
ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

With this mailing is a letter to all those who agreed to pay their subscription by Direct Debit indicating how much their subscription will amount to in 1986. Over 85% of Members have now agreed to pay their subscription by this method and those who have not done so yet are urged to complete the Direct Debit mandate enclosed as it will save time and trouble for Club Office staff.

PLANNED EXPENDITURE - NEW ROOF

It has been known for many years that the flat roof over the dining room and kitchen and the roof over the library would eventually cause expensive problems, and this was mentioned in last year's Bulletin. We are now advised that major and expensive work is essential and must not be delayed for any appreciable time. Planning permission has therefore been sought for a new pitched aluminium roof. An axonometric plan has been on display in the Club for some time. This will involve significant expenditure in 1986 (possibly as much as £35,000) and is likely to result in an increase in subscriptions in 1987. Fuller details will be available in time for the AGM.

DATA PROTECTION ACT 1984

This legislation requires that, where in the case of an unincorporated members' Club, personal information relating to membership is stored in a computer, the members must be told of the situation in order that the Club may gain exemption from parts of the act.

The club uses a computer to store information in connection with Membership records. The information held is confidential to the Club and is not disclosed to any outside agency.

In order to meet the legal requirements of the act, Members must be given the opportunity to object to the holding of data in this manner. In the event of any member wishing to object, he/she should inform the Secretary in writing.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

The Executive Committee have decided that no more full members shall be elected until after the Annual General Meeting in February 1986.

MEMBERS BAR

It has been decided to run a "Members Only" Bar in the Library as an experiment at Sunday lunchtimes during the Solent Circuit Races in the Autumn (run by the Lymington Town Sailing Club) to try to help the problem of overcrowding at these busy times.

It will not be possible to provide this facility on Sunday 27th October during the Members' Art Exhibition.

CADIZ AND QUAINS CUPS & BROWNLOW CUP

The closing date for the submission of the logs for these competitions is the 15th January, 1986. 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 navigation aids.
- d) Presentation and content of log and track chart.

The Quains Cup is awarded for cruises of under 3 weeks in length and the Cadiz Cup is awarded for cruises of any length. In addition the award of the Junior Brownlow Cup may be made for the best account of a cruise by a Family or a Junior Member under the age of 15. The Judges will pay particular attention to the way such accounts are presented and the way in which they are illustrated.

MEMBERS AND ART EXHIBITION

Members are reminded that this is taking place during the last weekend in October this year. Lady Boxer is co-ordinating the event. Exhibits should be delivered to the club on Wednesday the 23rd October, 1985 between 10 am and 4 pm.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, 16th November, 1985 at 7.30 for 8 pm. The guest of honour is Admiral Sir Ian Easton who is the Director of the British Challenge for the America's Cup 1987. The cost of tickets will be £14.50 which will include sherry before dinner, wines with dinner and port. Numbers will be limited and there will be a ballot for places on the 23rd October. Those wishing to attend are asked to complete the enclosed application form and forward it with their cheque to reach the office in time for the draw. Dress - Black Tie, Members only.

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

The demand for tickets for the New Year's Eve Dance invariably exceeds capacity. Application for tickets this year should be made on the enclosed form and a draw if necessary will take place on the 15th November. Thereafter a waiting list will be maintained and vacancies allotted as they occur. Numbers will be restricted to 180 and to Members only unless special dispensation is obtained. Dancing from 8 pm to 1 am to "Spectrum". Tickets £13 - to include a 3 course meal.

Dress - Black Tie.

It is regretted that the club will be closed on that evening to Members without tickets for the New Year's Eve Dance.

TIPPING

The tipping of staff is contrary to Club practice. It is hoped that Members will show appreciation to the staff by contributing generously to the Staff Fund and not tip at other times. A reminder about the Staff Fund is enclosed with this mailing which is the last one to Members before Christmas.

In 1984, 685 of the 1800 + Full Members contributed to the fund which was distributed between the assistant secretaries, the boatman and assistant boatman, the steward and bar staff, the cleaners, and the catering staff (about 30 persons in all). The Flag Officers and Committee hope that more Members will contribute this year.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The normal pattern of Christmas activities is being followed this year but instead of the Teenage Supper Dance a Family Ball has been organised as it is thought that this might be more in keeping with what our young members want - the ideas being that young members of 14 years of age and upwards should come with their parents.

SAILING FOR THE YOUNG

The Sailing for the Young which has been organised by Dr. Jonathan Rogers, Rear Commodore Sailing, in Scows, Optimists, Toppers and Lasers is being well supported, and thanks are due to Rear Commodore Sailing and his helpers for resurgence of interest in dinghy sailing. There is always a need for more helpers, and anyone interested in helping with this very worthwhile activity is asked to let the Office know of their availability either ashore or afloat. Even if members have only an odd day when they can spend the time to assist this will be much appreciated.

