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## Monday 21st September 2020

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER** 

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## The route has not been easy due to COVID 19, but I'm

"I would not start from here" is the punch line of the joke asking for directions. I feel like that, as the Rear Commodore Finance

pleased to say that the Club has managed to steer its way through the problems and is preparing itself for the next financial year with our finances in good shape, all things

after agreeing to take on the role in February.

considered. The Government's support has been crucial over the past few months. We have received £25k in grants, a £16k rebate on the council tax and 80% of the salaries of those staff that had to be furloughed. We also received a £50k bounce back loan

as a reserve in case of more difficulties next year. Since we cautiously re-opened the First Floor back in July we have managed to keep the operation in the black, helped by the volunteers who have and continue to contribute significantly to the staffing required to enable members to enjoy the bar, the restaurant and the balcony. We have borne down heavily on expenditure of all kinds, focussing on conserving cash while the

difficult times last. Some expenditure cannot be further delayed, however, for example the bar and restaurant roof needs attention and will be repaired in October. The accounts for the current year will bear a charge for this and some other items which we shall have to address early in the coming months. Overall, thanks to all these measures, we have kept the Club with a positive cashflow and are in a

good position to face the coming financial year. We have been able to return to sailing with some success and as we start to move into the autumn period we are putting together a winter programme

that includes almost all of the usual activities, modified as required to satisfy government regulations on the virus. The support of the Members, the volunteers and staff has been vital and will continue to be vital as we approach our Centenary in 2022. Together we can work our way through until normal times return. Derek Tilley, Rear Commodore Finance

Rear Commodore Finance

Derek Tilley

### Thanks to the efforts of Luke McEwen, Steve Green, Stephen Crates, Ann Brunskill and Race Teams both ashore and afloat, the Club has been able to offer near-normal racing for dinghies on Monday evenings throughout August and September. We have 71 sailors registered on the Tally List so lots

Fleets) continues on Mondays with a 5:00 pm start until 28th September.

Clubhouse Return to Racing: A Mid-September Update

of sailing by members of all ages! The Monday evening series for the Fast, Medium and Slow handicap classes ended successfully on 7th September. The Scow Late series (Gold and Silver

Our Racing Programme at present.

13<sup>th</sup> September.

Fridays Racing for Juniors.

Monday Evening Dinghies.

Wednesday and Saturdays Points Racing for One Design Keelboats. The short series of Interim Races, organised by Steve Adshead, John P. Whyte and Malcolm McKeag, as a lead into points series after the informal Navigational Exercises that Malcolm had been running for the XODs finished on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Sadly, whilst eagerly anticipated, racing was only possible on two days due to lack of breeze. A more formal late summer series is now running through September to be followed by an extended Autumn series, complete with trophies, running up to 14 November. Meanwhile a delayed XOD Week started on 12<sup>th</sup> September with 18

entrants. The competitors have enjoyed three days of close racing all the way through the fleet in

fabulous conditions with exemplary course setting and race management from Malcolm and his team of super-efficient volunteers. A huge thanks are owed to them. A separate Nordic Special Event, to replace the National Championship already in the Club calendar was held over the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup>-

This series organised by the ever-present Steve Green with support from Max and Jeremy Vines, Nicola West and many others helping as ROs and on the water, has proved popular with our Juniors and their parents. Generally, two classes start and we have seen a dozen or so dinghies racing when the fickle evening winds allow! Duo Racing. John Turner has taken advantage of the distancing rules to run several Duo (Double-handed) races. A mixture of 8-9 boats, including 3 J-80s, has taken part in these informal races. Seven boats started on Saturday 12 September including five cruiser-racers and two J-80s. Jim White won the line honours. The next of these is scheduled for Saturday 19 September and is open to all comers.

usual way. The series started on 3<sup>rd</sup> September but Race 1 was cancelled due to high winds and Race 2 was cancelled due to no wind! The Series runs until Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>. September. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will require skippers and crew to familiarise themselves with the usual safety requirements including the exceptional measures to protect themselves from infection

After the success of the informal Navigational Exercises, the Club has been able to offer more organised racing on Thursday nights in the form of last year's Late Late Series. This series is run by John Whyte and allows all keelboat owners from our Club and beyond to enter and compete in the

Thursday Informal Navigational Exercises for Mixed Keelboats and a Late Late Series.

and transmission of the Coronavirus. Full details are to be found the Club's website. Mixed and One-design Keelboats 'Escape from the Solent' Regatta Saturday 26th. September 2020. With broad support of an initiative led by Nick Ryley, William Newton and with John Whyte as the Race Officer, the Club is organising a long race to, we hope, Christchurch Ledge for all keelboats on the revised date when the Round the Island Race was due to be run. This will be a full day event run under the usual racing rules with formal entries, NORs and SIs with timekeeping and a Race Team managing starts and finishes. Do please enter online <a href="here">here</a>.

