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## What A Month

Everyone who came down to the Club to watch the Olympic Games on the big screen had a great time, particularly when the sailing was on and the 'armchair sailors' discussed how it could have been done better. We had a full house at the Vin d'Honneur for Ben Ainslie. Our future sailing looks good with more junior World and National Championships being won. Youth Week has just finished a successful full week of racing and social events and there will be a report next month. The Cruising and Racing divisions continue to thrive in spite of our weather. And now it's time to enjoy the Paralympic Games.

Ann Brunskill

## Gold for Ben



A packed Clubhouse welcomed Ben Ainslie to a Vin d'Honneur on the 14th August, where he spent time talking to young and old before heading off to Cowes for dinner.

## More Successes

### 420 Ladies Junior European Champions

Annabel Vose and Kirstie Urwin won the Ladies 420 Junior European Championships on the final day of racing in Riva, Italy. They had their best results of the regatta on the final day of competition with an impressive 2-7 to secure 10th place overall in the Open fleet (boys and girls) as well as Ladies Junior European Championship title. The girls chose not to go to the 420 World Championships, which Annabel had won last year and concentrated on the ISAF Youth Worlds (see last month's issue) and the Junior Europeans. Kirstie had never raced at a 420 Junior Europeans, and before the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships, had never done a Worlds event, so it was a new experience. Annabel said that 'sailing in



the Open fleet was always going to be hard and I think we just had to race as well as we could and then approaching the end of the regatta we weren't looking at the Open results any more: we were really focused on the ladies fleet. We are really happy with a top 10 overall result.' More details on the event [website](#).

## Laser Radial National Championships

Hannah Snellgrove won the Laser Radial National Championships (first lady ever to have won the title) held in Abersoch recently.

## London 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Club Gamesmakers

We know a number of Club Members have been at the Olympics and Paralympics as Gamesmakers and would love to hear a few lines about what you did, what was the high point and what you have taken away from the experience. It doesn't have to be sailing related. Not everyone had such a glamorous job as Barry Dunning, who was lead marshal at Weymouth but everyone contributed in their way. Barry commented that 'as a volunteer Gamesmaker, it was great not only to have a ringside seat of the action but an opportunity to put something back into a sport that has given me so much. As you can see from the picture I had a great time at Weymouth.'

Let's hear all your stories, maybe we've got enough for a special edition of ePotterNews.



## Social



Matt's Bistro Night goes from strength to strength and has been sold out every night. Make sure you reserve your table in good time as there are only 80 seats available each Friday. To reduce waiting time, bookings are now being taken in 15 minute slots so please be ready to state your time preference for eating when you book. Occasionally there will be social function on a Friday nights and the Bistro will not be open so it's important to check before you book.

## Club Art Exhibition

This year's Art Exhibition is from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th November, so plenty of time to start or finish works to exhibit, and it's hoped more younger Members will contribute; all mediums welcome. Exhibitor's entry forms with all details will be available soon to download from the website or can also be picked up from the office.

Exhibitors are asked to complete two entry forms, one to be handed in to the office by Friday 2nd November so the detailed printed slips for each entry's sale can be completed. The other form to be brought along with actual works on handing in day which is Wednesday 7th November. New volunteers are very welcome to help out at the exhibition, it's only for a



couple of hours at a time, and to those who have generously helped in the past, be prepared to be contacted. Any details and enquiries meanwhile to Bridget Atkin, 01590 671702. (Picture shows 'Waves' by Christina Young). A number of pictures and photographs were removed during the recent refurbishment and some of these will be available to purchase after the exhibition. A Full list and details of how they are going to be sold will be posted on the Club website shortly.

## Racing

### Endless Summer?

Sitting in the sun: young sailors returning from Youth Week racing: huge numbers of adult helpers: surely summer is endless? But no, the phone rings to remind me that the Notice of Race and Entry Form for the Potter Ship race is due to be published shortly.

#### Duo Series – last one on Saturday 22nd September

25 boats have enjoyed some challenging courses and sailing so far and with three boats vying for second place in IRC 1 on 8 points, it's all down to the last race but no-one can take 1st place from William Newton in 'Jelly Baby'.

#### Saturday morning, 6th October is the date for this year's Potter Ship race

It is the Club's most prestigious trophy and on permanent display in the bar. Only Club Members can helm, but all keelboats are most welcome, be you a cruiser or a racer. There is a useful 'average lap' system and a simple handicap arrangement, so everyone finishes and has a chance of winning. Last year we had 69 entries and the Club was full for the lunchtime prizegiving. Obtaining a handicap is easy: just enter the race and we will do the rest. Entry form and NoR will be on the website soon.

