



# ePotter News



ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

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## March 2015

### Club

I really hope nearly all Members read EPN. It is the Club's primary communication tool and, under the excellent editorship of Ann Brunskill, keeps everyone up to date on what's happening. Although in post for only a few weeks I'm pleased to be getting Members' feedback already.

One concern raised was that our Club is becoming fragmented. We do have many groups covering all sailing activities but we are one Club and totally inclusive. For example, I note that the Scow division have some interesting lectures on general topics, please don't feel they are exclusive to the Scow Division, just sign up on their notice board. You will be made welcome and may even want to get more involved and join them.

There is one Club rule which I would like to remind Members of and that states that guests may only be signed in six times in any year. If therefore you have a friend or spouse who is not a Member and who is likely to want to visit the Club more often, then please contact our Membership Secretary, Alma Stapley who can set the wheels in motion for Membership application.

I hope your season's preparations are going well.

*Clive Sparrow, Vice Commodore*

### New Flag Officers and General Committee:

The 2015 AGM took place on Saturday 14th February with over 130 members attending. One of the main purposes of the meeting was to receive the results of the elections to fill the appointments of Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore Sailing, Rear Commodore House, Trustee and the five remaining places on the General Committee. Below are the successful candidates.



Commodore

Dunlop Stewart



Vice-Commodore

Clive Sparrow



Rear Commodore Sailing

Stuart Duffin



Rear Commodore House

Denise Moore

### General Committee



Rachel Nuding



Alan Hill



Vince Sutherland



Nick Ryley



Richard Martin

Jane Pitt-Pitts was also appointed Trustee and welcomed back to the General Committee as a non-voting member. A special thanks is given to the retiring Flag Officers, Trustees & General Committee Members. A complete copy of this year's AGM minutes will be delivered as part of the March mailing being sent on Thursday 5th March.

## The Club Website

Restoring the Club archive is still 'work in progress'. Once this is complete it will again be a treasure house of past Club events and activities. There is a now Website Guide for those Members who wish to enhance their access of the Club's pages. This is available from Reception.

*John Tudor*

## Dinghy Park

The two broken fence panels were replaced last week. Given the continuing deterioration in its condition we expect to replace the whole fence next year or perhaps the year after.

### Help needed

We hope to lay more membrane and gravel in two more areas on the morning of 21st March. Since "many hands make light work", anyone who can help with this should please contact Vicky in the Office.

*John Tudor*

## Surplus Anchors for Sale



The Club invites offers from Members and Non-Members for anchors now surplus to requirements, there are twelve anchors in total and they are offered on a 'sold as seen' basis. For more information please [click here](#).

*Stuart Duffin, Rear Commodore Sailing*

## Congratulations

### Congratulations To Ian Williams On Winning A Record Fifth Match Racing World Title

Club Member, Ian Williams, entered the history books in Malaysia by winning the Monsoon Cup and taking a record fifth ISAF Match Racing World Championship. He has become the most successful match racing helmsman of all time, and he is the only skipper ever to have won three Monsoon Cups, the final event on the Alpari World Match Racing Tour.

## Needles Marine Conservation Zone

The government has opened consultation on the Needles Marine Conservation Zone ("Needles MCZ") with consultation ending on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Between then and now much work is being done on your behalf by the RYA.

To see the RYA position paper on its approach to MCZs see:

[http://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/legal/Web%20Documents/Environment/RYA\\_Position\\_MPAs\\_February2015.pdf](http://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/legal/Web%20Documents/Environment/RYA_Position_MPAs_February2015.pdf)

The Needles MCZ details are as follows;



\* (Note you might need to copy and paste them onto your web browser – they are pdf files).

I will keep you informed as matters progress.

David Brunskill, RYA Western Solent

## Social

### Movie Nights

The winter season of Tuesday evening Movie/Supper nights has once more been a success at the Club.

- New this year was the CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

29 came to watch 'How to Train Your dragon 2' and to feast on hot dogs followed by pancakes – it being Shrove Tuesday. Although the children were very brave one of two adults appeared quite scared!

There are two more Movie/Supper nights before the summer:

1. *Saving Mr Banks* – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March
2. *The Hundred Foot Journey* – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March



Please click on the banner above for more information

### Fitting Out Party - Saturday 28th March



### Past events – Valentine's Night Party



Love was in the air at our Club on Saturday 14th February when 80 members and guests enjoyed a delicious dinner in the Island Room which was transformed into a romantic setting with red napkins, hearts and roses, twinkling candles and heart shaped chocolates. During dinner we were entertained by Nick Haywood-Young on his guitar. After dinner Nick moved to the River Room where coffee was served and many of us danced the rest of the night away. Even when the music ended at 11pm many stayed to finish their drinks and conversations such was the happy and relaxed atmosphere.

