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ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB

Welcome Neil Eccles | [Logout](#)

November 2016

Club

Annual Sailing & Club Review: 11:00hrs Saturday 5th November

A date for your diary is Saturday 5th November, when the Flag Officers will present a short review of the Club's sailing and other activities in 2016. This is designed to provide an opportunity for Members to have a constructive discussion on Club issues away from the formality of the AGM.

Clive Sparrow, Vice-Commodore

Secretary's notes

We continue with our busy social programme and welcome Laura Dominguez who has joined the first floor team as duty house supervisor alongside Mo Gherbi.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

We welcome the following new Members to the Club:

- Stephen Law
- Anthony, Katharine, Emma and Harry Chapman
- Tony Smee
- Lynne Peperell
- Guy, Jill, Amilia and Alexandra Strath
- Abigail Clarke
- Michael, Agnesa Violet and Marcus Edwards
- Nigel and Caroline Viles

House

Those of you who use the Club regularly will have discovered our new Head Chef, James, whose whole motivation is to have happy Members and clean plates. Consequently we are becoming busier, especially at weekends and Sunday lunch. We'd love to be able to give you a table so do book to avoid disappointment; either call 01590 671751 or [email](#) to reserve your table.

The clocks have gone back and we are well into our Autumn/Winter mode with lots happening at the Club to keep you entertained. We have already enjoyed a lovely Ladies Lunch on the Alice in Wonderland theme and a magnificent Trafalgar night, I have heard that the food was outstanding. Bridge nights, Movie Supper nights and Quiz nights have started. If you are a new Member and are concerned about joining in for the dances and dinners, do please mention when booking and we will ensure that you will be seated with like-minded people. It is a great way to make new friends.

The Annual Dinner is coming up on the 19th November. This is one of our really lovely formal dinners, with fine dining and service. Time to dust off the DJs and posh frocks and join fellow Members to catch up after the summer sailing.

Our annual Art Exhibition, showing the wonderful talent we have among our Members is from 11th – 13th November. In conjunction with this is the Photography Exhibition, the Cruising Section's annual competition. Do come along to view, during the day on Friday and Saturday and Sunday morning. There is an opportunity to purchase some of the amazing exhibits. The restaurant will be running a Bistro des Artistes on Friday and Saturday night so that you can make an evening of it.

I do hope to see you around the Clubhouse and am always happy to hear of any suggestions that you may have.

PS: Movie Supper Nights are starting with supper first at 7 pm followed by the film at 8 pm. Diners will be given the best seats in the house.

Denise Moore, Rear Commodore House

Social



Annual Dinner: Saturday 19th November

This year's Annual Dinner is taking place on Saturday 19th November 2016. The evening will consist of a three course dinner, trophy presentations and an entertaining after dinner talk by well-known motivational speaker & Club Member Manley Hopkinson.

Manley Hopkinson twice served as an Officer in the Royal Navy, re-joining for the first Gulf War. Between times Manley was an Inspector in the Royal Hong Kong Marine Police. In 2000, he was selected as a skipper in the BT Global Challenge round the world yacht race, leading a team of volunteers, including novices, for 9 months in a 32,000 mile journey, the "wrong way"! Manley continued his adventures as part of the 3-man team that won the inaugural race to the Magnetic North Pole. The team faced polar bear attacks, and sub-zero temperatures, learning huge lessons about both surviving and competing in very difficult circumstances. Their record time of 10 days and 9 hours still stands.

Tickets for this black tie event are £43.00 per member which include all wine at the table and are available now from Reception. For more details about the menu, please click the banner above.

Christmas Buffet Party: Friday 9th December



Good friends, Good Cheer - It's the most wonderful time of year!

Please join us for our annual Christmas Party on Friday 09th December! This feel good evening is a highlight on the Club's social program and is the perfect opportunity to get into the festive spirit whilst partying the night away. Tickets are £31.

Tickets are available from Reception, please call 01590 672677 or email sail@rlymyc.org.uk

Cruising

Future Events

Yarmouth Fireworks – Saturday 5th November

The first event in November is the Yarmouth Fireworks bash on Saturday 5th to be followed by a special menu of steak, ale and mushroom pie in the Royal Solent YC.

Day Cruise to Cowes - Friday 18th November

There is a Day Cruise to Cowes with lunch in the Island Sailing Club, always a popular destination.

Needles Relief – Saturday 10th December

The traditional event to celebrate the historical delivery of Christmas presents to the Lighthouse Keepers. Members can either participate in the Race or simply cruise over to Yarmouth to view the spectacle of the combined RNLI and Coast Guard helicopter training session. Raffle tickets will shortly be on sale, the prizes include a trip on the Yarmouth Life Boat during the training exercise and a half model of the Valsheda kindly donated by David Spy, its creator.

