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THE ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB MAGAZINE

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ROUND THE ISLAND**

**TWENTY TWO JUNIORS  
SAIL FOR ENGLAND**

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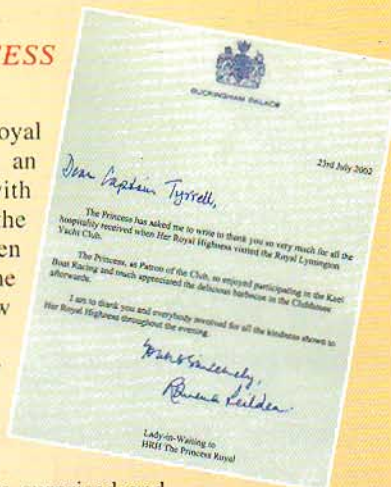
# Jubilee Celebrations



## ...VISIT OF HRH THE PRINCESS ROYAL

Once again our Patron HRH The Princess Royal made time in her busy programme to spend an evening at our Club. Her visit coincided with Thursday Evening Racing and the final day of the Summer Keelboat Regatta, in which she was keen to participate. I was honoured to be invited by the Commodore to have her as a member of my crew on board my Swan 40 *Kalevala*.

On arriving HRH met the Flag Officers for a brief chat, after which we set off for some pre-race practice escorted by the RIB *Brimstone* helmed by Ian Gawn and containing the security team and her Lady-in-Waiting. The security men were surprised and amused to see that the beer cans were opened by the time we reached the wave barrier (although HRH stuck to soft drinks). HRH tried some helming before the race but declined to helm for the race itself, leaving that to Nick Rogers. Instead HRH offered to "do as she was told" (other crew members take note) and did an admirable job as sheet trimmer. Sadly our start was not one of Nick's best, and we failed to win any chocolates, but we had a thoroughly enjoyable race. HRH was a good crew and excellent company, taking trouble to spend time chatting to each member and putting us at our ease from the start with witty jokes and relaxed banter. She was also extraordinarily observant constantly making helpful observations relating to tactics.



HRH helming *Kalevala*

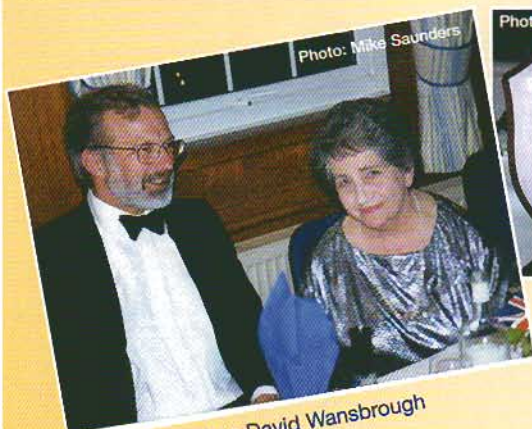
Photo Ian Gawn

HRH helmed *Kalevala* back from the finish to the Club with great skill, taking the opportunity to sail past the Clubhouse under spinnaker in glorious sunshine, making a spectacular sight. Sadly the photographer who had come to record the visit was asleep at the time!

On coming ashore HRH chatted to Club Staff and Members and met members of the Racing and Junior committees together with Class Captains and Race Officers, then joined a party in the library for an excellent barbecue prepared by Michael and his team. Before leaving she presented the prizes for the Summer Keelboat Regatta, chatting briefly with each of the winners. A lovely evening for all concerned, and we hope that The Princess Royal enjoyed it as much as we did and that we will see her again soon.

David Wansbrough

## ....THE JUBILEE BALL



Vice Commodore David Wansbrough and Annie Littlejohn



Gift to Members of 50 years standing

Norrie Crader, Mike Saunders, Helena Eakins, Julian Crader, Trish Saunders and Ken Eakins



Photo: Mike Saunders



# Jubilee Celebrations

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## ...THE LUNCHTIME PARTY - LOYAL TOAST AND 21 GUN SALUTE



The firing party - Pat Fulton, Allan Collison, Desmond Waring, Duncan MacAlister, Alexander Kilgour, Anthony Ruffell, Mac MacDougall

Before proposing the Loyal Toast the Commodore Andrew Tyrrell presented the Jack in the Basket Trophy for the most outstanding sailor under 30 in 2001, to Nick Rogers for his second place in the 470 World Championship. The Commodore said, "A Jubilee is a reflection of the past 50 years and a challenge to do better in the future. As a Club, we have benefited from the effort of those who came before us and we should leave a heritage for the next generation".



Photos Mike Saunders



Club members watch 21 gun salute on the pontoon

Preparing to toast the Queen

## ...THE JUBILEE REGATTA - IN AID OF RYA SAILABILITY

A regatta with a difference was held at the Club this year. There was the usual racing, both dinghy and keel boats, but the prime purpose of the regatta was to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee year and to raise funds for RYA Sailability. The Clubs generosity combined with that of many members made this a memorable event for those involved. Marilyn Holmes and team worked tirelessly at badgering anyone they could think of for the wonderful prizes - both for prize giving and for the raffle. The generosity of so many people was much appreciated.

Roger Wilson and Tony Blachford with their race teams provided really good racing. Some sixty dinghies and keelboats competed and all the entry fees and donations went to Sailability - a total of about £600.

It was great seeing the different sections of the Club enjoying and using the facilities at the same time. The event finished off with a very successful disco using Vince Sutherland's decks - he was not able to DJ as Chris had taken ill. Thank you - we wish you and Chris well.

The final sum raised for Sailability from this event was in excess of £5100, achieved by the donations of prizes for the raffle, cost price items for the popular lucky dip, the entry money and donations. The

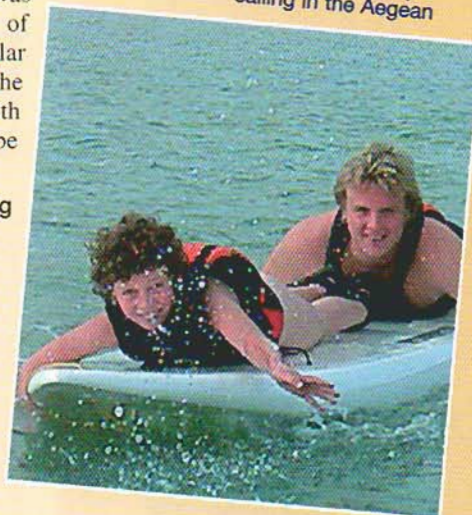


money raised has contributed to sixty youngsters with disabilities, plus a parent, to go sailing this October in Cephalonia to be introduced to the pleasures of being afloat in a warm and predictable climate.

