

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Monday 15th March 2021 Our thanks to Cam Otten - for this startling picture, which came 2nd in a recent Art Competition. Titled: A Flamboyant Fish

The Club is currently closed, but currently we are preparing to open the office every day including Saturday & Sunday mornings from

## March 29th

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Thanks, Team RLymYC.

## **Update from Gillian, Membership Services & Event Coordinator**



The wait is almost over. The weeks have quickly passed during this busy time for us all and now we are ready to welcome everyone back once more.

We have recently had a new addition to the team, Lorraine Holder who joins us from today as our Membership Services Administrator. Lorraine joins us from the Royal Motor Yacht Club and so brings a wealth of knowledge of Club life with her. She will be working from Thursday to Monday 09:00 – 14:00. We all welcome Lorraine to the RLymYC and please do make yourself known to her when you have the opportunity.

For more details of currently booked events



#### **Some Essential Reminders & Updates**

#### Club Reopening - Note from Commodore Phil Lawrence

To see the 'Road Map' for the Club reopening following the latest Government publication:

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#### Mosimann's Click and Collect Service

See <u>here</u> for the Menu (with items and pricing) and instructions for ordering, or you can even refer to the front page of the Web Site, where there is also a link. This service (Wed-Sat) is being offered to non-Members so if you know someone who would like a lovely dinner and is not a Member, why not let them know, or even put a Menu in their letter box.

#### Race Officer Training 9<sup>th</sup> March

This has been postponed until "later"

#### <u>Cruising Dinner – 21<sup>st</sup> May Black Tie</u>

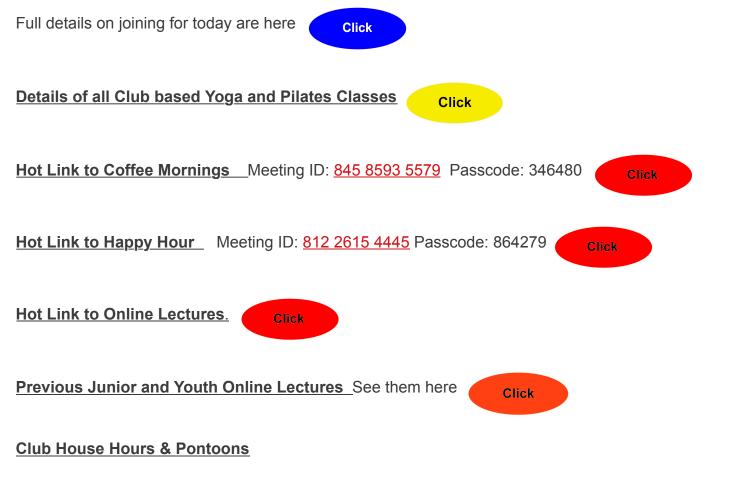
Logs to georget0104@gmail.com by April 21st

**Spring Series** 

Starts on April 11th - to enter Click



Last week's winners were NS Dick & Pam Moore EW Jane & Peter Kingsley There were 11 tables. See below for details of the Final bridge night on April 5<sup>th</sup>



Just to remind ALL Members that the Club house is closed, but the pontoons are open and the phones and

doors "manned" from <u>0900-1700</u> hrs on weekdays. <u>All</u> charges for staying on the pontoons are suspended forthwith, but please ensure that you speak to the Boatmen or the Sailing Manager to agree an extended stay during the day or for overnight.

#### Book Club

Please watch this space for news of future Book Club Meetings. We will bring you an update soon.

### **Team Racing for 2021**



A new club initiative for 2021 is to run monthly informal and instructive team racing sessions. The aim is to introduce interested dinghy sailors to team racing, bring on new talent and for the more experienced team racers to share their knowledge and re-fresh their skills. Everyone will participate together in mixed ability teams in a squad format.

To see the schedule and the rules for these events

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#### Vince's Quiz Returns - again



After the deluge of positive feedback requesting a second go, we have decided to do the Vince Quiz again. It will be same production team as before.

