
ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

INFORMATION SHEET 26

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Enclosed with this mailing are:-

- (a) Information Sheet which includes details of subscription rates payable in 1983.
- (b) A letter from the Commodore to those who have not signed direct debit mandates.
- (c) The Winter Programme 1982 - 1983.
- (d) A Staff Fund reminder.
- (e) Amendment No. 8 to Handbook & List of Members 1980.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are due on 1st January, 1983. There has been no change in subscription rates for 1983 so that for those who have joined the Direct Debit scheme the amounts which will be demanded from their accounts are based on the following subscription rates:-

Combined Family Members	£62.00
Combined Family Members (Rule 15(h))	£37.00
Full Members:	
Over 30 and not covered by Rule 15(h)	£43.00
Covered by Rule 15(h)	£25.50
Over 25 and under 30	£35.00
Over 21 and under 25	£23.00
Student	£ 7.00
Family Members:	
Spouse of Full Member of 30 not covered by Rule 15(h)	£19.00
Spouse of Full Member and covered by Rule 15(h)	£11.50
Spouse of Full Member who is over 25 and under 30	£15.00
Spouse of Full Member who is over 21 and under 25	£10.00
Over 18 and under 21	£ 7.00
Over 8 and under 18 unless described as a Combined	
Family Member	£ 5.00
Junior	£ 7.00

Members qualifying as Overseas Members, pay one-quarter of the above rates.

For those who have not completed a Direct Debit Mandate there is a letter with this mailing from the Commodore asking them to reconsider this question and to join in at this stage to reduce the workload in the office in a time of rapidly changing subscription rates.

MEMBERS' ART EXHIBITION

Members are reminded that this is taking place on the last weekend in October and that Lady Boxer and Mrs. Honer are co-ordinating the event. Exhibits should be delivered to the Club on Wednesday, 27th October.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE CLUB

By the time Members receive this mailing the bulk of the work on the redevelopment of the Club will have been completed, although there is still some work to do in the Bar. There will be a daily lunch service in the new Buffet Bar. The aim will be to provide quick attractive food in less formal surroundings. It is hoped that Members will find these facilities good value and that those with young families will appreciate being able to bring their children into this new spacious room. Children, under the age of fourteen, are still not permitted in the main Bar.

BURGEES AND DEFACED ENSIGNS

Members are reminded of the ruling made by the Sailing and Executive Committees about the wearing of Club defaced ensigns. At no time should the Club defaced ensign be worn without the Club burgee being flown in the senior position at the masthead. If for some reason this is not possible then Members are permitted to wear a red ensign with the Club burgee at the starboard yard arm.

QUAINS, CADIZ AND JUNIOR BROWNLOW CUPS

The closing date for entries for these awards is 31st January, 1983. The factors which will be taken into account by the judges are:-

- (a) The 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 navigation aids.
- (d) Presentation and content of log and track chart.

The Quains Cup is awarded for cruises of under three weeks in length and the Cadiz Cup is awarded for cruises of any length. In addition the award of the Brownlow Cup may be made for the best account of a cruise by a Family or Junior Member under the age of 15. The judges will pay particular attention to the way in which such accounts are presented and illustrated.

THE ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday, 20th November. The principal guest is Robert Hardy who is associated with the Mary Rose Trust but is probably better known as the senior Vet. in *"All Creatures Great and Small."* There will be some restriction on numbers and entry will still be limited to Members only. Applications should be made on the enclosed form accompanied by a cheque. The cost will be £12.50 per person to include sherry before dinner and wine and port with the meal.

REGISTRATION OF PLEASURE CRAFT

The Department of Trade, having consulted closely with the Royal Yachting Association as well as a number of other interested groups, has now released details of proposed changes to requirements for registration of pleasure yachts.

January 1st 1984 is the deadline for foreign yachts visiting French waters to be fully registered. From that date any owner must be able to produce proper evidence of his entitlement to fly his country's national maritime flag.

With this in mind, the Department of Trade is intending to introduce a short Bill in Parliament in the 1983 Session, in order to introduce, for the benefit of yachtsmen, a less expensive and less cumbersome means of registering their yachts than exists at present.

The Department of Trade claims that the 1984 Merchant Shipping Act, under which the present registration procedures operate, has stood the test of time remarkably well, but point out that the drafters of that Act, nearly 90 years ago, could hardly have been expected to foresee the great increase which has taken place in the ownership of small pleasure craft. As a result, of course, the present system was designed largely with the interests of commercial and merchant shipping vessels in mind.