Carol Canning



Sixty dinghies and keel boats supported the regatta helping RYA Sailability to send disabled young people sailing in the Aegean



## ...AND THE YACHT CLUB IS EIGHTY YEARS OLD

The Commodore Andrew Tyrrell proposing the health of the Club. At the Vin d'Honneur the Commodore read greetings from past Commodore Judge Michael King, who wished the Club "a very happy birthday and another very happy 80 years to come"



Photo Ian Gawn



## UNDER10 OPTIMIST NATIONAL CHAMPION



During the summer holidays, junior member Charlotte (Chaz) Coles and her twin sister Alexandra, along with 18 other junior members, travelled to Pwllheli in Wales to take part in the Optimist National championships.

Sailing in the junior fleet along with 125 other under 13's (the senior fleet also attracted over 120 sailors) they sailed 12 races over 6 days in a range of conditions from light to over 20 knots.

At the end of the week Charlotte was delighted to collect the Under 10 National trophy. It is interesting to note that Iain Percy, the 2000 Finn Olympic Gold medallist, was the winner of the same trophy in 1985.

Charlotte started her sailing at the Salterns Sailing Club and, along with her sister, has worked her way through the Club Optimist training programme to the point where she can be seen most Sundays sailing on the river.

**Stuart and Adrian Jardine triumph again in the J24 Class - sixth win at Spi Ouest France and the Poole Regatta Trophy for the Southern Area Championships**

Picture: Mark Jardine



## RACING REVIEW

*Our 2002 sailing season is almost over, and we have a lot to look back at with pride, ---- and just a few disappointments.*

Our Club programme has been very successful, and our thanks go to the Committees, Class Captains, Race Officers and Support Teams who have created and organised the events enjoyed by both competitors and cruising members.

For me, and I know I also speak for our Captain of Racing, Peter Scholfield, there has, however been one major disappointment, and that was the Autumn Keelboat Regatta. Sailed in magnificent conditions - sunshine and balmy light breezes - it only attracted 23 entries, of which ONLY FOUR were from the IRC or Club Handicap classes. Where were all the Thursday evening yachts? Where were those amongst the 45 boats that had entered the Pottership Race, that did not enter? The Regatta was in the programme, we publicised it in the Club and elsewhere, we were experiencing an Indian Summer, which left the Solent looking like Piccadilly Circus, and yet the Racers didn't come out to Race.

The Sailing Committee is now working on the 2003 programme, and I fear there will be some voices saying that there is little point in continuing with this event. I hope we do, but we need more support to make it worthwhile.

However, on a more positive note, Monday Evening Dinghies, the XOD series, and particularly Thursday evenings have been strongly supported, and this year has seen the largest Thursday Evening entry for years.

Club members have gained great successes detailed in this Magazine and I know you will want to join me in offering congratulations.



Picture: Roger Wilson

Ben Ainslie shows his skills at Junior Sailing

## BEN AINSLIE EUROPEAN AND WORLD FINN CHAMPION MAKES TIME FOR THE CLUB JUNIOR SAILORS

Ben Ainslie has won the European Championship in his new class, the Finn. This was a great achievement to take home the honours, in Cesme, Turkey, after only five months sailing the Finn. His success continued in July, winning the Gold Cup World Championships, on the Olympic waters off Athens. Ben then confirmed his British superiority in August winning the Pre-Olympic Test Regatta, also in Athens. Meanwhile, Ben with a camera crew from CNN's Inside Sailing Team spent an afternoon with our Junior Sailing children who thought it was "wicked". He not only took them sailing in one of the Scows, but also answered questions and even took a Laser out to show them how it should be done.



As we look forward to 2003, there are some gathering clouds on the horizon. Continuing regulation brings greater obligation to the Club and its Officers as well as its PROs and Race Teams. If we are going to continue with the size of programme we have enjoyed for the last 3 years, and if we are going to continue to position ourselves as a Club that can run International Events of the status of the Etchells Worlds, we need to renew and increase our cadre of Race Officers, Rib Crews, and Race Teams, and provide them with the resources to do the job.

Even Race Teams grow old, or, as our children grow up and move away to university or opportunities elsewhere, parents who have contributed so much on the water to develop our outstanding junior programme, themselves move on to cruising, or cruiser-racing or other interests, after years of contribution to the Club - and so they should! And so we need to ensure that a new generation comes forward, to follow where others have led.

This is nowhere more apparent than in Junior Sailing today, and in 2003 we shall need some fresh faces to volunteer to train as junior sailing race officers if we are going to maintain, let alone expand, our existing fleets. Many parents are helping, but some are not. Indeed, some junior members' parents are not themselves members of the Club. We can all help by persuading those parents to apply for membership, and by helping new Members come forward by our friendliness and willingness to share with them our knowledge and experience.

Without support our programme will wither, and some classes might die. Don't let it happen—its up to all of us to see that it doesn't! This is something for us all to think about as we undertake our winter maintenance, and make those New Year resolutions!

John Bence Rear Commodore Sailing.

## THE GOLD ROMAN BOWL

Jeremy Rogers won the Gold Roman Bowl, the major award in the Round the Island Race. After competing for 40 years, attaining 2nd three times, he triumphed in his Contessa 26, *Rosina of Beaulieu* which he built at his Lymington boatyard. Shown, right, at the the Island S.C prize-giving are (left to right) David Rogers, Jeremy Rogers, Commodore's wife ISC and Simon Rogers.



Photo Hugo Thameycroft



Photo Peter Bentley

## GOLD MEDAL IN THE 29ER CLASS AT THE YOUTH WORLDS

Team GBR and Club sailor Pippa Wilson (16) with crew Jenny Marks from Northampton won the Gold medal in the 29er Girls class at the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship, Lunenburg, Canada. In tight racing Pippa sailed a near perfect regatta, against a highly competitive fleet finishing one point ahead of Australia with New Zealand third. Later Pippa won the European Championships in Portugal, profiting from favourable light to medium winds over the six days of competition in Lagos bay, on the Algarve. She commented, "The light winds gave us a huge advantage and we managed to develop a technique that gave us good boat speed, so that we could sail our own races".

## 10 YEAR OLD THOMAS MORGAN WINS A RIB



Photo: Ian Gawn

Emerging young Powerboater Thomas Morgan was in action representing the Royal Lymington Yacht Club at the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship National Finals held at Southampton Boat Show.

Thomas won first place in the 8-12 years age group completing the course in a fantastic 1 minute and 33 seconds.

Thomas reached Southampton by winning his first round in Lymington competing for the Club. He won his class and then went on to Hayling Island to win the Southern Regional Final against the other Yacht clubs from the South. The course was run as individual time finals around a triangular course where competitors performed specific boat handling skills, such as man overboard and high-speed slalom.

The final took place in front of packed stands in the show's main demonstration area which adds another dimension for the young competitors to handle. Everyone who took part enjoyed the event and final and improved their boat handling, which is what it's all about.

