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Dear ,

The latest edition of ePN has now been published and can be viewed below:

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Kind regards,

Kevin Podger
Secretary

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News & Announcements

MCZs - The role of the Marine Management Organisation - Wednesday 8th October 18:30

Clare Kavanah from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) will outline the overall role of the MMO, the way that the national plans are developed, how they will impact on recreational sailors and how, we as citizens, can influence them. Members will be aware of the efforts being undertaken by both the RYA Southern Region and the Club to ensure that whilst the marine environment is preserved there are no unnecessary restrictions imposed on recreational sailors.

There are a number of proposals relating to marine planning in our area which have raised concern amongst recreational sailors. These proposals include Marine Conservation Zones and the Navitus Bay Wind Farm. They are however only one part of MMO's planning process which is intended to develop a twenty year marine plan for the South of England. All these plans have to fit into a framework of marine development covering all marine activity in our territorial waters.

Please come if you can. Desmond Swayne, MP, takes an active interest and it is important that we show the MMO and the politicians that we care about our marine environment.

David Brunskill [^Top](#)

Congratulations

Folkboat Week & National Championship 2014 Success

Congratulations to all our Members who competed in Folkboat Week and Folkboat National Championships hosted at the Royal Solent Yacht Club: 1st Crackerjack – Stuart Watson, Caroline Watson & Matthew Jones. 2nd Tak – Jeremy Austin & Ado Jardine, 4th Second Wind – Richard Martin.

Laser Nationals 2014

Congratulations to the following Members who took part in the Laser National Championships in Largs: In the 80 strong Laser Radial fleet, Jake Farren-Price finished 11th and Joe Woodley, 12th. Of the 46 4.7s, Alex King scored a superb 2nd overall and first Junior boy, with Milo Gill-Taylor 4th and Robby Boyd, 17th. Congratulations also to new Member Marshall King, who was top Radial Master. The Club was the top scoring Club in both the Radial and 4.7 fleets.

Mimi El Khazindar and Emma Loveridge Bronze Medallists at the 29er Eurosaf 2014 in Gdynia

Congratulations to Mimi El Khazindar and her new crew and Junior Member Emma Loveridge who sailed a superbly consistent series at the Eurosaf Youth European Championships in Gdynia, Poland in very shifty

wind conditions. They were placed 3rd overall and 1st all female crew against the top 14 teams in Europe.

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Club

House Work

The first floor has had a successful few weeks with many private functions taking place and Bart's Bash just a few weeks ago which was a great day all round. We are still without our House Manager Simon as he has been in hospital recently, however the latest news is that he is making a good recovery and should be back to us very soon.

The daily lunchtime hot carvery is proving to be very successful. I'm glad to see that members who asked us to re-instate it have actually come to the Club and eaten with us. Many thanks.

We do still recognise that we have work to do in this ever changing environment however to help move things forward I have asked Ian Oag to form a Catering Team to look at the first floor operations. Ian and I had our first meeting on the 28th September and he is keen to get the ball rolling.

The autumn events are now in full flow so please come and join the fun.

Gerri Harris, Rear Commodore House

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Social

Autumn Movie Nights - Start Tuesday 7th October



Movie Night is free for Members so please come along & enjoy the film. Film Starts at 18:15. We will also be running a Movie Night Buffet, the cost is £12 which includes a choice of three hot dishes followed by a tub of ice cream. You can purchase your tickets online, from reception or you can email sail@rlymyc.org.uk who can take the payment off your Member's Card.

The next three films are:

- Tuesday 7th October - Captain Phillips
- Tuesday 28th October - Last Vegas
- Tuesday 18th November - Rush

Volunteers Party, 9th October



Annual Prize Giving Party, 11th October



Ladies Lunch, 16th October

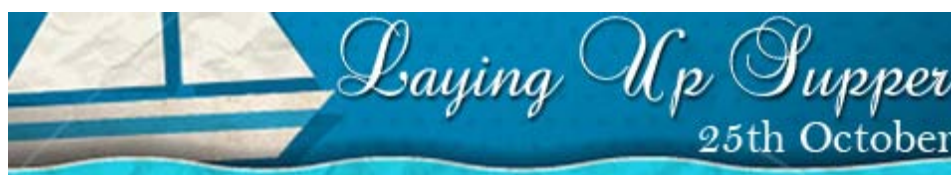


Trafalgar Night Dinner, 18th October



We are delighted that our principal guest will be Deputy Doug Barrow, Chief Executive of Maritime London and Deputy on the Court of Common Council, in the City of London. Tickets are £39.00 for a four course dinner including all Wine & Port at the table.

Laying Up Supper, 25th October



Quiz Nights - Thursday 6th November



RLymYC Quiz Nights

First Thursday of Every Month

Members' Art Exhibition, 14th - 16th November

A R T E X H I B I T I O N



An exhibition of art works, including paintings, glass work, woodwork, photographs, by RLymYC members, many of which will be for sale.



Chateau on the Lake by Jenny Sutton

Viewing Times

RLymYC Island Room

Friday 14th November	1000-2030
Saturday 15th November	1000-2030
Sunday 16th November	1000-1300

Members, Members' guests and Reciprocal Club Members welcome to view and purchase.

