



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Monday 24th August 2020

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Thanks, Team RLymYC.

Junior Race Week

Junior Race Week 2020 (August 17-21) was one of the first officially organised events in the sailing calendar. Sailing Manager, Vicky Leen supported by Event Safety Officer Joff McGill, RLymYC Junior Race Committee, Dinghy Class Fleet Captains and volunteers ran a 'no frills' event for 84 boats, 110 sailors over three days supported by 60 volunteers. The largest fleets were Oppies, Teras and Fevas with a respectable number of 420s and Aeros, four 29ers and six Scows. The Aero and 29er made a welcomed entry into the Gold fleet for the first time.

Race Officers Malcolm McKeag (Gold), John Whyte (Silver) and Peter Schofield (Scow) with their excellent race teams delivered lots of short races within a 4-hour window in the three days out of five days weather allowed for racing. With regimental precision groups of 8 boats were sent down the slipway in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines. Daily competitor and safety briefings were held socially distant outside. No registration, parties or prize giving this year. WhatsApp and WebCollect, communication and event management technology, kept race teams, competitors and parents connected and informed. 'Bridge', Heather Burrell expertly maintained communications between race teams, safety and shore.

2020 Junior Race Week was a family affair with siblings, 'bubbles' or adult and child racing together. WJS lent boats to boost entries, the Sea Scouts, Keyhaven SC, Berthon and LTSC lent ribs and families volunteered.

This year Gold Fleet coalesced into two fleets: Fast Handicap (20) and Fevas (16) - it made for much better racing for the sailors and easier race management. Race Officer Malcolm McKeag ran Average Lap Racing which means everyone started together, went round the track as many times as possible and the race was stopped after 20 (or so) minutes. Elapsed time divided by number of laps sailed produced the final corrected time. Many finishers were just one or two seconds apart. 12 of the 20 were either Lasers or Aero 5s, so evenly matched on the water that they were invariably close together round the track.

The show ponies this year were the four 29ers: fast when upright – a tricky and demanding little boat, a miniature of the 49er Olympic dinghy. Most of the sailors new to the boat sailed in three days of close-to or beyond the limit breeze, sometimes gusting 18-20 knots - happily from the SW. Gold Fleet Safety was busy. The lead 29er went round three times to everyone else's two. Well done Sam Webb and Nick Evans.

The Fevas, sailing on a slightly shorter inner circuit, had some brilliantly close racing with four different winners of the eleven races sailed. Behind the leaders there was continual place changing often all the way to the finish line. Dirk Rogers and Cameron Bignold-Kyles showed themselves as the boat to beat on Day One.

The first day of racing for the Silver Fleet (Optimists 13, Teras 24) was challenging but courage did not desert the young sailors some of who were on a steeper learning curve than they might have anticipated. Race Officer John Whyte kept competitors busy and happy on Day One with three races in 12-14 knots SW winds. A fourth race was not run as the fast ebbing tide was reducing the depth in Crooked Lake to get the boats home. It was noticeable that some crews were very tired after a third race. Silver Fleet enjoyed great close racing on the last day adding four races to give a 10-race series. Oppie sailor Freya Hutchinson battled it out with Jonny Rogers to take first place while Max Tait won the Tera class.

After the first day of racing just to the East of the Starting Platform, Scow Race officer Peter Schofield set up the committee boat at the entrance to Crooked Lake – the windward leeward course delivered excellent 20 minute races. There were three races a day with 'Gapper' Scow 319 sailed by Hughie Pemberton in the lead after two days of racing. On the last day after the initial windward leeward races and a race around the island Scow 319 was in the lead. Sapphire sailed by Maisie Chamberlain-Hyde, Olivia Impett and Crista Millar was steadily improving and won the next three races, the last of which finished on the club line. This gave Sapphire the overall win but mention must be made of Praline Scow 412 who having had a difficult two days came good with a third place in race 5.

The last day ... breeze 13-15 knots, course axis 210° from the river entrance towards Hurst, the sun shining, The Solent a-shimmer, in the distance the Needles and as far as the eye could see youngsters in dinghies having a ball. What's not to like?

