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Club

Pontoon Reminder

It was good to see many Members taking advantage of the late August burst of good weather and taking advantage of the Club pontoon. As space is limited however I would ask you to observe our very necessary rules as per page 128 of your handbook. In particular, please be aware of the "15 minute" limit on Zone 2 (5.2.3 refers).

My thanks for your co-operation.

Clive Sparrow, Vice Commodore

Membership



**We extend a warm welcome to the following
New Members of the Club elected on 4th August 2017**

- Marianne Broadhead
- Jason & Burcu Carrington
- Kevin & Nichola Doran
- Jack Graham-Troll
- Peter Merry & Ann Johnson
- Sally Saunders
- Kasia Skibinska
- Chris & Carolyn Sutherland
- Sarah Wilkinson

I do hope that you will enjoy your membership of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, and that you will become active Members both afloat and ashore at the many Club sailing and social events.

House

Well, at least it eventually stopped raining over the Bank Holiday weekend, but trying to park in the Car Park was a nightmare!

First Floor July turnover was only 2% up on last year, mainly due to the weather and no J/80 Nationals this year, but we still made a reasonable profit. August seems to have been busy.

There are lots of things going on this month with Yoga, Pilates, Bridge classes and film nights all starting again. We are also seeing if there is interest in Spanish conversation classes, which will be run by our very own Laura.

We are also back to the winter schedule of Happy Hours with 'Street food' on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00pm, so don't tell your partner the sailing has stopped.

It has been decided that it is necessary to replace the tables in the dining and river rooms, as they are no longer fit for purpose. There are a couple of tables here for Members to look at and give us feedback. We can have any size from 80cm to 90cm square (we will be having a number of round tables as well) in any colour or finish on one of the two bases we have on trial. It may be that we will end up with different tables in the different rooms. There is a book on the bar for Members to write their comments in (please add your name in capitals if you want your comments to be taken into account). The limed oak seems to be the most popular for the River Room at the moment with a suggestion that we have tables to match the panelling for the rest of the first floor!

We are also going to replace the central heating boilers in October as the old ones are 14 years old and were unreliable last autumn, however this should not affect members at all. What will affect Members more is refurbishing the women's changing rooms, with new non-slip tiles and replacement stainless benches, which hopefully will be wide enough to get a bag onto. I have been assured that the job will be completed within a week, however back-up plans will be made should the project over-run.

Quiz nights will start again in October, along with a number of new and interesting events. To make sure that you know what is happening in the Club, you can go to the '[What's On](#)' link on the Home page of the Club Website, the Social page in '[Ashore](#)', the [Club Calendar](#) in Member Central or you can pop into the Club to see the posters and sign-up sheets for many of the events.

Roger Wilson, Rear Commodore House

Coffee Machine Tokens

We have a shortage of coffee machine tokens of which are expensive to replace so if any are in circulation for any reason could they please be returned to the Front of House Team.



Social

Movie Nights - Tuesday 19th September - Viceroy's House (2016)

Movie Nights start at 18:30 with supper afterwards. This month's film is Viceroy's House:

In 1947, British statesman Lord Mountbatten serves as India's last Viceroy and is charged with handing India back to its people.

Please sign up on the notice board or [click here](#) to register your interest online.



Winter Quiz Nights are back...and by popular demand we are now running two a month!

Vince Sutherland, once again will be sacrificing the first Thursday of every month to run our usual Quiz offering. Please click [here](#) for more information on this year's set up.

And new to the third Thursday of every month will be Peter Bell's Quiz. Peter has been designing quizzes for over 20 years - always entertaining.

have broad interests including science etc. etc. then a comma "if you have travelled etc." comma "if you sail etc, If you lived through the '50s and 60's and have broad interests including science, the arts, geography, history, people, music, some sport, If you have travelled the world and been interested in languages, culture, politics and the quirks that humans display, If you sail a boat or a PDV and you have an O' level in any of the aforementioned topics, you will have no trouble answering the questions. Booking for this quiz opens 22nd September at 09:30.



Beginner Bridge Lessons



BRIDGE LESSONS

Beginner / Intermediate Classes
will start on
Mon 25th Sept - Mon 4th Dec
(Excluding 16th October)

£70 per person.



Beginners 10:00 - 12:00
Intermediates 13:00 - 15:00
in the Island Room

Please stay for lunch to discuss
your newly learnt Bridge skills.