The Championship is for juniors and youths in two age groups (8-12 and 13-16) and provides a responsible way of encouraging young people into the sport of power boating in a competitive, safe and controlled environment.

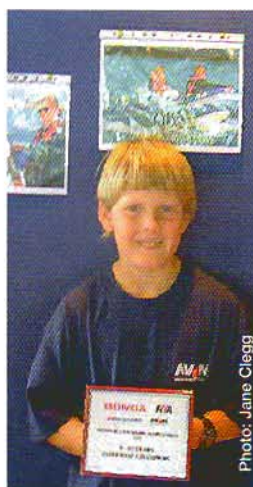


Photo: Jane Clegg

Thomas has won for the Royal Lymington Yacht Club a 4.5 metre RIB supplied by Avon with a 40 hp outboard engine supplied by Honda and a Roller coaster trailer supplied by Indespension trailers.

Mike Morgan



# JUNIORS SAILING FOR BRITAIN

*From Argentina to Italy, Nova Scotia to Holland. This summer more than twenty of our junior sailors travelled abroad to represent Great Britain in different sailing events. The Club is very proud of its young sailors and on this page we have gathered together as many of them as we could to congratulate them on their successes. Our apologies to those for whom we have no pictures.*

John Bence Rear Commodore Sailing



## 29ER

### PIPPA WILSON

Pippa, above, came out of Cadets after the Worlds in Argentina last December where she came 4th. Her move into 29er's has been very successful and she represented Team GBR in the Europeans in Portugal and came 1st. At the ISAF Girls Youth Worlds in Lunenburg in Nova Scotia, Canada, she received the Gold Medal.



### JONNY MARSHALL

At the ISAF Boys Youth Worlds in Canada, Jonny came 8th in his 29er.

### JOHN CLEGG

John crewed in a 29er at the Europeans in Portugal where he came 5th.

## 420'S



### BETHAN CARDEN

Bethan crewed in a 420 and was 13th in the Junior Europeans and 20th in the Women's Worlds. At the 420 Nationals she was 1st Ladies and 5th overall

and was also class winner at the Royal Lymington Open Meeting in September.

### IAIN WATSON AND DAVE PUTT

Iain helmed and Dave crewed at the 420 Worlds in Portugal and came 32nd in the Silver Fleet.

## LASER RADIAL



### NICK THOMPSON

Representing Team GBR Nick came 1st in the Youth Europeans in Austria and 1st Youth in the Laser Radial Grand Prix in Holland. At the Youth Worlds in Canada he was 4th and at the Laser Radial National Championships he was second. Currently Nick is ranked 1st on the Laser Radial Ladder and also 1st Youth. Next year, he hopes to move into Lasers with full size rigs.



### BEN PATON

At the Youth Worlds in Canada he came 33rd.

### DOMINIC HUTTON

Dominic, went to Canada to the Youth Worlds and came 14th overall.

## LASER 4.7



### CHRIS CARDEN

Chris took his Laser 4.7 to the Worlds in Holland where he came 18th. Chris will be moving on to Laser Radials next season.



### JO WEGUELIN

Sailed her Laser 4.7 at the Worlds. She came 42nd in the Silver Fleet.

## CADETS



### ADAM RICHARDS

Adam, with his crew Sam Muskett, was selected for Team GBR at the Cadet Worlds in Germany and came 13th. Adam and Sam also came 1st, and 1st in the Gold Fleet, at the UK Cadet Inland Championship at Rutland Water.



### CHARLIE HATFIELD

Charlie crewed for Pippa Wilson in the Cadet Worlds in Argentina where they came 4th.



### OREN RICHARDS

Oren sailed for GBR at the Worlds in Argentina. He came 1st in the Silver Fleet at the UK Cadet Inland Championship and 8th overall.

## HOBIE DRAGON



### PETER TREVISS-BELL

At the Eurocat at Carnac in Brittany, Peter's Hobie Dragon came 3rd and at the Hobie Europeans he was 4th.



Photographs by Gill Barron and Sally Muir, and Roger Wilson



## OPTIMISTS

A team of Club Optimist sailors went to Lake Ledro, near Lake Garda, in Italy to compete in the first European, inter-club four-boat team racing championships. Their final result gave the UK 4th place. Congratulations to the 5 team members.



**ROBBIE CLARIDGE**

Optimist team racing and Robbie came 5th at the Flanders International Optimist Regatta and was 4th UK helm at the Optimist Nationals.



**ROBYN STOCK**

Optimist team racing.



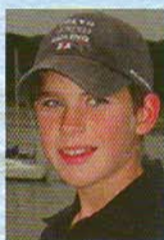
**CHRIS SANDERS**

Optimist team racing. Chris won the Volvo RYA South Zone Youth Championships at Lee-on-Solent in July.



**SOPHIE WEGUELIN**

Optimist team racing. Sophie was also chosen to sail in the Team GBR in the Optimist Europeans in Portugal and came 52nd



**GREG CAREY**

Optimist team racing. Greg was 1st at the Flanders International Optimist Regatta and 8th at the Optimist Nationals.



**RICHARD MASON**

Richard was one of five Optimist sailors from this country selected to join Team GBR at the Optimist World Championships in Texas. Richard came 35th out of

208 competitors.

At home, Richard was 1st in the Main Fleet at the Optimist Inland Championships and 1st at the Royal Lympington Optimist open meeting.

## YOUTH EUROPEAN LASER RADIAL CHAMPION

**Nick Thompson writes:**

I started my laser Radial World Tour in Weymouth with the Youth Worlds Team for a week's training before we headed out to Buffalo Canada for the Youth World Championships. The team did incredibly well at this event taking home team prize. I had a bad start to the event, but managed to pull my way back to 4th overall, winning two of the Gold fleet races in one day.

After this I returned to more familiar territory, where on the day after I returned home I competed in the National Championships at Plymouth. I finished up 2nd overall and 1st Youth having the same points as the winner.

I had a short break for a couple of days, then headed out to Austria for the Youth European Championships where against 180 competitors from 28 nations I gained the title of Youth European Champion 2002. The last person to gain this title for Great Britain was Ben Ainslie in 1993.

As well as having a good Summer, I also gained the title of Dutch Open National Champion 2002, and I am currently ranked 1st on the Laser Radial Ladder as well as 1st Youth.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ROGER AND JENNY WILSON

Rod Carr the RYA's Chief Executive expressing his appreciation of this year's awards winners said "The RYA Community Award winners are essentially ambassadors for the



thousands of people whose continual contribution makes the sport of sailing great to be a part of."

