



Royal Lymington Yacht Club



Weekly Update For Our Members

Wednesday 8th June 2022

Dear Members,

The sailing season continues to gather momentum and I never cease to be amazed at the tremendous range and diversity of our sailing programme:

At the end of May over 100 young Optimist sailors enjoyed a very successful open meeting. Congratulations to all our Members who competed especially Archie Munroe-Pitts first in the Main Fleet and Isla Hutchinson winner of the Regatta Fleet. This week I am racing in Lymington XOD week, which has a very different age and experience profile! We are all very much looking forward to hosting Blind Sailing Week at the beginning of July. Alongside these events our regular racing and cruising events continue to be very well supported.

Finally, I would like to offer congratulations for some notable recent awards to:

- John Doerr on being awarded the prestigious Beppe Croce Trophy by World Sailing.
- RNLI volunteers, Allan Punton, James Douch, James Lever, John Husband, Kevin Coster, Mike Crowe, Paul Harrison, and Richard Clarke and our long-serving Senior Boatman, Phil Baker on being awarded the Platinum Jubilee Medal
- Freya Dingwall (nee Derrick) on being awarded the MBE

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Centenary Regatta on Saturday June 18th.

With best wishes,

Phil Lawrence

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Register now for our Centenary Regatta: 18th June

And book your tickets for our Apres Sail Festival!

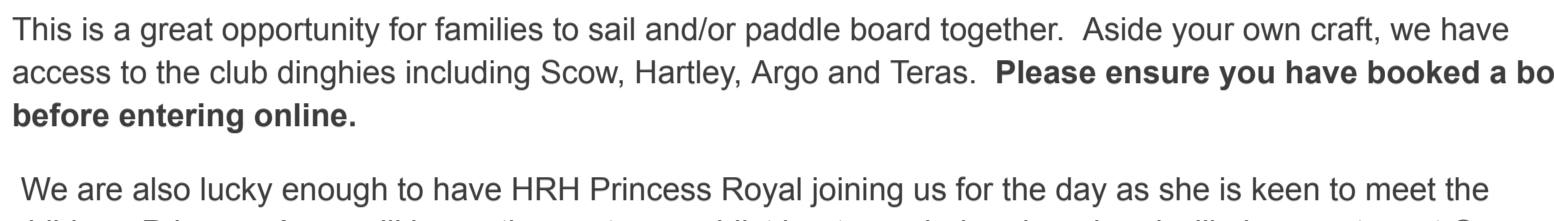
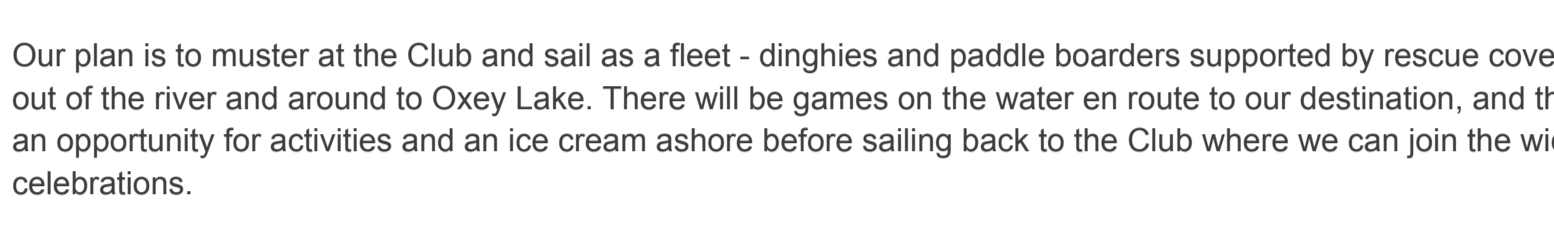
All members, their friends and families are welcome to join our fabulous Centenary Regatta Day on Saturday 18th June 2022. There will be something for everyone, with racing, adventures and games on the water followed by fun, food and entertainment ashore at our Apres Sail Festival!

