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## Summer Spectacular

The new Library windows have opened up a unique view of the Solent which we are all enjoying. The new 'open sesame' Club Cards have arrived and are being issued. There's a steady stream of trolleys being wheeled down the pontoon full of supplies for some interesting cruises; half term sailing instruction is going well using the Club's new RS Teras. The only problem has been the weather with far too many windy days in May! Now the Bank Holidays are over the weather might improve in time for the Club cruise to the Channel Islands and St Malo.

The Club featured in BBC One's The One Show on Tuesday 31st May. Former Shipping Forecast Reader Peter Jefferson came to the Club to be taken for a sail for the first time in spite of 40 years of Area Forecasts and learn how much sailors appreciate the broadcasts.

Ann Brunskill



Tickets on sale from 1600 on Thursday 9th June for the biggest social event of the Summer. A black tie dinner with a drinks reception, fantastic menu and a great band. Click [here](#) for all the details.

The racing will be fun and friendly just like on Thursday nights, with one race on Saturday afternoon and another on Sunday morning using the same class divisions. We will also make sure the racing doesn't start too early on Sunday!

The NoR and entry form are [here](#).

## Club

### New Club Cards

Following our review of security and the fitting of the new front door to the Club, we have now taken delivery of the new Club Cards. These will perform exactly like your old card for purchases at the Club, but will also give you access to the Club when the front door is closed. This works by laying the card on a pad by the door.

These cards are available from the office so next time you are in the Club please collect your new card and hand in your old one. Cards may also be collected for family Members, but when you give them to your family could you please destroy the old cards. Until you have collected your new card your old card will continue to work.

Another good job done by Rear Commodore House and the House Committee.

### Peter Lowe

Peter Lowe has informed us that he wishes to retire after over 40 years of service with the Club. All of us who have enjoyed his cooking and his good humour over many years will be sorry to see him go, but nevertheless will wish him a long and happy retirement. He has kindly given us plenty of notice and we intend to hold a small party at the Club on September 10 to celebrate his long service to the Club.

I know many of you will like to contribute to his retirement fund so please send your contribution to the Club, preferably by cheque made out to the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, in an envelope marked "P.Lowe retirement".

*Rod Perry, Commodore*

## Cruising - Forthcoming Events

### Channel Meet Saturday 11th to Tuesday 21st June

18 boats and over 50 people are due to take part in this meet to St Peter Port (11th June) and St Malo (18th June), with some of us taking golf clubs or walking shoes to help absorb the local land based scenery. We just need some kind weather to complement what should be a very enjoyable summer cruise. The contact for the cruise is [Ken Claydon](#).

### Solent Meet centred on Chichester Harbour Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th July

We intend to assemble off Itchenor Sailing Club on the Monday evening, with sundowners ashore on Bosham Hoe at a private residence with slipway access, followed by informal on board/ashore arrangements for dinner. On Tuesday we will move up to Chichester Marina, with time to walking ashore or perhaps to visit the town, followed by dinner at Chichester Yacht Club. Further details are on the [website](#) and a sign up list will be on the Club notice board shortly.

### Studland Bay Anchor Meet Monday 9th to Tuesday 10th August

Advanced notice for your diaries.

### Holland 2012

There is a lot of interest in this cruise, both from people who are intending to go or thinking of it, as well as some valuable input from Members who have experience of cruising Dutch waters. It is intended that the cruise will take place in June and that a meeting of all those who have expressed an interest will be held in September/October to discuss the programme and timing. If anyone has yet to let me know, please email [me](#) as soon as possible so that I can complete the list and circulate everyone.

### Log Competition

As you set off on your summer cruises, please bear in mind the splendid cups and trophies available to be won for interesting and informative logs, illustrated with photographs, sketches, chartlets, etc. In addition to the prestige of winning a cup or trophy and having your name added to the relevant honours board in the Club, the presentations at the annual Cruising Dinner are always an important part of the evening.