Thanks must go as always to Chloé, Beth and the other staff for all their hard work, especially as Members were watching the rugby in the Island Room until about 4.30pm. A big "thank you" to Anna and the kitchen staff for producing the delightful food.

## Racing

It's March and the 2015 season is almost upon us. Luckily, because I've only just taken over the role of Captain of Racing, my predecessor, Robin Taunt, much assisted by the club's many sages of wisdom, has everything pretty much in place and I've got time to get myself up to speed.

Of course I do have some ideas my themes are "accessibility" and "coaching".

By "accessibility" I mean making it less daunting for anybody to start racing with the club. Maybe someone who has only ever cruised but fancies joining in on a Thursday evening? Or perhaps a couple who'd like to compete in the Duo Series but are worried about handling a spinnaker 2-up? Maybe someone who has just moved to Lymington through work and might be keen to crew but has little sailing experience? Or perhaps a grandmother and granddaughter who'd join the dinghy racing on Monday evenings but feel intimidated by all the "experts"? Whoever and whenever we should be able to offer them something and they should be enthusiastically welcomed and supported.

Coaching has the potential to bring a higher return on investment than any money spent on new sails, fancy deck gear or electronics. In fact it doesn't have to cost anything! Anybody can coach anybody. OK if you want to improve the performance of an elite sailor then you're going to need some specialist knowledge but at club level a coach only needs to observe and question. Any competent sailor can do this and all racers should actively seek opportunities to coach others.

So, for some small practical steps that will start to address issues of accessibility and coaching.

Monday night Scow racing will now be divided into 2 fleets. Competitors can choose which they race in. Gold for the hot-shots who (think they) know all the rules and want to seize every advantage. Silver for those who seek a more relaxed evening. There will be one opportunity each series to change fleets and the course will be the same for both with the Silver fleet starting after the Gold fleet.

There will now be a non-spinnaker class in the Duo Series making it accessible to teams who might have concerns about flying a kite 2-handed or to cruisers who simply don't have one but want to be in with a chance.

North Sails will be out in a RIB for Race One of the Portmore Spring Series on 29th March and competitors who are interested in benefiting from their feedback should notify Ronan Grealish of North Sails ([ronan@gb.northsails.com](mailto:ronan@gb.northsails.com)) in advance telling him who you are (class, boat-name, sail-number) and anything specific you'd like him to focus on.

Important racing events coming up are:

- Portmore Spring Series: Sundays 29th March; 12th; 19<sup>th</sup> and 26th April
- John Doer Rules Talk: 1830 Thursday 9th April
- XOD Spring Meeting: 1700 Saturday 11th April
- Crew Match Morning: 1030 Saturday 18th April
- First XOD Race of 2015: 1400 Saturday 18th April
- Monday Evening Dinghy Race briefing and entry: 1830, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April
- Thursday Evening Race Briefing: 1820 Thursday 23rd April
- First Duo Race: Saturday 25th April
- First Monday Evening Dinghy Race: Monday 27th April
- First Thursday Evening Race: Thursday 30th April

*John Corden, Captain of Racing*

## Portmore Insurance Spring Series



The Royal Lyminster Yacht Club is delighted to announce that Portmore Insurance will be continuing their on-going sponsorship of the Club's renowned Spring Series.

Hampshire-based independent insurance brokers, Portmore Insurance, are one of the leading insurance brokers in the South and their desire to work with only the most reputable companies extends to the partnerships they undertake and the sponsorship they offer. The Royal Lyminster Yacht Club are once again delighted to be building on this relationship and thank Portmore for their continued support.

The year's Spring Series will consist of eight races over four Sundays starting on 29<sup>th</sup> March for IRC classes, Lyminster Adjusted Handicap & RS Elites. The Folkboat class will be running a shorter series starting on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April consisting of 6 races. With separate start and finish boats to ensure minimal delays between the two races the result will be an intense morning's racing and a return to the Club in time for lunch. Please note that racing will break for the easter weekend and resume on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

The Western Solent offers excellent racing waters only 10 mins from the Club, with a variety of options available to ensure good racing whatever the wind direction. Once back in the Club, the racers can be sure of a warm welcome, whether they are members or visitors.

