



Royal Lymington Yacht Club



## Weekly Update For Our Members

Wednesday 27th April 2022

Dear Members,

We might still be in April, but there is already a huge amount of activity taking place on the water at our Club this week:

The lovely spring weather encouraged 50 sailors to participate in the first race of Monday Evening Dinghy Series. Thursday will see the first race of the regular evening keelboat series and Friday sees the return of our Junior Racing series. The final races of the keelboat Spring Series are on Sunday.

Today sees the start of the 2022 Wednesday Junior Sailing season. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make WJS so successful and to Lymington Yacht Haven for another year of financial support to our community sailing initiative. It will be great to see WJS 'back to normal' this year welcoming as many young people as possible to enjoy and experience our sport over the coming months.

Cruising meets are already well underway and both the sail and power fleets are heading to Bembridge next week.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Club member Ian Williams and the rest of team Gladstone's Long Beach, who this week won the 57th edition of the prestigious Congressional Cup, securing Ian his 5th Crimson Blazer!

With best wishes,

Phil Lawrence  
Commodore

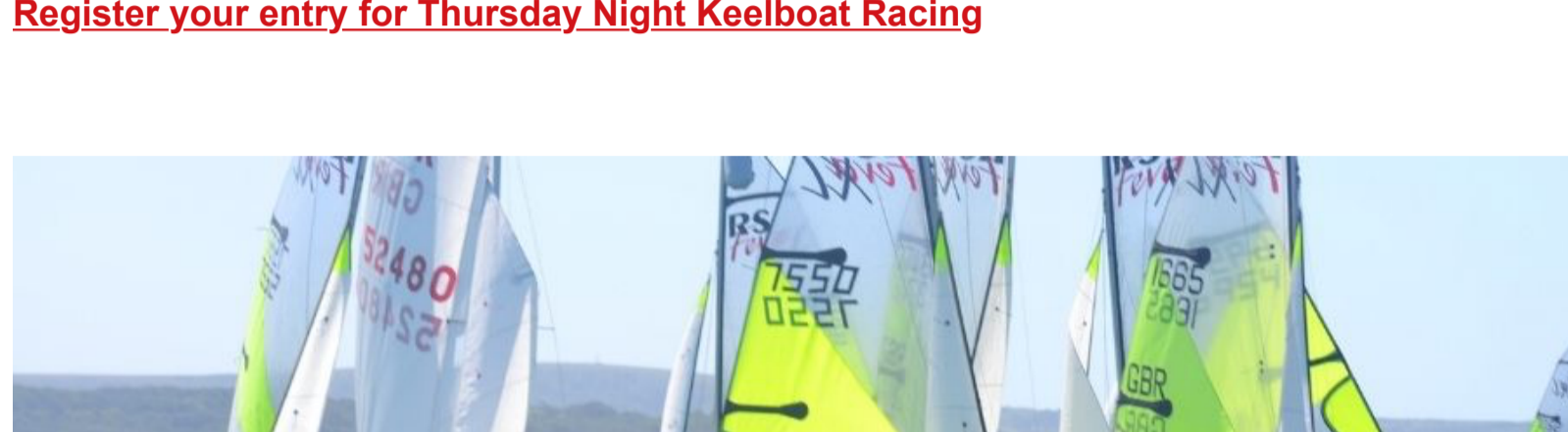


## Thursday Night Racing starts tomorrow!

Our Thursday Night Racing series sponsored by Spencers New Forest starts tomorrow, Thursday 28th April. If you've not done so already, be sure to register your entry on My Club Account and [watch last week's briefing here](#). Multiple food options will be available after racing, the bar is fully stocked and in addition the 1922 bar will be set up on the balcony - Richard and the team look forward to welcoming you!

Once registered you'll be sent details of various Thursday Night Racing WhatsApp groups, including the all-important "Drinks orders for after Racing" group..!

[Register your entry for Thursday Night Keelboat Racing](#)



## Friday Evening Junior Racing starts this Friday

Register now and book your takeaway!

Entry is now open for our Friday Evening Junior and Youth Racing series, which starts on Friday 29th April. Be sure to register your entry as soon as possible! If you missed the briefing on Friday 22nd April, [find it here](#).