Just a reminder of the categories waiting to be won:

Cadiz Cup	Best log of a cruise under sail of any length.
Quains Cup	Best log of a cruise under sail of less than one month.
Channel Trophy	Best log of a cruise under sail within the limits of Brest to the Elbe.
Fen Dawn Cup	Best log of a cruise by a motor cruiser.
Senior Brownlow Cup	Log of outstanding merit not awarded one of the above trophies.
Junior Brownlow Cup	Best log of a cruise submitted by a Junior or Family Member under the age of 16.
XII Bar Blues	Best blog of a cruise, normally compiled as a running blog built up through the cruise

There is also the Seamanship Trophy awarded for a feat of seamanship or navigation by a Club Member. No log need be submitted for this award, so we are dependent on a Member coming forward to tell us what he or she has done, on Members nominating another Member and, of course, the Club grapevine.

More details of this and other Cruising matters on the [webpage](#).

*Richard Wood, Captain of Cruising*

## Cruising - Past events

### Poole Harbour Meet Friday 13th - Sunday 15th May

We anchored on this occasion off Pottery Pier. The weather was kind with a F4 SW on the Friday

giving a pleasant sail to Poole for the crews of Hourglass, Lutetia, Morwenol Fach and Sandpiper. Most of the crews took advantage of the proximity to Brownsea Island and went ashore during Saturday. The other three boats, Bright Angel, Dalhanna and Squander joined us on Saturday afternoon. After drinks on the two host boats a supper of cottage pie, followed by strawberries and cream and a cheese board was enjoyed by all. Grateful thanks as always to Alice Macnamara for providing the food. The weather on Sunday obliged with a change to the NW, again proving a good sail back to Lymington. All in all an excellent weekend with 14 people attending on the 7 boats.



*Tony Hughes*



## House Wine of the Month

June's wine of the month is Alemendros Cabernet Carmenère 2009. This Fairtrade wine's blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Carmenere gives ripe flavours of blackberry and plum with a hint of spice. The soft fruity tannins make it enjoyable on its own or with red meats, pizza or pasta. (Editor's note - A 'case' of mistaken identity. The Carmenère grape was originally a Bordeaux variety, thought by many to be extinct until tests revealed that growers in Chile were preserving it, inadvertently thinking the grapes in their vineyards were Merlot! When the truth was discovered in the mid 1990s it was also found that the Carmenère grape was much better suited to Chile's climate than Bordeaux's; the grape now makes some of Chile's most distinctive wines. It is also grown in Italy and California.)

## Racing

### A very special trip round the bay

With the RTI race on the 25th June getting closer we are again organising a trip out to the Needles and the wreck on Friday 24th at about 6pm (time TBC) for a up close and personal look, weather permitting! This will be particularly useful for those with deeper drafts wishing to go inside the wreck during the race. Spaces are limited and are on a first-come-first-served basis. To book your place please contact the office.



*Chris Neve, Captain of Racing*

## Azores and Back

Club Members Chris Rustom, Steve Homewood and Roger Barber are competing in AZAB 2011 - The Azores and Back Race which starts on Saturday 4th June from Falmouth. You can follow their progress on the race [website](#) and going to the Tracking page.

## Monday Evening Racing



Some very windy weather has meant the cancellation of two Monday Evenings. The combination of flukey winds and strong Solent tides has provided some interesting racing with more than 60 boats out most evenings, although last Monday was a bit quiet with half term taking precedence for a number of people. Overall results to date -Fast Handicap: Pixie, RS800, Luke McEwen/Emma McEwen; Medium Handicap: Blaze, Stuart Watson; Lymington River Scow: Wizard, Rory Paton/Alexandra Paton; Slow Handicap: Eat My Shorts, Mirror David/Emma Gough; Optimist: James Eales Full results on the [website](#).