Roger and Jenny have been involved with junior and youth sailing in the Club and nationally for more than ten years, and to quote the RYA, "their innovative ideas have contributed to sailing for young people throughout the UK and overseas." The RYA Awards were launched earlier this year, and Roger and Jenny were presented with an award for Services to Training in recognition of the tireless and voluntary work particularly to the Club's Wednesday Junior Sailing and the UK Cadet Class Association. Roger is

Principal of the Club's RYA Recognised Training Centre and Jenny is Captain of Juniors and Head of Wednesday Junior Sailing. Roger and Jenny received their award from RYA Chairman, George Clark, at the RYA AGM in October, where they were accompanied by the Commodore and Rear Commodore Sailing.





# COWES WEEK 2002



Photo William Payne

Scandia Life Cowes Week proved to be a great success for members of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club with many competitors taking part in most of the classes. The weather this year was a great contrast to last year when number 3 genoas and heavy spinnakers were the norm; but this time we did not see the number 3 or the heavy chute at all with predominantly light and fluky winds. It is a great credit to the race organisers that only one day's racing was lost in Black Group.

Ben Ainslie was very successful sailing *Volvo*, the large Swan, picking up three first places; but the real honours lay with the smaller classes. Martyn Wheatley drove *Cloud Nine* to success in class VII with a score of 3 wins, 2 seconds and one 3rd, while class IV was dominated by the two HOD 35s, *Owl* and *Zarafa*, racing out of Lymington. Peter Bruce's *Owl* came second and Jacques Delacave's *Zarafa* picked up first place with five firsts, a second and a fifth and only just missed overall victory for the week in Black Group by 0.8 of a point.

The XODs had a very difficult time in the light winds and strong tides, and Stuart Jardine came a very creditable second, the first time in many years that he has not won the event. I am sure that normal service will be resumed next year Stuart.

Peter Scholfield Captain of Racing



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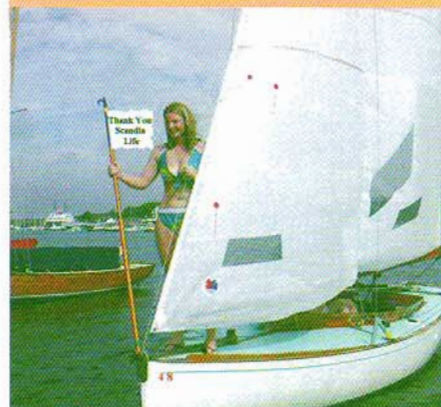
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### thank you Scandia Life

Britannia, my foredeck crew, forensic police officer Charlotte Phillips not to be confused with Nick Phillips knees under the boom. Britannia's apparel has been brought up to date under Government legislation to recycle, with four recycled Scandia Life Pennants for her bikini. Recycling would appear to have good future and I thought it an idea just to say, thank you Scandia Life.

Derf Paton





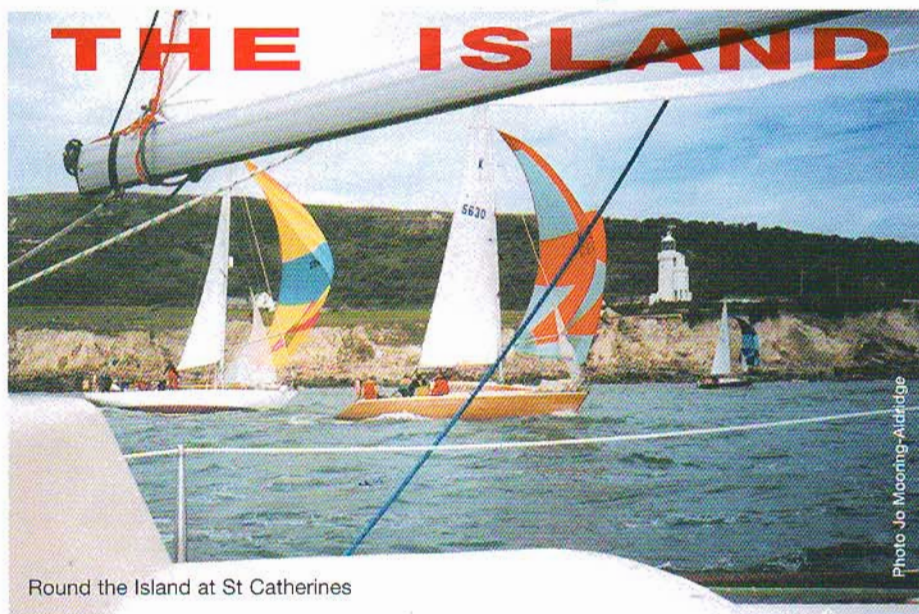
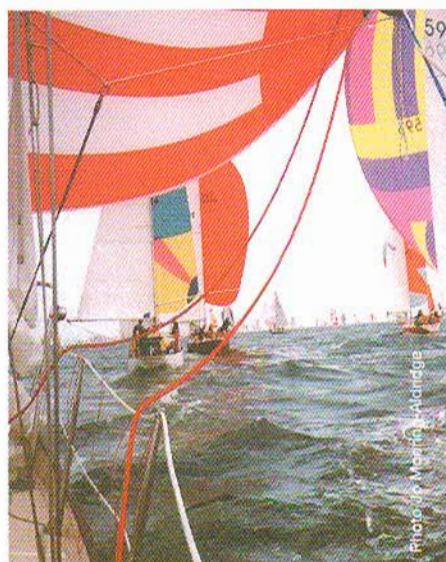
# ROUND THE ISLAND

Club members take two of the  
three team prizes  
and the Gold Roman Bowl

The 2002 annual Round the Island Race classic proved to be a great success for the Club and enjoyed by all who took part. Jeremy Rogers won the Gold Roman Bowl in one of the smallest boats in the fleet, a really great achievement, whilst the three Club Teams, which the Captain of Racing organised, also came up trumps.

The Big Boat Team consisted of Bob Fisher's *Zeal*, Phillip Hancock's *Jaldi* and Jacques Delacave's *Zarafa*. Simon Collyer sailing *Zeal* in Bob's absence put

Round the Island Race  
taken from Fresh Herring



Round the Island at St Catherines

Photo Jo Mooring-Aldridge

in an excellent performance winning her class and coming 7th overall, while *Jaldi* and *Zarafa* provided great back up coming 3rd and 4th in class. This gave the team overall victory in the big boat team prize.

The Middle Team comprised Mac Macdougall's *Highlander III*, Stuart Duffin's *Flying Boat*, and Bob Baker's *Spellbinder* and they came 4th. *Highlander III* did particularly well coming 4th in class.

*Rosina of Beaulieu* stole the show and won the Gold Roman Bowl and with Martyn Wheatley's highly successful H boat, *Cloud Nine*, and Andy Hind's, *White Mischief*, they won the Small Boat Division Team prize by a very healthy margin.