Takeaway food will be available for sailors to enjoy before launch each Friday. Preorder by phoning the restaurant by 16:00 Friday (01590 671751) then pay and collect from the bar between 16:30 and 17:00. Menu: Fish Goujons and Chips (£6), Chicken Goujons and Chips (£6) or Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Cheese (£6)

[Register your entry for Friday Evening Junior Racing](#)



**TEAM RACING FOR DINGHY SAILORS OF ALL AGES**  
no previous team racing experience needed

Saturday mornings (when HW)  
09:00 to 12:30  
16th and 30th April

## Team Racing: Saturday 30th April

All members are welcome to join our team racing on 30th April. Sessions will consist of informal racing with one or two flights of boats. Matched teams will be formed from the squad of sailors on the day. Expect to switch in and out on the water, sail with different people from different classes and to observe racing in a support RIB when not racing. It's great fun and for dinghy sailors of all ages - book your places now! Find full details at [rlmyc.org.uk/teamracing](http://rlmyc.org.uk/teamracing)

[Book your places now!](#)



**VINTAGE & CLASSICS EXHIBITION**  
Saturday 7th May 11:00 to 16:00

Come and see how boating and transport have evolved over 100 years!  
A fascinating display of classic yachts, motorcars and bicycles.

FREE ENTRY All welcome  
Lunch available £10.00-£15.00

Book your free tickets now at [rlmyc.org.uk/vintage](http://rlmyc.org.uk/vintage)

## Vintage and Classics Exhibition: 7th May

Book your FREE tickets now for our Vintage and Classics Exhibition on Saturday 7th May - and please do tell your friends, families and neighbours about this unique opportunity to view how boating and transport has evolved over one hundred years.

We will be showcasing an impressive display of classic boats, vintage cars and bikes, including an original wooden Firefly which was owned by a member of the club whose widow gave it to a young member, Angus McEwen, to restore as part of his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The dinghy will be for sale (silent auction with reserve) and all proceeds will be given to the charity Médecins Sans Frontières.

[Find out more and book your FREE tickets now!](#)



**REGATTA DAY**  
Saturday 18 June  
A fabulous day of racing and nautical adventures

## Register now for our Centenary Regatta: 18th June

And book your tickets for our Après Sail Festival!

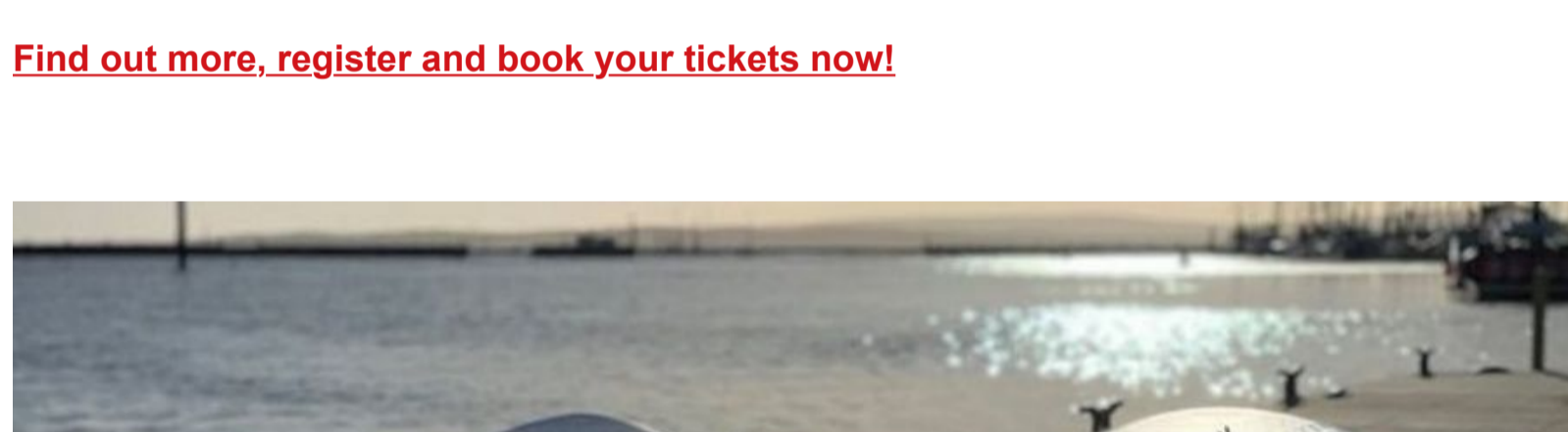
All members, their friends and families are welcome to join our fabulous Centenary Regatta Day on Saturday 18th June 2022. There will be something for everyone, with racing, adventures and games on the water followed by fun, food and entertainment ashore at our Après Sail Festival!

