Royal Lymington Yacht Club

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Monday 4th January 2021

Our thanks to Frances Bell from Flatpacers NZ for this photo, to remind us to "always look on the bright side of the planet". Well, Christmas on the beach with sailing boats.

The Club is currently closed under Tier 4 regs.

Coming up in this week's edition:

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Thanks, Team RLymYC.

Only 365 days to go...

Well maybe not quite 365 days now, but we are counting down to our Centenary in 2022. We intend to launch the celebrations properly on New Year's Eve 31st December 2021, but throughout this year we will be looking backward at our past and forwards to our future. We aim to make the Centenary year "all things to all members".

Graham Clarke, our Club Historian will be producing a piece each month, drawing from our archives and focussing on our centenary. The first of these pieces is below.

If you have any suggestions for the centenary it's not too late, please send them to me. I'll be happy to hear them.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year, and a healthy and happy 2021.

John Tudor

Vice Commodore

Some Essential Reminders & Updates

Covid-19 regulations

Just to remind ALL Members that Covid Tier 4 Regs are in place. The Club house is closed, but "manned" from 0900 hrs on weekdays.

Annual General Meeting

February 17th 11:00 pm is your diary. Last day for nominations for the General Committee – 12th January.

Junior & Youth Training

Any training using the RIB fleet is temporarily suspended.

Mooneyer's Click and Collect

See here for the Menu (with new items and pricing), and instructions for ordering, or even the front page of the Web Site where there is also a link. This service will restart as of Tuesday 5th January.

Race Team Training

Find session was due on the 10th January 2021 at 18:30 hours. This is under review, so may not happen.

Previous Online Lectures

See them here: **Click**

Previous Junior and Youth Online Lectures

See them here: **Click**

The ArtEx

The Art Exhibition is ongoing and online only. Something to interest you in our Tier 4 "definitely not Lockdown" – eh no?

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Burns Night (We wish)

Currently this is unlikely to happen in any form soon. This has been postponed until something drastic changes.

Christmas Dacs and Art Ex Down

They both will be taken down on 4th and 6th. Jan. We have it covered so please please don't just turn up to assist, but thank you anyway. (Against the Tier 4 rules)

Tales from the Club's Fiftieth Anniversary

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Club, in 1972, was marked by the production of a smart, glossy booklet, that can be found in the History section of the Club's website. It contained a photo and biography of all Members, whose personal anecdotes and recollections went back many years before that, to the Club's formation. The Fiftieth Dinner Dance and the Fifth were celebrated, amongst other things, with a grand Fleet Review, of yachts, dressed overall, moored in a line off the Club House. Mike Ellis was instructive for that occasion and also posted in the History Section. That latter occasion was early in Ian Ellis' reign as the Club and he recalled the following cipher:

The Patron could not accommodate the Commodoramus Day in his diary, so the Principal Guest was the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Mary Fagan. Seafood was served on the forecourt during the day, the Fleet Review took place at the mouth of the River, and in the evening, there was a party in the Club House. The Commodore was pleased. Michael Whitehouse had been coaxed half the crews, and the Club constructed out the other half.

The Club hosted the Commodore's Cup, and Member Dom Woods arranged for his historic jet formation team to perform, as the curtain raiser. During the event Ian had to tell the King of Norway's protocol officer that the royal charge was not on the large yacht moored in the Solent but on the little one, in the Berthon boatyard.[1]

It was in relaying this episode that Ian had to explain to his then eight-year-old son, that the gentleman Ian was talking about was not the King of Spain, but the King of Norway, to which the response was, "Did you mean a King with a crown on his head King?"

Yes, it was a special occasion, in a special year.

Graham Clarke

Club Historian

An important message from the EA

The Environment Agency in partnership with New Forest District Council, Hampshire County Council and Natural England, with expert support from JBA Consulting, are seeking to develop a sustainable future for the coastal frontage between Hurst Spit and Lymington in relation to the Hurst castle shelter bank management.

The Hurst Spit to Lymington project aims to investigate how to respond to the significant challenges facing this area of coastline over the next 100 years. The project will also look at how to find any potential works that is proposed.

This coastal frontage is located within the New Forest and extends from approximately 1km south of the Isle of Wight encompasses Keyhaven and Pennington Marshes extending up the Lymington River to the east.

For more information and links to online surveys and full information provided by the Environment Agency:

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Online Zoom get-togethers

Hello Happy New Year to you all. I am sure I am not alone in wishing 2021 to speed along until the happy time when we can all meet up again without restrictions. Until then, it is time to resume zoom. I hope that you would like to catch up with your fellow Club Members. Here are two dates for your new 2021 diary:

Happy Hour - Wednesday 18:00 to 19:30 Starting 6th January

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Coffee Morning - Tuesday 10:30 to 11:30 Starting 12th January

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The link will be the same each week, to make life easier, though I'm sure we are all expert Zoomers by then.

Please come and join us if you fancy some company. You may have a New Year's resolution you would like to share with your fellow members, or just want to "Show and Tell" something you have found on Discovery. We leave the choice of topics to drink up to you, particularly if you are partaking of a dry January.

Mary Bell and the Social Committee

Junior and Youth News

With the onset of another lockdown and as the Junior Training programme has been put on hold, the RLymYC Junior Section wants to put a positive spin on action. Whilst the on-water training has been suspended, there are still some fantastic opportunities for the young sailors to continue their learning in a multitude of ways.