<http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Racing/pottership.shtml>

#### Prizes For All – Champion of Champions Race and Annual Prizegiving Saturday 13th October at 6.30 pm

Skipping lightly through September, which sees many of our regular racing series drawing to a close, we arrive at Saturday 13th October. Big day in the racing calendar; the Champion of Champions race during the day followed by the Annual Prizegiving Party in the evening. Come to see your competitors looking glum as you collect your prizes (or the other way round); but we will all have a great time regardless. Excellent dinner and super band.

#### Will that mark a full stop to this year's racing? Indeed not.

The XOD Autumn Series continues; the Cruiser Racers will be out on Sundays for the Solent Series; and then there are the traditional Christmas events, but we will leave these for another time.

Full details will be on the [website](#) for all these events in due course

#### Prince Philip Cup 2012

This event is run by the Seaview Sailing Club in their identical Seaview Mermaids. The Cup was presented by His Royal Highness in 1956 and it is designed to improve relations between all clubs who race in the Solent. Last year's winners were from His Royal Highness' own Club, the Imperial Poona YC. This year the Club has selected a team lead by our Commodore Phil Lawrence with Ian Williams and Rory Paton.

#### A Personal Note

On behalf of all the racers, I want to thank all the people who make it possible for us to go racing. The effort which goes into every event has been the most surprising aspect of my first year as Captain of Racing. To our dedicated and able Events Management Team; our Race Officers and their teams; the Mark Layers; the Safety Boat teams; and so many more; thank you all.

#### And finally

The racing fraternity will be meeting every Thursday evening for Happy Hour, between 5.30 pm and 7.00 pm.

*Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing*

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## Cruiser Racing

Brewin Dolphin Thursday Night Racing continues to go from strength to strength. Although the unseasonal weather forced a record cancellation of four nights of the early series and two so far in the late one, it did not dampen the enthusiasm of the cruiser racer fleet. Most Thursdays there are over 100 entries, ranging from modern fast cruisers to wooden classics, making it is one of the Club's most

popular events. With the generous support of Brewin Dolphin, the investment managers, every winner now gets a bottle of champagne to celebrate their victory and the racing continues to be free for all Members. The race management and the help from the volunteers who make it all happen have been excellent and we thank you for your time and commitment.

The cruiser racing fleet is always looking for opportunities to race. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to grow the Club's racing calendar for the fleet or would like to race on a Saturday, for example, then don't hesitate to give me a call.

*Charles Roberts, Captain of Cruiser Racers*

## Solent Masters 3rd and 4th November - a reminder

The Club is still looking for accommodation for our team of eight Members for this invitation only event organised by the Royal Thames Yacht Club and to be sailed at Queen Mary Reservoir. Anyone living in easy reach of Queen Mary Reservoir (it's just off the eastern end of the M3) who would be willing to offer a bed for the Saturday night is asked to contact our team manager, [Chris Baldwick](#).

## Dinghies

### Summer Dinghy Open

Considering this is 2012 and coincided with the start of the Olympics, the weather was uncharacteristically sunny for the Club's Summer Dinghy Open at the end of July. 77 sailors in 49 boats enjoyed ample breezes, perfectly laid courses and the Club's famous tea and doughnuts in what turned out to be a great weekend of Solent racing. Visitors travelled from as far away as Harwich, and a strong contingent sailed their boats from Keyhaven. It was great to see the Firefly fleet back in force this year; they are excellent Solent boats and the fleet are very fond of coming to Lymington. Sunday brought stronger winds of 20-25 knots against the ebb tide, giving the competitors and the safety boat crews a real challenge which they all took on admirably. For the full report and results see the [website](#).



### RS600 and RS800 Open Meeting

The Club laid on a first-class event for the travelling RS sailors on 11th and 12th August. The winner described Saturday's conditions as "at the top end of sensible" with 20-25 knots of wind against tide: proper Solent conditions. The rescue fleet was kept busy with boats capsized all the way from the slipway to the race course. Sunday moderated to a perfect 15-20 knots and sunshine, giving the RS fleet some of the best racing of the season. Visitors took up the Club's offer of accommodation at the Scout hut, which proved popular; with all proceeds going to support the Sea Scouts. Thanks to all the volunteers who turned out to make the weekend such a success. Full report on the UK RS800 [website](#)



### Monday Evening Dinghy Racing

The dinghy sailors have enjoyed good strong breezes for most of the Late series, with only one race so far lost due to the weather. An impressive 31 Scows have competed, with almost as many racing in Class 2: quite a crowd on the start line! Class 4 is growing all the time with the enthusiastic Tera fleet turning out in all conditions. The race team have managed to keep all this going through the Olympics, when many of the Club's usual volunteers were off helping run the Games. The final race of the series was on the 3rd September.

