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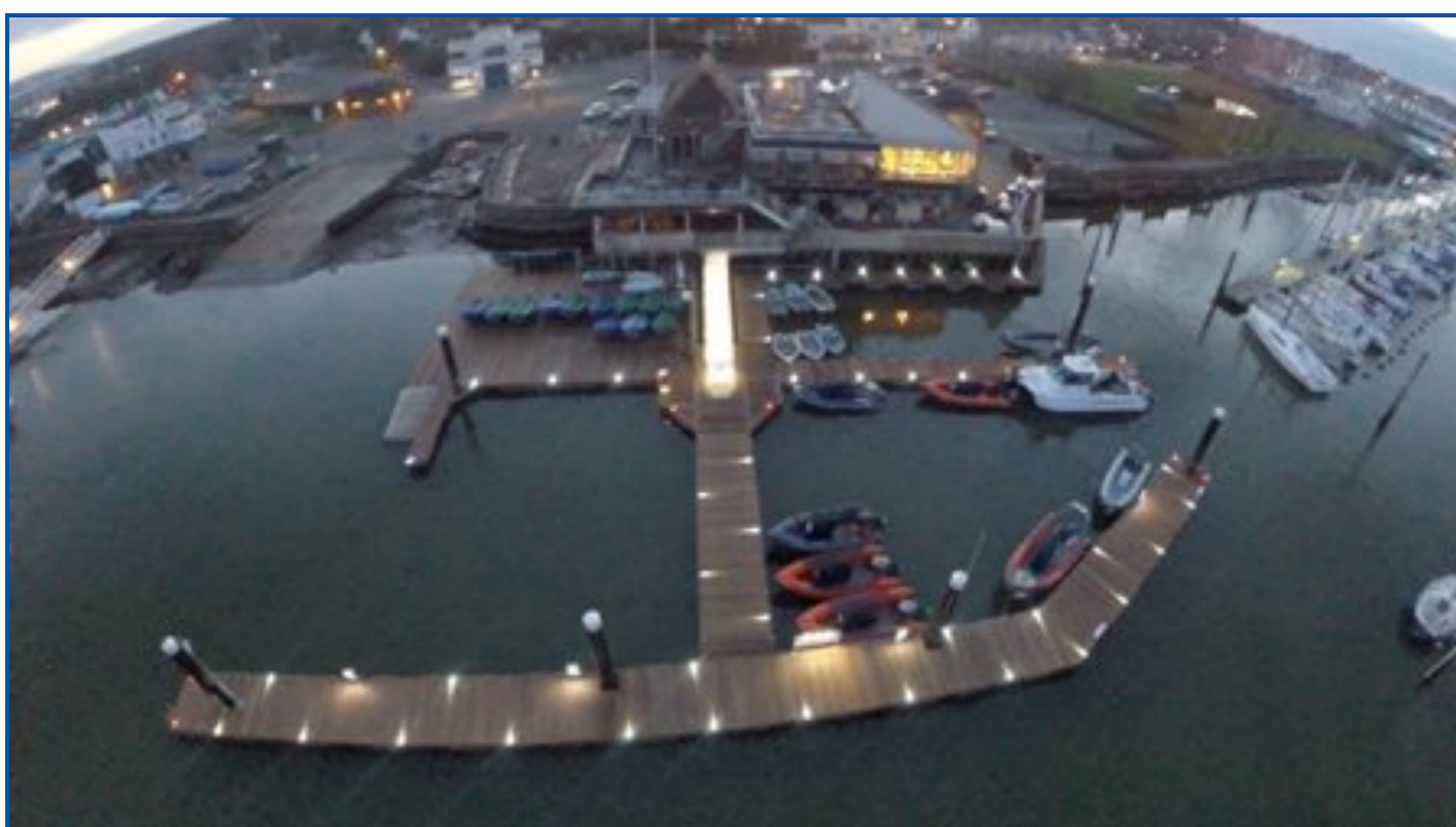


ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

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March 2016

Pontoon Project

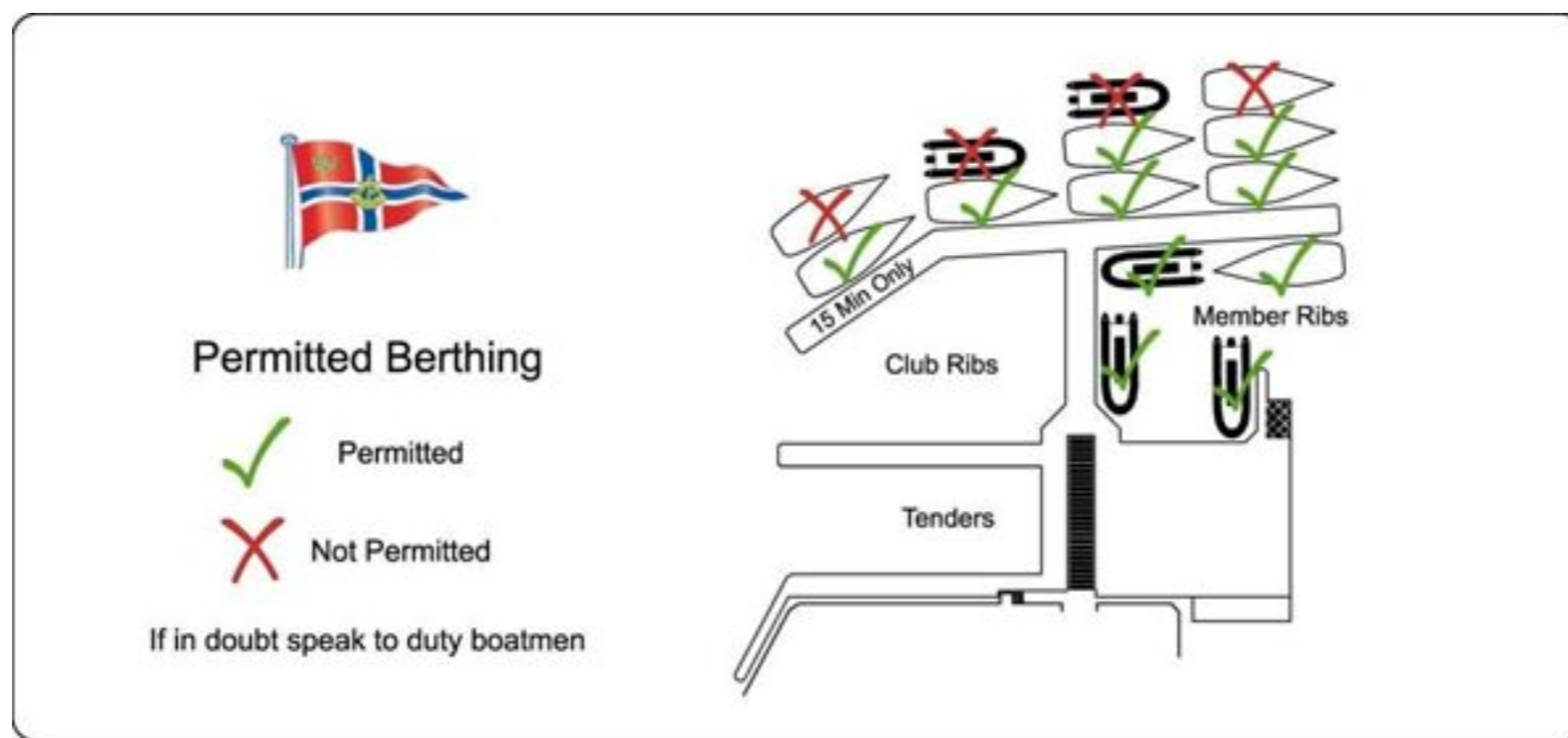


On the 28th February at 3.30 pm all the Club tenders, WJS Scows and RIBs were returned to their zones and the final exclusion signage removed - within 30 minutes of doing this the first 'customer' moored on the River Pontoon.

All Members really must make time to see the quality and admire the many new features, not least wifi and CCTV cameras. They also look spectacular lit up at night.

