

Christmas Newsletter Header



Your RLYMJC Newsletter

Monday 18th May 2020

Please enjoy this week's offering. If you have anything to add, or a photo that can be used on our masthead (see above) Send to sail@rlymjc.org.uk. Please provide all content (including images) attached to the email in a word document as suggested [here](#). This week's photo was kindly provided by Member Robin Taunt.

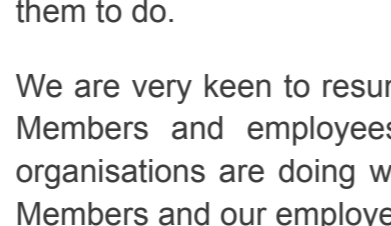
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The weekly newsletters will now also hit your inboxes by 12.00 each Monday to give the editors some more time to get all the content together.

Thanks, Team RLYMJC.

From the VC



"Jambol! Habari?" My Swahili is progressing slowly but steadily under lockdown, the weeds remain under attack but are proving resilient to the treatment being applied - the researchers continue to investigate alternative solutions..... hopefully we'll have something ready before the autumn.....

However better news this week with the lockdown being eased just enough to allow us back on the water. The sight of Lasers and Scows being sailed from the slipway cheered the heart.

You will all have seen the Rear Commodore Sailing's note on Wednesday. In it was a link to a brief survey about demand for crane usage and waterfront facilities in the very short term. I encourage you to complete it as it will help decide what services we offer and when.

You will, of course, know that almost all our employees are on furlough, which has now been extended to the end of July in its current form and beyond that to October in some form (yet to be advised). This is very welcome since we still have no bar, restaurant and event revenues to offset salaries. We intend to bring employees back from furlough as and when they are required to provide Members with a service. Timing of this is important if we are to ensure there is sufficient work for them to do.

We are very keen to resume activities as soon as we can; we will continue to prioritise the safety of Members and employees. Furthermore, whilst we are interested by what other Clubs and organisations are doing we must make our own decisions based on what is best for our Club, our Members and our employees.

Stephen Crates and Andrew Richards from our Health and Safety team, with Kirsty representing operations, have produced a plan which will allow phased opening when it is allowed, with suitable protections for people using the building. We will be explaining more about this as Government instructions change.

We are all keen to get back to normal, please continue to bear with us as we measure Government advice and balance this against a desire to go sailing and meet up with our friends again.

Keep safe.

John Tudor

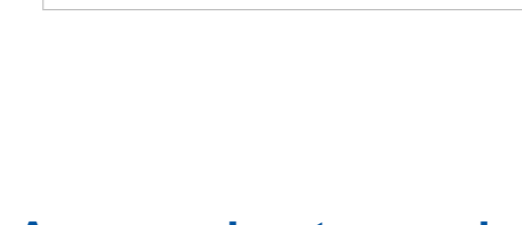
Vice Commodore

Member Assistance



Just a quick reminder that our team of 50 volunteer Members are ready and waiting to provide assistance to any Member who would like it. Please contact [Hilary Tudor](#) who is coordinating the volunteers and a volunteer will be in touch.

Share your Isolation Stories with us!



We asked what birthdays are like in lockdown?
If you have had a birthday since our self-isolation began, we would love to hear how you celebrated it?

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Are your boat records up to date?

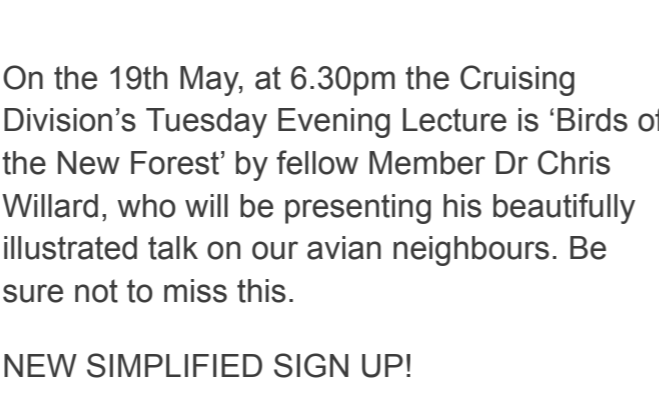
The list of Members' boats we hold is quite outdated and does not hold all the information we would like to keep on record, such as type of vessel and where moored/parked. We are taking the opportunity of the 'lockdown' to update our database for future events and to allow us to update the handbook. To this end we would like to know the details of all of your boats as some owners fall into a number of categories. Please take a few moments to help us by completing the on-line form for each boat that you own.