## Upcoming events

### Youth Classes Regatta 8th and 9th September

we are hosting an open meeting for 420s, Laser Radials, Laser 4.7s and Cadets. Anyone who would like to help should contact the Club.

### Scow Late Series – Mondays 10th, 17th and 24th September

The Scows do it later than the other classes in the Monday Night Series with three races all to themselves!

### Scow Inter-Club Challenge: on Saturday 22 September

Three boat teams from clubs across the country will compete in our Scows. For more details see the [website](#).

*Luke McEwan, Captain of Dinghies*

## RYA Honda Youth Rib Championship

The Southern regional final of RYA Honda Youth Rib Championship took place at Parkstone YC on Saturday 18th August, with competitors



coming from as far west as Torquay to Chichester in the east. Parkstone YC, are the 2011 National Champions in both age categories so this is where the toughest teams are. Club Members William Hancock and James Wadsworth were competing in the under 12 category, and Oli Tait and James Eady in the under 16 category. After a tightly fought competition we ended up with all four on the podium taking second and third place in both age groups, only second to Parkstone YC, with the difference between their winning time of 1.09.79 and Oli's time a mere 0.01.15 seconds!

It's a great achievement for a first attempt and the result of a training program carried out this summer by Andrew Eady with the Club ribs and the help of our powerboat instructors and others who came out week after week to train the candidates. They are determined to do better next year.

The youth rib training website has video showing the speed and agility of these young rib drivers. <http://youthribtraining.co.uk/what-you-do>

*Andrew Eady*

## Cruising - Future meets

### Autumn Meet and Buffet Supper, Gins Farm - Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd September

Courtesy of the Royal Southampton Yacht Club, we are once again holding the Autumn Meet at their Gins Farm Clubhouse on the Beaulieu River. For those arriving on Friday night there will be informal supper parties on our boats. Please watch out for 'Gin Pennants' for pre-supper drinks. Saturday evening will start with drinks outside Gins Farm at 5.45pm followed by the buffet at 7.00 pm. Dress is casual (no reefer jackets). Full details are on the [website](#). If you have any queries please contact [Peter Upcher](#).

### Dates for the diary for October

Details of all the following will be in next month's ePotterNews and on the website:

Mid week cruise (date TBC)

Sunday 21st October, Cruising Forum re 2012 and 2013 events and activities

Saturday 27th October, Laying Up Supper

*Clive Sparrow, Captain of Cruising*

## Cruising - Past meets

### Park n' Picnic – A day sail to Osborne Bay

At least 10 of the 13 boats that signed up for this extravaganza took the opportunity on Tuesday 21st August to charge their batteries as we battled our way to Osborne Bay in a Force 1 to 2! We all anchored just off the beach and some tried to raft but the four container ships, destined for Southampton docks, were determined to spill our gin and tonics as we wined and dined in the lee of Osborne House. Our return journey met with a south westerly force 5, gusting 23 knots, and we zigged zagged with the Spring tide back to Lymington in

around two hours. (The power boats probably took less than that!) A fine day's sail for the 30 or so souls who attended.

*Derek Barnard*

## Solent Meet 24th to 26th July 2012

This year the Solent meet went to the Hornet Sailing Club at Gosport for the first time. The club occupies part of what was once the Royal Navy's shore station 'HMS Hornet'. The weather took a turn for the better with hot sunny days although with only light winds and eighteen Members attended from the eight boats and the one car taking part.

Members visited the nearby Historic Dockyard with its many museums and exhibits in Portsmouth and some took the opportunity to visit Gunwharf Quays and ride to the top of the Spinnaker Tower. Those who stayed in Gosport went to the Submarine Museum and the Museum of Naval Firepower.

Although HSC's catering facilities are normally closed on a Wednesday evening, an exception was made on our behalf and we dined in the private dining room. HSC's staff went to a lot of effort with red, white and blue theme decoration and expertly served excellent food in vast quantities. The hospitality and assistance provided by the HSC staff was greatly appreciated by those attending the Meet and we look forward to the next visit.

