Royal Lymington
YACHT CLUB

MEMBER CENTRAL	ON THE WATER	ASHORE	HOME PORT

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Monday 5th April 2021

Titled : Competing for the Penguin Trophy

with thanks to Paul French

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Thanks, Team RLymYC

A message from the Commodore

The months of waiting are over and our sailing season is finally underway. I was delighted to see so much activity at the Club over the Easter weekend: The pontoons were busy with Members preparing their boats and Junior Coaching was well under way. The Penguin trophy, which had been postponed from Christmas, was our first competitive event of 2021 and congratulations to Nick Froud on his victory over a strong fleet. The momentum will continue to build with the Spring Series starting next Sunday and our regular racing and cruising activities coming online throughout April.

In line with Government regulations Mosimann's will reopen on April 12th with a table service for food and/or drinks on the Club balconies. We have erected a temporary tented roof on the main balcony to provide some protection against the elements. Tables will be limited to two households or 'the rule of six'. The initial plan for this period is to offer the following weekly schedule subject to demand:

These and more details can be found here, along with further comments from the Commodore: Click

Restaurant and Bar from 12th April

MOSIMANN'S
at

From 12th April until 16th May:

Monday - Open 16:00 - Last orders 20:00
Tuesday & Wednesday - Closed
Thursday to Saturday - Open 12:00 - Last orders 20:00
Sunday - Open 12:00 - Last orders 15:00

There will be flexibility on this schedule to serve Members coming ashore from Monday and Thursday evening racing.

Book a Table here Click

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See the new MENU here: Click

Some Essential Reminders & Updates

Real Duplicate Bridge Monday 16:30

Last week's winners were NS Judy Ruffel and Pam Myatt EW David & Carole Hayles. There were 11 tables. David and Carole took the overall prize and Liz and Mike Redfern have been awarded the much-prized mugs.

RNLI Bridge Comp

Click for details of the Final bridge night on April 5th - Click

Monday Evening Dinghies

Starts Monday 12th April with competititors briefing tonight on Zoom at 18:00 Click

Meeting ID: 873 1427 1867
Passcode: 052026

Mariners Scavenger Hunt

Easter Monday April 5th 14:00-17:00 Click

Spring Series

Starts on April 11th - to enter Click

RIBAX group raid 13th April

Note for diary : off up the River Itchen or Hamble – Details to follow from contact nickryley84@gmail.com

Book Club

A Town like Alice by Nevil Shute; read & discuss by Monday 10th May 15:00

Meeting ID: 838 9211 7940 Passcode: 009592

Cruising Dinner – 21st May Black Tie

Logs to georget0104@gmail.com by April 21st

Club Mailing

Thanks to all Volunteers - 99% will have been delivered when you read this

Details of all Club based Yoga and Pilates Classes Click

Hot Link to Coffee Mornings Meeting ID: 845 8593 5579 Passcode: 346480 Click

Hot Link to Happy Hour Meeting ID: 812 2615 4445 Passcode: 864279 Click

Hot Link to Online Lectures. Click

Previous Junior and Youth Online Lectures See them here Click

Club House Sailing Facilities post 29th March

After 29th March, if you are involved in a sailing activity, Toilet facilities will be available. They cannot be used as a changing area. The Men's changing room will remain closed, and the Ladies Changing rooms will be Unisex, bubbles only from 12th April.

Motor Boat Cruise to Poole - a report

"They gathered in the shadowy light of dawn, creeping out of the pandemic darkness to stand in a socially distanced circle, those intrepid motorboaters of the Yacht Club". Well not quite, but we did stand in a circle outside the Club in the bright sunlight of a glorious day last Tuesday to discuss the plan for the day.

After viewing the damage at Hurst Castle, our flotilla of six followed the coast, as this was the more interesting route whilst dodging the strong incoming tide. The more experienced took the short passage into Poole through the East Looe Channel; others went the long way round. We all explored the Harbour, depending on our boat's draught, including a visit to the Town Quay to view the latest Sunseeker super yachts moored nearby.

The fleet anchored for lunch off Pottery Pier at the west of Brownsea Island before meandering home at our own pace: maybe visiting the cruise liners anchored in the bay, or anchoring in quiet Solent bays as the sun dipped.

For your reporter, this was the first trip outside the Solent since the last lockdown plus one, or is it two? Would everything work? Would the crew enjoy the experience? Could I remember how to read a chart?

Yes to most of the above. Maybe, just maybe, we will see a Summer of Fun, and boating.

Photo Credit: Jenny Wilson
Robin Taunt
Event Organiser

The Penguin Trophy 2020 (postponed)

On the 2nd April 12 crews took to the water in Club Scows to race for the postponed Penguin Trophy from last year. The Trapezoid course designed by R.O. Vince Sutherland, was sailed with the start line at the end of the Club pontoon. The race consisted of two rounds and a sausage to finish downwind in a fair but shifty breeze. The competitors were organised in 2 flights of six boats, each flight doing two races. The top 3 from each flight going into the A final to produce the winners in a two race series. This was followed by a B final for the remaining 6 boats.