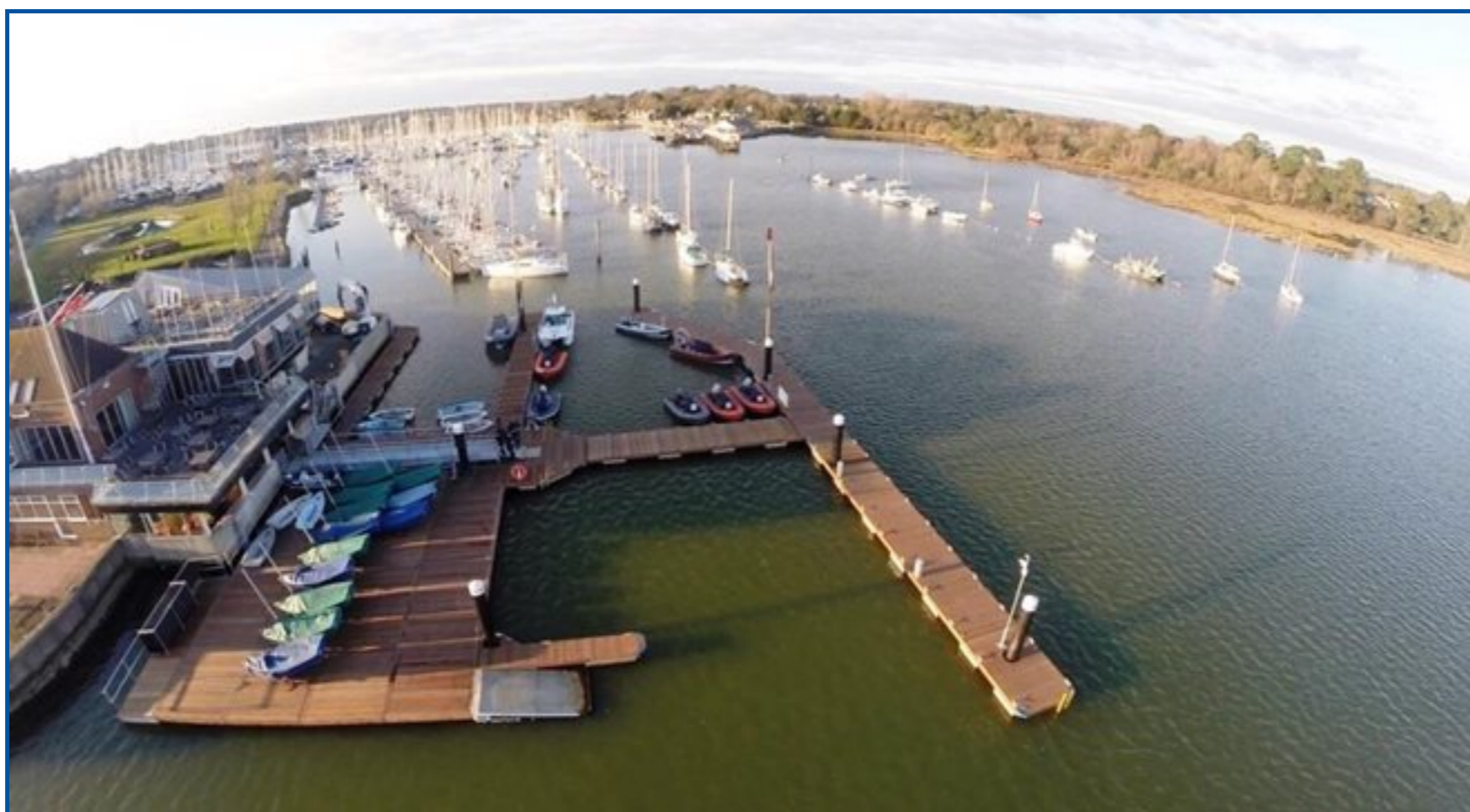
We are now in the shakedown period. Whilst the use of each of the four water zones has been very carefully thought out and tested, now it is finished we ask Members for their patience and understanding over the next few months. Feedback and constructive comments are welcome and should be sent by email to [the office](#) and not directed to Club staff.