## Thursday Evening Racing

Thursday Evenings have managed a full complement of races so far although last week proved to be the most exciting. With a westerly breeze of 20 knots and gusts of 30 knots and potentially an unpleasant sea when the tide changed immediately after the start, a large number of boats decided not to come to the start line. In IRC Class 1 Bob Baker's Brightwork race ended prematurely on the run when one of the crew, Liam Bignell, dislocated his knee (see Liam Bignell's story below). The Yarmouth lifeboat was out training so was able to respond very quickly to Brightwork's 'pan pan' call and one of the crew was transferred to Brightwork to assist the injured crewman until they reached the safety of the pontoon. In the Gaffers and Classics class only the oldest boat, Rosenn, appeared on the line. After a keen start she hoisted her storm spinnaker and powered away from the line. With a prudent early drop at Jackson's mark she laid the next black moveable to perfection and was never challenged for the lead! After the race the skipper, Bob Fisher remarked that it was "one of the most exciting races we have had this year". Martin Wadhams representing the newest of the racing fleets said - "the RS Elites enjoyed the heavy air covering practice and this was the best Thursday race so far!"



*The picture shows the doctor waiting for the right moment to transfer from the Yarmouth Lifeboat to Brightwork*

Overall results to date:

Class 1 IRC: Boomerang, Mike Beggs; Class 2 IRC: Simplicity, Rory Fitzwilliams; Class 2 LH: Charlotte of Lymington, Peter Blick; Class 3 LH: Strider, Peter Draycott; Class 4 LH: 1st, Rosenn, Barry Dunning/Bob Fisher. XOD: 1st, Xoanon, David Alan-Williams; 2nd Cariad, Adam Sharp. Nordic Folkboat: 1st, Tak, Jeremy Austin; 2nd, Chavala, Peter Rose; 3rd Crackerjack, Stuart Watson. RS Elite: 1st, RSsailing.com, Martin Wadhams; 2nd, Kandoo III, Crauford McKeon; 3rd Matterhorn Jack, John Boddy. Full results on the [website](#).

### Liam Bignell wrote the following for ePotterNews

As Brightwork broached I was on the lower side, I pulled myself up and I felt my knee 'pop'. In the spur of the moment and the adrenalin pumping I did not think anything of it. I carried on trying to sort the spinnaker out and a few moments later as things calmed down I turned to walk to the back of Brightwork. As I put weight on my leg my shin felt like jelly. As I looked down my lower leg was in an awkward position, I yelled out in pain and sprung up straight away which I think must have popped the knee back in, that's when Bob told me to get down below and put an ice pack on my knee. As a result I suffered a dislocated knee, bruised ligaments and a plastercast from my thigh to ankle not a good half term. An experience I would not like to relive!!! I would also like to say thank you to the crew of Brightwork, especially Bob Baker the Skipper, the Yarmouth lifeboat who responded so quickly (loved the gas and air!!), the Coast Guard and the ambulance crew who are based at Pennington.

## XOD - Alastair Easton Trophy – Saturday 28 May

Weather conditions were too windy for the planned series of three windward leeward races, so Race Officer Ken Hay made the wise decision of setting a Solent course starting from the Club Starting Platform. (The picture on the left shows X170 Oyster on which Hamish Easton was surprised to find out how wet X Boats can be). The wind at Force 6 with occasional gusts to Force 7 is more than the XODs usually sail in at Lymington, but it was an Open Meeting with a number of visitors from Yarmouth and is good practice for the windy days in Cowes Week. Many were put off by the pre-start conditions but as the tide turned the racing became more fun. 12 XODs started out of the 27 entered. The fleet were split from the start on which way to go with Foiling Moth sailor Ben Paton in XL and Ado Jardine in Lucrezia headed inshore for the smoother water. The gains however were made offshore and by the windward mark another Foiling Moth sailor Peter Barton sailing Stuart Jardine's Lone Star lead from Rory Paton in Diana and Adrian Summers in Excalibur. Peter Barton was later to describe the run back to the finish as "hairy". Final places were close but unchanged with fourth and fifth places going to visitors from Yarmouth, James Meaning in Venus and Neil Payne in Lizz Whizz. The competitors adjourned to the bar where there was a beer promotion and Peter Barton generously shared the magnum of Champagne kindly presented by Alastair's nephew Hamish who'd enjoyed the race with Fenella Lees in Oyster. Results on the XOD [webpage](#).