To see what details the Club currently has on file for your boat, please [click here](#) or to create a new boat record please click the red box below.

Thank you

Perrin Towler
Rear Commodore Sailing

[UPDATE YOUR BOAT DETAILS](#)



Online Tuesday Evening Lectures

On the 19th May, at 6.30pm the Cruising Division's Tuesday Evening Lecture is 'Birds of the New Forest' by fellow Member Dr Chris Willard, who will be presenting his beautifully illustrated talk on our avian neighbours. Be sure not to miss this.

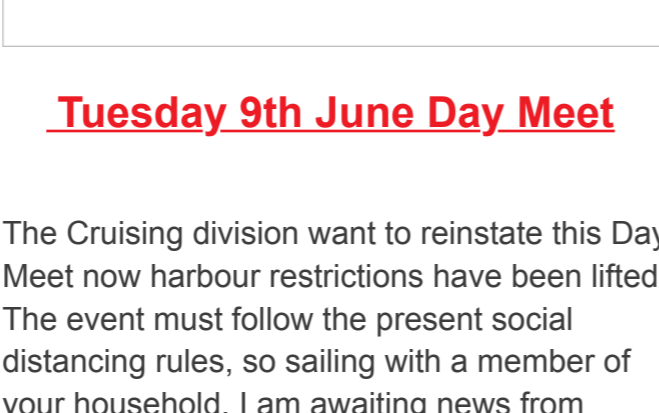
NEW SIMPLIFIED SIGN UP!

Either visit the Tuesday Evening Lectures page on the HOME PORT/Tuesday Night Lectures, scroll down, then click on the photo of a Goshawk and you will automatically join this Zoom lecture. Alternatively click here on Tuesday evening: [Click here](#)

The talk will start at 6.30pm

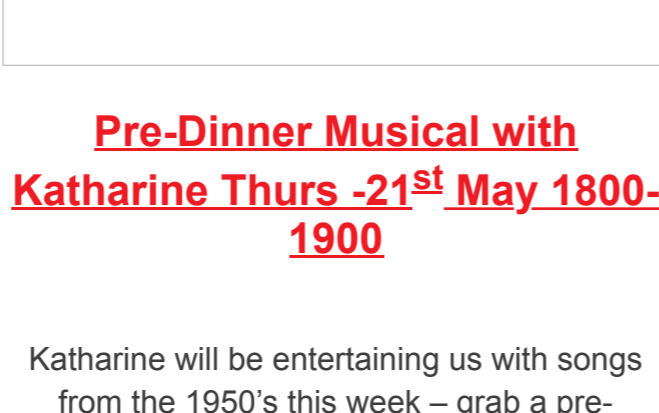
Note: You will need a Zoom account, but if you don't have one already it is available - free of charge - from: <https://www.zoom.us/signup>

Finally, if you missed any of our recent online talks, you can still view these by visiting 'Lectures on Demand' which is situated below the Peregrine Falcon or you can [click here](#).