The Club are offering a Fun Quiz on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March starting at 19:00 hrs and aiming to finish around 21:00.

You will need to be part of a team and have an elected representative (Team Captain) who will give the team's final answer to the QM. Teams can be up to eight Members but six preferred.

We will once again be using Zoom "breakout rooms" where each team will be put into a separate "room" to discuss their individual

answers, come up with a set of team answers and then be returned to the main quiz for the correct answers. We envisage 6-8 rounds of 8-10 questions/round. Obviously, everyone will be on their best behaviour.

The prize for the winning team will be a hearty clap, a glug from your glass and a bottle of fine wine from your own cupboard.

If you do not have a team – we can fix you up on the night, just let us know when you book. Please provide Name and email address of "the screens" within the team to <u>Gillian@rlymyc.org.uk</u> – as we are going to try a "quick load" into the rooms. What can possibly go wrong.

Should you wish to order a meal from Mosimann's to accompany this Fun Quiz we suggest you get your order in on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Mar. ensuring you are within a 7 Mile delivery radius of the Club. You can choose your



To log in for the Quiz ID 810 9855 7020 Passcode 823128 or

## Mother's Day



We received this feedback from a grateful Club Member

"Mother's Day was the best it could be in these strange times. Like many of us mums, I wasn't able to be physically with my children.

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However, two highlights of the day were the zoomy chat with all the children on Sunday morning and the delicious lunch that was delivered by Mosimann's, with a charming surprise touch; a floral gift for mum.

Well done Dan Thorpe, how thoughtful of you to think of this and it really made the day special for me. "

## Motor Boat Cruise to Poole - 30th March



We will celebrate taking Step 1 out of lockdown with a Motor Boat Cruise to Poole on 30<sup>th</sup> March. All motor boats are invited to join in. Boats of similar speed and type will be informally grouped to cruise in company across Christchurch Bay.

The outline plan is to meet at the Club at 09:00 for a briefing on the forecourt, followed by departure from the River Mouth at about 09:45. We will explore Poole Harbour on the equinox spring tide and anchor or moor for lunch, before returning to Lymington.

For a comfortable trip to Poole, decent weather is required, so there is a Plan B. Same timing except we will head up the Hamble River for coffee and the Medina for lunch, looking wistfully across the river at

the still closed Folly Inn.

Please register interest by email to <u>Robin.Taunt@btinternet.com</u> and we will add you to the What's App group for this event. First come, first served, in the unlikely event we are over subscribed.

Full Covid guidelines will apply, whatever they turn out to be at the end of the month. Plus, of course, the usual safety guidelines concerning skippers' responsibilities. In this respect, the Club will shortly be issuing updated guidelines which will be sent out to all participants.

#### Zoomy Lockdown Talent - an update



Thank you to fellow Club Member Yvonne Latymer who has been knitting away during this latest lockdown and shares her recently finished project here. Fellow knitters will appreciate the skill shown in getting the sleeves to match the body, as the yarn is self-patterning. Nonknitters will just see a lovely jumper, which will keep Yvonne toasty warm until the weather brightens. She mentioned that the instructions correctly described the jumper as an "intermediate" knit. You'll have to take our word that it looks absolutely delightful when worn, as Yvonne modelled it during coffee morning last week. Hopefully this will inspire you to share *your* latest project with us – anything you have been doing to keep you occupied in lockdown.

If your video is on your computer please send them

directly to Gillian by using the free & easy **We Transfer** website (no registration required) <u>https://wetransfer.com/</u>

Once you are there click on the 'We' logo at the top left which opens up an area for you to transfer your files – please send your file to <u>Gillian@rlymyc.org.uk.</u>

If your video is on your\_phone, please use What's App and send to Gillian's work mobile: 07516029745.