The Regatta Day racing will include our prestigious Potter Ship Race, along with racing on the Solent for all classes of dinghy. There will be sheltered water racing in the River and around the marshes for LR Scows and in Oxye Lake for our less experienced Optimist and RS Teras. Meanwhile Shipmates, Mariners and paddle boarders will enjoy a fun nautical afternoon adventure with a cheeky icecream!

After an anchor meet and picnic, the Cruising Division and Motorboat Division will anchor in lines by the marshes, dressed overall and prepared for review. From there you can flag down the ice cream boat, put your feet up and watch the racing!

Entry for the racing and 'on the water' activities is free! Tickets for food at the Apres Sail Festival cost just £15 for adults and £8 for children and can be booked when you register for the water activities.

[Find out more, register and book your tickets now!](#)



Shipmates, Mariners and Oxye Potter Fleets

Centenary Regatta Day: 18th June

As plans for the centenary celebrations are being finalised, the Shipmates and Mariners and Potters will have their own adventure for the whole family.

Our plan is to muster at the Club and sail as a fleet - dinghies and paddle boarders supported by rescue cover - out of the river and around to Oxye Lake. There will be games on the water en route to our destination, and then an opportunity for activities and an ice cream ashore before sailing back to the Club where we can join the wider celebrations.

This is a great opportunity for families to sail and/or paddle board together. Aside your own craft, we have access to the club dinghies including Scow, Hartley, Argo and Teras. **Please ensure you have booked a boat before entering online.**

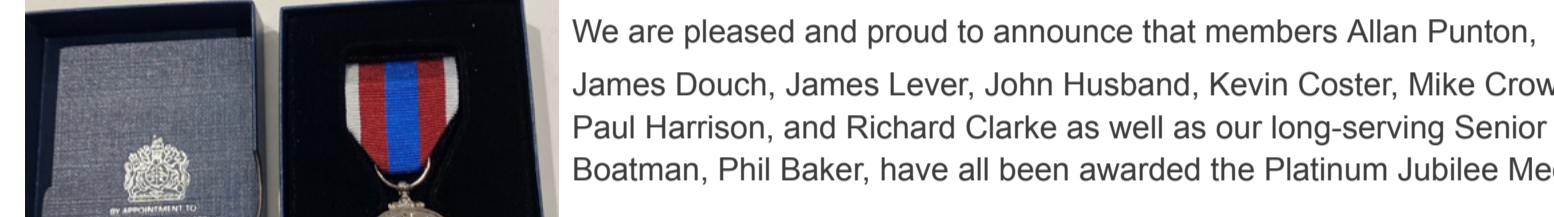
We are also lucky enough to have HRH Princess Royal joining us for the day as she is keen to meet the children. Princess Anne will be on the pontoons whilst boats are being rigged and will also meet us at Oxye Lake, no doubt also enjoying an ice cream whilst talking to our junior members. Finally, it is hoped Princess Anne will be with our fleet during the Hurricane fly-past later in the afternoon. We are sure you'll agree this will be a very special experience for the children, parents and supporting members.

Please use link below where you can enter the number attending (parents and children) as well as competence on the water and who will can sail such that we can work out how many boats we might need. If you plan to use your own boat, again, please us know. Please also let us know if you intend to come by paddleboard.

[Find out more, register and book your tickets now!](#)