*Alastair Easton sailing with Prince Philip, Prince Charles and Uffa Fox when Sailing Master to the Queen.*

## RS Elites

### RS Elites - close at the front

Having three different winners over the last three Thursday races has added to the fun with National Champion Crauf in Kandoo pulling off a big win three weeks ago, then Pippa Wilson's guest appearance win aboard Matterhorn Jack narrowed the gap and last week, on windy



Thursday, RSsailing.com took the honours to now lead the series by just one point. All to play for. The Class is preparing to welcome Steve Powell back from Antarctica on 10th June and then to having him back aboard his Elite E'Tu for the rest of the summer, including an attempt to defend his Cowes Week title – never yet achieved on the snakes and ladders of Cowes Week racing.

### National Championships 2012 back on the Solent

Big rumour of the moment in RS Elite circles is of the Nationals being hosted by the Royal Yacht Squadron in August 2012, with the boats based in their en-suite harbour! The first Elite has just been delivered to a Squadron member who is fighting keen to establish a fleet and the provisional plan is for the event to be run over the August Bank Holiday weekend – allowing competitors to do Cowes Week and leave their boats ready for the Championships a week or two later. Sounds pretty good to me – pencil it into your calendars!

### Charter the Club's RS Elite for Thursday evening racing

The club has the fantastic facility of its own RS Elite, Freebie, that is available for charter – so make the most of it! All the details on the [website](#).

*Martin Wadhams*

*Picture shows Steve Powell – about to return from Antarctica to step off his Oyster 62, Uhuru, and back into his RS Elite, E'Tu – which will seem very small and lacking in facilities!*

## Folkboat News

The season is now well underway with an encouraging turnout of 12 to 15 boats for both the Thursday evening and Saturday series. The first long race in the Saturday ( West Solent ) series took us to a finish at Prince Consort and thence to a very enjoyable lunch at the Island Sailing Club. An excellent return course was set by Phil Lawrence, zig-zagging up the Solent and then a run to the finish with Madeline taking the honours from Crackerjack and Padfoot and Strider nipping in to deprive Bonnie of what had seemed a certain fourth place. The Southern Area Championships on the weekend of 22nd/23rd May was plagued by light fickle winds on the Saturday and cancellation on Sunday when the conditions were quite the opposite. Only two races were completed with Tak in first place followed by Padfoot and Madelaine.

The Christchurch Ledge race scheduled for Saturday the 29th May was re-arranged to a long Solent race due to the continuing blustery conditions with a reduced starting gate of some 10 Boats and only 5 finishers. True to form Crackerjack rounded the windward mark ( Hurst ) first, popped her kite and was not seen again. Moonraker and Samphire of Oykel took second and third places respectively. Those who ventured out were rewarded by a brisk and exhilarating sail. Full results are on the [website](#).

## Gaffers and Classics Regatta



Saturday's racing showed the best paces of these elegant boats and there were plenty of opportunities for place changes as they dodged the strong tides up the mainland shore. The sound of Irish folk music greeted competitors as they sailed back up the river to join the party on the Club balcony. Winds gusting up to 30kts on Sunday morning with a poor forecast meant that racing was abandoned and the prizegiving held on the Club balcony at 10 am. Winners: Slow Gaffers, Rosenn, Solent One-Design, Barry Dunning and Bob Fisher; Fast Gaffers Alice III, Gaff Yawl, S Akester and J Rogers; Classics, Stren, Spidsgatter 19.5m, Roddy Steel. Full results are on the [website](#).

*In keeping with the event, the committee boat was the lovely Matilda, John Alison's Dutch built 47 year old motor boat.*

## Scow Nationals

This year it is the Club's turn to host the LR Scow National Championships on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July. The Notice of Race and Entry Form will be available shortly on the [website](#).



## More Winning Ways

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Charlie Cox and Craig Dib won the European team selection series which finished recently at Pwllheli. This means that after the Worlds in Croatia, they will be off to Tavira in Portugal for the open European Championships in July and the Junior European Champs in Nieuwpoort, Belgium during August – a pretty busy summer!

*Charlie and Craig in action*



## Laser Radial

The following Club Members have qualified for the World and European Laser Radial Youth Championships 24-31 July in La Rochelle, France:

Olly Porter (who was 2nd overall having tied on equal points for first at the final selection event in Pwllheli), Tom Britz and Jamie Diamond, and for Girl's Youth Championships Katie Russell and Charlotte Alderton.

