INFORMATION SHEET

Bath Road

The Commodore is grateful to those members who responded to his letter. Members' letters undoubtedly made a great impact, and you will be pleased to hear that the original plan has now been withdrawn and a reappraisal of the Bath Road Development is being undertaken from scratch by the New Forest District Council. It is not expected that the results of this study will be available before the end of the year, but it will be open to full and public discussion by all interested parties.

Subscriptions

It would greatly reduce administrative effort and costs if members would pay their subscriptions promptly when they become due on 1st January annually. It has been necessary this year to write to a third of all members, reminding them that their subscriptions are overdue, or that the amount paid is incorrect. We are enclosing with the reminders new Bankers' Orders to pay outstanding debts and to cover future payments. It would be much appreciated if members would, in future, pay by Banker's Order.

Debentures

A limited number of debentures are available for purchase by members. Each debenture costs £25. 20 debentures cover a combined family membership subscription of £22 per year, and 13 debentures cover a full membership subscription of £15. Please apply to the Secretary if you wish to buy debentures.

Dinghy Park, Pontoon and Locker Rents

These are now due, and it is hoped that members will pay them without having to be reminded.

Annual Barbecue

This is to be held this year on Saturday, 20th July. Tickets at £1.50 each are limited to 250, and are available now from the Secretary's office. Drink tickets at 15p are also available - (5 tickets will purchase a bottle of wine).

End of Season Sailing Evening

On 26th October there will be an informal evening aimed mainly at the cruiser racers, at which all crew members, whether they are RLYC members or not, may be invited to attend. The aim of the evening will be to enable those attending to circulate freely, to drink convivially and to be offered small eats of rather more substantial nature than provided at the normal cocktail party. A limited number of the season's prizes will be presented, but to avoid interfering with the general enjoyment of those attending, the majority of the numerous prizes will be available for collection but will not be formally presented.

Numbers must obviously be limited, but those interested in attending are invited to inform the Secretary as soon as possible.

Catering

Luncheons continue to be served daily throughout the year and during the sailing season breakfasts are also served.

At the moment evening meals are served on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and on any other evenings if 12 or more members book in advance. From 15th July evening meals will be served nightly until the end of the sailing season.

Afternoon teas are also being served on Saturdays and Sundays to establish whether there is sufficient demand to justify the continuance of this facility.

For a trial period, a limited range of toasted sandwiches is being served in the bar on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Members are asked to note that the trial period is intended to establish what demand there is for this facility, and what the practical problems might be.

Private Parties

Club policy in regard to private parties is that they are subject to the approval of the House Committee, who give permission only when they consider that there will be minimum inconvenience to other members, and when the parties are held within normal Club opening hours. Rule 18(a) limits to 4 the number of guests that members may introduce at any one time, and this applies to private parties.

Use of Club Premises during Club Functions

All members may use the Club at any time, even when a function such as the Summer Ball or Annual Dinner is being held. But

those who are not taking part in the function are asked to show consideration for those who are.

Candidates for Membership

Members are reminded that when they propose a person for membership, the application must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the proposer. It is then up to the proposer to arrange personally, with members of the Executive Committee, whose names and telephone numbers are listed on the Club Notice Board, a convenient time to introduce the potential candidate. The personal contact enables the proposer to give to the Executive Committee member some background details of the candidate (and his family).

Bar Opening Hours

Members are asked not to continue drinking after bar closing hours, because the Club has to comply with the licensing laws. Any contravention of these may put in jeopardy the Club's licence. It is invidious for the Steward to have to harass members who continue to drink after the bar closes, but he is under instructions to ensure that he complies with the licensing laws.

Wine Sales

Wine may now be bought from the Bar by the carafe - 40p per half carafe and 75p per whole carafe.

Mooring at Club Pontoon

Members are requested to consider the convenience of others in their use of the Club pontoon. Boats must not be left unattended at any time, and members should leave their boats at the pontoon for the minimum time possible. The south end of the pontoon, where waiting is limited to 15 minutes, must be left free for this purpose.

Any special entertainment at the Pontoon, such as commissioning of boats, is subject to the approval of the House Committee.

Navigation Lectures

It is proposed to run a series of navigation lectures at the Club this winter, on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings. The course will consist of 10 sessions of 2½ hrs. each, and will be limited to 20 students, starting mid-October. The cost will be around £12 per head. Members interested in attending should contact the Secretary by 1st August.