World Sailing International Judge John Doerr

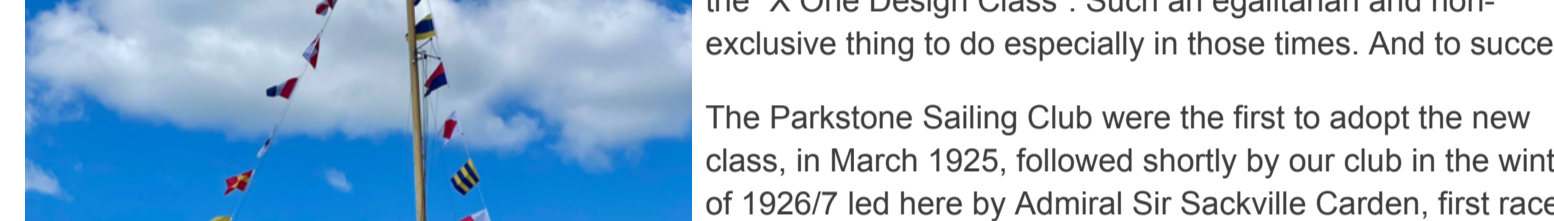


Awarded the Beppe Croce Trophy, World Sailing Personal Award

World Sailing's prestigious award, the Beppe Croce Trophy, is presented to an individual who has made an outstanding voluntary contribution to the sport of sailing. In memory of Beppe Croce, the World Sailing President from 1969-1986. Huge congratulations to Club Member John Doerr who has received the award for 2022.

[Read more!](#)

Employee and Members awarded the 'Platinum Jubilee Medal' for services to the RNLI

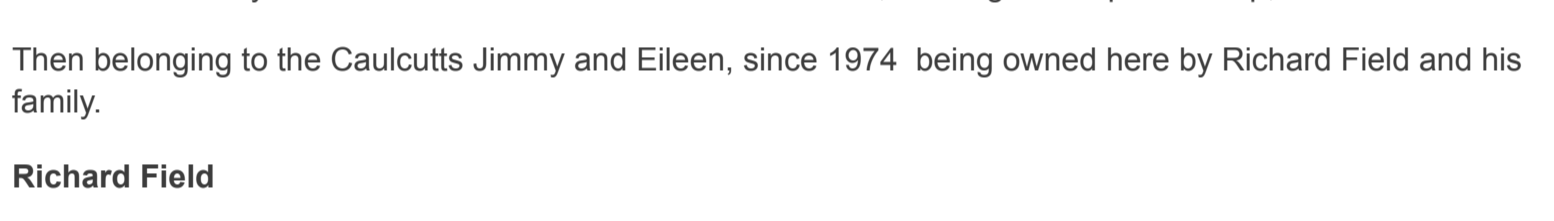


We are pleased and proud to announce that members Allan Punton, James Douch, James Lever, John Husband, Kevin Coster, Mike Crowe, Paul Harrison, and Richard Clarke as well as our long-serving Senior Boatman, Phil Baker, have all been awarded the Platinum Jubilee Medal.

Well done and thanks very much for your service and looking after us on the water.

[Read more!](#)

Celebrating 100 years of XOD Racing



The flags flying on Persephone from 28/9th May to commemorate the first race of the 'X Class' on the 20th May 1922 at Hythe following the amazing decision by the Royal Motor Y C to float their 6 club boats as an open class, and call it the 'X One Design Class'. Such an egalitarian and non-exclusive thing to do especially in those times. And to succeed.

The Parkstone Sailing Club were the first to adopt the new class, in March 1925, followed shortly by our club in the winter of 1926/7 led here by Admiral Sir Sackville Carden, first race June 1927. Despite his ultimately high rank Carden was a small boat enthusiast, starting at Yarmouth after WW1 with an 18ft Solent Seaward, acquiring an X in 1925 after joining our club, but always remaining a member and President of the tiny Yarmouth S C up the 'Yar, the yachting press reporting his attendance and speeches at their annual dinners each year in the 20s.

I exchanged emails with his great nephew last year, he said Carden lived in one of tall old houses at Highfield at the top of the town, had a daughter Alice Payne who was an active member of the club into the 1960s and has a granddaughter living in Tewkesbury.

Persephone is a real Lymington boat, built at Woodnuts in 1949 for a specially well heeled Royal Lymington club member, passing shortly to Jane Pitt-Pitts' parents Lavender Ord-Mackenzie and her husband, raced at Cowes in 1956 by Jane and the Jardine twins Stuart and Ado, winning the Captain's Cup, of course.

Then belonging to the Caulcutts Jimmy and Eileen, since 1974 being owned here by Richard Field and his family.