The Notice of Race for the Portmore Insurance RLymYC Spring Series 2015 is now available from the following link: [https://rlymyc.org.uk/Sailing/Racing/Racing\\_Events/Spring\\_Series.aspx](https://rlymyc.org.uk/Sailing/Racing/Racing_Events/Spring_Series.aspx)

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## Dinghies

For those dinghy sailors who haven't been joining in with the LTSC Perisher Series, it's nearly time to dig out the crumpled wetsuit, chase the mice out of the spinnaker and think about going sailing again.

On 20th April we will have the briefing for Monday Evening Dinghies, with the traditional Happy Hour in the bar. This is your chance to badger the race team for the course you've always wanted (beam reach to Yarmouth and back?), pick up the sailing instructions and save yourself (and the race team) a hasty entry a week later in the first MED race on 27th April. There are new start times, thanks to the 2-boat ferry schedule, and to keep you on your toes we've renumbered the classes again. Note there is no separate Optimist start this year; the Oppies will start with the Slow Handicap, but the Scows are split into two fleets with separate starts.

Looking further ahead, put 18-19th July into your calendar for the Lyminster Dinghy Regatta, now in its third year and looking to build on the 100+ boats entered in 2014. Also in its third edition is the Potter Dinghy Race on Saturday 29th August - it's the bank holiday weekend but it's all over by Saturday lunch time so there's still plenty of time to go yachting afterwards.

Finally, we always welcome anyone who would like to help with running the dinghy racing. There are plenty of ways to contribute ashore or afloat and no sailing or race team experience is needed. Contact Ann Brunskill or Jane Corden or talk to the Club office if you're interested, or if your other half / mum / dad would otherwise be sat in the bar while you're racing.

*Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies*

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## Cruising

The following cruising events are organised for March and April:-

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Day Sail to Cowes, berth in Shephards Wharf Marina, lunch at Island Sailing Club

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Safety Day – in the Island Room – safety requirements, first aid afloat, life raft deployment, engine first aid.

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Cowes Spring Meet, Dinner in the Royal Ocean Racing Club (Royal Corinthian) on Friday night, supper in the Life Boat on Saturday.

Full details of these events, which are open to all members and their guests, are notified by email to all on the Cruising Data Base. If you are not yet on this Data Base, just call the office and get your name on it.

**Signup sheets with the details are also posted on the Club Notice Board.**

The Cruising Section also organise the Wednesday Night Lectures and the remaining programme is:-

### March 11<sup>th</sup>

“Protected Wrecks of Hampshire and Sussex” Mark Beattie Edwards (Programme Director Nautical Archaeology Society). This lecture will show case some of the best examples of our maritime history that has been found on the seabed around our shores.

### March 18<sup>th</sup>

“Double Handed to Svalbard and Back” Andy Bristow (RYS Member and Retired Army Brigadier). The story of a sail from Plymouth to Svalbard and back in a 50' classic sloop “Atlantis”

### March 25<sup>th</sup>

“A Tongue-in-Cheek Tour of Medieval Southampton” Don Robertson (Southampton City Guide). The presentation follows the Western side of Southampton's Old/Medieval Town Walls from the bar Gate to the Water Gate and looks at the unusual stories associated with the various stops along the way.

Look out for the signup sheets and get your name down early as these talks have been very popular.

*George Johnson, Captain of Cruising*

## Summer Cruise 2015

As in previous years all participants will be kept up to date with 'fleet' movements by text message throughout the month of June to facilitate ad hoc meets in a wide variety of locations. However the cruise will start with an anchor meet in Poole harbour on Friday 29th May followed by a dinner at 'The Boat That Rocks' at Portland marina on Saturday 30th May. The anchor meet and the Portland dinner can be treated as stand-alone events, but will provide a sociable start for those of us planning to cruise the West Country, the Channel Islands or further afield.

The flexible nature of the cruise is such that a late decision to take part can be accommodated but for planning purposes it would be helpful to let me know as soon as possible if you would like to join in all or any of the events. I don't need final crew numbers at this stage but a short email to me at [kenclaydon@outlook.com](mailto:kenclaydon@outlook.com) with boat and skipper name and an indication of which of the events you plan to join would very helpful.

**In order to avoid delay and loading the office with unnecessary work please email me rather than clicking reply to this message.**

*Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub-Committee*

## Day sail to Cowes and lunch at the Island Sailing Club

Tuesday 24th March - In your diary yet?