The Skippers and Crews duly celebrated by sharing their magnums of champagne with other prize winners at the dinghy

and cruiser prize giving in October, see below.

Peter Scholfield Captain of Racing

Peter Scholfield and Simon Collyer cracking the Champagne





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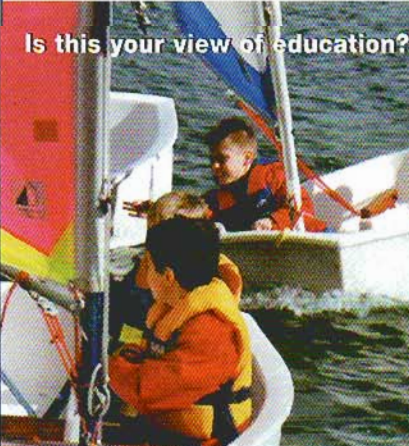
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# WINTER AT THE CLUB

## MONDAY BRIDGE SUPPERS

December 6th January 13th

February 10th March 10th.

Start time is 1800.

We play Chicago-style, which is friendly and fun, though not suitable for beginners - three rounds before supper and two or three after. A list will be put on the Social Notice Board two weeks beforehand. If you would like to play, just put your name up with a partner; guests are welcome.

Table money is £1 per person. Supper is selected off the menu. If you need a partner or have other queries please telephone Judy Ruffell on 01590 672175.

## THURSDAY QUIZ SUPPERS

December 5th January 9th

February 6th March 6th

April 3rd.

Start time is 1900

A great fun evening run by Vince Sutherland, as Quiz Master. Prizes are usually two bottles of wine per round and the cost of the quiz is £2 per person. Play usually continues during supper and Michael takes orders when you arrive.

There is no need to book in advance. Usually 40 to 60 members play the quiz and stay for supper in the River Room.

## SATURDAY SUPPER EVENINGS

Michael and his team will be serving something special on most Saturday evenings this winter.

Why not book a table and arrange for a group of friends to meet at the Club for supper? Or if you would like to meet someone new, ask to sit on the Club Table. Supper starts at 1930. Phone 01590 671751 to book.

### CHINESE SUPPER November 23

### BEER FESTIVAL November 30

With fish and chips supper followed by a 60s/70s disco

### CURRY SUPPER December 7

### NEEDLES RELIEF STEAK AND KIDNEY SUPPER

December 14

Everyone welcome, especially intrepid sailors who have been on the Needles Relief.

### BANGERS & MASH SUPPER January 4

### JAZZ AND THAI SUPPER January 11

### ANTIQUES SUPPER WITH GEORGE KIDNEY

January 18. Start time 1900

George is going to display a selection of antiques so that, over a pre-dinner drink, you will be able to work out what they are, how old and what is the value. After supper George will talk about the items and confirm whether your judgement was correct. There will be a small prize for the most accurate assessment.

### FISH SUPPER February 1

This follows the AGM

### LECTURE SUPPER - STEVEN MARSHALL OF

### ST BARBE MUSEUM February 8. Starts 1830

Steve will give a talk about local history associated with the Museum.

### SINGAL EVENING WITH MUSIC February 22

Details to be announced later

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR IN THE CLUB

You are invited to celebrate the arrival of Christmas with your family or friends over a traditional Christmas Dinner, either Goose or Turkey. Carol singers and Christmas decorations will help set the mood. The Ball and New Year's brunch follow a week later to welcome in 2003.

### Tickets

Turkey and Goose Dinner tickets will be sold by the office, one month in advance, on the 18th and 21st November. Tickets for the New Year's Eve Ball and the New Year's Day Brunch will be on sale from November 25th. Prices will be shown on the notice board and tickets need to be paid for in advance. Bookings may be made by telephone using a credit card.

### TURKEY DINNER

Wednesday December 18th at 1930. Black Tie

### GOOSE DINNER

Saturday December 21st at 1930. Black Tie

### THE NEW YEAR'S EVE MASKED BALL

Tuesday December 31st at 1930. Black Tie

Dancing to the music of Ronnie Horler and his Band. Eye masks will be supplied.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY HAIR OF THE DOG FAMILY BRUNCH

From 1200 noon onwards

This is a buffet meal with an informal table plan arranged by Michael at the time.

### CHRISTMAS SAILING

### NEEDLES RELIEF

Saturday 14th December

The tradition of the Needles Relief Race lives on. This year tidal conditions are suitable and it is hoped to set a course out to the Lighthouse with a pursuit start with the aim of having all yachts finish by 1330 in time for lunch at Yarmouth.

A similar race within the Solent is proposed for smaller keelboats.

For the cruisers the Needles Relief is a fund raising event for the Search and Rescue Services and presents are given to lifeboat and helicopter crews. Usually Puffin is hired to take members over to the Yarmouth party at the Royal Solent or the Yarmouth pub although many members take their own boats. The Needles Relief Steak and Kidney supper takes place in the evening.

### PETER AND EAE TROPHY

Friday 27th December Start 1000

Scow Fleet racing for Junior Sailors round a short course close to the Club pontoon.

### PENGUIN TROPHY

Sunday 29th December Start 1000

More Scow Fleet racing, this time for the adults. Single-handed or double-handed.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING LECTURES AND SUPPERS

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John Jeffrey NOTE Thursday March 20th

These are most of the winter events but there are more, and yet more will be added. Check the notice boards and your club programme for details. The club is going to buzz this winter. Do make sure you're part of it: book or enter by phone or email or in person, whatever suits. And don't forget happy hour - its a great time to meet friends with the cheapest drink in town





## SCOW DIVISION

### If at first you don't succeed

The weather gods were more determined than I when summer began; I could only stand by with a deep sense of disappointment as five events in eight weeks were cancelled, and we missed half of our Monday evening early series. However, recent weeks have brought plentiful sunshine and given us a wonderful day to rally, a splendid reserve for the 'figure-of-eight', a lively short series evening, and an ongoing run of happy potters. In all, we've had great support from our safety boat drivers, who use a huge amount of time and skill to keep us in good order. We thank them, and the race officers who have given us such a

variety of races this year.

Jane Pitt-Pitts has notably recorded wins in all but one racing event, with firsts in both early and late Monday Evening series, the figure-of eight race, the Lymington River Scow National Championship, and our own short series, to fill her trophy cupboard. A clean sweep was denied her by the perseverance of Peter and Jayne Burchell who triumphed in the summer dinghy regatta.

There's no rest for Scowers; when racing is over and the evening light gone, we look forward to Autumn and Winter suppers and our Thursday walks (not forgetting the pub lunches to follow!). For those who can sustain their energy

over Christmas, there's the Penguin Trophy to be won on December 29th – see you on the water then!

**Jane Clegg, Captain of Scows**

Jane Pitt-Pitts has notably recorded wins in all but one racing event.