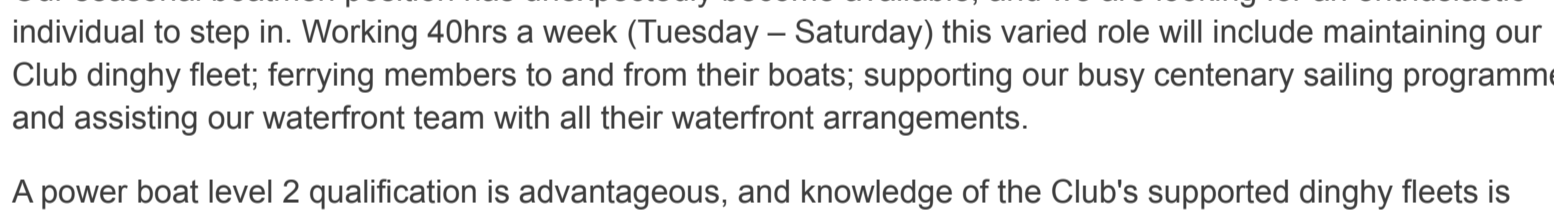
Richard Field
XOD Class Historian
[Find out more about our XOD Fleet](#)



Club History Coffee Mornings

Monthly coffee mornings will be starting on Wednesday 22nd June from 11:00 at the Club. A fabulous opportunity to meet informally and reminisce about friends and days of old.

[Find out more and book!](#)



Job Opportunities

Looking for something fun to do this summer?

Have a passion for Sailing, Dinghies and being out on the water?

Then we've got just the job.

Our seasonal boatman position has unexpectedly become available, and we are looking for an enthusiastic individual to step in. Working 4hrs a week (Tuesday - Saturday) this varied role will include maintaining our Club dinghy fleet; ferrying members to and from their boats; supporting our busy centenary sailing programme and assisting our waterfront team with all their waterfront arrangements.

A power boat level 2 qualification is advantageous, and knowledge of the Club's supported dinghy fleets is desirable.

[For more information and to apply email Kirsty Husband - GM-Ops.](#)



Lymington Dinghy Regatta: 9th and 10th July

Run jointly by RLYMC and LTSC, the Lymington Dinghy Regatta offers two days of racing in the Solent on 9th-10th July, proudly supported by Harken UK and Nick Cox Chandelery. The event has developed in recent years to be a very popular opportunity for local sailors to race in bigger fleets of all the local classes against some high-quality visiting teams.

[Find out more and ENTER](#)



International Council of Yacht Clubs

Annapolis, Maryland Cruise - Sept 29 to Oct 6 2023

As our Club is a member of the ICOYC we have been invited to join the Chesapeake Bay Cruise planned by the Annapolis Yacht Club. A wonderful opportunity for our members.

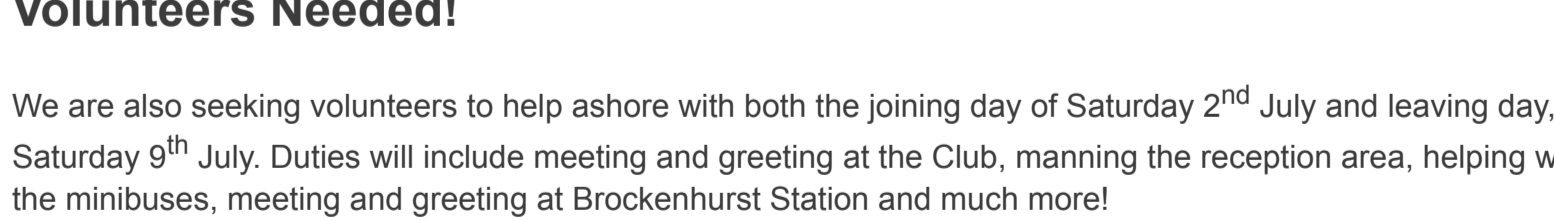
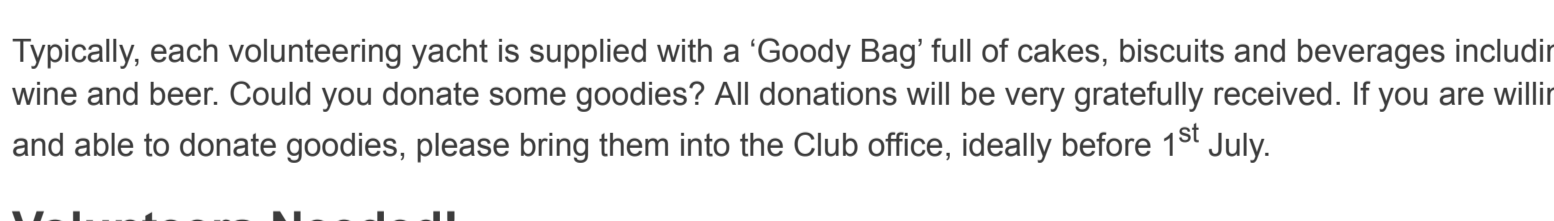
[Find out more](#)