The Regatta Day racing will include our prestigious Potter Ship Race, along with racing on the Solent for all classes of dinghy. There will be sheltered water racing in the River and around the marshes for LR Scows and in Oxy Lake for our less experienced Optimist and RS Teras. Meanwhile Shipmates, Manners and paddle boarders will enjoy a fun nautical afternoon adventure with a cheeky icecream!

After an anchor meet and picnic, the Cruising Division and Motorboat Division will anchor in lines by the marshes, dressed overall and prepared for review. From here you can flag down the ice cream boat, put your feet up and watch the racing!

Entry for the racing and 'on the water' activities is free! Tickets for the Apres Sail festival cost just £15 for adults and £6 for children.

[Find out more, register and book your tickets now!](#)

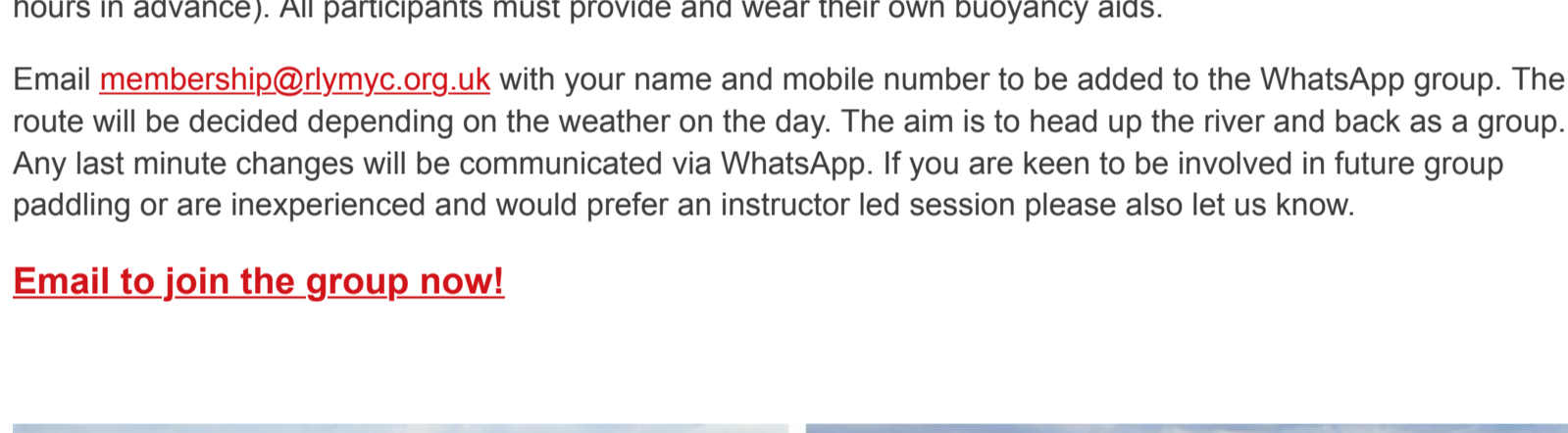


## NEW: Sunrise SUPs starts Tuesday 10th May

All members are welcome to join our new Sunrise Paddle boarding Group, starting Tuesday 10th May. Be ready to paddle for 07:30 for approximately one hour, launching either from the Club pontoon or the slipway (slipway fees paid directly to Harbour Master). Since this is not an instructor-led session, you must have some experience paddle boarding on tidal waters. Own board is ideal, or [hire a Club board](#) (must be booked a minimum of 24 hours in advance). All participants must provide and wear their own buoyancy aids.