Registration of artworks to be exhibited - form submitted to the Office by Friday 7 November

Submissions to be presented to the Sail Locker between 0800 - 1400 on Thur 13 November.

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Racing

Captain of Racing's Round Up

What makes a racing sailor happy? Good courses, close competition, sunshine, warm water: we had all

these throughout this stunning month. Just one ingredient missing, which slightly marred the best September I can remember: little wind. Some races in our regular series had to be abandoned, but glorious conditions on other days made up for the occasional disappointment.

The J/109 and J/105 fleets visited on the first weekend and enjoyed fantastic racing in Christchurch Bay on the Saturday, when the Solent was becalmed. Sadly, the whispers of breeze in the Solent on Sunday morning were insufficient for racing. Nevertheless, the event was deemed a success by the visitors and the First Floor managed magnificently with a big crowd on the Saturday evening as we joined the visiting Solent Old Gaffers Association on the balcony.

The Classics Regatta on the following weekend is a new event, which we hope to develop into a regular stop on the Classics' circuit. Again, the wind on Saturday was less than ideal to get these heavier boats moving, but the race programme was completed to general satisfaction.

On the Saturday of the third weekend, the keelboats set out for their long race west. The 'race' was more of a drift down the Needles Channel with the tide and back via North Head, also with the tide. So most boats finished and had a good time, demonstrating, for a change, that tidal flows can help an event when the wind is not doing its job.

The Club turned out in force for Bart's Bash on the Sunday with race officer Ken Hay sending the keelboat fleet downwind on a northerly to the Island shore. The dinghies had a tougher time, with long journeys to their starting area well west of the river, and back again in the building breeze. The support of this event from the racing community in Lymington was generous and worthy of a great sailor. We now hear that it is intended to repeat the event next September and it will interesting to see if that idea is generally favoured.

Looking towards October and our racing season reaches its climax with the Pottership race on Saturday 4th October, when every keelboat is invited for a mass start at the Platform and a fight to win the magnificent Pottership Trophy, which you cannot fail to see in its case at the bar.

The following Saturday, October 11th, sees the Champion of Champions race, followed by the annual Prize Giving Party when we meet to celebrate another fine racing season at Lymington.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

Bart's Bash - the Dinghy Race



(picture Brendan Nellis) [^Top](#)

Training

RYA Courses

Power Boat Level

- 18th & 19th October
- 8th & 9th November
- 22nd & 23rd November

Safety Boat

- 5th, 6th, & 7th December

First Aid

- 12th October
- 2nd November
- 9th November

For more details on all these courses and how to book go to the website.

Race Management

RYA Regional Race Management/Club Race Officer Plus Course 22nd and 23rd November

Numbers are limited and the Course will be advertised to all clubs in the region so book your place early.

Application forms and more details on the course are on the RYA website. The link is: <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/raceofficials/wanttobearaceofficial/courses/Pages/racemanagement.aspx>

RYA Club Race Officer Course – January 2015 - Thursdays 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th January

This is the first level of RYA race team training, run over four sessions. The course leads to a RYA Club Race Officer Certificate which is issued after attendance at classroom sessions plus participation in several Club events or several races in the longer Club series.

Role of the Support Boat - 5th March 2015

Course Setting – 19th and 26th March

VHF Radio Use for Race Team Members and Support Boats

Contact Frances Evans for more details of these courses.



Frances Evans

Cruising

We had a BBQ meet at Buckler's Hard and a day sail to Cowes this month, see separate reports.

The Cruising Forum is on Sunday 19th October at 11.00 in the Island Room, please come along as this is your chance to tell the committee what you want us to organise. Why not stay to lunch after in the Club.

We have a meet to Ocean Village Southampton on the 9th and 10th Oct, sign up on the board or contact Peter Lowe.

Also on the 28th Oct we have our Trafalgar day sail to Warsash S.C. Sign up on the board or contact David Houlton.

Last but not least don't forget to start putting your logs together for the annual awards.

Nick Olney, Captain of Cruising

Chesapeake Cruise September 2015

Meeting at the Club 1100 Saturday 8th November

The meeting is for all those interested in cruising in company in Chesapeake Bay and follows a visit to Lymington by a representative of the Sailing Club of the Chesapeake. The dates for the cruise will be from Friday 18th September to Sunday 27th September 2015. The departure point will be Annapolis. Average temperatures are 24C in mid-September and 21C at the end of the month. There is always the risk of strong winds throughout the SCC sailing season but they rarely last more than a couple of days and it has never stopped them cruising. There will be the opportunity to either charter and cruise in company or to be hosted on a member of the SCC's yacht.

See <http://www.scc1944.org> for details of SCC. There are details of the SCC and a very enjoyable cruise in 2012 in folders on the newspaper desk in the Club.