The 2016 Handbook contains a revised Item 5 (page 128) to reflect the new layout, **Please Note: We have just noticed that the old Area Descriptions have been included by error in the new handbook. For the correct regulations please click here.** and there is a board on the pontoon showing how the berths may be used, a copy of which is below:



Notwithstanding this there are a couple of points, related to the various approvals given for the revised arrangements, that we would like to draw to everyone's attention:

1. The 15 minute berth **is to be used for 15 minute stays only** even if nobody is lying off waiting to moor there.
2. Similarly, again in order to comply with our LHC approval and resulting from our extension into the river, **rafting to two boats is the MAXIMUM at all times including race evenings. Rafting is limited to the downstream berths only with the 15 minute and next downstream berth being one boat only.**
3. The inside downstream pool is a flexible area but generally, except on days of regattas or other organised events, shall be for mooring members RIBs and yachts, leaving the outside berths for yachts only. There is 1.5m minimum depth at LWS alongside the WJS deck and minimum 2m alongside the 'river' pontoon.



Congratulations to Michael Derrick, Andrew Eady, Ali Husband, David Simpson and our Boatmen for their commitment, hard work and vision which has delivered a first class pontoon complex. The high quality of the fittings, the attention to detail and the technical innovations they have incorporated make for both functional and attractive pontoons which our Club will enjoy and be proud of for many years to come.

Stuart Duffin, Rear Commodore Sailing

Official Opening Ceremony

We are delighted that our Patron, HRH The Princess Royal, has accepted our invitation to officially open our pontoon on the 21st April. We will be sending out the formal invitations to those Members involved and to Members who have helped fund the project through the loan agreement. (in view of the restriction on numbers we have had to pick names out of the hat, which I am sure all will understand.)

The Club, primarily to comply with security requirements, will be closed from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm on this day. Thank you for your co-operation.

Clive Sparrow, Vice Commodore

Club

Annual General Meeting, Saturday 6th February

The Club's Annual General Meeting was attended by 133 full and family Members. Chaired by the Commodore the formal business commenced. The minutes of the last year's AGM were approved, the report of the General Committee, the Auditor's report and the Club's annual accounts for the financial year ended 30th September 2015 were received and approved.

Rear Commodore Finance presented in detail the financial budget for 2016 and the 5 year financial plan to general approval. The meeting approved the proposal to increase subscriptions by 2% for 2016. The re-appointment of Princecroft Willis as auditors was agreed. A Member asked the board to consider competitive tendering for future years.

The Vice Commodore outlined the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association as detailed to the Membership in the documents issued prior to the AGM. The change to resolution 18.3 amending the term of office of Trustees, after considerable debate, was not adopted. All other resolutions were adopted unanimously.

The Commodore announced the election to the General Committee of Jane Clegg, Michael Derrick and Andrew Eady and re-election of William Newton and thanked the retiring Members Sally Priestley, Roger Wilson and Robert Woolley for their contribution. Trustee John Bence thanked the Flag Officers and General Committee for their work and commitment.

The formal business of meeting was then closed.

Subsequent questions were then raised including improving the public slipway which Chairman of the Harbour Commission, Geoff Holmes being present, was able to answer. One Member questioned the relatively un-commercial rates charged for the usage of the Club's crane and after some discussion it was agreed that the existing practice was acceptable and cost effective for the Club.

The Members then retired to the River Room at 1.00 pm.

Clive Sparrow, Vice Commodore

Club Handbook

The 2016 Club Handbook has now been sent out. Please return any old Handbooks to the Office for secure disposal.

Secretary's Notes

The annual combined Royal Institute of Navigation and RLymYC lecture, 'An Insight into Tudor Navigation' by Admiral John Lippiett, is scheduled for Thursday 17th March at 1800 for 1830. HMS BLAZER of the Southampton University Royal Naval Unit, will be visiting and we expect a full turnout. If you would like to attend, please add your names to the list on the notice board soon as there are only 20 places remaining.

The Commodore of Lymington Town Sailing Club has asked me to pass on his thanks for our generosity in sharing our changing rooms this spring while theirs are being refurbished, which they expect to have completed by Easter. Our gents might have admired our smart new stainless steel benching will re-lacquered seats, which are a huge improvement on the old rapidly corroding versions.