## Power or Sail and cruise to West Cowes & enjoy a lunch at the Island Sailing Club

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

### Book it and put it in your diary – TUESDAY 24 MARCH – Day Sail to Cowes

*Please note that the organiser needs to know the name and length of boat, and the number of diners, so please attend the briefing. Please also note that the decision to participate in events organised by the Club is the responsibility of the skipper of each participating boat. Experience of the skipper and crew and likely weather*

*conditions are just some of the factors that skippers may need to consider when reaching such a decision.*

Cannot get to the Club to sign up? Then email Derek Barnard at [yachttangaroa@btinternet.com](mailto:yachttangaroa@btinternet.com)

*Derek Barnard, Cruising Sub-Committee*

## Past Events

### Day Sail (motor) to Bucklers Hard, Monday 23rd February



The February 'Day Sail' had been planned to go by boat from Lymington to the Bucklers Hard Marina with lunch at the Master Builder's Hotel. However, force 5 winds going to near gale force 8 later caused a change of plan.

38 people arrived at the Master Builders Hotel for lunch and all travelled by car! This would appear to be a first for the Cruising Section 'Day Sail' calendar. The enthusiasm of those who came along is proof of the camaraderie engendered within the club. It also showed the wisdom of arranging some winter venues that can be reached without going by boat. Everyone enjoyed an excellent meal in a private dining room with service much improved on last year. The hotel hopes to welcome the Club again.

*Bob Woolley – Cruising Sub-Committee*

### Cruising Dinner 2015 - Saturday 28th February



The annual Cruising Dinner took place on Saturday February 28th to a full house of 120 members, a very good evening was had by all, entertained by a very good after dinner speaker Rear Admiral Terry Loughran. We had our Commodore and Vice-Commodore as well as two Rear Commodores attending and even one of our local MPs Julian Lewis.

Terry is fairly short and had to stand on a chair in his full 'Admirals uniform, he held a mike in one hand a glass of wine in the other and held everyones attention for 45 mins, It was really good to see a speaker go around the room and talk to so many people.

Many thanks to all the club staff for making the night a success.

*Nick Olney*

## Wednesday Junior Sailing

We are holding our Safety Briefing on April 1<sup>st</sup> in the Island Room at 14.00. This is a compulsory session for anybody helping with WJS. We look forward to welcoming both long standing volunteers, and new faces who may be free on a Wednesday afternoon and interested in coming and joining us. At WJS we require volunteers with lots of different skills, and look forward to seeing you all!

*Ali Husband - Head of WJS*

## Training

# Children's RYA Training starting at Easter

All courses are for ages 8 – 16.

- RYA Stage 1 - 9th & 10th April A safe, fun filled action packed introduction to sailing. Suitable for complete beginners.
- RYA Stage 2 – 11th & 12th April, 28th & 29th May - Finish off the starter skills, progress through the basic skills and get in control.
- RYA Stage 3 – 30th & 31st May - Sail in all directions and feel in command of your boat.
- RYA Stage 4 – 13th & 14th April Improve double handed sailing and problem solving afloat. Passing this course is the entry point to advanced courses.



**£110 Members £150 Non-members**

**Book your space 01590 672677 club.office@rlymyc.org.uk**

Check out the website to view the full programme of Adult and Youth Sailing Courses [www.rlymyc.org.uk/Training](http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Training)

## RLymYC Level 2+ RIB Course

14th March 2015 - £10 to Members & Non Members

## RLymYC First Aid Course

- 23rd April 2015
- 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015
- 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015
- 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015
- 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015

£50 to Member, £70 to Non-Members

For information about courses at the Club: <https://rlymyc.org.uk/Sailing/Training.aspx>.

# Volunteers 2015



The Club is fortunate to own a fleet of RIBs which, thanks to the care and attention of our boatmen, sit poised and ready for action on the pontoon. They are used for a variety of tasks, mark laying, ferrying the race teams to the platform, rescuing capsized dinghies and their crews, and protecting Wednesday Junior Sailors from other river users to name but a few. Of course, on their own they are useless and we are fortunate to have Members with the qualifications and skills needed to operate them. However with events such as Monday evening dinghies becoming even more popular we still need more RIB drivers and crews.

We are particularly keen to help those who have recently completed RYA Powerboat level 2 courses with the Club to gain experience and can, where necessary, team Members up with a more experienced helm to support them. This also applies to those of us who have the qualifications but have not used them for some time, or if you are thinking about doing a RIB course why not come out as a crew.