Bookable at Reception.

Annual Racing Prize Giving: 7th October 2017

Have you won a prize this season, well make sure you collect it at our Annual Racing Prize Giving.

SAVE
the **DATE**



2017

Annual Racing Prize Giving
Saturday 7th October



Prizes awarded for:

- Spring Series
- Thursday Night Racing Series
- Monday Night Dinghies Series
- Duo Series
- Potter Ship Race

£34.00 per person
including a Welcome Drink on Arrival,
3 Course Dinner &
Internationally Acclaimed Magician Matt Daniel-Baker

Annual Ladies Lunch: 11th October 2017

Get your tickets to this year's Annual Ladies Lunch now... (please click the image to register your interest online)



Annual Ladies Lunch
11th October 2017
12:30

With local artist Aimee Durnell
Between Two Rivers

£17 for 2 courses

Please book at reception,
online or call 01590 672677

*Leader. This over
young. For. Entrance
to Year 6 Women ...
4 July 2013*

Fizz on Arrival

Starters

Twice-Baked Goat's Cheese Soufflé & Rocket
~
Smoked Salmon on a Bed of Leaves, Lilliput Capers & Lemon Dressing
~
Squash Risotto

Mains

Hake Fillet with a Parsley Sauce, New Potatoes & Green Beans
~
Pork Tenderloin with a Mushroom Sauce served with Sauté Potatoes & Crispy Kale

Coffee & Petit Fours



JUNIOR REGATTA 2017

The first day of the RLymYC 2017 Junior Regatta (August 21-25) saw light and tricky sailing conditions for 153 junior competitors. Light winds from the SE gave competitors some challenging racing but had the advantage of a gentle start to the week.

Competitors enjoyed light cloud, a little rain and some sunshine for the week with some 'sailing friendly' breezes of 7-10 knots rising to 18 -20 knots on occasion.

Gary Barnett, the new Principal Race Officer and the race management team ran four separate fleets in the Solent and its lakes. The variable conditions in the Solent kept the large volunteer safety fleet busy each day between towing and rescuing as fleets enjoyed challenging racing.

The Bronze fleet boasted a record number of young and relatively inexperienced young sailors keen to learn and enjoy a week's competitive racing. Race Officer Steve Green said: "Relatively quickly they were tacking, gybing, shifting their weight and timing their movements well. Many showed real potential and lots of determination to keep sailing in a range of conditions. No matter how many times they capsized the safety boat teams

reported record breaking 'righting' times by many of the youngsters. These 9 – 12 years olds grew in confidence."

Silver Fleet Race Officer John Whyte ran racing for intermediate Optimist sailors and RS Tera sailors. The RLymYC has a fleet of 14 Tera and 18 Optimists, which were lent to local young sailors getting them out on the water.

John Whyte, a regular Cowes Week Race Officer, was impressed with the standard of racing amongst the youngsters who visibly grew in confidence off the start line. The sailors enjoyed good racing culminating in a sailing/swimming/running triathlon on their final day of fleet racing.

Gold Fleet Race Officer Malcolm McKeag ran some excellent high standard racing for the advanced mixed fleet of RS Tera, RS Feva, RS Vision, and Laser sailors. "The real kick out of this event for me" he said "is watching how new-comers to Solent tidal racing just get better every day."

This year the Scow fleet was smaller due to the lack of experienced helms to take the younger sailors out. Fran Wilson was Race Officer for the under 17 years Scow fleet with over 55 competitors divided into teams of mainly three per boat. "The improved confidence of many was great to see as the week went on," said on the water volunteer Scow coach Ollie Tait.

The final 'Pirates' day saw all fleets combined for a fun race in very light airs. It takes over 150 volunteers to run what is the South Coast's most famous flagship local community junior sailing regatta.

What can we say but THANK YOU

Thank you for all your help. It was a roaring success on and off the water thanks to the tremendous willing and enthusiastic support of those in ribs, motherships, committee and coach boats. As you know we couldn't run this event without you as we need over 100 volunteers afloat. Giving up your time to get all the young sailors out on the water and having fun really is appreciated and also those who lend the Club their rib as work commitments kept them off the water

Thanks also to Joules Clothing, Lymington Harbour Commission, Lymington Yacht Haven School and, Walhampton School for their support.