I hope that many Members will by now have met Stuart Cox, our new Hospitality Manager, who is settling in very well. We have taken the opportunity to streamline our staffing structure on the first floor, and are most grateful to Lisa Trott, who joined us in July 15 to give invaluable assistance with the oversight of the restaurant service at a challenging time. Lisa has now moved on to seek a more permanent post with longer working hours.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

We welcome the following new Members to the Club

- Steve and Izzy Adshead,
- Paul, Clare and Stephanie de la Feuillade,
- Freya Sewell

Royal Lymington Cup

THE ROYAL LYMINGTON CUP
16th-17th JULY 2016

Denisons Jackson on board For 2016 Royal Lymington Cup

Local estate agent, Denisons Jackson, will be supporting the Royal Lymington Cup. Andy Denison, Principal, Denisons Jackson said they are delighted to be able to support the Club and the home teams who will be charged with battling it out against the best on the race course to ensure the Cup stays in the Club trophy cabinet.

'An IRC inter-club championship in Christchurch Bay over the weekend of July 16-17, will be a real draw for many top sailors who enjoy the challenge of close competitive cruiser racing' said Andy, who is current president of the Finn World Masters Fleet.

Peter Scholfield, Event Coordinator.

House

Well, February was an active month despite the continued grey skies and rain. The Club has been busy with a really romantic Valentine's night, various Club divisions having Dinners, our usual Bridge Suppers, Quiz nights and Movies. I do hope you are enjoying some of the changes our new Hospitality Manager, Stuart, is making and I understand he has more ideas up his sleeve.

May I remind you all of Club Regulation 19 (page 136 of the handbook) that outdoor clothing should not be worn on the first floor. The respecting of this rule has lapsed somewhat this winter. I would ask Members and their guests to leave coats etc. in the cloakrooms provided downstairs. The practical reason for this is we have a comparatively small bar and dining area and it is harder for the staff to do their job safely and efficiently when there are coats and jackets lying around. There is also an aesthetic reason to create a more pleasant ambience for us all to enjoy.

For clarity we intend to replace the reminder cartoons with a formal notice at the top of the first flight of stairs. We thank you for helping us to make this policy work for everyone's benefit.

On a brighter note, those of you that love Zac & the Zeros, will be delighted to know that they will be playing for us at the Fitting Out Party on the 19th March. Tickets are on sale now and it will be a great evening.

As always, if you are a new Member and would like to join in but do not know many people yet, let us know and we will arrange for you to join a table.

I wish you all a great start to the new season.

Denise Moore, Rear Commodore House

Social



There are still tickets remaining for this year's Fitting Out Party , please click the banner to register your interest online.



To attend please sign up on the Social Notice Board or [online](#). The normal Club Menu will be available on the evening. Please pre-order to ensure your food is ready as soon as the film finishes.

Racing

Portmore Insurance Spring Series - 3, 10, 17 & 24 April 2016



The season kicks off with The Portmore Spring Series which runs on 4 consecutive Sundays with two races per day commencing on April 3rd. Notice of Race and Entry Form will be available shortly. Please click the banner opposite for more up to date information.

Also New for 2016: Coaching Day 2nd April



Additionally on the Saturday before the first race (2nd April) and during both races the following day the Club has been fortunate to secure the services of coaching legend Jim Saltonstall and double Olympian Barry Dunning for on-the-water coaching.

Jim and Barry will be out in RIBs to give feedback your boat-handling and sail-trim. They will also film your antics for discussion and comment in the River Room after racing. You may also invite them aboard if you wish. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be drafted to allow this without breaking RRS 41 - Outside Help.

If you wish to benefit from coaching you must opt in when entering the series. There is no extra cost!

John Corden, Captain of Racing.

Cruising

Future events

Looking further ahead into April there is a Day Cruise to Newtown Creek on the Saturday 23rd and our Spring Meet this year is over the May Day holiday weekend starting on the 29th April and finishing on 1st May. This year the destination is the Hamble. Full details of these events will be posted on the notice boards and on the web site.

Day Cruise to Cowes Monday 14th March

On Monday 14th March there is a Day Cruise to Cowes with berths organised in Shepherds Warf and lunch at the Island Sailing Club. This is always a very well attended event probably drawn by the chance to enjoy the ISC's renowned Fish & Chips. (See more details below.)