For the results and some photos - Click

Vince Sutherland
Race Officer & Penguin Trophy Organiser

First Sail Cruise after Lockdown

Two sets of cruisers left Lymington last week to celebrate the lifting of restrictions on organised sailing activity. This was the first time the Captain of Cruising's pennant had been allowed to fly, and in a 20 knot wind, fly it did.

Four boats headed for the Hamble under sail on Monday 29th March - Owl, Salty, Aloni and Late Again. They carried tide and fresh breezes all the way, and moored up for chat and self-catered lunches on the mid-river pontoons off Warsash, which proved perfect for the purpose - lightly occupied, broad and stable.

There was a little anxiety at what the return journey would be like, as the ebb was under way and the near-spring tidal streams would now be against the wind. But Steve Harridge (Aloni) reported that 'the sail back was less lumpy than feared and other than that bit off Beaulieu which is always messy, it was really quite flat for wind against tide.' And Nigel Lang (Salty) said 'We had a lovely sail up with the wind behind and full sail. We came back with 2 reefs and shortened genoa but another very pleasant sail being strongly lee bowed all the way in wall to wall sunshine and no spray coming aboard'.

So a very enjoyable shake-down cruise for sailboats which turned out well for four boats and 14 sailors.

George Trevelyan
Captain of Cruising

From the Junior & Youth fleets

The Junior and Youth fleets have been making the most of the resumption of organised sports from the start of last week. With most of the fleets having already run their first coaching sessions of the season with everyone enthusiastic to get back on the water and practicing for the resumption of competitive racing, RYA championships and class nationals.

For more details of all the fleets **Click**

Club garden renovation - Week 3

It turned out nice again (Muther) which was all well and good because we had tons of soil to seive. Peter's Patent Soil and Stone Seperator (see above) was wheeled in and lots of jiggling ensued. Peter Blick took away a trailer full of soil-and-stones so ensuring that there was room for the extra new soil we will be purchasing so that the millennium garden will actually grow.

Jane asks that we should have another go next week - the final push. We have to clear some more stones, do more sieving and also do final root clearance (those buried under the current level). I hope that some of you will be available next Thursday morning. The usual bribe of a nice cup of coffee, and possibly some biscuits provided by the ever-welcome Mr Perkins who turns up with his biscuit tin every week in appreciation of our efforts.

We hope to persuade the Handyman to fix the trellis from next Tuesday and work with a full planting plan after next Thursday.

Volunteers (usual suspects & more) Meet at 09:00 Thursday 8th April

Stephen Crates
Gardening work force supervisor

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Wheelies ride again

Our lost time has been found – Thanks J-P Sartre

After over a year, the wheelies were able to get out on their bikes together again. Unfortunately we passed many a well-visited hostelry without stopping. Socially distanced group A went clockwise while S.D. Group B went widdershins. While there was a bit of puffin' and blowin' those with the electrics sailed happily up the hills. A Pleasant introduction to our two latest wheelies, Pete & Ruth Wagstaff, we hope they come many more times

History of the Penguin Trophy

Have you ever wondered where our trophies came from and what was the reason they were donated to the Club, after all many of them are quite old and quite valuable. (A bit like the Membership) We were reminded that we did not know everything, when this email arrived from Ian Gawn.

"About midway through my tenure as Secretary, probably early in the noughties, a box arrived in the mail which on opening revealed a beautiful silver model of a penguin. Now, I spent the first four months of 1986 in the Falkland Islands signing for all the green buildings at Mount Pleasant, the ones you may have seen on the Falklands series of Island Parish on television. I got around the Islands a bit as well, and saw a lot of penguins, flocks of thousands on Bertha's Beach for instance, so I have a very soft spot for penguins.

So this lovely silver model struck a chord. The box contained a note to the effect that the trophy had been won in 1939 by a member of the sender's family, packed away on the outbreak of World War II, and had only recently come to light when the family was clearing a loft. As I recall there were no contact details for the sender. I thought the penguin would make an admirable paperweight for the Secretary's desk, but others thought differently and the item again became the Penguin Trophy and appropriately became the trophy for a winter sailing event. This year of course it is being run a little later than usual, and we send best wishes to all those sailing in the event this last weekend."

Ian Gawn
Ex- Club Secretary

Online Art Group 5th April 2021

As spring is sprung why not a picture of some figs to get the creative juices going.

This image does not have to be copied or represented exactly, if the artist does not wish to. As usual, it can instead serve merely as an inspiration for a piece of art which looks completely different.

Last week's picture has inspired Harvey Wooley, you can see the results here

Click

Please let Josie Nieves have a .pdf or .jpg of any images you may produce from it as soon as you are comfortable with your work. (rjnieves1@mac.com).