*Michael Coombes*

## Club Fleets

### XOD Fleet

The Lymington XODs have had a busy season so far despite the weather claiming many races. Stuart Jardine and his Lone Star team is once again leading both Saturday and Wednesday series from Eric Williams and Rory Paton in Diana.

Cowes Week was eventful and not for all the right reasons. On the first run of the first race Ian Paton, crewing for Adrian Summers in Excalibur was hit in the eye by the spinnaker pole. With the radio not surviving X boating that day and the phone call to the emergency services pretty fruitless, Adrian used a flare which drew the appropriate response. Excalibur got a tow to Cowes where Ian was taken to hospital where he was diagnosed with a hairline skull fracture and damage to his eye socket. At time of press Ian's condition is improving, albeit slowly.

This rather slowed Adrian down for the week although he did manage a fourth on the last day. Stuart Jardine and his team of Christian Brewer and Robert Jardine were in contention to win the week right until the final day but Lone Star was to finish 5th overall. A consistent series for Diana sailed by Rory, Amanda and Stuart Paton with James Dodd earned them 9th place overall.

Several of our fleet including our Class Captain William Norris will be trailing their XODs to race at Port Du Crouesty in France in September. William has had a frustrating season with a damaged Achilles tendon so it will be great to see him racing again. Lastly it sounds like we're going to have some very welcome visitors for our Autumn Series from other XOD divisions

*Fenella Lees*

## RS Elites

### Berthon Southern Area Championship

The first event of the RS Elite Class's "Super August" (Berthon Southern Area Championship - Cowes Week - Crewsaver Stadium Cup - Wight Vodka National Championships) was superbly run by the Club in stunning conditions. 20+ knots on Saturday were followed by 8-10 knots on Sunday in blistering sunshine, with three races each day.

Saturday belonged to Crauford McKeon's 'Kandoo III' team. Three wins, all of them comfortable, gave the other teams a lot to think about: Kandoo III made all the right tactical calls and picked good lanes in the on/off bands of wind. Second and third places in these races were mainly shared by Steve Powell's 'E'Tu' crew (fresh from a weekend of drama in Ireland), National Champions Jono Brown's 'Aeolus' from the Royal Burnham Yacht Club, and Martin Wadhams' team in 'Kiss'. After some close battles and many place changes. 'Aeolus' and 'Kiss' were tied on points in second place overnight.

On Sunday 'Kiss' hit the go pedal. Two wins would have opened the event right up...except 'Kandoo III' was second in both and that was enough to secure them the Southern Area



Crauford McKeon, *Kandoo III*, and his crew Lucy Stamp and Ashley Dean receive SAC Trophy from Beans Powell

Championship title, with Kiss second overall. Conditions were too good to miss, however, so all boats came to the line for the final race, with 'Kandoo III' controversially port tacking the fleet (there was a grumble about the first cross) and heading to the favoured right hand side in clear air to establish another good lead. The battle for third was raging between 'Aeolus' and 'E'Tu'. A late attack in the closing stages of the final run saw Jono Brown get inside 'E'Tu' at the bottom gate and pick up crucial points to clinch third.

The weekend was a brilliant start to this exciting month for the Elite class. Excellent race management by Roger and Jenny Wilson, close competition and a top notch sociable

dinner on Saturday evening - although everyone was pretty tired after three tight, 20 knot races! (picture by David Wansbrough)

Southern Area Championship overall results: 1st Crauford McKeon, Lucy Stamp, Ashley Dean 'Kandoo III', 2nd Martin Wadhams, Amanda Wadhams, Paul Fisk 'Kiss', 3rd Jono Brown, Lyn and David Brown 'Aeolus'.

*Steve Powell, RS Elite Class Captain*

## National 18 National Championships 2012



Team Rhapsody travelled over 600 miles north for the National 18 Class Championships held from 29th July to 3rd August. The destination was the village of Findhorn and the Royal Findhorn Yacht Club which stands on the banks of the broad and beautiful estuary of the River Findhorn, some 20 miles east of Inverness. Ospreys hunt for fish and salmon leap in front of the Royal Findhorn Yacht Club. 28 entries came from England, Ireland, Scotland and the Isle of Man. The welcome was awesome and the stage set for a great week of racing and social events when the National flags were raised at the opening ceremony to the skirl of the Forres Pipe Band.

Racing takes place in Findhorn Bay at the top of the tide, which means negotiating adverse tidal current in both directions to get to and from the race area and over a bar where it rips at 5 to 6 knots. Lifting rudders are essential! The bay itself is practically current free and a great area for the two races per day over five days.