Saturday 9th April Safety Day and informal Cruising Supper

The Safety Day will be followed that evening by an Informal Cruising Supper, the second of the year.

Details of all events are posted both on the [website](#) and the notice board as well as reminder emails sent out just prior to the event. Everyone is welcome on a Cruising Section event, motor yachts, sailing yachts, RIBs and where appropriate Scows and other dinghies.

George Johnson, Captain of Cruising.

Day Cruise to Cowes Monday 14th March

- 15 Moorings provisionally booked
- 50 covers booked for the Island Sailing Club
- 2 course fixed price menu available*
- Favourable tides both ways
- Briefing at 9 am in the R.Lym Club Bar
- Sign up to the notice on the Club Notice Board

Please note that the organiser needs to know the name and length of boat, and the number of diners, so please attend the briefing. This information is required for Shepherds Wharf Marina and the ISC Catering. Cannot get to the Club to sign up? Then email [Derek Barnard](#).

The Caledonian Canal Charter September 2016 Update



Seven cruisers have been chartered by 24 Club Members and friends for this forthcoming extravaganza! One boat will start on the 17th September and six on the 19th. All craft have been booked with Caley Cruisers of Inverness. If this event is of interest to you go to their website www.caleycruisers.com. The site has links to other sites and provides tips on what to see and do, as well as information on Caley's fleet of cruisers and a suggested itinerary. If you decide to book then don't forget to



mention that you are part of the Royal Lynton Yacht Club event and you should qualify for a 10% reduction on your charter fee. Please let me know as well.

Several members are making this trip as part of a tour of Scotland, so why not consider this as well.

The Caledonian Canal cruise starts at Inverness and will traverse from the east to the west coast of Scotland through The Great Glen to Fort William and return. There are many outdoor activities to be experienced, even a bit of Nessie hunting if you're brave enough! Should you want to know more then email the organiser, [Derek Barnard](#) or call 07971 206864.

Past Cruising Events

Cruising Dinner



The Cruising Dinner saw 97 Members and guests sit down to this black tie event. The room was magnificently decorated with flowers by Mary Miller and Liz Mount and our restaurant staff had set up the tables in a very smart fashion. Brigadier Andy Bristow entertained us with tales of exploits both on the water and in zones of military conflict. The similarities of the preparation and preparedness for both caused some of our keen sailors to wonder when their call up papers would arrive! The evening was rounded off with the presentation of the Cruising Trophies and the photo shows Jane Pitt-Pitts receiving her John and Angie Bailey Lifetime Achievement in Sailing Award from John Bailey.

Day Cruise to Buckler's Hard – Thursday 26th February 2016



On a day of brilliant winter sunshine and calm seas seven sailing yachts and eight motor yachts with 64 skippers and crew set off from Lyminster for the Beaulieu River and Buckler's Hard Marina.

The river banks and skies were heavily populated with wild birds, an absolute treat for the ornithologists. On a flood tide everyone arrived in good time to sit down together; we filled the Admiral's restaurant at the Master Builders Hotel to enjoy a hot lunch.

This is one venue in the Cruising Calendar when Members who are unable to travel by boat can travel by car to join in. The return trip was made in equally good weather but providing a little more wind to assist the sailing yachts.

Bob Woolley - Cruising Committee

Wednesday Junior Sailing

Spring is almost on us and we are all looking forward to the start of WJS on April 27th. Prior to this we have various work party days to prepare the boats and return them to the new pontoon.

We have work parties on March 9th, 16th and 23rd where we would welcome any help please.

The Safety Briefing on March 30th is **compulsory** for any WJS volunteer and we look forward to seeing both previous and potential volunteers. There is lots to discuss with the new pontoon and equipment storage.

There will be training sessions on Wednesdays April 6th, 13th, and 20th. Details on the [website](#)

To download a copy of the latest newsletter, please [click here](#).

Training

Mark Laying Course - 12th March 2016

£10 for Members and Non-Members

Full details and booking information on the [website](#).