There is also need for more rescue craft. The Old Club Zodiac was generously donated to the Club by Noel Bond-Williams over 12 years ago and is now nearing the end of its life. The engine is however fairly new and is in good shape. If any member is considering getting rid of a suitable rubber dinghy or dory it would be most acceptable as a replacement for the Zodiac.

CLUB LOTTERY

The Club Lottery continues as a most useful source of funds.

First the facts

About 300 members of the club subscribe to the Lottery. Normally they pay £2.00 per month by Pankers order or £24.00 a year.

The draw takes place once a month and there are now 6 prizes.

£100
£50
£50
£25
£25
£25

Thus it will be seen that out of a monthly income of £600 the pay out is £275.

As the number of subscribers increases so will the number (or value) of prizes.

Secondly:- The Background

The balance of £325 odd accumulates in a special bank account. It was never intended that the Lottery should simply augment Club funds but rather that it should build up a balance in a special fund to pay for particular items which otherwise the Club could not afford.

Two very good examples are the crane which cost £5865 and the new launch which cost £5320. These were both paid for out of the Lottery fund and provide excellent additional facilities relating directly to the Club's sailing activities. Without the funds provided by the lottery it is highly unlikely that we would now have either a crane or the new launch.

Thirdly:- The Future.

As indicated earlier in this Information Sheet, there may well be heavy expenditure on the roof in the near future and this will make the Lottery Fund even more important than it has been in the past. Examples of possible use in the future are:-

1. Replacement of club furnishings which though capable of further life, would make the whole club more pleasant by immediate replacement e.g. carpets and bar furnishings.
2. New sophisticated public telephones in the lobby capable of making international calls. We are often hosts to foreign yachtsmen, either as cruising visitors or as international competitors.
3. Purchase of additional Club rowing and sailing dinghies and safety equipment.

The Flag Officers and Executive Committee are surprised that some Members either do not know of the existence of the Lottery Fund at all or have no idea of the extent to which it has contributed in the past to the provision of facilities directly related to our Club Activities. Their surprise is perhaps justified by the fact that only 300 of you from a total of 1800 + Full Members presently subscribe.

If you would like to join the Club Lottery please complete the enclosed Banker's Order.

SALE OF CLUB REGALIA

A new system for selling Club Regalia has been introduced and the Club are most grateful to Mrs. Joan Briggs for the great help she has given over the years. In future Regalia will be sold through the Office although the display cabinet will continue to be used. A list of those items for sale will be posted on the board and will be updated regularly. At present the items for sale are as follows:-

Ties	£4.00
Cravats	£6.00
Bow Ties	£4.50
Cap Badges (New Style)	£7.00
Collar Badges (Mess Dress)	£12.50
Buttons	20p each
Brooches	£3.50
Sweatshirts	£9.50
Wool Sweaters (Burgee)	£15.50
Wool Sweaters (R. Lym. Y.C.)	£15.50

Glasses with Club Burgee will be available shortly and other items including handbags and good quality brooches in due course.

NEW SECRETARY

Group Captain J.D. Hutchinson RAF has been appointed Secretary of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club following the retirement of Group Captain H.L. Lewis with effect from 1st November 1985.

CRUISE PLANNING EVENINGS

Cruise Planning Evenings will be held each Wednesday from 15th January until 26th March. In general the subjects covered will be similar to the pattern of the previous years, but there will be some innovations and the facilities for presentation will be improved. The aim of these evenings is to enable Members to exchange information about cruising matters, so it is hoped that experienced as well as those who are relatively new to cruising will attend.

HUNTING GROUP SOLENT POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP - 1985.

This club has been the Coordinating Club for the Hunting Group Solent Points Championship for 1985. The Annual General Meeting will be held here on Saturday 30th November 1985 at 1030 hrs followed by the Prizegiving at midday. (The Clubhouse may well be crowded at lunch time on this day.)

There has been a decline in interest in the Solent Points Championship in recent years and we have written to all Members who take part or have taken part in the past, to ask them how the Championship might be changed to create more interest. Any interested Member who has not received such a letter is asked to put his views to the Secretary in writing.

HELP WITH ACTIVITIES GENERALLY

As well as help with Sailing for the Young, there are various other occasions on which help from Members would be welcome usually for short periods only. Already many help with the periodic mailings, the flowers, DIY, race organisation both on Committee Boats and on the platform, rescue craft and in other specialist ways as advisors and helpers. It would be appreciated if those who would not mind being approached occasionally would complete and return the attached slip to the Secretary's Office. It is emphasized that completing the slip does not commit you to anything.

VOLUNTEERS

Please return completed form to the Secretary's Office

I am prepared to help the Club occasionally

AFLOAT/ASHORE

My particular skills or interests are

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.....
Periods when NOT available

NAME

ADDRESS

.....Tel. No: