes Week and Stadium Cup all in the Solent, plus the National Championships at the ultra hospitable Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club on Belfast Lough in late August. ( Photo of Peter Lister at the committee boat end while Crauford McKeon port tacks the fleet! Photo courtesy of David Wansborough)

*Martin Wadhams*

### XOD Fleet



25 XODs have enjoyed a very competitive Autumn Series although two were cancelled due to too much wind. It was good to have the added competition of some boats from Yarmouth. Xoanon enjoyed her first win of the series in a light airs race when tactics were paramount. In contrast the last two races were particularly windy, the final day seeing winds gusting over 30 knots. Race Officer Paul Stickley was hard pressed to set a course for the six boats that competed in a race which, for some, was very significant in terms of their results. The short, windward/ leeward course in the lee of the north shore showed off XODs and their helms at their best. All six boats finished within a minute or so of each other. Results are on the [website](#).

*Fenella Lees*

### Scows

The Scow Division AGM was recently held at the Club. After four years of looking after the Division's finances Honorary Treasurer, Diana Stewart, handed over to Gillie Pearson. For her services to the Division Diana was presented with a beautiful engraved vase. Retiring Captain, Sebastian Chamberlain passed the Division into the excellent care of Dunlop Stewart. Despite his tenure of office Sebastian was delighted to be presented him with the most beautiful mounted glass square, made by Scow sailor Jane Pitt-Pitts, depicting his Scow Zacynthia.

At the excellent dinner afterwards, cooked by chef Matt Doe and his team, guests of honour were the Commodore's wife, Ann Lawrence, and two of the unsung heros of Scow racing, Doug and Linda Rogerson. Without them and their colleagues there would be no racing. Presentations were made to Vince Sutherland, principal race officer, Bob Burney, chief mark layer, Doug and Linda Rogerson, race team, Graham Neal, Captain of Thursday Potters, Dick Thorn, Captain of Winter walks and finally to Vice Captain Chris Knox, to thank them for all that they had all done to ensure the continued success of the Division.

*Sebastian Chamberlain*

## 420's

Kirstie Urwin, sailing with Neil Marsden, won the 2012 CurraDinghy GBR 420 Open and National Championships in Torbay. Annabel Vose and Ed Riley are Youth Champions and Scott Wallis and Josh Voller are Junior Champions.

## Oppie News

The End of Season Championship was held at Rutland Water, and the shifty, fickle conditions tested the Race Officer as much as the 300 sailors. Nevertheless Lymington's finest were able to chip away and put together a decent series. Robbie King (3rd) confirmed his standing as one of the country's best, and Lymington's girls took the top three places, with Milly Boyle 6th, Vita Heathcote 11th and Jenny Cropley 16th. In the Regatta fleet Elizabeth Beardsall (2nd), Toby Schonrock (6th) and Henry Heathcote (10th) showed there is plenty of emerging talent to come.

Winter training squads have now been selected and again it is the girls who have proved outstanding, as the top six girls in the country, and the top four in Intermediate Squad. The boys have done very well too!

Lymington's own winter training programme has started; this will consist of five weekends over the winter, lead by Greg Carey and aimed at sailors of Squad level and above. Sailors are divided into groups of six for training, and gather together for massed racing on the Sunday afternoon. As the winter progresses the focus of each weekend shifts from boat handling to racing.

*George Heathcote*

## Training

### Race Management Training Winter Dates 2013

These sessions will be of interest to current/potential Race Officers and race team members, who would like a refresher as to what their team has to achieve, and newcomers to the fun and games. All sessions will be in the Sail Loft at 1800. Please contact [Frances Evans](#) for more details.



Tuesday 8th January	Flags and Guns, Whistles and Bells - How the race committee communicates with competitors	John Evans
Tuesday 5th February	Good Recording = Accurate Results = Happy Racers	Alastair Wilson
Tuesday 12th February	Timekeeping - Theory and Practice	Jane Clegg
Tuesday 5th March	Briefing on the Club's Event Risk Assessment documents	Kevin Podger

## Another date for the Diary:

Thursday 28 February 2013 - Racing Rules: Update for 2013 - John Doerr

*Frances Evans*

## Powerboat Courses

The first of the winter series of RYA Powerboat 2 courses will be on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November and there will be two more on the 1st and 2nd December and 12th and 13th January. More details of these and other courses on the [website](#).

## RNLI

### Christmas Cards

Christmas cards are still available at the RNLI shop next to the lifeboat station. The shop is open from noon to 4 pm from Wednesday to Sunday.

### Supper and illustrated talk, Thursday 8th November

Kit Power will be talking about 'The Terrific Affair' as Winston Churchill called the the 1915 Gallipoli landings at the Lymington Town Sailing Club at 6.30 pm for 7 pm. Tickets are £18 and are available from Dorothy Bishop on 677102 or Sandra Allpress on 643268.

#### FOR SALE

Henri Lloyd offshore Ladies sailing suit  
size 12-14 in pink and grey,  
only worn once and in as new condition.

Also a one piece Henri Lloyd sailing overall  
in very good condition  
again size 12-14  
Offers to 07712883886

#### FOR SALE



Hercules inflatable 2.4 M, grey transom,  
full floorboards and inflatable keel, oars, pump,  
carrying bag. Very good condition,  
no patches.

£100

Tel: 01425 614501

#### FOR SALE

Musto Original Snug.  
Brand new; charcoal with white stitching.  
Marked as 'medium'  
but nearer to 'small'.

£35.

01590 677734

#### FOR SALE

- Yamaha F4B outboard
- 2010
- Less Than Two Hours Use
- £745
- Mastervolt Inverter/Charger
- Combi12/2400
- Combines 100 Amp battery charger (12v)
- and 2.4 KVA Inverter
- 4.5 KVA surge power
- Control panel, battery monitor and 500 amp shunt
- Brings civilisation to sailing
- Will run immersion heater, power tools, hair dryer, kettle  
etc
- £495
- 01590 671119

#### FOR SALE



Memosail V.I.P. start watch in excellent condition. These watches had limited distribution, predate battery watches and have Swiss mechanical movement.

The dial counts down the start process going through the ten minute and five minute procedure. It looks like new and is in the original box.

£200

Contact [Peter Fordham](#)



### 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.

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.

Ann Brunskill

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