- (1) Ships under 79ft (24 metres) are to be exempt from the expensive, and in most cases unnecessary, requirement to be measured for tonnage as part of the registration process in the U.K. and to substitute instead the measurement of the length of the ship.
- (2) The introduction of an option, as an alternative to the present system for registration, for ships under 79ft, to be registered under a simplified and cheaper procedure, which will rely upon a statutory declaration about the ownership and particulars of the ship. A registration certificate issued under this arrangement would not give proof of title (which registration under existing arrangements of course does) but would provide satisfactory evidence of the nationality of the ship when it visits foreign countries where this is required. This register would be run centrally rather than through Ports of Registry.
- (3) The exemption of private pleasure craft under 45ft. (13.7 metres) from the need to register under existing arrangements or under the new simplified arrangement is also proposed, although owners of such craft may register under either arrangement if they wish to do so in order to go abroad or for other reasons. Thus so long as a ship below 45ft. does not wish to leave U.K. territorial waters there will be no obligation to register.

DUTY FREE IN FRANCE

The French Customs Authorities have always turned a blind eye to foreign yachtsmen who purchase duty free stores from authorised distributors at French Ports and who then consume those stores either before leaving French waters or whilst continuing a cruise to other French Ports.

In common with most other European countries which are signatories to the International Customs Conventions, French Law makes this practice illegal.

It should be noted that, at the foot of invoices provided by the sellers of duty free stores, the small print states that should a yacht re-enter French water any duty free articles still aboard the yacht must be declared for Customs purposes since such stores then become taxable.

Any yacht having aboard dutiable stores must not only fly a "Q" flag, but the skipper, upon arrival, should alert the Customs Authorities of his arrival and inform them that he has such stores aboard. In that case the normal duty will become payable but no fine will be levied since the offence does not consist of re-entering French waters with the stores aboard, but of failing to notify Customs of the yacht's arrival.

PROTEST SEMINAR

The Protest Seminar which was so successfully run by Mary Pera last year is being repeated in the New Year. Details will be announced in due course, but in the meantime those interested in the subject are asked to make a note of the date which is 19th February.

RACE ORGANIZATION

It is also hoped in the New Year to run a series of discussions about race organization for the benefit of those who would like to learn more about this subject. Those interested are invited to inform the Secretary. It is hoped that all those who race will be prepared to help with race organization occasionally.

SPONSORSHIP

Certain events run by the Club such as the Royal Lymington Cup, need adequate sponsorship if they are to run satisfactorily. It is extremely difficult to get sponsors for yacht racing events and any Member able to help to put potential sponsors in touch is requested to inform the Secretary.

YARMOUTH HARBOUR MASTER

Charlie Attrill who has been such a popular and efficient Harbour Master at Yarmouth for the past twenty-eight years is retiring at the end of the year.

A special retirement fund has been opened and donations should be sent to:-

The Attrill Fund,
No. 1 The Quay,
Yarmouth,
Isle of Wight.

It is intended that a special collection should be made during this year's "Needles Relief" - so it is hoped that Members will show their appreciation of Charlie's efforts either by a direct donation to the fund or by contributing generously at the time of the "Needles Relief."

TIPPING

Tipping of staff is contrary to Club practice. It is hoped that Members will show their appreciation of the staff by contributing generously to the Staff Fund and not tip at other times.

A reminder is enclosed with this mailing which is the last one to Members before Christmas.

TABLE MONEY

With effect from 1st October table money has been eliminated from meals in the Dining Room and prices adjusted accordingly. Table money has been shared between the Caterer and the Club and a new agreement has been reached so that the equivalent payment will in future be made by the Caterer to the Club.

ABANDONED EQUIPMENT AT THE CLUBHOUSE

There are at present at the Clubhouse several dinghies and outboard motors which have no means of identification and for which dinghy rentals have not been paid. At other times sails and spars have been similarly abandoned.

This equipment takes up valuable space in addition to making the place untidy.

Members should note that no equipment should be left in the Clubhouse, forecourt, pontoon or dinghy park without permission, and that any equipment for which permission is obtained should be clearly marked with the owner/yacht's name and the appropriate dues paid without reminder. Any equipment not so marked will be disposed of periodically.

OUTBOARD MOTORS

The storage for outboard motors following the development of the forecourt has not yet been finally constructed and it will be of great help if Members would remove their outboards for the winter to enable the new storage to be completed.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

There will be some limitation on numbers and Members are asked to apply for tickets on the enclosed form. A draw for places will, if necessary, be held on 1st December.

Dancing will be to "Autumn Gold" and the tickets will be £9 per head to include a cold buffet supper.

LADIES LUNCHEON

This is to take place on Tuesday, 26th October. Price £4 per person. Please book in the office.