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## Spring Is In The Air

From the pre-season keelboat coaching to the plans for a wide range of RYA sailing courses, there's plenty to look forward to and plan for. I've some excellent contributors - thank you: but I welcome items and photos from everyone.. We're a very active Club and I need your help to make sure we report as much as we can. We really need more photos - you know what they say - a picture is worth more than a thousand words, not to mention the RSI from typing them!

Ann Brunskill



## CLUB

### New Ladies Cloakroom

The refurbished Ladies cloakroom was officially opened by the Commodore's wife, Mrs Sue Perry on the 26th February. Thanks are due to the House Committee, particularly Denise Moore for the bright decor and energy saving features which have transformed the 'Ladies'. The picture shows the Commodore leading the way, but venturing only so far.



### Parking



Just to remind Members that car parking charges came into force at the Bath Road Car Park again on 1st March. For those of you who haven't purchased any of the Council's parking permits, there is a new system to avoid feeding the machine.

All it takes is a mobile phone and a credit card. A call to 01590 202050 will enable you to activate the Parkmobile system which is easy to use and drivers can register for free.

Drivers will be asked for their mobile phone number, car registration and credit card details. Once this is complete, they will have instant usage.

There is a small additional charge for this service, but with a text reminder system, you need never find you've overstayed your welcome!

### Front Entrance

The planters outside the Front entrance have been given a much needed make-over with spring flowers by the Vice-Commodore's wife, Mrs Jean Mills, in anticipation of the spring weather to come. The previous arrangement of cigarette butts has been removed and we trust they will not return.



### Dinghy Park Maintenance 13 February

Stuart Jardine would like to thank the twenty-five Members and three young from the Optimist fleet who came down to help prepare the dinghy parks for the 2010 season.

Particular thanks need to go to Peter Burchell, Peter Blick and David Wagstaff for kindly using their cars for many trips to the NFDC Tip on a Saturday morning! There is only one more task to be completed, which is applying the weed killer at the appropriate time.



A photo of the youngest and oldest helper seems appropriate for the occasion (Peter and Katie Barton with Stuart Jardine). I'm not sure if Katie will ever go near a dinghy park again.

## Social

### Saturday, 13th March - [Fitting Out Party with a Caribbean theme](#)

Rum Punch on arrival followed by a supper of Jerk Chicken and Tropical Fruit Salad

Music provided by 'Hurricane Force' the Club's favourite Steel Band. Fitting Out Party tickets are £21 per head and the dress code Caribbean and/or colourful - BOOK NOW with [the office](#)



### Tuesday 16th March - Movie Night 1800 - The Taking of Pelham 123

### Wednesday 17th March - St Patrick's Day themed supper after the lecture.

### Friday 19th March - Lymington Sailability [Charity Lunch with Geoff Holt.](#)



### Saturday, 27th March- Famous Chefs [River Cafe](#) evening -19.00 - a tribute to Rose Gray



## Regular events

The Bridge Suppers and Quiz evenings continue for the next couple of months and the monthly informal lunches are proving very popular. For further details of all events check on the [Social](#) page or the individual links above.

## Cruising

Our excellent Captain of Cruising for the past two years, David Houlton, has handed his Captain's burgee on to Richard Wood. David has worked hard to promote the interests of cruising Members throughout the year, both on and off the water, and he leaves the Cruising Section in good heart. Clive Sparrow is the new Vice-Captain of Cruising.

## Winter Rallies

The cruise to the Beaulieu River on 18 February was a great success, with about 12 boats making the trip and others taking the overland route. Around 60 of us sat down to lunch at the Royal Southampton YC at Gins Farm, where we were well looked after by Robert and his staff.

The next rally is to Bembridge on Saturday 20 – Sunday 21 March. Details are on the [Cruising](#) page and have been circulated to the Cruising Database.

## Cruising Dinner

A full house enjoyed an excellent evening, with Mike Golding as the speaker and guest of honour.

This year the trophies were awarded to:-

- **JOHN AND ANGIE BAILEY TROPHY** for lifetime achievement: Mike Pocock

- CADIZ CUP for the best log of a cruise of any length: John and Sally Priestly for their cruise around the Western Mediterranean in "XII Bar Blues"
- QUAINS CUP for the best log of a cruise under sail of less than one month Richard Shaw for his cruise of the Danish Archipelago in his Cornish Shrimper "Gamba"
- SENIOR BROWNLOW CUP for the log of outstanding merit not awarded one of the above trophies: Jonathan Hutchinson for his cruise from Lymington to Orford and back, upwind all the way
- XII BAR BLUES TROPHY for the best cruising blog Geoff and Marilyn Holmes for their Celtic Sea cruise in "Mainframe"
- SEAMANSHIP TROPHY or a feat of seamanship or navigation by a Club Member- Allan Collison for his single handed passage from the West Indies to La Corunna via the Azores following his 2008 ARC Passage

Thanks to everyone who submitted a log, including those who were not awarded a trophy. All the logs and blogs were to a high standard and it would be good to have plenty of entries this year. If all the trophies could be awarded it would be a bonus. So, please bear the log competition in mind as you plan this year's cruising programme.