Vicky Leen, Events Assistant

Race Team Training

RLymYC Keelboats Series - Simon van der Byl

Tuesday 15 March 2016, Island Room 1815 for 1830 - Setting Courses for Monday Evening Dinghy Racing - Steve Green

Saturday 16 April 2016, Island Room 1030-1130 - VHF Radio Use for Race Team Members and Support Boats - Phil Baker

NB Phil tells me that some of the buttons on the new VHF radios have different functions compared to the old radios we have all become used to. Just when you thought you had coped with the latest update!

Please add your name to the sign-up sheets on the notice board for these sessions.

Frances Evans

Race Team



The start of the Club racing season is fast approaching, with the first Spring Series race taking place on Sunday 3rd April; there are still some gaps in our race team for this event so if you are able to help as part of the race team either on a committee boat or mark laying please contact Kirsty at the Club. The racing takes place in the Western Solent and is over in time for lunch back at the Club. For once the first race does not coincide with the clocks going forward so not a very early start.

There is a meeting for race officers for the XOD fleet series on Monday the 14th March at 6.00 so if you are able to help with either the Wednesday or Saturday afternoon series please bring along your diaries I am sure that Malcolm and his team would be pleased to see you.

Other briefings coming up are:

Wednesday 30th March Wednesday Junior Sailing Safety Team Briefing

Wednesdays 6th 13th 20th April Wednesday Junior Sailing Training

The dates for the Monday Evening Dinghies and Thursday Evening Keelboat Race Team Briefings will be in next month's ePotter News.

If you haven't already filled in a Sailing Event Team form, it's on the [website](#). If you need any more information please contact Kirsty at the Club and she will be happy to help.

Jane Corden

Fleets

Optimists

The Optimist Winter Training has come to an end, after six challenging and fun weekends. Lymington was the place to be this winter, with sailors from all over the country, coming for our six challenging and fun weekends of coaching. Over 50 children registered including a number of the current squad sailors. The legendary Greek coach, Vagelis, delivered four weekends of high performance sailing. Alongside the work on the water, Vagelis focussed on the intuitive aspects, developing skills like intuition and feel. He was supported by our own local coaches; Robbie Claridge, Max Moyles, Nik Froud, Sarah Jarman and Jake Farren-Price. The other two weekends were led by Josh Atherton, Oliver Spensley-Corfield and Tom Hayes from the RYA. The challenging job of Safety Officer was taken by Joff McGill, while new member Clare de la Feuillade helped with the admin and many other parents helped as JSOODs, with RIBs, by accommodating coaches and giving general help. Thank you all!



This year, we introduced a new group, the 'mini racers' for advanced Bronze Fleet sailors who are ready to have a go in the river, but not yet up to the Silver Fleet. Coached by Nick Rogers, (now an Oppie Dad) and assisted by Maria Claridge, their fun outlook and leadership ensured a super successful fleet of happy little sailors who went through all the wind, the cold and toughness of our past winter with broad smiles and wanting more and more.

The intermediate fleet were coached by Ben Vines, (also an Oppie Dad) who started off being JSOOD for the minis and ended up helping lead this transition group.

On the very last weekend, our coaches surpassed themselves when, at the last minute, Vagelis could not fly over. Robbie Claridge took the lead in the safety and local sailing knowledge, Nik Froud lead the briefings and organised the children with the assistance of Max Moyles and Sarah Jarman. It was lovely to see them inspired and moving to another level as coaches.

The sessions were superbly organised and the feedback was very good. We are proud of you all. Thanks go to a huge group of people who gave up their weekends

over the winter to help in every aspect of the training.

Congratulations on making it through the winter training in Lymington. The best is still to come!

Valeria Sesto, Captain of Optimists

Sailability

Fashion and Beauty Show – 4th May

We are holding a Fashion and Beauty Show at the Chewton Glen on 4th May in aid of Lymington Sailability. The House of Jaeger will be providing the fashion show and Clinique will be demonstrating their beauty products and providing beauty tips.

To book tickets please contact Aly 07823 338374 or Becky 01590 610346 or email lymsailability@gmail.com.



RNLI

Early Reminder – Beaulieu Boat Jumble Sunday 24th April 2016

The Lymington Branch are always happy to accept items for this year's Beaulieu Boat Jumble.

Contact John Niven 01590 678839 or Celia Lassen, 01590 672881 for more details.



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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