Winds were mainly moderate so few capsizes, but plenty of exciting down-wind legs. The weather was mixed, plenty of sunshine but one memorable day of vigorous Scottish mist. Racing was close and exciting but three Irish crews eventually topped the leader board. As to Rhapsody, crewed variously by Jeremy Vines, Ollie Houseman, Kaan Yargici, and Max Vines, she finished 11th overall with three top ten finishes. The only prizes won were off the water – for golf in a Texas Scramble by Jeremy (Tee shot nearest the 18th pin; it narrowly missed two bunkers, hit a tree and bounced onto the green) and Max (in a low scoring team). Other notable prizes went to a duo of Manx sailors in a brilliant talent competition with a hilarious synchronised swimming routine and to a hefty Scottish trio for the Olympic decathlon. On Olympic Super Saturday (4th August) we spent twelve hours driving south listening to Radio 5 live and pondering on a super week of sailing and socialising.



*Jeremy and Max Vines*

## Juniors

### Lymington Optimists - July and August

The Club can feel justly proud that it is producing the finest oppie sailors in the land; of the 15 Team GBR selected for the Irish National Championships in Kinsale, 11 sail from Lymington, and claimed 10 of the top 12 places overall. A monstrous swell of up to 4m provided great excitement for the 200+ sailors, from which Milo Gill-Taylor went on to win and Hattie Rogers was first girl.

Next up was the British Open and National Championships at Pwllheli, to which more than 50 oppies travelled from Lymington. Jenny Cropley was top British girl in the Senior Fleet and Hattie Rogers likewise in the Junior Fleet. But perhaps even better than the results was the pod of dolphins that played in amongst the racing optimists. "That's nothing," said one of the Scottish boys. "At Largs, where the Nationals will be next year, we have killer whales at the windward mark"



Very wet and blustery conditions greeted the 80+ Oppie sailors at the Warsash Open meeting, and again it was the Lymington sailors who showed they haven't been wasting their time on the water. George Ford (1st), Sarah Jarman (2nd), Sophie Hempzell (3rd), Alex King (4th), Will Bedford (5th) and Ross Thompson (6th), all flying the flag for the Royal Lymington Yacht Club.

In the Optimist World Championships in the Dominican Republic, Team GBR had mixed results in light and shifty conditions (see picture left). The Singaporeans

dominated the event but Max Clapp put in our best result for many years, coming 18th of the 230 sailors.

The following weekend the oppie sailors once again took the Haybale Olympics by storm. Fresh from the European Championships, where she came an astounding 8th, Jenny Cropley took Gold in the Steeple Chase. Gold medals also for Callum Cook (all the way from Inverness) in the windsurfing, Santi Sesto in the Stepping Stone Sprint, Joseph Burns in the Haybale Hurdle, though it was Elite Gymnast Tiger Wiedner who was crowned Olympic and World Champion in the Ram Riding Rodeo Racing, crossing the finish line astride two very large black rams. In the Mummy Grand National, it was the oppie mums all the way; in fact the final of all the heats was entirely populated by them. Kate Heathcote beat off challenges from past winners Corinne Migraine (FRA) and Vale Sesto (ARG) to take the ferociously fought for Gold.

On to Lake Balaton, Hungary where Team GBR sent eight sailors to compete for the Chocolate Cup. All eight came in the top 13, with Max Moyles 3rd and George Ford 8th.

Lymington's oppie sailors have also tried their hands at the RS Feva World Championships in Hayling Island. Jenny Cropley swiping at the podium in 5th, and Robbie King crewed by Josh Atherton doing an astounding job to come 2nd.

*George Heathcote*

## Volunteers

### Race Management Training

Topics and dates for some of this winter's Race Management Training sessions are below. The emphasis will be on understanding the principles behind the process, the tasks undertaken by the various members of the Race Team and how they fit together. Each session can stand alone but preferably should be seen as part of a complete course.

These sessions will be of interest to existing race team members, newcomers to the fun and games, and existing/potential Race Officers who would like a refresher as to what their team has to achieve.

Please put them in your diary.

Sail Loft

Tuesday 8 January	Communications	1800 hours
Tuesday 5 February	Recording and spotting	1800 hours
Tuesday 12 February	Timekeeping	1800 hours
Tuesday 19 February	tbc	1800 hours
Tuesday 5 March	tbc	1800 hours

*Frances Evans*

### Small Ads

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Ann Brunskill

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