## Cruising Programme

The first of the meets will be the Spring Cowes meet, to be held on Friday – Sunday 16th - 18th April with dinner at the Royal Corinthian YC on the Saturday evening. Details will be published shortly on the notice board and on the [Cruising page](#).

The Spring Anchor Meet will be held in Poole Harbour on Friday - Sunday 14th - 16th May. Details will be published shortly on the notice board and on the [Cruising page](#).

Arrangements for the June Meet to St Peter Port on Friday 11th to Sunday 13th June are well advanced. There will be drinks on the pontoon at 18.00 hrs on the Friday evening (11th June) after which crews will make their own informal arrangements for supper. We will all meet up for supper on the Saturday evening probably at the Guernsey Yacht Club. For those of us stopping at Cherbourg en route to Guernsey the plan is to meet up for dinner in a local restaurant on Thursday 10th June before moving on to St Peter Port the following day. For more information contact [Ken Claydon](#).

The August Meet to Normandy, to be held on Friday – Sunday 20th - 22nd August, is also currently being arranged. For those crossing directly from the Solent we are aiming to make arrangements at Le Havre on Friday, to enable an easy short passage to Honfleur the following day with timing determined by tides and access through the lock.

## Cruising Safety Day

To be held on 10 April, the programme has been finalised. Look on the notice board and on the [Cruising page](#) of the Club website for details. The number of names already on the list on the notice board shows a high demand but some places are still available.

## Winter Lectures

The lectures through to the end of the session are:-

10th March Kevin Podger - "Secretary's Submarine Snippets"

17th March David and Annette Ridout "Norleys - Sydney to Home – High Points and Low Points" - followed by St Patrick's Day Supper

24th March Chris Coham- "On Board Power" covering the development of on board electrical power from his days of bucket and chuck it to air conditioning, with expert advice on meeting modern day on board power requirements.

Chris has kindly stepped into the breach in Sarah Fraser's unavoidable absence.

All lectures commence at 18.30 hrs.

## Clive Sparrow is busily working on next winter's lecture programme

and would be delighted to hear from Members who either have a lecture they would like to give (perhaps with a little arm twisting!) or know somebody who would be worth approaching. Please contact either Clive or Richard Wood.

## Croatia Charter Rally

The rally has proved to be very popular, with plans well advanced. Any latecomers thinking of joining the rally should contact [David Houlton](#).

## Boat Building plans

The daughter of one of our late Members, Colin Fisher, has found amongst his effects the boat building plans for the Solo, Rambler, Commodore speedboat and Senior Cruising Sloop. She wonders if these would be of any use to any one interested in boat building. If so please email [Renee Fisher](#).

## Racing

### West Solent Series 2010

The West Solent Cruiser Racing Association, after a long and proud history, has been superseded by the West Solent Series (WSS). The series is being jointly run and supported by RLymYC, Lymington Town Sailing Club and the Royal Solent Yacht Club, and is free to enter for members (except Turkey Cup). The handicap system is performance based so everyone stands an equal chance of doing well. If you want to have some fun without the pressure or intensity of our more serious events, then this is the series for you. Open to everyone, these relaxed, friendly races always include a social event at the end of each race.

Further details on the [WSS page](#).



Don't forget to enter for this year's Spring Series.

Details and link to entry form are on the [website](#).

The event will follow a similar racing format to last year and will comprise 10 races spread over 5 Sundays starting 19th April. We are finalizing the SI's shortly. Ken Kershaw will be our PRO. If you have any suggestions for improvements over last season,s Spring Series please contact [Bob Baker](#), [Chris Neve](#) or [Kirsty Timmis](#).

## Race Keelboat Coaching with Jim Saltonstall – Saturday 27th March 2010

[Jim Saltonstall](#).....the best coach in the world,

Where:.....starting at the Sail Loft and then on the water in your boat

When:.....Saturday 27th March 0900

For:.....you and your crew

How:.....talk and briefing in Club

And then:.....on water coaching in your boat

And then:.....video and feedback

Why:.....learn more in a day than the rest of the year put together

And:.....it's one week before Red Funnel and two weeks before the Spring Series



Last year this coaching was very successful and popular, so we suggest you book soon to avoid disappointment.

We will give priority to Club Members but if there are spare places it will be advertised to other Clubs.

The cost should be in the region of £60 per boat, depending on numbers. To sign up, call or email the [office](#).

## Junior & Youth Sailing



## Success in strength and depth:

### ISAF 420 Youth World Champion and Junior European Laser Champion

The activity level and numbers of young sailors being introduced, encouraged and supported into sailing across the classes from the Club has been very encouraging this year. In the Wednesday Junior Sailing 25th year, over 360 children have attended (the annual attendance was 2,527, an average of 120 per week!) from local schools and one fifteen year old, Tom Britz, who began in WJS a few years ago, was crowned Junior European Laser 4.7 Champion in Sweden this summer.



*Tom Britz winning Laser Junior European Championships in Sweden*

### Another previous Optimist Club sailor, Phil Sparks, with his crew Ben Gratton, won the ISAF 420 World Youth Championships in Brasil.