Centenary Custom Clothing

As part of our centenary regatta we have teamed up with Rooster Sailing to provide our membership with a selection of casual and technical sailing clothing designed to offer both protection and comfort for when you are sailing. The kit is also uniquely branded for the Club and its centenary year.

[Shop the range!](#)



Blind Sailing Week is coming to Lymington!

Royal Lymington Yacht Club is coordinating a charity event, Blind Sailing Week, which will be taking place at the Club from Saturday 2nd to Saturday 9th July 2022. It is the second time that the Club has had the opportunity to host this fantastic event, which for more than 30 years has provided sailing opportunities for visually impaired people (VIPs).

The event provides blind and partially-sighted people with an opportunity to develop sailing skills by crewing on cruising yachts. The private yachts, their volunteer skipper/owners, and their invited crew will give the VIPs an amazing sense of freedom and empowerment. It is an experience that all involved will never forget. This year's event will involve 20 yachts, nearly 60 VIPs and in excess of 60 sighted volunteer skippers and crew.

We are writing in the hope that you may be able to support the event.

Could you donate Goody Bag items for visually impaired sailors?

Typically, each volunteering yacht is supplied with a 'Goody Bag' full of cakes, biscuits and beverages including wine and beer. Could you donate some goodies? All donations will be very gratefully received. If you are willing and able to donate goodies, please bring them into the Club office, ideally before 1st July.

Volunteers Needed!

We are also seeking volunteers to help ashore with both the joining day of Saturday 2nd July and leaving day, Saturday 9th July. Duties will include meeting and greeting at the Club, manning the reception area, helping with the minibuses, meeting and greeting at Brockenhurst Station and much more!

If you would like to speak in more detail about this incredible event, have any questions or would like to discuss how you might be able to support this very worthy cause, please do not hesitate to contact us on 07795 298954 (Heather) or 07834 666719 (Claire).

Thank you again for your support.

Kind regards,
Heather Jones and Claire Bridge
Volunteer 'Blind Week' event co-ordinators

Forthcoming dates for your diary...

- 9th June: Scow Threading the Needles
- 11th June: XOD WSS Long Race West
- 13th June: Day Cruise RTI Scowview
- 18th June: **Centenary Regatta and Apres-Sail Festival**
- 21st June: Scow Alexina Trophy
- 25-26th June: RS Tera Southern Area Championships
- 25th June: Team Raising
- 29th June: Round the Island Race
- 28th June: Motor Cruise RTI or to Cherbourg
- 2-9th July: Blind Sailing Week
- 5th July: Scow Captain's Trophy
- 9th July: Lymington Dinghy Regatta
- 9th July: RYA Di Pre Entry Assessment
- 10th July: Nordic Folkboat/XOD WSS Long Race East
- 16-17th July: RYA Dinghy Instructor course
- 23-24th July: Tallying RSYC
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- 25-26th July: Youth Week
- 30th July: Cowes Week
- 3rd September: Centenary Party
- 31st December: New Year's Eve Party with live music from Zac and the Zeros! Save the date!

Find more information about forthcoming events on our [website events calendar!](#)



And finally... Calling out for bunting for our Centenary Regatta!

All members - if you have bunting from your Jubilee celebrations you are prepared to loan the Club. Please drop your bunting off to the office over the next week - labelled if you wish it to be returned.

The Club needs plenty of bunting for decorating the field and Club.

Thank you very much indeed!