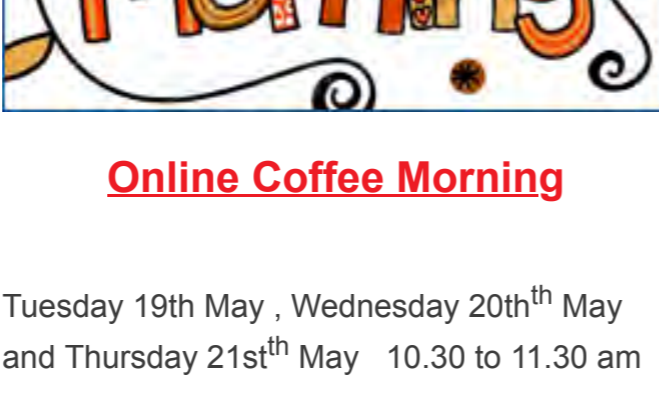
Tuesday 9th June Day Meet

The Cruising division want to reinstate this Day Meet now harbour restrictions have been lifted. The event must follow the present social distancing rules, so sailing with a member of your household. I am awaiting news from Seaview YC, the planned destination, but alternatively we plan to pick up buoys in Newtown Creek or anchor at Osbourne Bay and picnic on our boats. Contact event organiser Sue Sutherland if interested, and she will keep you informed as plans develop.



Pre-Dinner Musical with Katharine Thurs -21st May 1800-1900

Katharine will be entertaining us with songs from the '950's this week - grab a pre-prandial drink, sit down comfortably and prepare to be sung to.



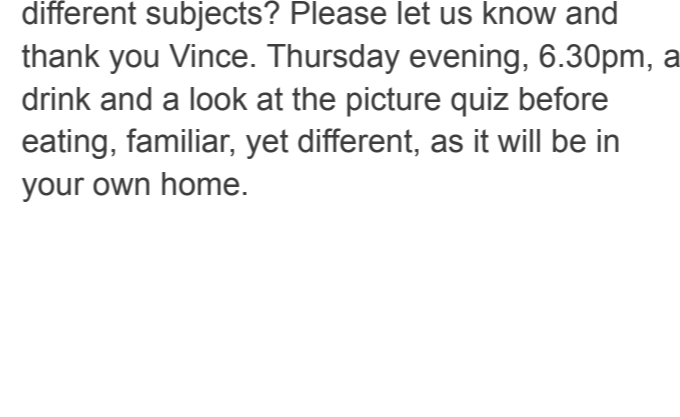
Online Coffee Morning

Tuesday 19th May / Wednesday 20thth May and Thursday 21stth May 10.30 to 11.30 am

Seeing Club Members from different parts of the UK and from Europe at the coffee mornings has been great fun and very informative. A bit like the old pen pal system, but with an immediate response and no language problems, though we now have the common language of zoom. "Zoom-ez vous?" "Oui, je zoom, un peu, mais, how do I turn the audio on?"

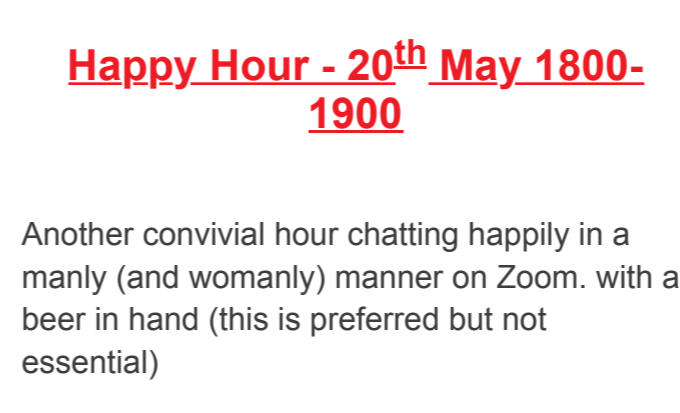
We tend to steer away from politics, as that's better with an alcoholic drink in hand but it is a bit early in the day for most of us. Any subject is up for discussion. What would you like to talk about? Come and join us.

If you would like a reminder of when they are on, please contact Mary Bell at mbell@coastid.co.uk and she will happily send you a message in the morning, via whatsapp, if you give your mobile details or email.