Not all RIB duties require a long trip out into the Solent and we are currently looking for more Members to join the team ferrying crews to and from their boats for Thursday Evening Keelboat racing as well as keeping a watchful eye on the Monday evening racers.

For more details of volunteering see the Club website or contact Kirsty at the Club. You will find the 2015 Sailing Event Team form on the Club website, please [click here](#) to access it. There are also links on the Club homepage, and the Volunteers page or if you would prefer a paper copy they are available at reception.

*Jane Corden*

# Race Team Training

## Course Setting

**19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March - Island Room, 1815 for 1830 hours start**

These sessions aim to give detailed coverage of the basics of course setting together with how courses are affected by local conditions. Places will be limited with priority going to those who have attended the CRO and CROP courses run at the Club this autumn and winter.

## Role of the Support Boat

**14 April 2015 - Island Room, 1815 for 1830 hours start**

## VHF Radio Use for Race Team Members and Support Boats

**18 April 2015 - Island Room, 1030 for 1100 hours start**

**Sign-up sheets are on the Notice Board for the above courses.**

We now have 6 people who have expressed an interest in a CRO course in November so that is almost certainly going ahead.



## Fleets

### XOD

We are now over half-way through our winter hibernation, and thoughts turn to the XOD season ahead. Many of the fleet will be some way through their annual maintenance, and for those that have not yet begun they still have time. As ever we have a very busy sailing programme scheduled and there are a few dates of particular note:

- Monday 9th March 18:30, Island Room - Informal get together to discuss what the fleet wants from our racing and courses led by Malcolm McKeag, with supper afterwards.
- Saturday 11th April 17:00 Sail Loft - XOD Spring Meeting
- Saturday 18th April 14:00 - First Race
- Sunday 3rd May - XOD Tuning and Training Day
- Saturday 9th May 13:00 - Alastair Easton Trophy - Windward/Leeward Series

In the next week or so, our new divisional captain, Karl Thorne, will be sending out a very short questionnaire to boat owners in the Division, on behalf of the Class Committee. This is to sound out opinion on spinnakers, an alternative Class Championship, and the appetite to host another French Regatta in 2016.

Roy Froud

### LR SCOW

Following his election as Commodore at the AGM on 14th February, Dunlop Stewart has stepped down from his post as Captain of Scows. Dick Moore, Vice Captain, has taken on the duties formerly fulfilled by Dunlop until the Annual General meeting on November when there will be an election to choose a new Captain. Carol Dunning has been co-opted onto the Scow Committee as Secretary and will take over some of the tasks formerly handled by Dick. The Division is sorry to see Dunlop go but, as he himself said, "I am stepping down but not stepping away" and he and Diana intend to take a full part in Scow activities both afloat and ashore in the coming season.

On 16th March Rory Paton and Mike Urwin will share their thoughts on "The Racing Rules of Sailing – Scow Style (Having Fun)", a must for all racers. As a bonus they have recruited John Doerr to explain the do's and don'ts of navigating the gap in the Wave Barrier while five abreast.

Dick Moore

## Lymington Sailability



On 6th May 2015 we will be holding their annual charity fund raising lunch with a fashion and beauty show at The Chewton Glen Hotel. Tickets are £49.

We are delighted to welcome on board for the first time at The Chewton Glen Yvette and her models from Thirty Three Boutique, who will be showcasing their very latest fashions for this event. The ever popular Make-Up Artiste's Carol and Stacey and their team from Clinique will also be joining us. The Clinique team will demonstrate and share tips on how to achieve a great look using their latest products.

With spring and summer around the corner this event is sure to give us all that much needed colourful lift, finally closing the door on winter.

For more details and to book your place please contact Becky (01590 610346). Aly (07823 338374) or email [lymingtonsailability@gmail.com](mailto:lymingtonsailability@gmail.com).

## RNLI

### Annual General Meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 7.00 pm

Lymington Town Sailing Club. 2014 AGM minutes and 2015 agenda available at the meeting or contact Christopher Knox 01590 642786



### Beaulieu Boat Jumble Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Charts, Chandlery, Books etc.

Another reminder that the RNLI needs your unwanted boat bits for Beaulieu Boat Jumble. Either bring them to the boatmen, call John Niven on 01590 678839 or Marilyn Holmes (01590 670248)

The Lymington Branch programme of events for 2015 has now been printed and are available from Christopher Knox as above.



