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ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

INFORMATION SHEET 4

PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS, DINGHY PARK, PONTOON AND LOCKER FEES

The first letter to members who have either not paid any subscription for this year, or have paid at an incorrect rate, has just been despatched, and this has involved the writing of about 250 individual letters. This is time consuming and, with present postage rates, expensive. If last year's experience is repeated, second and third letters will be necessary before all who intend to pay do so. It would be to the general benefit of all members if outstanding subscriptions were paid forthwith, and if changes of address were notified to the Secretary as soon as they occur.

As far as rentals for tenders at the pontoon are concerned, there are at present about 20 tenders whose owners do not display a disc. Please display your disc if you have paid your rental, or else pay your rental forthwith. To remind members, the current rates are:-

Dinghy Park	£7.50
Pontoon Tenders (under 10')	£3.00
Pontoon Tenders (over 10')	£6.00
Lockers	£1.00

FUTURE SAILING EVENTS

Members' Races

A limited number of Members' Cruiser Races have been introduced this year, and the first of these is to be held on 31st May. Races will be open to rated and non-rated yachts, and if you have no rating we will arrange to allocate one. The success of these events will, of course, depend on the support they receive.

It is intended to hold a drinks party, with prize giving, at 6.30 p.m. after the race, and a table-d'hôte meal at £1.50 per head will be available in the Dining Room. Please let the Secretary know as soon as possible if you intend to take part.

Fishing Competition

On Saturday, 14th June, there is to be a R.L.Y.C. Fishing Competition followed, we hope, by a fish supper in the Dining Room.

Photographic Competition

A prize has been offered for the best photograph of a marine nature taken by a member during 1975. Judging will take place in October, and with this early warning we hope for many entries.

Avon Life Raft Demonstration

The manufacturers have agreed to demonstrate an Avon Life Raft, accompanied by a short film and discussion, at 6 p.m. on 4th June, at the Club Pontoon. The Dining Room is being opened, and a table-d'hôte three course meal will be served at £1.25 per head.

Please inform the Secretary if you wish to attend this most interesting and valuable demonstration, and indicate whether you wish to have a meal at the Club afterwards. The demonstration will be of interest to all, and not merely to those who own Avon dinghies or liferafts.

Review of the Royal Thames Cumberland Fleet

To mark the bicentenary of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, a review of their fleet (The Cumberland Fleet) has been arranged for Friday, 25th July, 1975, off the Royal Yacht Squadron at Cowes. It is hoped that an expedition of R.L.Y.C. members will proceed in their boats to view this spectacle. Any non-boat owners who would like berths are asked to notify the Secretary, who will attempt to find them places.

The Royal Thames Yacht Club have invited R.L.Y.C. members to join their party on a Blue Funnel Steamer which they have chartered, at a cost of £5 per head (including packed lunch and ½ bottle of wine). Names of those interested to the Secretary please.

Start of the Fastnet

A number of members have indicated that they intend to use their boats to view the start of the Fastnet on Saturday, 9th August, from mid-day onwards. Would any non-boat owners notify the Secretary if they wish to obtain berths for this event.

SUMMER DANCE

Tickets for this event to be held on Friday, 20th June, are now on sale at a cost of £4.00 per head, which will include supper. The Wally Ellroy Quartet and the Faulty Amp Discotheque have been engaged for the evening. Tickets are limited to 150, so early application is advised. Tables may be booked in advance.

SEASON CAR PARK TICKETS

These are now available from the Office.

SUPPERS

Suppers are now being served on Fridays and Saturdays, and will be extended to Sundays in the near future. Last year's experiment of opening the Dining Room each evening during the mid-Summer period will be repeated as soon as demand warrants it. Members are reminded that the caterer is always prepared to open the Dining Room if 12 or more members indicate that they wish to dine at the Club.

NEW MEMBERS' PARTIES

These are organised periodically to enable new members to meet Flag Officers and Committee Members. It is thought that other club members may wish to attend these functions, which are run on a "pay as you go" basis. The only restriction is numbers and, in future, advance notification of these functions, which are held two or three times per year, will be posted on the Notice Board and any members wishing to attend are asked to notify the Secretary, so that some check on numbers can be maintained.

SALE OF CLUB INSIGNIA

A new display cabinet is shortly to be installed outside the Secretary's office. The contents of this cabinet are controlled by Mrs. J. Briggs (Lymington 2826), a member who has kindly taken on the ordering and sale of Club Insignia and souvenirs. It is not the responsibility of the Office Staff, so members are requested to contact Mrs. Briggs direct if they wish to purchase any of the items displayed in the cabinet.

Ties, buttons, cap badges, evening dress insignia and burgees and ensigns are, however, available only through the Bar. Members are requested to make their purchases when the Bar Staff are not fully extended on their primary duties.

BAR PRICES

The recent series of increases in taxes and manufacturers' wholesale charges have resulted in considerable increases in Bar charges. It is regrettable but unavoidable in the present financial climate. The Bar Staff have been issued with an authorised price list, which is always available for examination by members if they are surprised at the level of charges.

BARBECUE

The Club Barbecue this year is being held on Saturday, 30th August, which is during the 420 National Championships. It would be appreciated if members willing to take 420 competitors to and from the Barbecue in their boats, would inform the Secretary.

R.L.Y.C. GOATHORN MEET

A Club Meet for cruisers is being held at Goathorn (Poole) during the

week-end of 6th/7th September. Further details will appear, in due course, in the Chart Room.

DISTRIBUTION OF CLUB LITERATURE

The cost of postage is now so high that economy is essential. To that end, a letter rack is being installed in the Clubhouse, and it is intended to use the pigeon holes for distribution of club literature, as far as possible. This Information Sheet and the Members' List are being delivered locally by members, but posted to those living outside the district. If you receive them by mail but would in future be prepared to pick up club literature from the letter rack, please let the Secretary know.

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