Vince's Mini Quiz

Vince has provided another mini picture quiz to test us and keep our brains ticking over. Unlike at the Club, Vince can't hear your groans when you can't find the answer or the cheers when you can and he'd appreciate some feedback. Is it too easy, too difficult, would you like any different subjects? Please let us know and thank you Vince. Thursday evening, 6.30pm, a drink and a look at the picture quiz before eating, familiar, yet different, as it will be in your own home.



Happy Hour - 20th May 1800-1900

Another convivial hour chatting happily in a manly (and womanly) manner on Zoom, with a beer in hand (this is preferred but not essential)



Online Art Club

New picture for Monday 18th May!

Always wanted to find your artistic side? Jose invites you to participate in the online Art Group, where she will post a picture every Monday and invite you to share your artistic impression of this by the following Monday via email to Jose Nieves. All of your pictures will be displayed a week after Jose has received them - see Rules [here](#)

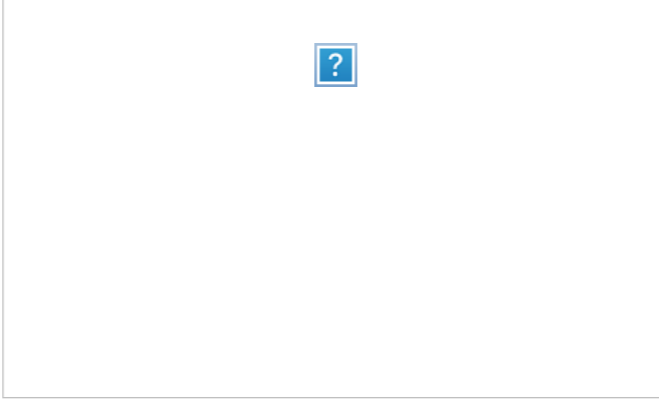


Sewing for the NHS

The good news is that the supply of sewn items is just about to surpass demand, which is an amazing achievement by all, so thank you to those Club Members who have been sewing, making PPE and organising the logistics of supplies etc. Please don't make any more scrub bags, but for any you have just completed that require collection/drop off, please contact mbell@coastid.co.uk

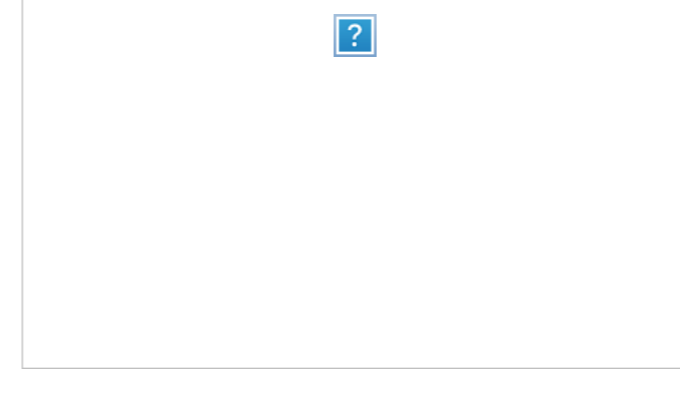
It is suggested that if you can help with making the disposable type PPE gowns, where there is demand, (which requires an iron to 'seam' pieces together), you join the 'New Forest Sewing For the NHS' Facebook group and in particular the "Press Gang" or "Brian Gown" divisions, where all the information and any changes are located. The information changes too rapidly now to keep you updated with a weekly newsletter.

The Facebook Group mentioned any spare material could be used for face masks and to contact your neighbours/local community groups, which many of us have, or look at the website: <https://bigcommunitysew.co.uk> to find out what is needed. We would love to see photos of masks when completed, as people are being very creative with them.



Yoga / Pilates

Do you normally attend yoga or pilates lessons at the Club? Some of the teachers are continuing online classes until we can meet again. Please look on the Home Port page under [Online Social Activities](#) for details. Please would you make contact with the teachers, as they would like to chat to you first to make sure it is suitable for you.



Online Book Club

The Founding by Stacey Halls was discussed during our first online zoom chat. Apologies to those of you who tried to join and had problems doing so. We hope to run things smoothly next time.