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# Successful Normandy Rally

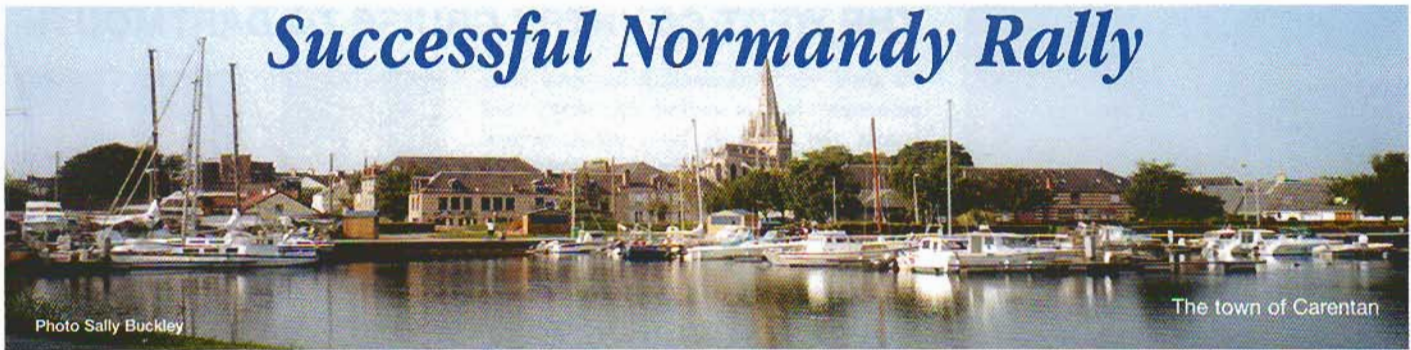


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The town of Carentan

Due to an unforeseen clash with a French National Holiday on August 15th, the Club Nautique de Hougue asked for the date to be moved back one week. This provided the opportunity to extend the Meet to include Cherbourg as a starting point, and Carentan as a final port. Boats could join and leave the fleet at any port and, on production of a Club membership card, reduced berthing charges were arranged at Cherbourg and St Vaast.

Fourteen boats signed up, ten arriving at Cherbourg. After a welcoming drinks party aboard *Pamela May* the entire fleet chose to dine together on Saturday at Le Laurent Restaurant.

The Captain decided that, as the weather was favourable, we should make passage to St Vaast on Sunday. With the encouragement of Leonard Wesson, the Club's resident rock-hopper, *Pamela May* set course to Barfleur, via the inshore passage using the traditional pilotage method of transits and bearings. However Murphy's Law intervened and despite early success, visibility closed in denying vital transits, so the game was abandoned. *Sirius* sailing close behind decided to continue her convoluted course using GPS and was sighted emerging triumphantly at the Barfleur Race.

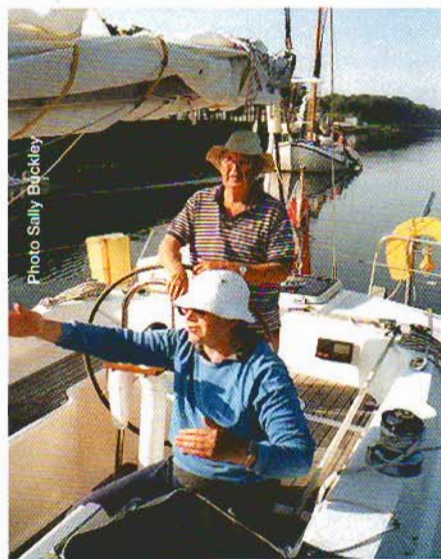


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Right hand down a bit - Carentan Canal

Tuesday the fleet dressed overall and the annual dinghy race took place in the bay. For several years the CNH have run away with the trophy, but on this occasion we had a secret weapon in the guise of George Tinley and Tony Brook-Webb, who most skillfully won the first race despite a malfunctioning spinnaker, and only lost the second race by three seconds and the third by a whisker. We will show them next year, yeh! When one considers that George and Tony had not raced dinghies for yonks and that they were three times the age of the CNH crews there is every reason to believe that the future is bright.

St Vaast's lock opening and the tide times dictated leaving after the dinner at the Chasse Marie and anchoring outside for the night to make the passage to the Carentan Fairway Buoy by 08.45 hrs the following morning, or leaving the next day, anchoring off the Marcouf Islands for lunch, and taking the flood to Carentan in the evening.

After a peaceful night at anchor *Wandering Moon* weighed at 06.50hrs, only to find after a few hours passage that the Carentan fairway buoy was shrouded in sea fog. With the tide sweeping the boat sideways, a winding course through the shallows with little water under the keel and eight pairs of channel marks to find, it seemed a somewhat daunting, but exciting proposition; and so it proved to be.



Photo Hadyn Meredith

Below, progress was carefully tracked on the GPS, whilst on deck two pairs of eyes scanned the murk, until after nearly 2 miles of near blind, high tension sailing, the first channel buoy was sighted. Concentration was intense as the depth was called and the boat helmed through a succession of fog obscured port and starboard marks until, with some relief, the river was entered. Thereafter, the fog began to thin out to reveal egrets, seagulls and duck in the attractive marshes and the odd fisherman on the riverbank. The lock into the canal, eight miles from the fairway buoy, was tree lined in true French fashion, but it had a remarkably unique feature - a motorway that ducked beneath it!

Carentan was a most pleasing, quiet, final port and after some time honoured winning and dining, boats began to leave for Cherbourg and beyond. Whatever their destination, they were leaving a most memorable meet.



Photo Hadyn Meredith

George Tinley( right) & Tony Brook-Ward dinghy racing at St Vaast

Hadyn Meredith & Sally Buckley

The fleet dressed overall at St Vaast





....more thick white fog rolling in to hug the hills, but in the RDYC bar vis was better

Soft Devon drizzle welcomed the 15 boats on the Royal Lymington's West Country cruise. Under the protective watch of the 100-year-old Britannia Royal Naval College standing high above maritime Dartmouth, the crews berthed three abreast on the river pontoon close to the Higher Ferry. The River Dart carries

## THE WEST COUNTRY CRUISE TO DARTMOUTH

on about its workmanlike business with passenger ferries plying up, down and across the river as boat crews weave dinghies around them on trips ashore for walks, hot showers and more provisions.

The Dartmouth weather offered no solace but this did not halt the first night welcoming party on the sturdy Grand Banks motorcruiser, *Hi Banks*. The cold air drove everybody off the top deck into her roomy main saloon. She leaned to port under the weight of some of the heavier male bodies.

The first gastronomic evening for the crews was at the Royal Dart Yacht Club. The club welcomes yachtsmen visiting the Dart and dates from 1866. The



Dinner in the R Dart Y C Brent Strickland, Angela and John Bailey, Phil Batten

balconied building overlooks the river on the Kingswear side of this steep-sided estuary – beautiful in fine weather. The view across the river showed more thick white fog rolling in to hug the hills.