The notices and signup sheets for these events will be posted in the Club nearer to the event so please enter your details to enjoy these very social occasions. Everyone is welcome, come by sail or motor, RIB or even car and ferry. Details also on the [website](#).

Circumnavigators

The permanent honour board is now being produced and it is hoped that we will be able to announce the completion shortly. As mentioned previously, details of each of the voyages currently recorded are available on the Cruising Section [website](#) Log and Blogs page.

Cruising Trophies

I have received some submissions of logs and blogs of this year's cruises but there is still time to enter your own for the many Cruising Trophies to be awarded. Submissions can be in printed form or electronically and either submitted at reception addressed to Captain of Cruising or sent to me by [email](#)

Past Events

Caledonian Canal Cruise 19-26 September 2016

The cruise was attended by 16 Members and friends who shared five motor cruisers, chartered from Caley Cruisers of Inverness. The group decided that they would cruise at their own leisure and meet up as and when and would keep in touch with everyone by text. From Inverness via Fort Augustus the fleet made their way to Laggan Lock. From Laggan Lock all boats cruised to Banavie, near Fort William, passing through Cullochry Lock and Moy Swing Bridge, to arrive at Neptune's Staircase, (a series of 7 locks), where private boats are allowed to descend to the sea. To our left was a range of mountains and Ben Nevis.

Due to the adverse weather forecast, we all decided to start back our return and that evening found 3 of our boats tied near to the ruins of Invergarry Castle on Loch Oich. Next day the fleet were at the top of the Fort Augustus flight of locks while the threatened storm passed. On Saturday, the group went through the locks, (about one and half hours to transit) and moored up for the day. Sunday, we woke to a SW6 which pushed the fleet in choppy conditions along Loch Ness and by evening we were back at Inverness in the boat yard and our fantastic cruise was over.

Derek Barnard, Cruising Sub-Committee & Cruise Organiser

Day Cruise to East Cowes Tuesday 4th October

On Tuesday 4th October 10 boats (7 sail and 3 motor boats) attended the day cruise to East Cowes Marina. With an easterly wind of around 20 Knots and occasional gusts of 32 knots, the boats had an exhilarating and interesting passage! 34 members had an excellent lunch at the Lifeboat Pub followed by a small group going on an organised tour of the RNLI Inshore Centre which is always an interesting visit giving an insight into the modern factory techniques employed by the RNLI in the manufacture of their RIBs. With no change in wind conditions and with the tide in their favour, the sailing boats had a very quick return passage, all in all resulting in a very enjoyable day.

Cruising Supper Saturday 15th October followed by Cruising Forum on Sunday 16th October

The Cruising Supper on the night of Saturday 15th October was well attended with an excellent meal prepared by our new chef. This was followed on the Sunday by the Cruising Forum which again was well attended with 50 members turning up to give their views as to the way ahead.

Annual Trafalgar Day Cruise to Warsash Tuesday 18th October

Grey skies greeted the fleet as they set out for the annual day cruise to Warsash SC to celebrate Trafalgar Day. Fortunately these gave way to warm sunshine, accompanied by 15 knots of WNW breeze (22 kts from Calshot) and a spring flood. Many of the 14 boats and 54 crew arrived somewhat before the WSC bar staff, so repaired to the adjacent Rising Sun before joining the others for lunch, which as always was adequately hearty. The return passage was even more exhilarating, the wind being around 21 knots, gusting 24, with continuing sunshine, delivering one of the best sails of the season.



George Johnson, Captain of Cruising

Visit by Sailing Club of the Chesapeake to the Solent Saturday 9th - Sunday 17th September 2017

We now have 11 boats confirmed to be taking part and the résumés of the Americans wishing to join us are beginning to arrive.

The programme is hardening up. We will be joining the Cruising Division at Bucklers Hard for the Saturday Night, followed by two days in Cowes, with a tour of Osbourne House on Monday followed by drinks on the Squadron Platform, a tour of the Castle and dinner in the Pavilion. On Tuesday we move to Bembridge (3.1M over Bar at 11am) with optional dinner at Baywatch Tuesday Night. On Wednesday we move to Gosport Marina for two days with tours of the Dockyard, the D Day Museum, the Submarine Museum as well as shopping at Gunwharf Quays on offer. We are hoping to arrange dinner on one of the ships in the Dockyard (HMS Victory, HMS Warrior or the Mary Rose). We then move to Yarmouth and have dinner at the Royal Solent before returning to Lymington on Saturday for a final BBQ hosted by the Lees. Of course all activities are optional, but we are planning some activities that are not usually available to small groups.