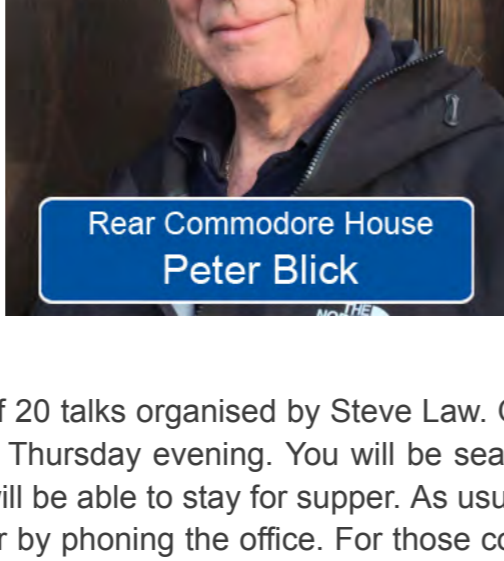
I do hope the sailors enjoyed this new junior racing format as much as we did. Here's to 2021!

Shireen Crowe



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A note from Rear Commodore House



We have seen many of you safely visiting our club and enjoying a drink or a meal as we have re-opened services to members. We are lucky to have the space and facility to offer this with low risk to you by continuing a table service with the help of our staff and team of volunteers. Feedback from Members has been very positive, both as to the quality of the food and the table service.

Friday night food with a themed menu has been popular and we have re-started a roast on Sunday lunchtimes as we move towards Autumn.

I am in the process of agreeing a winter programme. The plan is to run as normal a social programme as possible within the (ever changing) constraints of the Covid-19 regulations. As the sailing season moves to a close we will have a series

of 20 talks organised by Steve Law. Our first Talk is scheduled for 15th October and will be moving to a Thursday evening. You will be seated at tables to ensure safe distancing and I hope many of you will be able to stay for supper. As usual you will need to book in advance, but this can be done on-line or by phoning the office. For those confined to home the talks will be accessible on-line as they were during the lockdown.

We are discussing with the Scow Committee how best to continue their normal winter social programme, commencing with the AGM and Dinner on 2nd November and including the Christmas Cheer Supper on 7th December, the series of talks commencing in January 2021 on Monday evenings and of course the Spring back to Scowling Supper in April.

We will shortly be holding similar talks with the other Fleets and looking into the best way to run a monthly Quiz evening and to hold the usual formal Dinners.

Saturday evening food can be booked at the club for special private events such as birthday parties and anniversaries for numbers up to 30 and Gillian would love to put something in the calendar if you wish. We also wish to promote the club to couples for weddings so that if your family have had their special day cancelled because of the Coronavirus we can schedule a private party for you at the club.

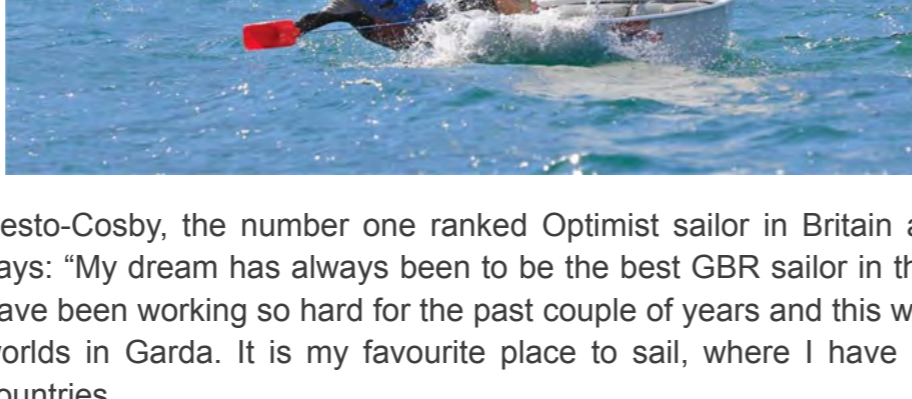
Our lunchtime menu will continue from Thursday to Monday in the winter and our kitchen staff are happy to accept any feedback you have on menus.

Best wishes and enjoy the rest of the summer on the water.

Peter Blick

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Club Sailor Santiago takes gold at International Sailing Cup in Italy



Santiago Sesto-Cosby, has won the International Ora Cup in Lake Garda, Italy, according to *Advertiser & Times*.

After months of being unable to compete, Royal Lymington Yacht Club's Santi, 14, beat a high-standard fleet which included sailors who finished in the top 10 at the previous world and European championships. The race took place over the same course as this year's cancelled Optimist World Championships.