Then on a calm grey Friday afternoon the boats motored two miles up river to the quiet and pretty riverside village of Dittisham. Shared buoys were home for the night and supper at a local pub, the Red Lion. Before supper, the crews were invited on board a luxurious Princess 46, *Linara*. The crews flocked towards her, dinghies jostled together tied off the stern of this lovely mother ship. The motorboat looked more like a spacious luxury flat inside and drinks were served in crystal glass, unheard of in most tippy sailing boats.

It was raining as the crews left *Linara* for the Red Lion. The pub sits on a hill at the top of a steep narrow lane and the crews took this at various walking paces, some unrecognisable in full wet weather gear, heads down beating into the steady drizzle. By now skippers had schedules to turn their attention to and one by one the boats peeled off the fleet to head in other directions.

Christine Tout

Morgan Le Fay  
Allan Collison on the Dart



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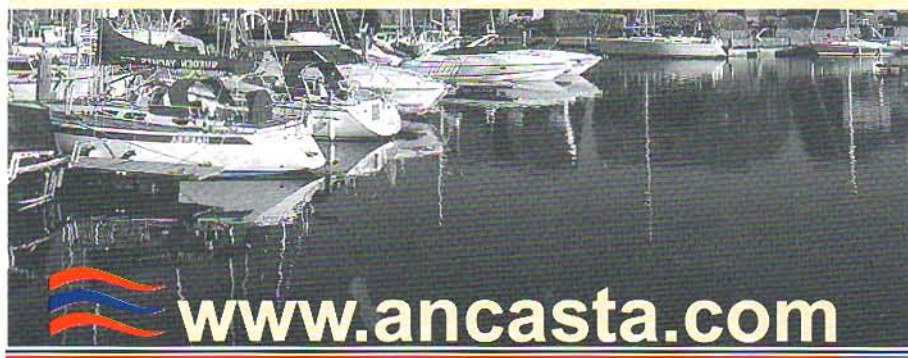
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## New Yorker Sails the Pottership in Ariel

As an overseas member residing in Harlem, New York two things come to mind. One, that my membership profile may not fit the RLymYC norm, and two that I have few opportunities to sail.

However, at about this time last year I had the chance to crew in the XOD *Ariel* in the Pottership – an event that, confusingly, shares its name with this magazine – and my skipper was none other than the X-Class captain.

"Fancy doing the spinnaker?" he enquired. I nodded toward the nimble David Allpress and suggested that he was a better man for the task. We headed down the river, the skipper's grip tightened on the tiller, his hawk-like eyes fixed on the starting platform. The blast of the start gun stirred some atavistic nautical juices and I shifted my rear over the side. "Get out, get out more," roared he of the hawk-like eyes. I searched in vain for a harness.

We beat toward the first mark. At this point my memory gets a little hazy, but I think we rounded fourth or fifth. A long line of X's stretched behind. Far ahead the Jardine brothers, collective nemeses of the X-Division, were floating their spinnakers.

I looked toward Yarmouth where green hills wrapped the port; I began to dream of a life away from my narcotic-infested neighbourhood, of Saturdays cruising down the Solent. "Pay attention," snapped the sprightly bowman. I cowered in the bilges as our spinnaker launched. Before long we had clawed our way to third place. On the distant horizon the Jardines played cat-and-mouse. *Lizz Whizz* pipped *Myrtle* to the line.

Later, in the rowdy confines of the bar, the skipper and his by now not-so-nimble crewman pushed me forward to collect third prize, a glass. The Commodore's wife cast me a circumspect look, "Who is this stranger?"

And now, when the brittle winds of winter beat down the Hudson, and before the gentle pop of the neighbours' handguns lull me to sleep, I often reach for that Royal Lymington glass, pour a stiff drink, and later dream of white caps on the Solent.

Ian Driscoll

*...before the gentle pop of the neighbours' handguns lull me to sleep, I often reach for that Royal Lymington glass, pour a stiff drink...*



For the Cruising Section of the Club that enjoys organised meets it has been an enjoyable year. Despite earlier bad weather, and therefore slightly less participants, the general air of relaxed enjoyment was self-evident.

### Home Cruising Activities

Our summer meet in Bembridge, small but fun, led to us discussing turning this into a family occasion with suitable events to encourage the young for 2003, with a venue yet to be decided. Watch your summer fixture list.

Of course, the very nature of Cruising means that many people will be off doing their own thing and this should and will, always be so. We would like to hear from our near and far-flung members where they have been, which seas and oceans they have sailed, and even more we would value a log for the benefit of those following behind. Not only can you have the fun of entering the log competition, you will be providing yourself a permanent record to enjoy re-reading when you are finally grounded by old age.

George Tinley Captain of Cruising



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brand new boat, has been the benchmark since launching in late May, winning 27 out of 28 races. Pleasingly, the average turnout has also been increasing, with 15 boats coming to the line in an otherwise disappointingly supported autumn keelboat regatta.

The legacy continues, with more new boats expected to arrive over the winter break, so the prospect of an expanding fleet for close one design racing looks hopeful, as we look forward to next season, and the next sixty years!!

Toffer Blachford

## Folkboat fleet on the River now thirty five strong

In 2002, the Folkboat class entered its 60th Year, with the Lymington fleet growing from a few boats racing handicap five years ago, to an astonishing thirty-five on the river. It seems hard to believe that it was in 1942 that Tord Sunden submitted plans to the Scandinavian Yacht Racing Union in a competition to find an affordable boat for the recreational sailor.

Celebrations have been held all over Northern Europe, and the British fleet marked this anniversary by asking our Club to host a Round the Island race; hence, sixty miles symbolising sixty years. 28 boats came to the line extremely early for the Sunday morning start on 19th May, and participated in an exciting circumnavigation in 8½ hours, with Robin Berwick in *Svenja* winning with a mere 30 seconds separating the first three places, and all boats finishing within 25 minutes. All the competitors really enjoyed the event, even those who went aground on Ryde Sands!

The Club also organised the first national championships to be held outside Folkboat week, again closely contested, with any one of five boats in with a realistic chance of winning prior to the last of seven races; John Stork's *Cloud Cuckoo* took the honours by the narrowest of margins.

*Skidpaws*, Tony Blachford's

...and the newest, the all conquering *Skidpaws* shown here about to depart from Kerteminde to Lymington last March.



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The MCA Code uses similar categories and although this code only applies to boats going beyond a line from the Needles to Hurst Point, it will nevertheless be useful in considering the future use of the launch. It is possible that the MCA will introduce a new Code of Practice including the Solent.