Email [membership@rlmyc.org.uk](mailto:membership@rlmyc.org.uk) with your name and mobile number to be added to the WhatsApp group. The route will be decided depending on the weather on the day. The aim is to head up the river and back as a group. Any last minute changes will be communicated via WhatsApp. If you are keen to be involved in future group paddling or are inexperienced and would prefer an instructor led session please also let us know.

[Email to join the group now!](#)



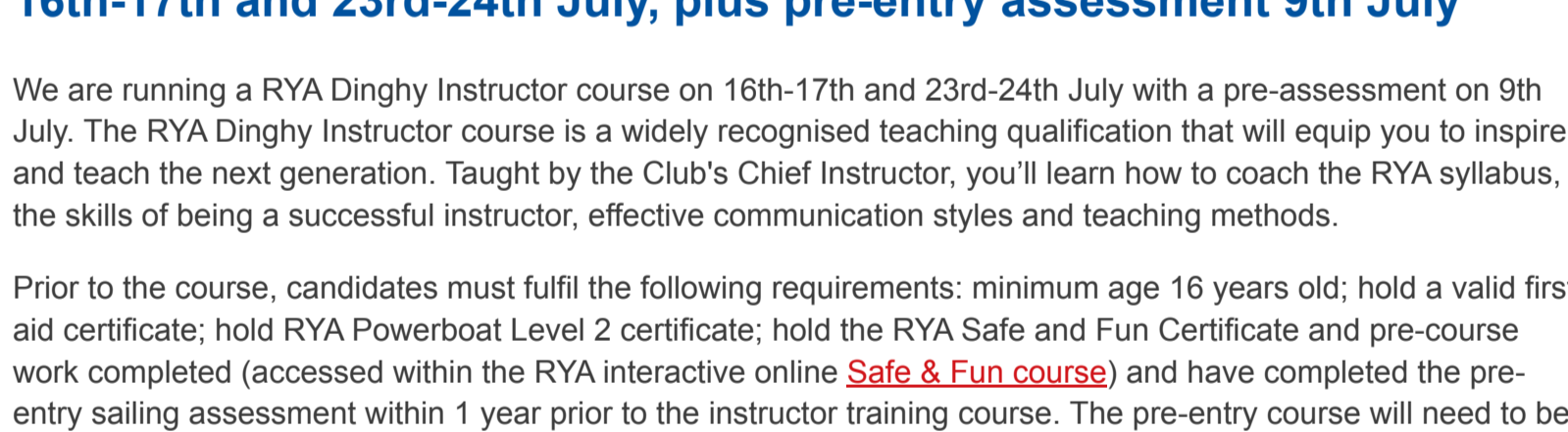
## RYA Dinghy Instructor Course

16th-17th and 23rd-24th July, plus pre-entry assessment 9th July

We are running a RYA Dinghy Instructor course on 16th-17th and 23rd-24th July with a pre-assessment on 9th July. The RYA Dinghy Instructor course is a widely recognised teaching qualification that will equip you to inspire and teach the next generation. Taught by the Club's Chief Instructor, you'll learn how to coach the RYA syllabus, the skills of being a successful instructor, effective communication styles and teaching methods.

Prior to the course, candidates must fulfil the following requirements: minimum age 16 years old; hold a valid first aid certificate; hold RYA Powerboat Level 2 certificate; hold the RYA Safe and Fun Certificate and pre-course work completed (accessed within the RYA interactive online [Safe & Fun course](#)) and have completed the pre-entry sailing assessment within 1 year prior to the instructor training course. The pre-entry course will need to be completed by all attendees of the Dinghy Instructor course regardless of their experience

[Book your place now](#)



