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Christmas Cogitations

This is the twelfth ePotterNews and the months have flown by. My thanks to all the contributors who I have nagged and cajoled and who make this newsletter a true mirror of the Club's activities. The response from all over the world has also been amazing. Thank you to everyone who has emailed or spoken to me. I love reading the Christmas round robin letters but can never get round to writing my own. Now I have a monthly one! We've learnt as we've gone along. Next year I would like to see more people using the newsletter to get information from other Members. Last month's request for details of the East Coast of the USA was speedily answered and I'm hoping more people will use the For Sale and Wanted columns. Thank you also to everyone who has helped me, in particular Neil Eccles, Andrew Salanson, Jon Chittock, Kevin Podger and everyone at the Club.

Happy Christmas and fair winds for 2010.

Ann Brunskill

Ferry Update - Latest

Consultants' Review of Summer Ferry Operations

When the consultants' report on the new ferries was published at the beginning of the season, the Club requested that further work be carried out to observe the operation of the ferries in summer traffic. The Harbour Commissioners (LHC) engaged their consultants BMT to carry out a review of summer ferry operations. Their report has now been finalised and can be viewed [here](#).

The River Users Safety Group met recently to review the BMT draft report. The Commodore represented the Club at that meeting and the minutes can now be viewed [here](#).

Incident Reporting:

If you have an incident on the river you can report it through the Club using a new form which is available from the Club and also online.

For guidance notes and incident forms [click here](#)



Club

Annual General Meeting Saturday 6th February 2010

The notice advertising the AGM will be on the board shortly. The General Committee will ensure that at least 6 good candidates will be available to fill the vacancies and Members are invited to propose other candidates if they so wish. Nominations should be in writing signed by a proposer and seconder and accompanied by a candidate's CV of approximately 100 words. The Commodore would be happy to discuss any suggestions may have.

Business Meeting

The Vice Commodore puts the record straight.

'Those of you who were at the Annual Sailing and Club Review will have heard me say, by a slip of the tongue, that 75 % of Club members are aged over 70. I had intended to say 25%. Despite some gasps from those present, no-one gave me a nudge or questioned the statement, which possibly says something about our perceptions. According to the latest numbers available, 28.6 % of our members are aged over 70. It is said however that, as far as age is concerned that nowadays 70 is the new 50 !

London International Boat Show



London Boat Show

Date for the Diary - Harken offer of travel and tickets Thursday 14th January 2010

We are again offering Harken's excellent coach trip and inclusive show tickets at £20 per head. The coach departs from outside the Club at 0730 on Jan 14th on and leaves the show for Lymington at 1800. [To download the ticket pro-forma click here.](#)



Discounted Boat Show Tickets every day

In addition to the Harken coach trip and tickets, we have also arranged via yachting journalist John Goode, an excellent deal for discounted tickets. Members may purchase these tickets by phone or via the London Boat Show website at £10 each or £11 with a complementary drink. This is a more flexible arrangement than that offered by the RYA and works for any day including the expensive preview Friday.



[Click here to go to the members area for details](#) (not available to the general public). Remember you will need the new login for the Members Area of the website as sent by post in the last mailing. If you need help just ask the office for the login.

Social

As well as the usual Quiz Nights, Film Nights and Bridge evenings, there is a full programme of Christmas and New Year activities. [Please check on the website](#) or contact the office for details.

Club Mailings - Your Club needs you

The Club saves several hundred pounds each time there is a mailing (there are usually three a year) thanks to the effort of the 50 or so volunteers who help fill envelopes and/or deliver our mailing letters. This all helps to keep the subscriptions down. However there is a shortage of mail deliverers in particular in the following areas: Trafalgar Place and Waterloo Road, Southampton Road (South), Marsh Lane and Sarum Walk, Sway Road and Bowling Green, New Milton, Shirley Holms, Boldre Lane, Walhampton and Portmore, Beaulieu, Sowley, Burley, Lyndhurst and Exbury. Even if you can only deliver a proportion of the letters and leave us to post the rest, it would help, so please volunteer. The next mailing will be in February 2010; if you can help please sign up on the notice which will be posted on the board nearer the time, call David Matcham (tel 01590 689330) or the Secretary.



Staff Christmas Fund reminder

Thank you to those who have responded to the Commodore's letter about the Staff Fund. If you haven't yet contributed but would like to do so, then the fund remains open into the New Year.

Cruising

First of all a very happy Christmas to all the cruisers and I hope you all have good weather and fair winds for 2010.

David Houlton

Cowes Meet

The Winter Meet programme has got off to a good start though the November meet to Cowes had to be postponed because of very bad weather - but it is now to take place on Tuesday 8th December in exactly the same format. [Details are here](#) or Club notice board - so if you want to go for an icebreaker sail or motor put your name on the list or let me know.

