Royal Lymington YACHT CLUB

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Monday 21st December 2020

Our thanks to Christina Young for this surreal painting: which came third in our recent competition, Titled "Summer Tide"

The Club is currently open under Tier 2 regs. Changes are unlikely until next year.

Coming up in this week's edition:

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Thanks, Team RLymYC.

A Christmas wish from the Junior & Youth Sailors

The RLymYC Junior and Youth Sailors would like to thank all the Sponsors, Volunteers, Club table members, Coaches and our parents for supporting us on and off the water during 2020, pushing and support makes everything possible. We are all looking forward to a great 2021 and the Club Junior Race Week taking place from the 9th to 13th August 2021.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas.

Andrew and Sarah Richards
Junior and Youth Team Captains

Some Essential Reminders & Updates

Covid-19 regulations

Just to remind ALL Members that Covid Tier 2 Regs are in place. It is necessary to wear a mask when entering the Club. It keeps you and all staff, safe.

Annual General Meeting

February 17th *11.00 pm in your diary.* Last day for nominations for the General Committee – 12th January.

Mossmann's Click and Collect

See here for the Menu (with new items and pricing) and instructions for ordering, or even the front page of the Web Site, where there is also a link. This service will continue.

Race Team Training

First session will be on the 19th January 2021 at 18.30 hours. The topic is a review of the "Navigational Exercises" that happened in 2020 and what we can learn from them. ZOOM links coming soon for all scheduled training sessions.

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Spirit of Christmas

Club gin still being offered for £17.50 Apply at reception. Selling well, only a few bottles left

Club branded products

Ideal presents for the sailor in your life. View opposite reception.

Santa's Grotto

It is with regret that the Social Committee have been informed that Santa will be unable to visit the RLymYC this year, this is due to Covid restrictions in Lapland. Ho Chief Elf, N. Sawtree, hopes to send him next year.

Previous Online Lectures

See them here **Click**

Previous Junior and Youth Online Lectures

See them here **Click**

Lost Property

Lost a sailing watch, boat keys or a mobile phone; we could have it in reception So far all of these are unclaimed. Last call.

Christmas Decs and Art Ex Down.

We take them both down on 9th Jan. 2021 at 09.30. Interested in Volunteering? contact gillian@rlymyc.org.uk.

New Year's Day Brunch

There is still time to book your place, so do join us for New Year's Day brunch where you will be welcomed with either a Bloody Mary, a Virgin Mary or a Bellini. Choose from a two-course brunch on the day from the menu HERE for £34.50 including coffee and tea at your table.

Bookings are from 11:00 – 15:00, please confirm your preferred time when you book. Payment required in advance through the office. Book HERE online.

The Art Exhibition

This year's Art Exhibition is on display in the Newdes and Island rooms. It has been there for several weeks. As so few people have been in to see it due to unwillingness to venture out, Jose has decided to make it an online event but this will only be of this paragraph is a button to allow you to download a PDF file of all the pictures, and thence to encourage you to vote on which one you like the best.

New Peter Blick our esteemed Rear Commodore after much soul searching was able to pick three winning paintings from 34 in our recent painting competition. Jose only asks you to choose one and then let him know by email via sail@rlymyc.org.uk. Most of the paintings are for sale (should that be For Sale as it is a pseudo Club) and each item has a number and a price on the white ticket underneath.

To see all the paintings **Click**

Burn's Night, Saturday 23rd January 2021

The planning for the above is in progress, but COVID restrictions are likely to constrain what we can do. Socially distanced Ceilidh dancing and does not compute in the current climate. However, I have not, as yet, cancelled the event. Tickets will be available for 2021 as soon as we can dance dancing dances.

Iona, our Piper, may not be able to join us, however I believe we have his Club Member, who would be prepared to pipe in the haggis. It will sleep easier with this crucial part of the evening arranged. As to remuneration, when it comes to giving, we stop at nothing, but your name will be in the programme. If you can help out, please call me on 01590 677621, or send an e-mail to ianhunter2642@hotmail.com.

The Team have been allocated their roles, we have a menu proposal from Mossmann's and the appropriate safe seating arrangements, ticket prices etc. will be finalised the first week of January.

Please put the date in your diary.

For those that have never been to a Burns' Night, come to ours and have a fun night out, in a safe environment, join the in crowd.

Ian Hunter
Laird of Ceremonies

Club Christmas Lights

On Wednesday afternoon some hardy volunteers decided to decorate the outside of the Club with Christmas lights. Bob Gray provided a whole load of them, which the volunteers tried to work out how they could be strung while maintaining Social Distancing. Mask wearing and not falling off ladders.

By nightfall the result is as you see in the photo and while this may remind the more mature Members of Dunn's Door, this is at least a welcoming sight for anyone able to visit.