Robbie Urwin qualified for the World and European Laser Radial Men's Championships also at La Rochelle a week earlier.

## Optimist

Eric Twinane Sailing Championships 7th - 8th May at Rutland SC



Congratulations to our young Optimist sailors who made up the entire South Zone Optimist team invited by the RYA to represent their zone at the ET Championships. Millie Boyle winning overall, Vita Heathcote second and Hattie Rogers 4th. South Zone won the Oppies as only three sailors count but the rest of the team sailed very well and all did exceptionally well in difficult conditions This showed the progress they had made training over the winter and their overall hard work and maturity. Good luck with this summer's Regattas – go girls!

GBR Optimist team at the European Championships in Tavira, Portugal, July 2-10

Mimi El-Khazindar has qualified for the GBR Optimist team as a result of her 8th place at the Selectors at Pwllheli.

## Training

### RYA First Aid Course - Monday 13th June

This course is designed to provide a working knowledge of first aid for all those who go afloat, whether on inland waters, rivers, estuaries or on cross channel passages. The syllabus is based on the recommendations of the Health and Safety Executive and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. Essential for the skippers of small commercial vessels up to category 2 and for all RYA practical instructors. Full details and application form on the [website](#).

## Art Exhibition Friday 11th to Sunday 13th November

Don't forget to pack the sketch books, paint etc. when you're off on one of the Club cruises. The next Club Art Exhibition will be from the

11th to the 13th November and hopefully inspiration for paintings will come from all manner of sailing and holiday situations. The exhibition is not restricted to nautical pictures. Works can be of any subject and in any medium ( but no photographs). A proportion of the proceeds of any sales goes to the RNLI.

Club Member, Alan Russett has kindly donated a copy of his newly published biography of a marine artist named John Thomas Serres (1759-1825) to be raffled during the exhibition in aid of the RNLI. Among the episodes of Serres life described in the book was a summer spent on a naval frigate drawing the coasts of France and Spain from Ushant to El Ferrol for the Admiralty, resulting in drawings and a publication with illustrations which would be recognisable to cruising yachtsmen. He also published a type of primer for marine drawings and produced many paintings of the great naval battles of his day, as well as views from his travels - including the Solent and Hurst Castle.

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## And Now For Something Entirely Different

### Spring Car Meeting

Richard and Hanne Ashmead kindly hosted a number of Members and their classic cars at East Boldre for a run to the Club on Friday 21st



May. In beautiful weather, We were treated to tea and coffee while proud owners gave "tours" of their precious cars.

At the luxury end of the scale were a Lagonda and Rolls Royce, while the sports cars were well represented with MGs of various vintages, a TR6 and a much admired AC Cobra. Richard showed us round his collection, which included an Aston Martin and a Riley from 1930, though unfortunately none of his cars were technically roadworthy as they awaited MOTs! The run to the Club proved uneventful, with all cars arriving in time for a good lunch.

Any Member with an "interesting" car, who would like to join the next run, probably in late

October, should let the Club know so that we can build up a mailing list.

## RNLI

### Moore Blatch Open Garden Sunday 26 June 2pm – 4.30pm

The next event is when the Moore Blatch Garden in the High Street will be Open. Admission £3 to include refreshments. Indoor and Outdoor plants and souvenirs for sale.

### FOR SALE

EPIRB

JOTRON TRON 45S EPIRB

This unit was donated to the RNLI and has never been used in anger.

It has been serviced by JOTRON and comes with a statement that the unit would be fully functional as voluntary fit EPIRB, when fitted with a new battery (£119.00 + VAT) and registered with the EPIRB Registry in Falmouth.

Current best price on the Internet is £406.00. (With battery)

This unit is offered for sale without a battery to ensure maximum use of the battery life (5 years).

Price £200.00

All the money goes to the RNLI.

Pleased contact Claude Hamilton on 01590 679771 or 07770 685213.

### 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 RLYMJC 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

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