Needles Relief - Saturday 19th December

This is to take place on Saturday 19th December - so if you would like to just potter over to Yarmouth by boat or indeed ferry or race please buy tickets from Reception for the lunch at the Royal Solent YC as soon as possible. [More information here.](#) There will be the normal display by the RNLI/Coastguards and lunch at the Royal Solent. Details are on the website and Club notice board. A raffle for the RNLI is also being run - prize a TRIP ON THE YARMOUTH LIFEBOAT. Tickets are on sale at £1 a go, in the bar - so please support this worthwhile cause. The more you buy the greater your chance of winning.

Newtown Creek - January

The next winter rally will be held in January at Newtown with lunch at the New Inn. We will circulate details in the next few weeks.

Lectures

The next session of lectures starts in January:

Wednesday, 6th January - RNLI Lifeboats - Past, Present and Future – Jo Blachford

Wednesday, 13th January – Lymington in Old Photographs – Steve Marshall

Wednesday, 20th January - Circumnavigating the World – Ged and Jim McNully

Wednesday, 27th January – Cruising the River Plate – Angie Coham

[Details of all lectures are here](#)

Log Competition

We need a lot more logs. Details of the various awards are [on the website](#) and Club notice board. Deadline for submission is 15 January 2010 - so please let's have them.

Cruising Dinner - Saturday 20th February

Please make sure this date is in your diaries. Further details will be published in the New Year.

Racing

Needles Relief Saturday 19th December

The Notice of Race and Entry form are now [available to download](#). The SAR helicopter display will be at 1215 (weather permitting) and is a joint exercise between the Coastguard helicopter and the Yarmouth and Lymington Lifeboats. The best place to watch is the balcony of the Royal Solent Yacht Club where there will be a broadcast commentary. Tickets for the Royal Solent Yacht Club lunch can be purchased from the Office (subject to availability). There will be a prize giving in the bar at about 1315 followed by a presentation of seasonal gifts to the RNLI crews and Yarmouth Harbour Master.



Christmas fun in Scows for all ages

Peter Andreae Trophy, Monday 28th December

The Peter Andreae Trophy will be sailed on Monday 28th December in Club/WJS Scows. [More details here](#). This trophy, a silver model of a Lymington Pram, was presented to the Club many years ago and is for under 21 year old Club Members to compete for annually at Christmas. 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.

The event for sometime now has been competed for in Scows and the numbers entering have 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 into a two race final. Interestingly it is not always the seniors who come out on top.

In 2008 Oren Richards, (senior) won, with Sophie Weguelin (senior) 2nd and Hannah Muskett (intermediate) 3rd, will these three be around in 2009 to defend their positions, who do we have coming up in the wings to challenge for this trophy?

Volunteers to help organise the racing, crew or drive RIBS, keep the records up-to-date and sort out the prizes are always very welcome. Please contact the office if you would like to come down and help.



Penguin Trophy, Tuesday 29th December

This year's Penguin Trophy will be held at the Club on Tuesday 29th 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. [More information here](#)

Helmsmen must be Members of the Club with a minimum age of 14 years. The boats shall be raced double-handed, with a minimum combined crew age of 35 years.



Annual Varsity Team Racing 1st - 3rd July 2010 - Accommodation request

The Club is hosting the 2010 Varsity Team Racing match between Oxford and Cambridge Universities. There will be 30 sailors and at least 2 umpires who will need accommodation for the duration of the event. If you would like to help and have some room then please contact the office. It's a great way to be part of one of the Club's events.

RS Elites

The Solent Circuit Series was hotly contested, with the top 3 boats constantly changing places. In the end

Martin Wadhams in RS Sailing came out on top again, but he had some close competition. Peter Lister in Pipefish showed much improved form to take second place with Paul Woodman a close third in Fuzzy Duck. The club's Elite, Freebie, is now booked for the Nationals here at Lymington in July 2010, but is available for charter for all other events next season.



Nordic Folkboats

The 2009 Season finished with the LTSC Solent Circuit. There were 12 entries and the racing was keenly contested. Madelaine helmed by Ed Donald was 1st followed by Yukon, Rick Otten and Svenja, Michael Stoner. The Lymington Nordic AGM was a lively occasion and was followed by the 2009 prizegiving.

Nordic Results 2009

Saturday Series scratch

1	Crackerjack	Stuart Watson, Matthew Jones
2	Padfoot	Chris Hills
3	Moonraker	Mark Crader

Saturday Series handicap

1	Paloma	Jim Tennant
2	Moonraker	Mark Crader
3	Aurora	Claude Hamilton and Paul Wood

Christchurch Ledge Race

1	Crackerjack	Stuart Watson
2	Tak	Jeremy Austin
3	Madeleine	Ed Donald

LTSC West Solent Series* * amended 7/12/09

1	Yukon	Rick Otten
2	Moonraker	Mark Crader
3	Padfoot	Chris Hills



2010 will be busy year with the Club hosting the Nordic Folkboat National Championships in the Western Solent and Christchurch Bay. There is a strong fleet of 17 Nordics racing from the Club and they hope to do well at the Nationals in their home waters.