Winter Changing Rooms.

From Monday 14th December we are turning the ladies changing room and disabled changing room into unisex changing facilities.

These facilities including the showers are open for Members use on a first come first serve basis. Please ensure that you follow the guidelines below:

The gentlemen's toilets will continue to stay open but the changing areas and showers will still be out of action.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kirsty Husband
General Manager - Operations

'Galapagos or Bust'. The last cruising lecture of 2020

Last Thursday saw the Cruising Division's 10th of the current Winter Series, the first one of 2020 – and what a Christmas treat it was.

Club member Nick Ryley & his brother, Peter, delivered a most amusing account of their attempt to sail to the Galapagos Islands in 2019. Peter professed this talk with his story of an earlier voyage there in 1990 on the yacht Tiger Lily. Then Nick and Peter described their most recent trip from the Caribbean, via the Panama Canal to the Pacific Ocean in an Oyster 56.

As an amateur naturalist, Peter's interest was perhaps more land-based than Nick's, so we were treated to many wonderful images of exotic birds, volcanoes, lush islands and some unique Galapagos wildlife, including a full catalogue of mishaps into the glorious odyssey and demonstrated that the best laid schemes do not always go according to plan! It's fair to say that Nick spent rather less time on the water than he had hoped…

This most enjoyable evening passed quickly and we just had time for a couple of questions before Peter had to rush off for the last ferry crossing back to the Island.

So that lecture had something for fans of wildlife and sailing alike, and for those that attended the lecture at the Club, was reunited off by a delicious pre-Christmas dinner, served up by Mossmann's.

The simultaneous broadcast via Zoom did suffer from technical issues, but fortunately many of the online audience were able to remain and then enjoy the end of this delightful presentation.

Thankfully Paul French also made a high-quality recording of their talk, which Neil Eccles then produced into another published 'Lecture on Demand' and you can watch this now at:

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Steve Law
Cruising Lecture Coordinator

Lost Property 2020

The four items above are sitting in the Club's Lost Property box and are desperate to be reunited with their owners – it is Christmas after all!

1). A bunch of keys with a flotation device – could be boat keys

2). A sailing watch

3). A mobile phone, with an orange rubber protector

4). A lavender coloured phone case, with a phone inside.

If these belong to you – please contact the Club on 01590672677 or sail@rlymyc.org.uk

Congratulations to Sanders Sails

Felicitations and congratulations to Sanders Sails (our local Sail maker in Lymington) who have won first prize in the Outstanding Achievement Category of the "British Yachting Awards 2020".

During the Covid crisis, they have been providing free PPE for anyone who needs it. They started this initiative in March '20 and are still giving away free PPE now, including "Cuddle Curtains" for care homes.

Peter Sanders would like to thank all Members who voted for them and heard about it via this Club Newsletter. He said "We are very proud to receive this award, but we are only one of many local businesses and volunteers who have been on this journey with us. We are very grateful for all the donations we have received that have contributed to the cost of the materials" Peter noted " This January coming we will have been in business for 45 years now" Sapphires all round then.

Christmas Club Help

The Club are keen to ensure that Members have a happy time this Christmas though we recognise it may not be the normal Christmas celebration that would have been expected. 12 months ago Families may not able to get together, which may leave people without the normal support and company that would be expected.

The Club is here to support its Members and we would ask that if anyone is feeling lonely, or in need of a chat, or even just needs a call or a socially distanced visit, please contact the Club by phone or by email: sail@rlymyc.org.uk and we will pass on your details to volunteer Members who are keen to help out. More physical help is likely to be limited to the New Forest area, however phone contact and an update on Club activities can happen for any Member.

If you are willing to volunteer your help to support other Members in this way please also register this with the Club by phone or by email at sail@rlymyc.org.uk.

Andrew Richards
Coordinator

The View from the Editor's Chair

The Gala Dinner went down very well. The food was lovely, the wine very acceptable combined with some very attentive waiting staff, ensured a warm happy feeling inside. Mrs Editor and I were, as often happens, almost the last to leave. We enjoyed it so much. These are now finished for the time being.

It has been very cold, wet and soggy in Lymington and the New Forest, and while there is not a lot of our official sailing and activities going on, it is interesting to look out of the Club windows and see boats being launched and hardy souls leaving the pontoons for a day's pickle on the Solent. One can also see the Wheelers cycling group setting off in the pouring rain and howling gale for a healthy ride around the Forest.

The Art Exhibition is still available for viewing, and Jose is still waiting for your votes and opinions, and has now moved it online as more Members can express an opinion. (see above).