Past Meets

Poole Meet including Bournemouth Air Show Friday 29th to Sunday 31st August

Berths had been reserved at Poole Quay Boat Haven for Friday 29th and Saturday 30th August and dinner at the Thistle Poole Hotel for the Saturday. However the weather intervened. With Force 5/6 and an occasional 7 in the forecast for the Friday, some skippers not unreasonably decided to cancel or change their plans. The dinner was cancelled and in the event one hardy skipper and crew braved the elements and got to Poole on the Friday with four other boats arriving on Saturday. All enjoyed dinner together at Corkers restaurant on Poole Quay.

Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub Committee

BBQ Rally Buckler's Hard 12th -14th September

Competition from the Norfolk Broads charter meant that the turnout for this year's BBQ Rally was a little down on last year with 7 boats and 30 members on Saturday night. Fine and settled weather saw 11 Members gather on Lutetia's deck for drinks on Friday evening.

Many of us took advantage of the warm day to walk or cycle to Beaulieu village during Saturday. The start of the BBQ proceedings in the evening was signalled by a flypast of 2 Lancaster bombers at precisely 6.00pm. Another warm evening and the conviviality of BBQ cooking provided the background to an excellent evening.

Sunday lunchtime saw the departure back to Lymington with a strong ebb tide and a SE 3/4 breeze.

Tony Hughes, Cruising Sub Committee

Fleets

LR Scows

Racing continued for the Scow fleet on three Monday evenings in September and the turnout was over 20 boats on each occasion, helped no doubt by the light and pleasant conditions. So light was the breeze on the 15th that the race was abandoned after the fleet had rounded the mark at the western end of Oxy Lake which caused most sailors to take out their oars and row home. Rory and Alex Paton in Wizard were the overall winners with 2 points. Catherine Maguire and Bethany Putt were second with 4 and Mike and Ros Urwin came third with 11. Cy Grisley was the first of the single handers and 4th overall, Jane Pittt-Pitts was just behind and 5th overall and Simon van Hagen was third of the solo brigade and 6th overall. It's good to see some new names among the prizes.

Meanwhile Pottering continued with an average turnout of 12-14 boats every Thursday. On 30th September the first of the Tuesday Potters took place with just 6 boats enjoying perfect conditions, a warm breeze, a calm sea and very little traffic in the river either way. The fleet will be running two Potters each week from now until 30th October, weather permitting. Why not come along at 10.00 and join in the fun.

The Scow Division AGM will be held at 1830 in the Island Room on 3rd November and not (as advertised in the Club's programme) on 9th December. The menu is already on the noticeboard and you will need to buy tickets in advance from the Office.

Dick Moore^Top

Oppie News

September is always a busy month as we try to cash in on the warm water, Indian summer and a multitude of regattas. We could have done with a little more breeze though...

The UK's top 24 sailors descended upon Lymington for their Summer Squad training weekend, led by National Coach Alan Williams. Lymington has been the focus of much training for the Worlds Team who will be off to Argentina next month, as the short chop that we get here is also typical of the waters north of

Buenos Aires where the championships will be held.

Spinnaker Open attracted an entry of 84 sailors for the main fleet alone. Haydn Sewell won the event followed by fellow Lymington sailors Hattie Rogers (2nd), Oliver Dowson-McGill (4th), Alex Schonrock (5th) and Zac West (7th).

The Worlds Team headed east to the Baltic for the Polish Optimist Championships at Kamien Pomorski, which will be hosting the World Championships next year. 437 sailors showed up, with most other European Worlds teams amongst them. Generally the GBRs picked up too many flags but did at least get all of their mistakes out of the way! Vita came back with a bag full of prizes so they were not as shabby as they feared.

The same weekend was the Belgian Open Championships. Lymington managed to squeeze four sailors into the top 10: Arthur Fry (3rd), Julia Mellers (5th), Sophie Holloway (7th) and Oli Hill (10th)

There was a great exodus from the balance pond to Weymouth for the South Zone and Home Counties Championships the following weekend. This is the main selection trials for the RYA South Zone, a winter training squad of 24, and is really the first rung of the ladder of what is called the RYA's "Olympic Pathway". 92 sailors did their best not to get too bored and frustrated in 4-6 knots of dying breeze. Haydn Sewell (2nd), Arthur Fry (3rd), William Heathcote (4th), Calum Cook (9th) all just about held it together, and mention should be made of the rise Oliver Dowson McGill (11th) against such a strong fleet.

George Heathcote

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Honda RYA Youth RIB Challenge



Tom Rogers became the 2014 Honda RYA Youth RIB Champion of Clubs recently at the PSP Southampton Boat Show.

Tom was chosen as the Club's representative from our three finalists in the event in the RIB Challenge Head to Head against the newly crowned Junior National Champion (8-12 age category). Tom beat him by 8:52 seconds and was thrilled to win the Perpetual Champion of Clubs Trophy for the Club.

Many hours of practice have paid off and a big thank you to all, especially main coach Andrew Eady, Martin Gorman and David Simpson for their fantastic support.

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Christmas Card Sale 11.30 am – 2.30 pm, Sunday 26th October and Sunday 2nd November

Club Foyer

Christmas Fair 10.00 am – 1.00pm, Saturday 8th November

Please note change of venue Fuller/McLelland Hall at the Community Centre. Further information from Mary Reay 01590 677034.

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