XOD fleet

The XODs concluded their 2009 Season with a jolly Prizegiving Dinner attended by 97 people, who enjoyed Malcolm McKeag sparkling after dinner speech. The list of prizewinners is on the website. Anyone is interested in joining the Class should contact the Class Captain, [Fenella Lees](#) - there are still a few boats available. The build up to the Centenary in 2011 is creating much interest.

Training

Kristy Powell - in her new role as Chief Instructor of Sailing will be running dinghy courses for both adults and children next year. The courses will start in April and dates will be announced early next year on the Sailing notice board and in ePotterNews. In the meantime for individual sailing lessons, Kristy can be contacted by [email](#).

Junior and Youth

International 420 Class

Six teams from the Club took part, and two Club Members sailed with other crews, at the Class Inland Championships at Datchet Water Sailing Club on the 10th and 11th October. Saturday was sunny with winds of 8-10kts increasing to 18 knots, good trapezing weather, but the shifting wind made conditions tricky. Sunday was more overcast but with 15 kts, gradually building to 20kts by the last race. The Lymington sailors sailed well in a very competitive fleet and testing but fair conditions. Top boat in 10th place was



Nick and Fanny Rogers at Datchet

Fanny Rogers & Nicholas Rogers, as her usual crew Kate was unable to do the event. In the absence of Lymington's Phil Sparks, (Phil having moved up to the 470 class) his old crew Ben Gratton won the event crewing for the 420 National Youth Squad coach Neil Marsden.

Club Results

10th	Fanny Rogers & Nicholas Rogers	R LymYC
12th	Chris Tiernan & Charlie Davis	Parkstone/RLymYC
18th	Andrew Wishart & Liam Garrison	RLymYC
19th	Craig Dibb & Charlie Cox	RLymYC
21st	Matt Wallis & Tarra Gill Taylor	RLymYC
25th	Tom Pain & Sasha Bruml	Cardiff Bay/RLymYC
28th	Jane Scales & Cassie Symes	RLymYC
39th	Connie Stock & Pip Weguelin	RLymYC

Volunteers

If you have any unused drinks tokens you've slightly longer than the number of shopping days to Christmas to spend them in the bar. They are only valid until 31st December 2009.

Volunteer forms 2010

The 2010 Volunteering forms for sailing events will be sent out with the January mailing. Although there is often more than one volunteer in a family, for administrative reasons there will be only one form in each envelope. Please contact the office for additional forms or download them from the website. There details of training evenings for next year below, so if you are new to race team work, or would like to find out what really happens on the Platform on a Thursday evening, come along.



Is there any wind out at the Platform?

Race Management Training

Teamwork: 21st January, 18th March. 6 p.m., Club Library.

Onshore training for race assistants, with instruction and guidance from experienced team members.

For new volunteers, and race assistants who want to improve their knowledge of teamwork.

Course Setting for Race Officers, Tuesday 23rd March and Tuesday 30th March, both at 6 p.m., Club Library

Two seminars led by Tony Blachford (the Club's resident expert!). These very popular practical sessions focus on course setting for both dinghy and keelboat events.



If you would like more information on these events, or to register your interest, please contact Jane Clegg tel 01590 679929 or email jane.clegg@btinternet.com

Some of the race team before the 2009 Classics Regatta

RYA Regional Race Officer Courses

Weekend courses run by the RYA for the more experienced volunteer and those who want to get the relevant qualifications to go on to the National level, 6 - 7 February 2010 at Royal Southampton Yacht Club or 1- 2 May 2010 at Royal Lymington Yacht Club.

Beaulieu Boat Jumble Sunday 25th April 2010

RNLI Stand

The Lymington Branch of the RNLI put their heads together recently for a snappy headline to tell Members that all offers are kindly accepted and as many people are now laying up their boats for winter, any unwanted items will be welcomed. So



*"If surplus boat gear is making you grumble,
Let the RNLI sell at Beaulieu Boat Jumble
Where every pound, penny and groat
Goes to keep the Lifeboat afloat. "*

Contributions may be given to the Club boatmen, who will arrange for storage until next April.

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

Club Discounts

(10% on production of your club card)

- Kew Electrical Unit 730 Ampress Park Lymington
 - Rivaaz (Indian Restaurant) High Street Lymington
 - Henri Lloyd (Yacht Clothing) High Street Lymington
 - Yachtmail (Chandlery and Clothing) Town Quay Lymington
 - Rainbow Copy Ampress Park Lymington
- Elmers Court Hotel Lymington - discounts by negotiation