Mary Bell Chair Social Sub Committee

## **Club Christmas finally over**



As a final hurrah, a team of elves (or Club volunteers), successfully removed the rest of the Christmas lights and Christmas garlands that had been so painstakingly put up before Christmas. The boatmen had already removed the trees and taken some decs down with the help of some staff. It is a real shame that such a lovely display including some brand new baubles bought especially to celebrate Mosimann's first Christmas, were not able to be seen by more people – but that is just lockdown. Roll on next December and we shall put them up again.

#### Mary Bell Chair Social Sub Committee

#### The Club 'Garden'



On Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> Club volunteers turned up armed with weapons of veg destruction. They sorted out the southern end of the garden. We now need a few more member volunteers to help remove the shrubs and roots of the northern side of the front garden of the Club, ready for replanting of the border early April.

If you are available next Thursday morning 18<sup>th</sup> from 09:00 and are able to help, then please let Pauline Crates know. Her contact no. is <u>07766</u> <u>686204</u>. – Bring your own weapons.

Social distancing will be required.

Peter Blick

**Rear Commodore House** 

## Winter Cruising Lecture Report No.20 'On Shoulders of Giants'



The Cruising Division's Lecture last Thursday was the last of our current winter series.

We welcomed back Club Member Justin Houlton and his victorious **'On Shoulders of Giants'** crew - Dan Wakerley, Mark Golton & Rauri Hadlington - to tell us about their recent trans-Atlantic rowing success in the **2020 Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge.** 

Justin and his crew presented the remarkable account of how they rowed out of La Gormara, Canary Islands on 12th December 2020 in a 24-foot Rannoch R45 ocean rowing boat at the

**Steve Law** 

**Lecture Coordinator** 

start of their unassisted 3,000 mile crossing of the Atlantic.

To date they have raised £43,000 towards their audacious target... and if you can help them close the £7,000

gap for the benefit of their two charities, please click here: Click
To read about their hair generating adventures Click

Online Art Group 15th March 2021



This image which will, hopefully, inspire artists to take up their brushes and paints and their pens in the week commencing 15 March.

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. (<u>rjnieves1@mac.com</u>).

We will put these images on the WebSite and then a new pictorial challenge will be presented.

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Please take out your paints and pencils, your iPads and papers. While away the hours when it is dark, rainy and cold, even if it clears up a bit by letting your creative juices run.... we look forward to seeing the results.

#### **CENTENARY BOOK - ILLUSTRATIONS INVITED**



The Club is producing a book to celebrate its Centenary. Artists are invited to produce images which would be suitable to be considered to illustrate the chapter on social events which have taken place at the Club through the years. Anyone who is interested to submit work for this should contact Josie Nieves on rjnieves1@mac.com, for more details about the subject matter.

Jose Nieves Art Czarina

## No. 2 In our Club History series

**Development of the Clubhouse and surroundings** 



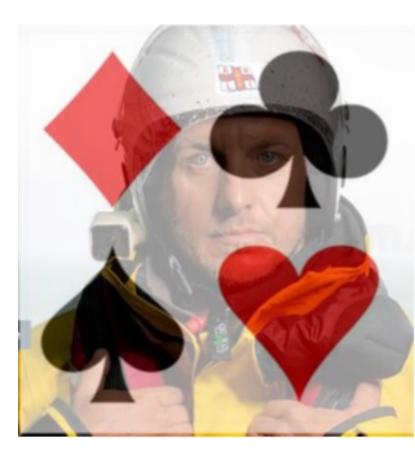
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The single-storey Coast Guard boathouse, and the paddle steamer 'Solent' (the fourth of that name).

The earliest meetings of the reconstituted Lymington River Sailing Club, took place in the home of Major Cyril Potter, in 1922, and mark the birth of what is now the RLymYC. Maj. Potter lived in 'Blakes', a large house opposite the entrance to the old car-ferry slipway at the Lymington terminal. Such was his energy and drive that, in addition to holding inaugural Club meetings there, he allowed his conservatory to be used by Members on race days. However, the need for its own, permanent base was a top priority and fortunately this was satisfied by the acquisition of what was the Admiralty Boathouse, the core structure of the current Clubhouse.