Sesto-Cosby, the number one ranked Optimist sailor in Britain and the current national champion, says: "My dream has always been to be the best GBR sailor in the Optimist World Championships. I have been working so hard for the past couple of years and this winter I was so looking forward to the worlds in Garda. It is my favourite place to sail, where I have lots of friends from Italy and other countries.

"I was very sad when it was all cancelled as this will be my last year in the Optimist class. But by the time the news came round, it was already expected."

Despite the travel restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, nearly 300 competitors from 12 nations took part over the three days of the international sailing. After winning the event, Sesto-Cosby said: "It is amazing to be here again, thank you to all the Italian coaches who have welcomed me within their club team, especially Mauro Berfetti, the Fraglia de Riva head coach, as well as Simone and world champion Marco Gradoni. I am so happy to be sailing and racing again.

"My thanks also go to Rupert Scott and the Beaulieu Beaufort Foundation for their financial support. I could not have done this without them."

All official British Sailing races have been cancelled this year, which means Sesto-Cosby will be unable to defend his national title, and the upcoming European championships in October looks likely to be cancelled too, so this may be the young sailor's last competition in the Optimist class.

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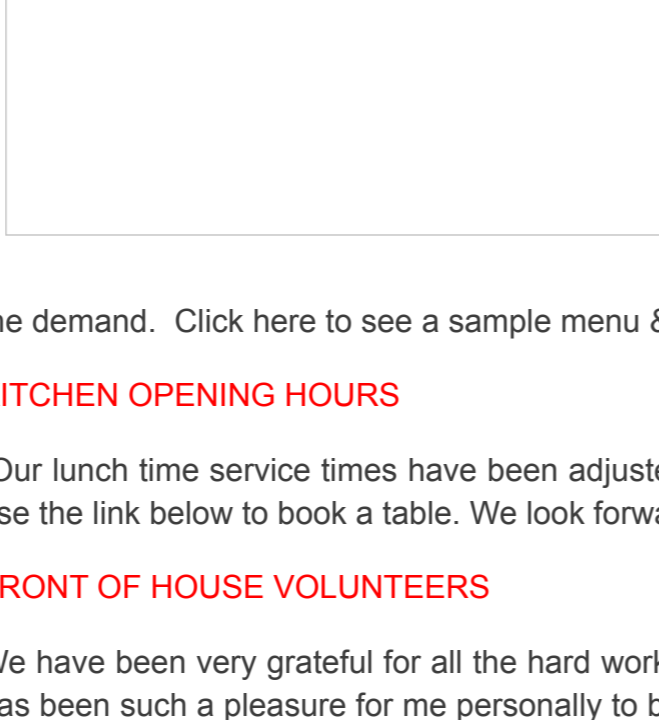
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Family Member Elizabeth Burns appears on the frontispiece of Country Life magazine. The photo was taken outside of the Club as lock down restrictions eased recently.



Maria Shannon, Membership Secretary

EAT OUT TO HELP OUT



Don't miss out on the last two Mondays of August for which this offer is available.

FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Friday evenings have been a great success so far. To read testimonials from Members of their recent time spent at the Club and the service they have received please click the link below.

So do book your table for Friday supper - this week's theme is spices from around the world. See the menu [here](#).

SUNDAY ROASTS

Sunday Roasts are back and have proven very popular so far. It is essential that you book for these as it may soon be difficult to fit you in with the demand. [Click here](#) to see a sample menu & book your table.

KITCHEN OPENING HOURS

Our lunch time service times have been adjusted to start at 12:00 from Thursday to Monday. Please use the link below to book a table. We look forward to seeing you at the Club soon.

FRONT OF HOUSE VOLUNTEERS

We have been very grateful for all the hard work & support received from our Volunteers so far and it has been such a pleasure for me personally to be working alongside Club Members to ensure a great service is provided. If you are keen to help out and be part of the team, please see what is involved and read volunteer testimonials by [clicking here](#). We also have a list of shifts available that you can click here for more info - [click here](#) to view. All volunteers have a free meal & drink!

Please contact me on Gillian@rlmyc.org.uk if you have any questions.

Gillian Poole, Clubhouse Events Manager

BOOK A TABLE

The RYA are inviting under 35s with a interest in officiating at international and world class events to join their Race Officials Academy. For more information and to apply [click here](#)