Fleet Racing: British Keelboat League. Despite the cancellation of events earlier in the year, the British Keelboat League is running a final

event sailed in RS 21s on 25-27 September 2020 at the Royal Southern Yacht Club. Crews have to

comprise at least one male and one female member at all times! The Royal Lymington Yacht Club is being well represented in this series by a crew including Oliver Dowson-McGill, Robbie Urwin, William Heathcote & Calum Cook. We wish them every success in this event. Looking ahead. The Racing sub-Committee is actively considering how best to run a COVID-secure version of the Pottership Regatta on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, with Ken Kershaw as the PRO. More details to follow as soon as

The Lymington Town Sailing Club has announced its intention to run the popular 6-race Autumn Solent Circuit Series on Sunday mornings from 11 October to 15 November, even without current sponsorship. Online entries are now open through the LTSC website. There are plans by the LTSC to erect a large marquee near the Club to allow the service of post-race refreshments. The Royal Solent Yacht Club have just confirmed that they will be happy to host the Needles Relief Race on 12<sup>th</sup> December and have indicated that they will be taking booking for tables of up to 6 for

lunch after the race. Those wishing to join in will have to make their own bookings directly with the

Lymington XOD Week Race Report

class calendar. There was excellent competitive racing throughout the fleet with any mistake costing

After a frustrating delayed start to the season it was all right on the night. Competitors enjoyed five superb days of close racing from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September in a complete variety of conditions and with fabulous sunshine to top it off. With 19 entrants for the series and around 15 starters in each race the event was one of the most strongly supported events in the revamped XOD

Allan G.Hill, Captain of Racing

several places in the mere blink of an eye.

for Expeditious to break out of jail and snatch victory in the afternoon race. She climbed from close to last at the first windward mark to first at a

runners.

Race Report

due to Covid-19 restrictions!

followed by the Njord and The Otter.

More Fun on Thursday Evenings

We have teamed up with the guys over at the Lymington Pop Up Restaurant to bring you a whole new exciting dining experience. This Covid secure Pop Up will be situated adjacent to the

online now via our exclusive link now:

Kirsty Husband, General Manager - Operations

they become available but make a note for your diaries..

Royal Solent. Again, further details to follow.

James Markby in X179 Expeditious started the week off with two clear start to finish bullets on the first day, Saturday, in the strongest winds of the week and looked well set to run away with the week. But, Sunday saw 2 different winners, Alex Hayman in X33 Claire de Lune and Rory Paton in X48 XL. Nik Froud in X72 Venus then continued this trend with a finely crafted win in Monday's first race, only

Lymington XOD Week – Swiss watch makers under threat?

shortened finish at the next mark D when the wind died on the majority of the fleet ahead which had been running down the shore to escape the foul tide but gybed, what proved to be far too early, for D. They came to a halt while Expeditious held on long inshore before gybing out to D to take the gun ahead of Phil and Jo

Brewer in X9 Zest in second. They had taken a slightly more inshore course to D than the other front

Tuesday saw two more different winners, Steve and Isabel Adshead in X63 Astra and Eric Williams in

X34 Mersa, in two shortened races with the wind shifting and coming and going ... ... to continue reading click <a href="here">here</a>.

Folkboat White Sails "Not" the Nationals Weekend, 12 - 13/09/20

There are three important things to say about our Folkboat "Not" the Nationals weekend, 12-13 September 2020, firstly a big "Thank you" to the Royal Lymington Yacht Clubs "Race team and All the volunteers" for making it possible for 14 boats to go out racing, but just as importantly, the competitors for turning up and of course it being the first Folkboat White Sail event with only Two crew members,

We welcomed So, Simon Osgood and Jamie Lea, North Sails from Hamble and The Otter (Claire

The sun, wind (10-16 knots WSW) and neap tide gods were with us, what more could we all ask for. In the first race, So!, showed the fleet very much the back of their boat and they won fairly

Locke and Richie Bell, North Sails) and Njord (Patrick Farrell and crew) from Yarmouth.

## comfortably from Madelaine (Ed Donald and crew) and Mistral (Julian and Claire Sowry) in 3rd place. There followed a short comfort and eating break for the PRO to check our fleet were not going to be mixing with the XOD Fleet on their 1st day of XOD week in terms of racing marks. For the second race the PRO, John Whyte set us a good course taking in Buoy B (Hurst) and then a run across the Solent to No 2 and then over to a placed orange dumpy mark in place of the missing Berthon and on to D (Yacht Haven) and then a Committee Boat (CB) finish off C. Again So, showed us all her stern,

A number of us all met on the Balcony of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club for a Socially Distanced (SD) glass of something and good chat on Saturday evening where there was some interesting

discussion as to who had read the Sailing Instructions fully and it appeared pretty much none of us had interpreted them correctly as the majority of us could have all sailed inside the Platform and Jack in the Basket on both the first two races!! Stronger glasses may be required!! ... ... to continue reading click here by Claire and Julian Sowry, Mistral