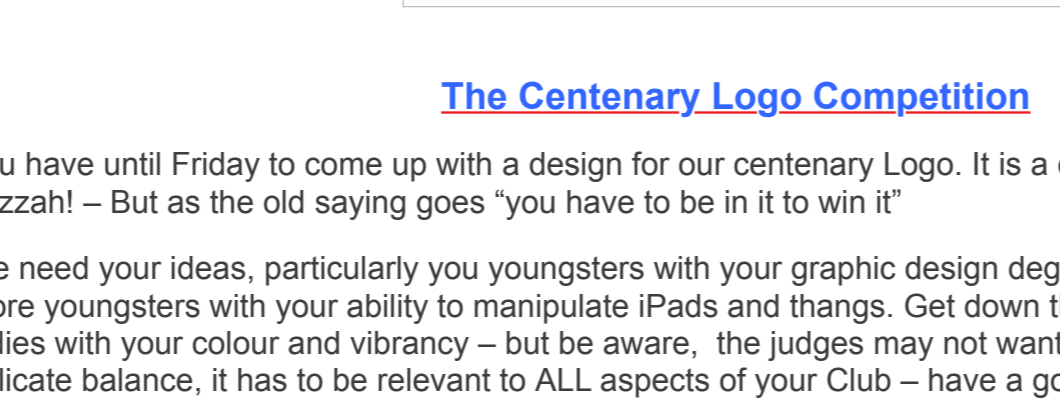
The next book for discussion will be *The Muse* by Jessie Burton. This is the author who wrote *The Miniaturist*, so hopefully it will be an equally enjoyable read.

There will be a discussion of this book on Thursday 28th May at 3pm. Please follow this zoom link to join in the discussion: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86282599543>.

[Summer Cruise 2021](#)

A Club cruise has been planned in western Greece for June 2021. This week Faraway Island Fiolilla with Sailing Holidays. Chris Sutherland on the Cruising Sub Committee booked his boat early March.

For more details [click here](#)



The Centenary Logo Competition

You have until Friday to come up with a design for our centenary Logo. It is a competition, therefore a prize – huzzah! – But as the old saying goes "you have to be in it to win it"

We need your ideas, particularly you youngsters with your graphic design degrees, as well as you even more youngsters with your ability to manipulate iPads and things. Get down there – swipe away; show the oldies with your colour and vibrancy – but be aware, the judges may not want to be too startled. Design is a delicate balance, it has to be relevant to ALL aspects of your Club – have a go, what have you got to lose.

PS Oldies like a challenge too. There will be some strong efforts from all aspects of the Club. Do your best and enjoy the challenge.

From the Website & Newsletter Team

Our reduced team continues to work on the Website and the Newsletter.

We only had two replies to our double/single column issue and so that was not deemed important enough to waste any more time on, until we get more people resources to help.

We recently received the following comment from Jonas the Company that hosts our Website –

ClubHouse Online (part of Jonas) is currently receiving an unprecedented volume of traffic, and as a result the system is experiencing some performance issues. Most notably, pages on your club website may be loading much slower than you would typically see.

We are treating this situation as our number one priority by focusing all available resources working toward a resolution. With this said, there is no single immediate fix that we are able to deploy. As clubs take steps towards normal operations, we are seeing a significant spike in web traffic and online reservations, which is unlike anything we have encountered in the past.

We sincerely apologize for any issues you or your members may be encountering, and thank you in advance for your patience. We will provide more updates on this situation as information becomes available.

We are still finding people who do not read this excellent organ of communication; we strongly advise you to at least scan read it on Mondays and then refer to it later when you need the information it contains.

We can tell you that 572 people accessed our site Week 04-10 May up from 482 the week before and 433 the first measured week – so we are getting more popular.

Work continues on the History site, the new front page and allowing non-members to pay on the site, but our resources are still stretched thinly, and we are dependent on Jonas to fix some of these.

We also encourage you to submit thoughts, photos and pages. See some guidelines [here](#)

Anyway we hope you enjoy the Newsletter