Jose Nieves
Art Czarina

A virtual tour of Discovery Shipyard and Social

The esteemed City Livery Yacht Club has invited us to participate in the largest-ever virtual inter-yacht-club event. On 12 April at 19:00 BST They (CLYC) will be hosting the Royal London, Royal Lymington, Royal Southern, Royal Thames and Marblehead yacht clubs for a unique tour and Q&A session with the world-renowned Discovery shipyard.

Harry Lightfoot of Discovery Yachts will be our guide during this unique event. We will not only be given the opportunity to get under the skin of these fabulous world-girdlers, but also learn some of the secrets of a yard that combines age-old skills with cutting-edge technology. Questions are warmly welcomed and there will be a chance to socialise across all the clubs - we look forward to seeing you on the night and raising a glass to a better sailing season ahead.

To book your place simply sign up using the link below. You will be sent joining details for the Zoom meeting on the day. **Click**

CITY LIVERY YACHT CLUB

Monday Evening Dinghies

This year's Monday Evening Dinghy racing begins with a briefing on Easter Monday 5th April on Zoom at 18:00 for competitors and 18:45 for race team and safety boat crews. The first race will be on Monday 12th April, with a committee boat start in the Solent as it is low tide that evening. All the details will be posted on the website here: **Click**

Please remember to put your 2021 dinghy park disc clearly on your boat and put it in the right berth or move your boat out of the dinghy park if it doesn't have a berth allocated, as the dinghy park will be filling up this week.

Luke McEwen
Captain of Dinghies

Friday Evening Junior Racing

Local New Forest builders, Dunford Construction Ltd are once again supporting and sponsoring the Club's young sailors' Friday night racing. This ongoing support is much appreciated by all the Clubs junior sailors.

The fourth generation building family have been members of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club since 1980. Successful Chartered Quantity Surveyor Oliver Dunford learnt to sail at the Club and now races a J80.

Run by Race Officer Steve Greene, Friday night racing takes place after school from the 16th of April to late September for all the Youth and Junior classes and regularly attracts 20plus youngsters.

With starts and finishes on the Club line, we encourage parents, friends and family to come and watch the sailing and stay for a drink and food. As restrictions are lifted, we hope to make this a real social activity for the Junior fleets to mix together.

Vicky Leen
Sailing Manager

A new Racing Event – Seldén Sailjuice Spring Series

Sailors around the UK are invited to enter a new event called the Seldén Sailjuice Spring Series (SSSS) this April and May.

Its aim is to encourage sailors to go racing without breaking the rules or the spirit of Covid restrictions.

From 29th March the government is encouraging outdoor sporting activity in England, but with an emphasis on minimising travel and overnight stays. The new series encourages club members to race on their home waters, not to travel, and to submit race scores for a combined result which SSSS will produce from the country's race data. The Entry fee is £20 which includes use of a SailRacer GPS tracker for the duration of the series which starts 2-5 April.

More details are here - **Click**

"Sailing already ticks a lot of the boxes by being socially distanced and taking place outdoors. By minimising travelling around the country, we hope that clubs will embrace the spring series as one of the most viable options currently available," says series organiser Simon Lovesey.

For more details here is a link to the download – **Click**

Day Cruise to Ocean Village 14th April

The second Day Cruise of 2021 weather permitting will be, on Wednesday 14th April to **Ocean Village** (Southampton).

If Step 2 out of lockdown goes ahead on 12th April, a variety of outdoor catering options will be available there. This event is **open to all Members**, sailing and power.

Based on previous numbers attending, we have booked 5 adjacent tables, each for 4/5 persons (mixed households, compliant with Covid rules), at the **Pitcher & Piano** from 12:00, the earliest you can order food (see the extensive menu on their website). These tables are outdoors, covered and heated, for use only by those ordering food. Each table will be responsible for settling their own bill. Those who prefer to bring their own food, to eat elsewhere, can of course do so.

For more details **Click**

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The View from the Editor's Chair

At last, the Penguin trophy has been won and awarded. Congrats to the winners. You will see above that we were told about its history by an email that arrived here at Newsletter Towers out of the blue. I hope Graham Clarke is pleased. If you too have some nuggets like this, please drop the Editor a line. Or even Graham who would love these extra items of Club history.

This week has seen so many sails leaving the launching ramp by the Club, many have been our Junior and Youth sailors, out practising and generally having fun. It almost looked like a normal Spring day.

The Club garden continues to require some work. Last week the Separator worked well; in fact it was too efficient as we did so much that we ran out of bags and trailers.

Cruisers have been out flexing their wings. Both branches chose almost perfect days for their different methods of propulsion. A fair old bit of a breeze for the sailors, and a flat sea for the motor boaters. The Lord shines upon the righteous. At least we all got out of harbour and had a good time.

Lockdown in Lymington continues in a Springlike manner. There are visibly more cars parked on the south side and many more trailers outside the Club. Local parks are being well used with many who have a different version of the word “six” that I am unused to. More shops are open, even tho’ it is Easter. There are many Hot Cross Bun parties in Gardens all over the place. Even I got invited to one – it was very strange to be with other people, but really enjoyable.

Stay safe everyone.

Peter Bell – Editor

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