Club house on Bath Green for the month of September and our members have been given priority booking for Thursday evenings following STREET FOOD the racing. CRAFT DRINKS Pre-booking is essential so don't miss out on this great opportunity to try something different. Book LIVE MUSIC

**BOOK NOW** 

A single long distance race on Saturday 26th September open to IRC, Handicap Yachts, J/80s &

these last two Saturdays. Two of the top four in Main Fleet and six of the top eight in Regatta Fleet. They are Cam Bignold-Kyles 1st and Emma Breese 4th in Main and Leo Gosling1st, Johnny Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sienna Mordaunt 3<sup>rd</sup>, Hector Davies 4<sup>th</sup>, Freya Hutchinson 6<sup>th</sup>, Alex Breese 8<sup>th</sup> in Regatta and

Nordic Folkboats. More information on the race & online entry can be found <a href="here">here</a>. The Club Bar will be open after the race & all competitors and guests will be welcome under the latest Covid-19 rules, booking is essential with a maximum of 6 per table. Click <u>here</u> to book.

Lazlo Drummond was 12<sup>th</sup>.

Club PaddleBoards

available for Members to hire.

 PaddleBoard 2 (Fanatic) PaddleBoard 3 (Fanatic) PaddleBoard 4 (Starboard)

the contract.

Escape from the Solent Race

https://lymingtonpopup.co.uk/rlymyc

# Bonanza at Burghfield Congrats to our Oppie sailors who have bagged most of the podium places at the Burghfield Opens

Jeremy & Max Vines, Captains of Juniors

The Club owns 4 NEW PaddleBoards which are

Please see below for the full list. The Club PaddleBoards are as follows: PaddleBoard 1 (Fanatic)

To book Club PaddleBoards please click here. A contract must be completed and submitted to Reception or via email to sail@rlymyc.org.uk for each calendar year. For hire costs, please refer to

## RYA Powerboat Level 2 Courses The Club is now in a position to start running Powerboat Training again, different to last season course sizes will now be limited to 8 candidates. Candidates will be put in grous of two to allow only 2 candidiates in the RIB along with the instructor.

Course fees; Members £150 & Non Members £250

The course dates are below & can be booked by emailing sail@rlymyc.org.uk 2020 Course Dates; 21st & 22nd November

Supper & Lecture with the 2020 Photography Competition with Judge: Neil Hardy of Beaulieu Camera

It's time to start preparing your entry for this year's Photography Competition - open to all members.

9th & 10th January 13th & 14th February 13th & 14th March

2020 Photography Competition

5th & 6th December

2021 Course Dates;

Group The Theme: "Searching for the sea in the time of Covid" Judging and Lecture on Thursday 12 November 2020 in the Club House, 18.30.

The plan this year is to run the evening again as a digital competition, to continue reading please click here.

# Mondays

**Lecture Suppers** 

From David Bailey's Wildlife to Atlantic Rowing superstars. The 15<sup>th</sup> October sees the start of the Lecture season with an original & interesting topic each week organised by the Cruising Section -Full details will appear next week. Also available to watch online. Bar opens 17:30 for 18:30 start. \*More info below.

Weekly Art Classes (max 5) with Jose Nieves restart on Thursday 1st October. Email rjnieves1@me.com for all the information. Click here for the latest works of art from our talented

Travel the world without leaving the Clubhouse! From Bombay to Bangkok, The New Forest to France - the Kitchen Team will transport your taste buds. Join us this Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September for a theme of 'Tastes of the South Coast'. See the menu. Book now. Tables of 6 max, strictly no mingling between

movies handpicked by our Social Committee. Bar opens 17:30 for a 18:30 start. Full movie list TBC next week. \*More info below.

\*For T & C's for Quiz, Lecture & Movie Suppers click this link Gillian Poole, Clubhouse Events Manager

We would like to know what you would like to see here in the weekly newsletter. Suggestions & submissions can be

sent to sail@rlymyc.org.uk, please provide all content (including images) attached to the email in a word document.

**BOOK A TABLE** 

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First Floor Update Themed Suppers Autumn 2020 (Restaurant bookings open for Quizzes, Lectures & Movie Suppers MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> Sept) **Quiz Night Suppers** Vince Sutherland is back to entertain you all whilst you eat & drink on the second Monday of each month starting on 12<sup>th</sup> October. Bar opens 17:30, Quiz from approx. 19:00 Table service provided \*more info below.

**Thursdays** 

Members. Watch this space for information on this year's Art Exhibition! Fridays **Weekly Themed Menus** 

tables. Saturdays **Movie Night Suppers** Lights, camera, action! Movie Night Suppers are back from 24<sup>th</sup> October with a fantastic selection of

**Traditional Roast Lunches** Sundays Come & enjoy a Sunday Roast among friends with stunning views of the river. Served from 12:00 -14:30. <u>Book here</u>. (6 max per table, strictly no mingling). Click <u>here</u> to read a note from our Social Committee Chair Mary Bell on how she celebrated a very special Sunday at the Club recently.