Shireen Crowe and the Junior Regatta Team

Cruising

This summer has been a 'Parson's Egg' in many ways. The weather has been kind and tricky in equal part and the Cruisers programme followed suit.

The Summer Cruise grew as the projected start date approached. The Cruising Supper in June heralded the departure and proved a blustery break in otherwise glorious weather which then held for the rest of the month. This held into early July for a fun day trip to Island Harbour on the Medina River, but then broke. Those embarking on trips from mid-July were hampered by variable conditions and a cooler, breezier outlook. In these mixed conditions, the Day Sails to Hornet and the Scow meet at Hurst Point were cancelled.

Further west Derek Barnard organised a Moody Owners event in Brittany and as far South as La Rochelle. Club members were welcome – especially those with boats in French marinas or en-route to join the 'Foreign Legion' in the Med.

As I write, the team are about to depart for the annual Charter Cruise. This year off to Croatia, where Sue Sutherland will lead the charter boats teaming up with Mike Derrick and friends in yachts permanently stationed abroad. This event provides a taste of cruising further afield and aims to pull far flung Club Members into the fold temporarily. We await the outcome with interest.

Close to home the Cruising Section is helping to organise a rally at Beaulieu for the visiting Chesapeake Yacht Club this coming weekend. This event starts the week-long Solent Cruise organised by Roger Wilson and David Brunskill to host some forty or so visiting Americans and build on the existing links between the two Clubs. Other venues include The Royal Yacht Squadron at Cowes and the Historic Dockyard at Portsmouth.

Later in the month a rally is planned to visit the 'Oktoberfest' at Bembridge and we are hoping for an a settled 'Indian Summer' to make the most of the Autumn.

Perrin Towler, Captain of Cruising

Engine Maintenance Talk- Saturday 14th October 1000



Wayne Taylor, Senior Engineer, of SAL Marine will attend the Club to talk about basic engine maintenance and preventive maintenance – what should be done daily, weekly and annually.

Also including 'trouble shooting' and winterisation.

Questions and discussion at 11.30 and ending at 12.00.

Please book a table if you wish to stay for lunch afterwards.

Robert Woolley, Cruising Committee

Bembridge Harbour Meet -23rd, 24th, 25th September

This is also the weekend of the Oktoberfest and Food Festival. The rally has been booked on the Duver Pontoon, which runs along the northern side of the harbour. Boats are welcome to attend for all or part of the weekend.

There will be a drinks party ashore adjacent to the Duver Pontoon on the evening of Saturday 23rd September. A dinner has been booked at the Bembridge Sailing Club on the evening of Sunday 24th September. On Sunday the club is opening especially for us from 1830, with dinner being served at 1930. The water taxi will ferry Members to and from the Club.

The deadline for registration is Wednesday 20th September so please put your name and numbers attending on the list beneath, or [email](#) me if you wish to attend.

Bill Parsons, Cruising Committee

Photographic Competition

The competition is open to all Club Members of any age. Subject: A photograph to be taken on or around the water.

- Each person may enter 1 A4 print.
- Closing date: strictly Friday 10th November 2017.
- Cameras, I-pads, drones, telephones may be used.
- Our younger Members are encouraged to enter.

All photographs will be displayed in the Clubhouse during the Members' Art Exhibition 24th to 27th November.

Queries to Harvie Woolley.

Harvie Woolley, Cruising Sub-Committee

Training

Powerboat Level 2 + Course (£45 to all) 23rd December

This is a course is run by the Club Chief Instructor (Power), Andrew Eady. It does not carry with it an RYA qualification, but it is based on the RYA Safety Boat Course. Candidates must already have an RYA Powerboat Level 2 certificate and be a confident powerboat driver.

The one day course is designed for those that help at Club events, who would like to gain some of the knowledge and skills to enable them to more effectively deal with safety of fleets and capsize situations as a crew.

Additional Requirements

RYA Level 2 Powerboat Certificate

Powerboat Level 2 Course (Members £95, Non Members £195);

- **21st & 22nd October**
- **18th & 19th November**
- **2nd & 3rd December**

This two-day course provides the skills and background knowledge needed to drive a powerboat and is the basis of the International Certificate of Competence. It includes close quarters handling, high speed manoeuvres, man overboard recovery and collision regulations.