There is availability for more boats – both sail and motor - to join us, both hosting our guests or not. We are also looking for hosts for two nights both at the beginning and the end of the cruise for some of the American visitors who will be joining in the trip by land. If you are interested and want more information please contact me on 01590 679877 or [email](#)

Roger Wilson



The winter lectures start again this coming month on Wednesday evenings at 18:30. All are welcome to come along and enjoy the talk. A meal to follow breaks up the somewhat darker evenings and adds a little jollity to life. Do join us.

The programme for the coming month is:

9th November - Dolomite Expedition

In contrast the Club's Optimist Sailors will relate their exploits in the Dolomite Mountains.

16th November - Model Boats and Boatbuilding

David Spy is going to explain the niceties of professional model boat building. He has kindly donated a half model of 'Velsheda' to be raffled on behalf of the RNLI as part of the Needles Relief. If you cannot attend, please buy a ticket for the raffle from the bar.

23rd November - The Crowded Skies

The final lecture is an informative and light hearted look at the mysteries of air traffic management in the skies above by Phillip Holt. Food for thought when travelling!

Perrin Towler, Vice-Captain of Cruising

Volunteers

The Volunteers party was held at the beginning of October and volunteers were treated to an excellent supper washed down with a glass of fizz. The highlight of the evening was as ever the announcement of the recipient of the Cyril Lyons trophy for the Unsung Hero which was awarded to Roger Cook for his unstinting work on the water. Roger has been out as a mark layer or on a support boat for nearly every Monday and Thursday Evening race throughout the summer and as Powerboat Level 2 trainer in the winter he has helped many members develop their rib driving skills. Presenting the trophy Rear Commodore Sailing Stuart Duffin praised Roger saying that if his name appeared on the Race Team roster you knew he would turn up and get on with the job.

Tokens use them or lose them

Don't forget to use up your Volunteers Tokens before the end of the year, Kirsty is ordering new tokens for 2017 so have a good hunt through your sailing and race team kit and treat yourself. If you have a lot to use up then six tokens can be exchanged at the bar for a bottle of house wine.

During the winter we will be running a series of training events to support Race Team work so watch out for more information and signup sheets in the New Year.

Jane Corden

Training

Race Management Training

Race Team Members are vital to the smooth running of the club's racing programme. They work hard but they also have a lot of laughs. Come along and see if it is for YOU!

Become a Race Team Member? –An Introduction to the Basics -Malcolm McKeag - Thursday 26th January

We will cover the basics to get you started as a volunteer, or add to your other skills if you crew a support or mark-laying boat.

Race Team Member – An Introduction to the Basics – Practical Scenarios -Thursday 9th February

We turn the Island Room into a Committee Boat and have a bit of fun putting theory into practice. The scenarios will be distributed in advance so you can come prepared.

Course Setting and Technology – Roger Wilson -Thursday 9th March

Computer Aids to Course Settings, Maps and Aps

Setting Start and Finish Lines - Roger Wilson - Tuesday 21st March

(We hope, also, to get a practical session arranged the morning of Saturday 25 March)

Using the Club's VHF Radios - Saturday 08 April

Members new to race management are particularly welcome. The sessions are also designed to be a useful update to existing race team members, support boat drivers, mark-layers, committee boat skippers and shore based support. Sign Up Sheets will be on the Club notice board shortly.

The venue: Island Room. Time:- 1815 for 1830 to 2000 hours, except Saturday 8th April when it is 1030 to 1200 hours.

Frances Evans

RYA First Aid Training

- 20th November
- 4th December

To book onto this course, please fill in the [training course disclaimer](#) and either bring it into the Club with payment or contact the office to book onto the course.

We are able to accept payment over the phone so please do not hesitate to contact us.

Fleets

LR Scows

The final Potter of the year has been sailed and Scow Division members are starting to put their boats away for the winter. But, as one activity ends another begins. The first of the winter walks takes place on 3rd November, details on the Notice Board of from France Evans. Walks will continue every Thursday except around ,until the end of April, when Pottering starts up again.

The Scow social events also begin in November with the AGM and Dinner. 5th December is booked for the Christmas Cheer supper and our Talks programme starts on early January. Details on the Notice Boards and on the Scow pages of the [website](#).

This is my last report as I am stepping down as Captain at the AGM. Robin Taunt is taking over. The Division is in rude health and I would like to thank all the Members for making my time at the helm so enjoyable.

