

ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

INFORMATION SHEET 13

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are due on the 1st January. Bankers orders have already been sent to all members which it is hoped have been sent off to Banks. It would be of the greatest help if all members checked that their subscriptions have in fact been paid by their Banks. A tremendous amount of effort is involved in the Office in checking subscription payments and chasing those who have not paid or who have paid the wrong amount. It is an unfortunate fact that computer systems in Banks are not infallible and errors are sometimes made which are difficult to check at the receivers end.

DINGHY & PONTOON RENTALS

These too are due on the 1st January. The rates for 1978 are:-

Dinghy Park£13.50 (which includes Harbour Commissioners launching fee)

Pontoon (under 10').£4.50

(over 10').£9.00

NEW PONTOONS

Work on the new pontoons is due to start in mid January. This will involve movement of dinghies and it would help if members removed those not in use temporarily.

CRUISE PLANNING EVENINGS

These evenings which have been so popular in the past two winters are being repeated. Previously they have almost all been held mid-week, but this year some are being held on Saturday evenings for the benefit of those members who are unable to attend during the week. The programme is as follows:-

Wed 11th January Sat. 14th January	West Country & Scillies (Hugo Walford)
Wed. 18th January	Normandy & Channel Islands (Helen Tew)
Wed. 25th January Sat. 28th January	North Brittany (Derek Hobson)
Wed. 1st February	Continental Inland Waterways (Maurice Hope)
Wed. 15th February Sat. 18th February	South Brittany (Brian Macnamara)
Wed. 22nd February	Visit to the Tidal Model at Southampton University (Provisional)
Wed. 1st March	Northern Spain (Jim Bate)
Sat. 4th March	Southern Ireland (Colin McMullen)(Provisional)

ROYAL LYMINGTON MATCH RACING SERIES (Congressional Cup)

The fourth match racing series is to be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 14th, 15th and 16th April 1978.

The B.B.C. hope to televise the Series, which provides excellent spectator sport. It is hoped that members will take advantage of the later date to view the spectacle themselves.

COMMITTEE BOATS

The Club has in the past been most fortunate in obtaining help from various members who have provided their boats to act as Committee Boats. Any members who would like to offer help in this connection are invited to contact the Secretary.

CADIZ & QUAINS CUPS (LENTUNE PEN)

The closing date for submission of logs for the above competitions is the 31st January 1978. The following factors will be considered by the Judges:-

- (a) Merit of the Cruise, taking into account the type of yacht, time available, weather conditions and strength of crew.
- (b) Seamanship.
- (c) Pilotage and navigation, including navigational aids.
- (d) Presentation and content of log and track chart.

The Quains Cup is awarded for a cruise of under three weeks in length and the Cadiz Cup for a cruise of any length.

In addition an award of a Lentune Pen will be made for the best account of a cruise by a family or junior member under 15 years of age. Judges will pay particular attention to the way such accounts are presented and illustrated.

SAILING ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG

A meeting will be held in the Club at 1100 hrs on Saturday 4th February 1978 to explain and discuss new plans for providing better facilities for supervised "fun" sailing for the young during school holiday periods in 1978. Organised activities will be based primarily on the Mirror Dinghy, but if successful will be expanded to include other types suitable for early training and use by juniors (eg. Scows, O.K.s, etc.).

It is proposed that the sailing should be carried out within the sheltered water of the saltings to the East and West of the Lymington River based on a mother craft (mobile raft) and with the necessary rescue boat(s).

The extent to which this activity will succeed and can be expanded will depend to some extent on the support and help which will be forthcoming from parents and from experienced members in providing the supervisory staff to man the craft and help to control and organise the sailing.

The aim of the meeting, in addition to announcing existing plans will be to solicit ideas from members. All parents whose children may participate and others who can help or are interested are requested to attend the meeting on 4th February.

CRUISING IN COMPANY

It has been suggested that a number of members particularly those who cruise with only husband and wife, would enjoy cruising in company. Any of those interested are invited to let the Secretary know their names and also the areas in which they are interested and the times in which they wish to cruise.

ADMIRALTY NOTICES TO MARINERS - SUMMARY

Major General Lloyd is making an extract from the above to cover only:-

- (a) English Channel, Dover and the Scillies, both British and French Coasts.
- (b) Items of interest to yachts drawing less than 10 ft.
- (c) Notices to Mariners and not separate navigational warnings like fog and radio signals or chinpacs.

To use his own words he is trying within the above to be reasonably but by no means completely accurate and comprehensive.

He has already prepared extracts from notices between 15th January 1977 and the 22nd October 1977, and these are displayed in the Chartroom. If there is enough interest the Club would be prepared to duplicate these monthly at about 10p. per issue. Members interested are requested to put their names on the list in the Chartroom.

General Lloyd is also working on an easy guide to the introduction of the IALA Buoyage System. A notice about this will be displayed in the Chartroom in due course.

THEFTS

The Bulletin mentions the unfortunate thefts which have occurred recently. Specifically they have been as follows:-

- (a) Sat. 3rd December a gold plated Timex watch was removed from the Secretary's outer office.
- (b) The 1978 Reeds has been removed from the Chartroom.
- (c) Yachting Monthly and Yachting World for December were removed from the Library soon after receipt.
- (d) Illustrated London News is regularly removed.
- (e) Seahorse rarely survives until the succeeding issue is received.
- (f) Several copies of Geartest which is always valuable as a reference book have been removed.

Some of these thefts may well have been the work of visitors, but!

SIGNING IN OF GUESTS

Members are once again reminded that the names of their guests should always be entered in the Visitors Book and should also note the total number of visits permitted for any individual (not more than 6 per year). Monitoring non-compliance with these rules is a

tedious chore for the staff which should not be necessary in this Club. Moreover it is a normal convention that guests should not buy drinks or food.

LOTTERY

As members will have noted in the Bulletin the Lottery is still producing valuable additional facilities for the Club. Total number of those taking part is however comparatively small compared with the total membership. Any members who wish to join in and improve the general facilities of the Club by doing so, as well as giving themselves the opportunity of occasional wins - is invited to get in touch with the Secretary.

STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP

A number of candidates for membership have in the past been confused by the different categories of membership and have not applied for membership for their wives and children at the time of election. Members are asked to check that their present membership status is in fact what they want. If wives were not included in the original application, but intend to use the Club, then they should be proposed and seconded so that their names may go forward for election. Similarly children between the ages of 8 and 18 do not enjoy combined family membership unless they are registered with the Secretary's Office.

CRUISING DINNER

The third annual cruising dinner will be held on Saturday, 25th February 1978 at 7.30 for 8 p.m., dress - black tie, cost - £7.00 per head.

The dinner is intended to enable those members whose primary interest is cruising in all its forms to dine together. A limited number of guests are permitted on this occasion.

Would those wishing to attend please return the attached slip.