The story continues through to the present day with several sepia toned photos.

## **Bridge for the RNLI - 5th April**



The Club is due to start Monday Evening racing on April 12<sup>th</sup>. In normal years we would have a bridge fund raising event for the RNLI on the preceding Monday; why should this year be any different?

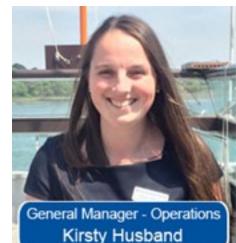
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On April 5<sup>th</sup> at 16.30 we shall run RealBridge on-line for allcomers, not just Club Members. The cost will be £8 per head, which will cover a donation and the RealBridge fee. Players should come as a pair and must register with me and pay in advance. As you probably know all charities have been hit hard by the lack of events over the last 13 months, so please spread the word about this as far as you are able.

For more details and how to use RealBridge

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#### We are looking forward to welcoming you back

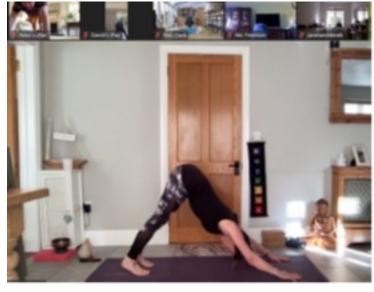


The team and I are in a buzz of activity gearing up the Clubhouse ready to welcome you all back. The boatmen have been busy working through their winter maintenance schedule to ensure that all our Club RIBs are back in the water ahead of the 29<sup>th</sup> March and for those of you or have been lucky enough to get out into the Solent exercising this week then you will have noticed that the race marks are now back in their pride of place ready for the Spring Series to commence on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

There are a few changes of sponsor this year which Membership Secretary Maria, with the help of Nick Ryley and James Hoare have secured. Look out for the unveiling of our new centenary logo on Mark "@".



## Mens Yoga at the Royal Lymington



It all started one evening during Thursday Racing whilst on William Newton's Jelly Baby. I was discussing whilst sat on the rail that I could not move around the boat these days as well as I could when younger. "You need to take up Yoga", said my fellow crew member "and I know just the Yoga teacher, she's right up your street". Really, I thought, and within a few days I was enrolled in Dawn Wade's Yoga class.

I duly turned up and joined a mixed class and was soon stretching and bending thinking this is easy and can't see what all the fuss was about. I must admit I felt a bit of a plonker to start with, stretched out of the floor trying to follow what Dawn was saying but I thought it must be doing me some good so I will stick with it. Later that

afternoon I thought, my backs stiff, and my legs ache, maybe there is more to this Yoga than I firstly thought.

For the full text and to find out what happened to Mark (& other mature gentlemen) -



Mark Harris Men's Yoga Organiser

## The View from the Editor's Chair

Our lead item from Gillian informs us of a new staff Member. All of us at Newsletter Towers wish Lorraine 'Welcome' and hope she settles in well.

Back by popular demand, the ever professional Vince. Such was the clamour for a repeat of our last Zoomy quiz that the Social sub Committee moved as many goalposts as possible to ensure it happens again. For your entertainment, we are going to try pre-loading the breakout rooms – watch out for hilarity as it all goes spectacularly pear shaped.

Approaching the Club from the lifeboat station, it currently looks very lopsided. Plans are a-foot to balance it up. Come and join us, at least one free cup of rather good coffee is provided, and if that is not an incentive, well!. I intend to bring my Flammenwerfe and a JCB – that should do it.

One of my other talents is being an Elf and helping with the removal of the Christmas Decs. Very strange to be back in the Club again – especially when it was up a ladder.

We have a second entrant to the Zoomy talent – nice one Yvonne. There must be more out there.

Lockdown in Lymington continues so far unabated – but with a hint of change on the horizon. How strange to see schoolchildren chattering away on the Quay in little clumps, acting as if it was all blissfully lovely, which it very soon will be, we hope.

Stay safe everyone.

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