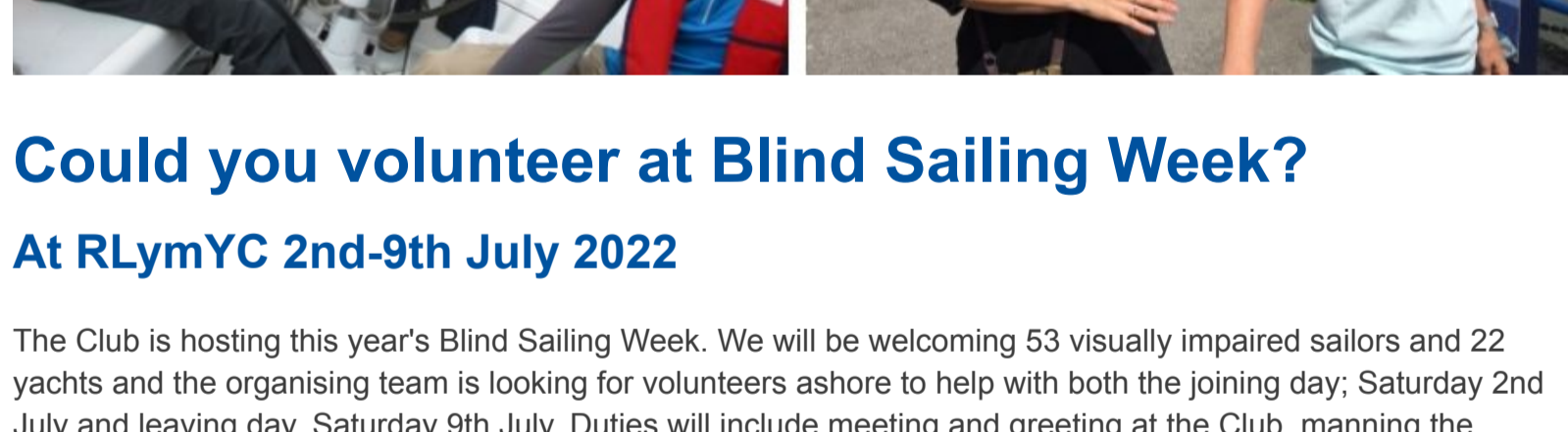
## Could you volunteer at Blind Sailing Week?

At RLmYC 2nd-9th July 2022

The Club is hosting this year's Blind Sailing Week. We will be welcoming 53 visually impaired sailors and 22 yachts and the organising team is looking for volunteers ashore to help with both the joining day, Saturday 2nd July and leaving day, Saturday 9th July. Duties will include meeting and greeting at the Club, manning the reception area, helping with the minibuses, meeting and greeting at Brockenhurst station and much more!

If you are able to volunteer some time at this exciting and worthwhile event, please contact Claire Bridge, RLmYC Blind Week Co-ordinator on [clairebridge@rlmyc.org.uk](mailto:clairebridge@rlmyc.org.uk) or by telephone 07834 686719, including any questions that you might have.

[Email to volunteer now](#)



## Dinghy Park Information

We were pleased to be able to accommodate so many members' dinghies in our dinghy parks this season. Please be aware of a couple of changes to the [Dinghy Park Regulations](#) for the 2022 season. The Sailing Activity Log is now live on our website and is easy to use. This is a first this year to try to ensure that we can check the dinghy park berths are allocated to dinghies that are actively being used during the season and the dinghies are not just being stored. Active use is defined as dinghy use on the Lymington River at least 5 times during the period 1st April to 30th November 2022. The dinghy park berth may not be re-allocated next year if the sailing activity is not logged.

It is the berth holders responsibility to ensure that they log their dinghy usage on the Lymington River; Sailing in Monday Evening Racing, Thursday Scow Pottery, Friday Evening Junior Racing and Junior/Youth coaching sessions will be logged automatically by the Club sailing office.

This year we are trying to make it easier to monitor dinghy park usage by having all dinghy park discs in a visible position on the mast above cover or on the trolley for dinghies stored without a mast. Any dinghy park berth holders who have not yet collected their 2022 season discs should collect them from the Club Office before the end of April.

For any members who would like to use the dinghy park during the season there are usually some berths that are available via the dinghy park subset system. [Information about the subset system can be found here](#) and the Club Office can also advise.