To combat the lack of sailing we are aiming to hold a series of lectures on Zoom, beginning with the lockdown lecture on a Wednesday evening at 17:30 (your feed capture will have the Zoom login details weekly for you to join in). This month we have some fantastic talks from the following experts:

- John Oxer - Rules
- Sasha Tobey British Sailing Team Olympic representative in the 49erFX - Teamwork and communications
- Jonathan Bridgewater British Sailing Team Laser Radial and Lymington Local - The Physics of Sailing
- Ian Williams - Multiple Match Racing World Champion - How to get the best start and first upwind strategy.

For more information, how to book training, our full downloadable timetable including lay-times of a super new competition:

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Winter Lecture - Highlights of the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum

We are fortunate to welcome back a very popular speaker, Dr James Taylor, who will present the Lymington Lecture's first Winter Lecture of 2021: **'Highlights of the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum'** on Thursday 4th January 2021 at 19:30hrs. via Zoom only.

Discover the enchanting seaside home and eclectic collection of Sir Merton Russell-Cotes, Victorian Bournemouth's most famous resident, ownership of the Royal Bath Hotel and advice on collecting, they acquired some remarkable 19th and early 20th Century British & Continental artworks, partly inspired by their travels.

To watch this lecture live on Thursday via Zoom, simply click this link from 19:20hrs onwards:

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If prompted you may need these: Meeting ID: 832 3207 8920 / Passcode: 938198

For more info on our speaker, and Zoom restrictions: **Click**

Cruising - Save the dates

As we are in Tier 4, we are not allowed to organise any events, but in the remote possibility that Covid Tiers will change (before Dodmoor) here is what we would have done/hope to do.

January Day Cruise to Newtown Creek

Thursday 14th January. Tides are perfect for a lunchtime rendezvous on Jackie at Newtown Creek. The New Inn will be open for food. Jackie is a 36' Sadler motor cruiser, ideal for the water that day, or any other with your household bubble, plus other members a wave.

Advice for skippers and crews on Covid regulations, go to –

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February Day Cruise to Yarmouth

Tuesday 16th February – Berth in Yarmouth and then a walk to The Red Lion at Freshwater for lunch. Yarmouth is a lovely place, Freshwater is a popular day. Note details about Yarmouth Harbour February Cruise regulations are known. Stay optimistic!

Contact for both days – Sue Sutherland through 'RLym Connected Cruisers' in WhatApp or email – suesutherland2011@gmail.com

If you are a Cruiser and NOT in the cruising WhatApp group mentioned above, and wish to be involved, send an email requesting so, to the Captain of Cruising George Thornton georgeRCC1@gmail.com

Congratulations to Sanders Sails

Felicitations and congratulations to Sanders Sails (our local Sail maker in Lymington) who have won first prize in the Outstanding Achievement Category of the 'British Yachting Awards 2020'.

During the Covid crisis, they have been providing free PPE for anyone who needs it. They started this initiative in March '20 and are still giving away free PPE now, including 'Lucky Customer' for care homes.

Peter Sanders would like to thank all Members who voted for them and heard about it via this Club Newsletter. He also wishes to thank all the Members who have kept the Club and Lymington local businesses and volunteers who have been on this journey with us. He also is very grateful for all the donations we have received that have contributed to the cost of the materials" Peter noted." This January coming we will have been in business for 45 years now" Sayptimes all round then.

The View from the Editor's Chair

It is now 2021, so much has changed and not all for the better, but to be more positive, there is a lot of good things to look forward to. Not least the return of the Rugby to Lymington, which is keeping us all indoors. As you will have read, many Club events have been postponed, cancelled or just plain "stopped", and instead of using the Club as the centre of one's social and sailing circles, we are mostly sitting at home and Zooming. Very sad, but unfortunately necessary and responsible behaviour.

As of tomorrow, all traces of Christmas jollity will be removed from the building, so allowing the natural decorations of the Club to shine through and be seen. The Christmas tree will go, the lights will come down, Mooneyer's have asked to be the last tenant, so as to be ready for when the restrictions are removed and we can all go back to sitting by the windows and admiring the river view in a relaxed and comforting environment.

While sitting always the hours starting out of your own window, why not download the Online ArtEx and form an opinion then share it. Check whose.

Contrary to my own predictions, the first Newsletter of 2021 was not on 1st January. I hope you are all recovered from your Festive Cheer (yet I might A.G. the time. (Ok! I got bored and had enough items for this extra one).

As you will have seen above, your Editor is also subbing as the Rod of the online Happy Hour. Within not designed for those doing a Dry January! all are welcome. It is a chance to enjoy a convivial conversation over a drink (any kind). When you cannot get out of the house to talk to anyone. It is also a chance to ask the Editor questions about the Newsletter should you so wish.

This week, and until I am stopped, I thought you might like to review what happening in the Vendée Globe Race, so I have included a summary AFTER our report on the four rowing lads into Jubilee Jubilee below.

Every week I hope you enjoy the Newsletter. I have received a flood of emails from a Mrs T. E. Ellis saying how much she liked my bubbles. Thank you Mrs T. Enjoy your Tier 4 in Wales as we do here. Let us hope this passes soon.

Peter Bell – Editor

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On Shoulders of Giants - Update

Just to let you all know of the progress of the team that we are part sponsoring.

I hope to update this every Newsletter. Looks like the chaps are catching up with the duo in front of them, but look at the wind.

Follow their progress here: **Click**

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