The courses run from 09:00hrs to 16:30 approximately, all of the above courses can be booked by replying to this email or by contacting Reception on 01590 672677.

Please note that your booking will not be confirmed until payment has been made. If you require any further information about our training courses please click [here](#).

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Vicky Leen, Sailing Manager

Winter Race Management Training

Over the winter the RLymYC runs a variety of sessions for Club members involved, or wishing to be involved, in the provision of racing and race events at the Club. Members new to race management are particularly welcome. The sessions are, however, also designed to be a useful update to existing race team members, support boat drivers, marklayers, committee boat skippers and shore based support. The sessions are provided free to Members.

RYA Club Race Officer Course - Island Room - 1830 start

Thursday 11th January

Thursday 25th January

Thursday 1st February

Thursday 5th February

Role of the support boat - Island Room - 1830 start

Thursday 1st March

Thursday 15th March

One, possibly both, of these sessions will cover the task you could be asked to fulfill by the Race Officer if you are driving or crewing a support boat.

Use of Club VHF Radios

Saturday 21 April Island Room 1030 hours

Frances Evans

Volunteers



The end of August has seen the last of our Monday Evening Dingy racing but this does not mean that dinghy racing has stopped as the Scow Late Series started on Monday 4th September. There are still some positions to fill on the Race and Safety teams so if you normally Race on Monday evenings but are not part of the Scow Fleet and are free from 4 pm please contact Ann Brunskill for more information.

Other events coming up include the Nordic Folkboat Championships on the 16th and 17th of September and the Pottership Race on October the 7th for more details please contact Vicky in the office.

Finally a big thank you to all the Volunteers who have supported Monday and Thursday evening Racing and those who continue to support the XOD and Folkboat Racing through the autumn series.

Jane Corden

Racing

POTTER SHIP

Saturday 7th October 2017

[Get your hands on the Club's most famous trophy...](#)

- All boats (monohulls) must be owned by FULL Members of the Royal Lyminster Yacht Club.
- A FULL, FAMILY or JUNIOR Member of the Club must helm the boat throughout the Race.
- Free for all Members
- Race starts at 10:05hrs.

[The Notice of Race & Entry Form is now available to download by clicking here.](#)

Dinghies

Monday Evening Dinghies

The MED Late Series drew to a conclusion with sunshine and a light breeze for the final race on the bank holiday. Most of the fleets were very close on points, reflecting the tight competition, and turnouts particularly in the Scows have been very strong. There was just enough wind for Classes 1 and 2 to finish the final race; sadly not the slower boats as the spring ebb was too strong. The fact that so few races were lost this season is a good reflection on the wind gods and on the dedication of the race teams and safety boat crews. Our volunteers on and off the water certainly deserve a big vote of thanks from the sailors for laying on another season of wonderful evening racing, a perfect tonic after a day at work.

The Scows continue with four more Monday evening races in their Late Late series through September. If you normally sail something else and fancy taking on the might of the Scow fleet in one of the two Club Scows, or have time to help out with running the race, contact the office.

Potter Dinghy Race

After several years of being thwarted by winds too strong or too light, the Potter Dinghy Race 2017 finally had a good result. Although the sun was shining and the southwesterly breeze was only 15-20 knots, the strengthening ebb made the conditions to the east of the river entrance pretty exciting at times. Race officer Vince Sutherland and his team set a windward-leeward course which all the dinghies raced around for an hour, the faster ones doing up to 6 laps. The boats were scored on Portsmouth Yardstick handicaps based on average lap times.

By the last lap, the wind and tide had strengthened enough to kick up a classic West Solent chop. This made the downwind leg of the course pretty tricky; many of the sailors nose-dived or capsized trying to gybe. Of the 21 starters, only 10 finished the race, the rest keeping the safety fleet busy. First overall were Luke and Emma McEwen in their RS800, while Brian and David Earl came second in their Javelin. Vita Heathcote and Charlotte Boyle were third overall and first Medium fleet boat in their 420; Robin Taunt was the first Scow sailor. None of the Slow fleet finished but Abby Hire was awarded the Endeavour prize for persevering in her Tera until the mast

Juniors

Honda RYA Youth Challenge

It was a Club double at the Honda RYA Youth RIB Challenge Southern Regional Final.

The event was hosted by Oxford Sailing Club and held on the reservoir at Farmoor. Eleven year old Henry Wood showed great composure in difficult conditions to win the younger age group 8-12 with a winning time of 1 min 28 Secs.

Fellow Club racers Tom Rogers claimed first on the older age group 13-16 with a winning time of 1 min 12 Secs, a very quick time considering the weather conditions and Alice Wood, narrow missed second place by a second.

Both winners have secured a place in the National Final which will take place at the Southampton International Boat Show on the 17th September. They will compete against the other Regional winners for the opportunity to win a RIB for their Club.

<http://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/honda-rya-youth-rib/Pages/hub.aspx>

Iain Wood

Youth Lasers September Update

No sooner had the Laser 4.7 Worlds finished in Nieuwpoort, Belgium than it was straight up to Abersoch in North Wales for the UKLA Laser Nationals. RLymYC Youth Laser sailors had another good week, being represented all three of the classes. In the Laser 4.7 class, the forecast for a very windy week saw a number of Radial sailors downsizing to the 4.7 and a stronger than expected fleet competing. This was certainly a week for those who enjoy windy weather and this benefitted the Club sailors who, in the 4.7s, were presented with the Best 4.7 Club award; Tom Mitchell and Flo Nicholls finishing 5th & 8th overall. Flo finished 1st British Girl and the 2017 Girls Laser 4.7 National Champion.



In the Radials, RLymYC sailors were also the best Club; Milo Gill-Taylor and Matilda Nicholls finishing 3rd & 8th. Matilda was also crowned the 2017 U19 Girls Laser Radial National Champion.

After the Nationals, the Radials headed for Medemblik, Holland for the Youth Laser Radial World Championships. 309 sailors took to the water for a challenging week of sailing, with the 4 days of qualifying being characterised by very light and fluky winds and the 2 finals series days seeing more wind, especially on the final day. RLymYC sailors acquitted themselves well with results as follows:

Overall boys' championship (273 sailors) - 26th Milo Gill-Taylor (2nd GBR boy), 92nd, Arthur Fry (5th GBR boy) 138th Jordan Giles (6th GBR boy), 207th Jo Drake (9th GBR boy) 225th, Henry Beardsall (11th GBR boy)

Boys' U17 championship (77 sailors) - 19th Arthur Fry (1st GBR U17 boy), 55th Henry Beardsall (4th GBR U17 boy)

Overall girls' championship (106 sailors) - 10th Matilda Nicholls (2nd GBR girl)

Girls' U17 championship (24 sailors) - 1st Matilda Nicholls, U17 World Champion

(pictured right).



We also celebrated Henry Beardsall's 16th birthday during the event, with sailors, parents and coaches attending a BBQ in his honour.

Laser sailors branching out

During August we also had the very successful Junior Regatta here at the Club. It is always a great event and the organisation and enthusiasm of all involved is fantastic to see. Tom Mitchell won the fast handicap Gold fleet with Sam de la Feuillade just behind him, with the final result between these two being decided on the very last race! We also welcomed new comer, Alfie Dowson-McGill, to the fleet. Well done to all the Laser sailors who took part.

Arthur Fry competed in Cowes Week in La Reponse (affectionately known as Larry), the First 40 owned and helmed by Admiral of RORC, Andrew McIrvine. Larry won its very competitive class, IRC2, with a string of bullets in four of their six races, ending the week 10th overall. Arthur also competed at the SB20 World Championships, hosted in Cowes by the Royal Yacht Squadron. All four sailors in

the boat were Club Members, but had not sailed together before the first day. Helmed by Oliver Hill, with Arthur, Charlie Hill (the only non-youth sailor in the team) and George Richards as crew, the boys managed 15th in the Silver fleet, out of 40 boats, earning considerable respect from the older and more experienced crews on the water.

Winter training – dates for your diary

We have finalised the first half of our winter training. In the 4.7s we are pleased to have Greg Carey coaching again, and joining him this winter will be Robbie Claridge. Hannah Snellgrove will continue as main coach for the Radials. An exciting development is the introduction of a Youth Standard group, with Alex Mills-Barton as the main coach.

Winter Training dates to the end of the year:

- 7th/8th October
- 11th/12th November
- 9th/10th December

Please call the Club to book your place, 01590 672677.

Fiona Fry & Clare de la Feuillade

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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.

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