Dick Moore, Captain of Scows

Juniors

420

The focus for many of our 420s this month has been Youth Squad. The Autumn Championships in Weymouth was the main selector, but the weather Gods didn't join the party. The sailors did their best in 34 knots of Saturday then, for those whose boats hadn't completely fallen apart, 2 knots on the Sunday.

The first squad was at the end of the month, a four day residential camp in Weymouth where the lucky few got to do it all over again! Congratulations to Lymington's Robbie King, Ross Thompson, Pippa Cropley, Charlotte Boyle, Georgia Baker, Milly Boyle and Vita Heathcote. Meanwhile in Lymington there was training for those who prefer to sail closer to home.

Most of the sailors will be off to Bordeaux to compete with around 100 other 420s in the Grand Prix de l'Armistice. Then next month we have one weekend racing at the End of Seasons, two full weekends training and one weekend kept free...

George Heathcote, Captain of 420s

RS Fevas

There will be a number of Feva training sessions over the winter months, the Club Fevas are available for hire, all levels of ability welcome, please come and join us. The next training session is Sunday 30th November coached by Hugo Andrews. For more information please contact [Sarah Richards](#).

Sarah Richards, Captain of RS Fevas

Lasers

Laser 4.7 Training

For updates please [e-mail](#) Lymington Lasers or join the RLymYC Youth Lasers Facebook group.

Dori West, Captain of Lasers

Optimists

Regatta Fleet successes

The IOCA southern Regatta Fleet series came to a conclusion on Saturday 17th September. The junior Club sailors participated in numerous regattas around the south coast including Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Parkstone Yacht Club, Warsash Sailing Club, Hayling Island Sailing Club, Chichester Yacht Club, Burghfield Sailing Club and Spinnaker Sailing Club.

Over the series Jake Stokes took 1st position at Parkstone, Sammy Griffiths 1st at Chichester and Ella Lightbody 1st at Hayling Island and Spinnaker Sailing Club. Generally the top three positions in most regattas were occupied by our sailors.

The series came to an end at Spinnaker Sailing Club where Ella Lightbody claimed 1st place along with the overall series trophy by 9

points, with Sammy Griffiths 2nd, Emma Breese 4th, Ollie Baddeley 5th and Jake Stokes 7th. A fantastic advert for winter training and dedication by these children.

This concludes their Regatta Fleet sailing as they move up into main fleet next season. They are going to be attending more events over the coming weeks trying to gain places in the Southern Zone squads, coaching for talented young sailors who are looking to develop their racing skills to progress into the RYA UK Junior Squad.

Phil Lightbody

Lymington Winter Training 2016/17

Provisionally we have training booked for the first weekend of each month during the Winter till March (no training in January 2017). National Squad coach Tom Hayes will be the head coach and we will also have working with us our fantastic Lymington coaches. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Valeria Sesto & Joff McGill, Captains of Optimists

RNLI

Christmas Fair Saturday 12th November 10 am – 1.30 pm

Fuller/McLellan Rooms at the Community Centre. Christmas fare and presents galore.



Lifeboats

For Sale Notices



Beneteau First 21.7 £13,500

An exceptionally tidy example of this popular small cruiser racer, built in 2005. Owned by the vendor for the last eight years and only lightly sailed.

Location Lymington

Current name "Petit Moineau"

Tohatsu 6 hp outboard recently serviced.

Sails – Mainsail: Elvstrom 2005, Battened Crusader headsail 2015. Crusader spinnaker 2015, Cruising Chute. Lazy Jacks and sail bag 2014.

Instruments - Garmin 172C plotter, Plastimo Compass, Raymarine Wind, Bidata and Compass. Raymarine DSC radio. 70 amp hour battery 2014.

Beaching legs, Tiller mate, Mast transport crutch, Danforth type anchor with 12m chain and 10 m warp.

Rescue sling, fenders, warps, boat hook, Porta Potti, Single ring gas cooker

Contact Clive Sparrow by [email](#) or 01590 675966

Also

Two 20 metre mooring warps, navy blue, 3 strand polyester with spliced loop on one end, 18 mm dia. Virtually unused. Clive Sparrow (as above).

For Sale

Very large RLymYC defaced ensign, 2 yard fly. In extremely good condition. £50 (new cost now £97.20). 01590 670148.

Email me the details and any photos and the ad will be in one month's ePotterNews. If you don't want your contact details published, interested parties can be asked to contact you via the Club pigeon holes in Reception. Satisfied customers will be requested to make a small donation to Sailability or the RNLI. The listing of items for sale or wanted in ePotterNews does not indicate that RLymYC has knowledge of the authenticity of the advertisement and does not recommend or guarantee the items advertised and the Club cannot accept any liability in this regard.

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