This is the last Newsletter of 2020, a year I believe we all will be glad to see the back of. Many of us will have had our Christmas disrupted by the rule guidelines, and there is very little we can do about it. Maybe it is time to review the philosophy of the Greeks in the 3rd Century BC, and be a bit more stoic.

The first newsletter of the New Year will be published on the 14th January.

Every week I hope you enjoy the Newsletter. The deluge of email feedback has dried up, so if only behoves me to wish all Members a Happy Christmas, a wondrously novel and different New Year and a very cool Yule. A bad cheery thought to finish with – as you read this, we are now approaching the shortest

Peter Bell – Editor
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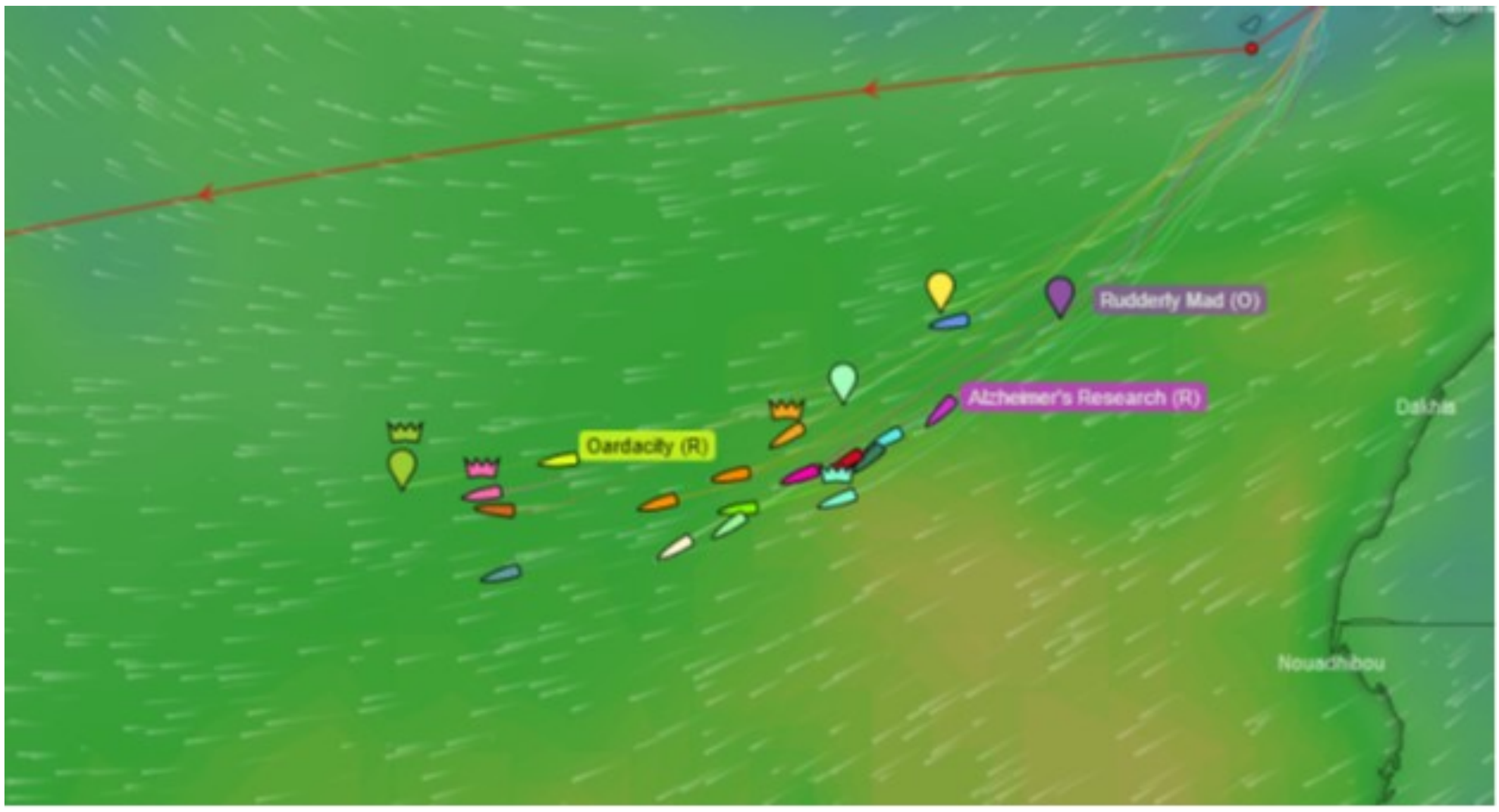
On Shoulders of Giants - Update

Just to let you all know of the progress of the team that we are part sponsoring.

I hope to update this every Newsletter. They will probably have a better Christmas than most of us. At least there are four of them.

Follow their progress here: Click



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