This was a fantastic achievement and Phil has been invited into the Olympic Development Squad in 470 and Tom into the Laser Radial RYA Youth squad. Young Club sailors have represented GBR at the Optimist World Championships in Brazil, Optimist European Championships in Slovenia, Laser 4.7 World Championships (Brazil), Laser Radial Youth and Men's European Championships in Denmark and World Championships in Japan, the 420 Open World and Junior European Championships and the Optimist Team Racing Opticup in Berlin.

### We have a healthy expansion of Youth sailors in the 420 and Laser classes who are training regularly at Lymington.

The Club's two major Open regattas for Optimists and Youth Classes attracted over 250 entries with Harken's continued support. Our links with the Optimist sailors from Le Havre continues to thrive with excursions by Club Members to their championship event in May and a return to our Open by a large group of sailors. The introduction of Youth keelboat sailing with sailors being invited to train and race on Members' keelboats through the Thursday evening and Spring series has been a great success. The proposed Youth Keelboat Academy will see continued encouragement for junior and youth sailors to make full use of the Club's sailing programme.

### As always, we are reliant on the time and help of the JSOOD's and parents who help to make all this activity happen.

The ongoing support from the Club in resources is much appreciated and Viking is becoming a familiar sight supporting the Club sailors at the various National Championships around the country. It is good to see the more experienced youth sailors attending the training courses at the Club and starting to coach the younger sailors, putting back some of what they have learnt into bringing on the next generation and there is a healthy group of youngsters coming through too.

### I would like to record my thanks to the Heads of Classes:

Jennifer Muskett and Ian Jarman (Optimists), Cherie Dodd (Cadets) and Cath Bell (420s) for their support and hard work and for the development of the Junior [website](#) links giving valuable and timely information about each class's activity.

*Ros Urwin, Captain of Juniors*

## 420 French Exchange



The Royal Lymington YC hosted a series of 420 dinghy training and racing activity during the February half term. Twenty French sailors came over from La Societe des Regates du Havre, bringing two coaches and various parents with them. Lymington sailors acted as host families for the visitors. The UK 420 coach James Rusden, was there working with the two French coaches to give the sailors some multinational training. With true British hospitality, despite the best efforts of the eight Lymington boats, the French took the podium places!

On the final evening a dinner was held at the Club. By this time, sailors, coaches and parents were communicating well in each other's languages and the entente cordiale was well and truly sealed. A return match at Le Havre by the Lymington 420 sailors is now being planned for July. A lot of hard work from parents on both sides of the Channel, particularly Catherine Bell and Corinne Migraine, was much appreciated by the sailors.



## Volunteers

### Easter Dinghy Open Regatta, 3rd and 4th April

Volunteer RIB drivers needed for the Easter Dinghy Open. Please contact the [office](#) if you can help.

Also a reminder that it's not too late to volunteer for any event this season.

You can download the form from the [Volunteers page](#) or contact the [office](#) for more details.

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## Training

### Adult and Children's RYA Sailing Courses - 2010

If you are looking for something to keep the family happy during the school holidays or want to brush up your skills, the Club is organising a number of RYA courses to suit all levels and ages for 2010. Please contact our resident Sailing Chief Instructor [Kristy Powell](#) for more information or book courses at the Club.

The courses will include:

Ladies Sailing on Tuesday mornings starting 20th April and finishing 19th October (excluding 10th and 24th August);

Adult Level 1 and Level 2 two day courses;

Children's Stage 1, 2 and 3 one day courses and a five day Dinghy Instructors' course in October.

Go Sail – Set Sail Children's Sailing -

Fun filled Sessions in Club Oppies (go sail) in the mornings and Club Scows (set sail) in the afternoons gives a mix and match day of boats.

Dates and costs for all these courses will be on the [Training page](#) of the website shortly. If you would like to discuss any other sailing tuition options including one-to-one lessons please do not hesitate Kristy.

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## RNLI

### Spring Fair Saturday 13th March

Doors open at St Thomas's Parish Hall open at 9.30 am for the Lymington RNLI Guild Spring Fair. Come and stock up on cakes and other goodies for Easter.

### Lymington Guild AGM Wednesday 17th March 1430

There will be a speaker and the Guild's superb tea.



### RNLI/RLymYC Quiz Night 15th April 1900

This will be the final Club Quiz Night of the Season so book your table from Friday 12th March on the noticeboard.

[Further details](#)

### Beaulieu Boat Jumble Sunday 25th April

Still time to give your unwanted boat jumble to the Lymington Branch of the RNLI. Please give any donations to the boatmen at the Club.

### Lymington Lifeboat 10Km Run, 9th May

Just a reminder of the Station's major fund-raising event, all contributions gratefully received. Please contact [Mac Hall](#).

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#### FOR SALE

#### FOR RENT

Yacht Haven Mooring Available from April 2010

For 11 metre craft on O Pontoon  
(Overlooking the mudflats and the Solent)

Michael Donaldson



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Email: [Michael Donaldson](mailto:Michael.Donaldson@lymingtonyachtclub.org.uk)

### 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