[Log your dinghy usage on the Sailing Activity Log.](#)

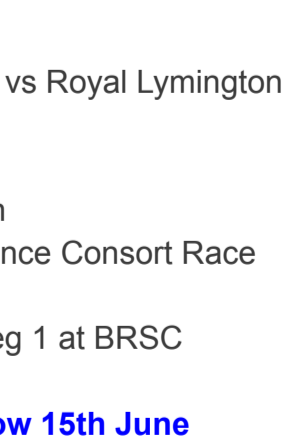
## Forthcoming dates for your diary...

- 27th April: [Wednesday Junior Sailing](#) starts
- 27th April: XOD Wednesday Points Series starts
- 27th April: Nautic Folkboat Wednesday Points Series starts
- 28th April: Thursday Night Racing starts - details of menu will be sent via WhatsApp
- 29th April: Friday Evening Junior Racing starts
- 30th April: Team Racing
- 6-8th May: Weekend Cruise to Bembridge
- 10th May: Sunrise SUPs starts
- 7th May: [Centenary Vintage and Classics Exhibition Day](#) 11:00-16:00
- 10th May: Scow Hinxman Trophy
- 13-15th May: [Centenary Caribbean Rally](#)
- 13th May: Commodore's Centenary Reception
- 14th May: Duo Series starts
- 14th May: Team Racing
- 17th May: Motor Day Cruise to Poole
- 21st May: Royal Engineers Yacht Club vs Royal Lymington Yacht Club
- 21st May: 420 Cruis Prix Open
- 21st May: XOD Alastair Eason Series
- 28-29th May: Lymington Optimist Open
- 28th May: WSS 1 Nordic Folkboat - Prince Consort Race
- 28th May: Team Racing
- 28th May: LRSCA Travellers Trophy Leg 1 at BRSC
- 4-8th June: [XOD Week](#)
- 5th June: Day Cruise RTI/Seaview - [now 15th June](#)
- 7th June: [Ladies' Sailing](#) course starts
- 7th June: Motor Day Cruise to Lulworth
- 8th June: Scow Threading the Needles
- 11th June: XOD WSS Long Race West
- 11-12th June: Contessa 26 Nationals
- 15th June: Day Cruise RTI/Seaview
- 18th June: [Centenary Regatta and Apres-Sail Festival](#)
- 21st June: Scow Alexina Trophy
- 25-26th June: RS Tera Southern Area Championships
- 25th June: Team Racing
- 25th June: [Round the Island Race](#)
- 28th June: Motor Cruise RTI or to Cherbourg
- 2-9th July: Blind Sailing Week
- 5th July: Scow Captain's Trophy
- 8th July: Lymington Dinghy Regatta
- 9th July: RYA Of The Entry Assessment
- 16th July: Nordic Folkboat/XOD WSS Long Race East
- 16-17th July: RYA Dinghy Instructor course
- 23-24th July: [Yaltinger RSYC](#)
- 23-24th July: RYA Dinghy Instructor course
- 25-29th July: Youth Week
- 30th July: Cowes Week
- 3rd December: [New Year's Eve Party](#)
- 31st December: [New Year's Eve Party](#) with live music from Zac and the Zerost! Save the date!

Find more information about forthcoming events on our [website events calendar!](#)

## And finally...

The RLmYC Photography Group meets every Tuesday at 10:00 in the Club for coffee and a look at getting the best out of your camera whether a phone or any other type, all are welcome.

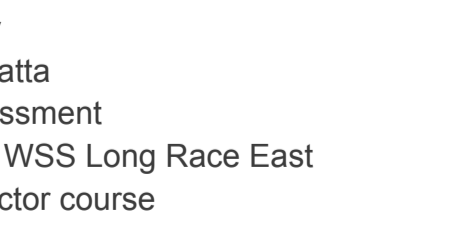


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At RLmYC you'll find a warm welcome, excellent facilities, first class training, expert waterside services, a thriving social programme for all ages both ashore and afloat and our popular bar and restaurant with picturesque views of the Lymington River and Solent.

Find out more in our website: [rlmyc.org.uk](http://rlmyc.org.uk)



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