Club Launch *We're Here* during the Farr 40s event

Photo: Jane Clegg

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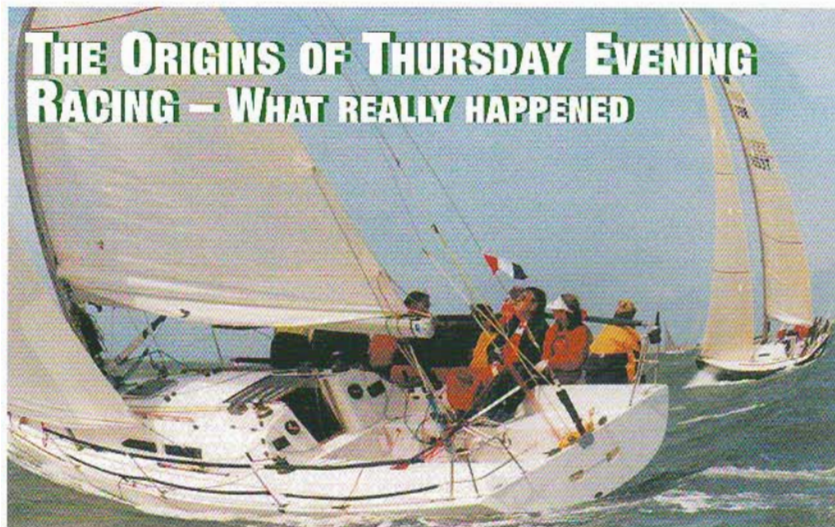
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## THE ORIGINS OF THURSDAY EVENING RACING – WHAT REALLY HAPPENED



It was the hot summer of 1976. I had been over in Cowes one July Tuesday evening to see Bobby Lowein, then the king of Cowes sailing, when I noticed a diverse fleet going out of the Medina. 'They're going out for Tuesday evening racing' said Bobby. 'That sounds a good idea for Lymington' I thought.

Bill Woods was extraordinarily open to new ideas. In his time as Rear Commodore Sailing three memorable new events started. Firstly, The Royal Lymington Cup - originally known as the 'Lymington Congressional', the idea of Bill Green of Green Marine, secondly, Thursday Evening Racing, and then, thirdly, the MacNamara Bowl, the idea of Brian MacNamara, of course.

Later in July 1976, after a Sailing Committee Meeting Bill Woods and I discussed a weekday evening racing event. 'How was it to work?' said

Bill 'To be held on Thursday, to be free of charge, and open to all comers' I suggested. He agreed and that is how it still is.

There was concern coming from Rosemary Taylor and Fiona Rogers who raced Blue Heron. 'It will kill our Wednesday afternoon racing' they said. However they admitted that Wednesday racing was dying anyhow, as people found it less easy to find the time in the afternoon, so much of the Wednesday fleet moved over to Thursday evenings.

In spite of my efforts to drum up custom, there were only three or four starters for some years. It was not a dramatic beginning but it was Eileen Caulcutt and Howard Lewis (secretary at the time) who kept the racing going in spite of the small numbers, as they hugely enjoyed running it and the competitors seemed to enjoy it just as much. There was no protest committee and, as far as the race officers were concerned, there could be no protests. On one occasion Eileen and Howard came out together, as usual, in the Club's elderly, slow, hand-start launch Tortoise but, once at the Platform, found they had forgotten the key to the Platform hut. There was no time to go back so they had no access to guns, flags, nor mark boards; so with great good humour on both sides it was all successfully done by shouting and waving.

In response to my concern about numbers, Bill Woods said 'It may yet catch on. Be patient.' Only in 1980 did numbers start to grow, especially when the X boats were granted their own course. In that year there was a maximum of 25 boats and a minimum of 6. In 1982, by which time Eileen Caulcutt had become Rear Commodore Sailing, Annie Littlejohn took on the task of Race Officer, which she continued to do for many years. She reported more than 40 boats out for three evenings in July 1984. By 1985, the year of the World Match Racing Series at Lymington, 25 to 30 boats came out every week.

By this time I had left the Navy and it was clear that Thursday Evening Racing was becoming ever more popular. I was slightly surprised to discover that things had changed in that every boat now sailed under the Club Handicap and the deviser of the handicaps sailed the boat that almost always won! I felt that the majority would be happy under any rule, but the more serious sailors, who might be racing for the Club in the Round the Island Race, in Cowes Week and other national or international events, would be better off under the national rule. I am pleased to find that in 2002 we are back to that principle.

Stephen Carden-Noad tells me that this year there were 101 entries in the early series and 120 in the late series. Melanie Smith also tells me that the greatest number of starters in any Thursday this year was 67 and the fewest number was 38. Long may it continue!

Peter Bruce



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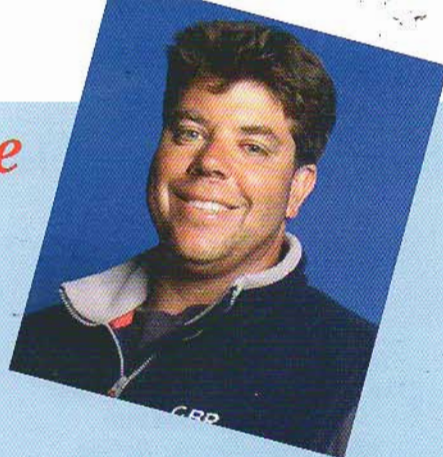
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# America's Cup – GBR Challenge

## CLUB MEMBER CHRIS MASON INTERVIEWED FOR POTTERSHP

Chris Mason is widely admired as one of Britain's top international sailors having competed around the globe on some of the most famous racing boats. He is currently in Auckland, New Zealand as mainsheet trimmer aboard Britain's first entry in the America's Cup for sixteen years. His son Richard is well known to the Optimist squads of the Club and is currently the Inland champion and top-ranking boy in the GBR squad. Magnus Wheatley caught up with Chris just after the team's opening loss to Stars & Stripes.



**MW:** Chris this is your fourth America's Cup ('83, '87, '95). How does the GBR Challenge compare to the others you've been involved with?

**CM:** GBR is a very young challenge...we've got a lot of new guys and what it lacks for in experience it makes up with youthful enthusiasm.

**MW:** You had a promising opening race against Stars & Stripes. Was it good to be back in a British America's Cup boat?

**CM:** Oh yeah, it's always great. The result against S&S was encouraging because we were on the pace but it was still disappointing as we lost the race. That's the main thing about it, we were disappointed to lose as opposed to being happy in coming second.

**MW:** How far do you think GBR can realistically go?

**CM:** If you look at the results from here on in and the improvements we'll make between the round robins we should be fighting for a semi-final place.

**MW:** Who do you see as the main challengers?

**CM:** For the opening rounds, the French and the Italians for us. Above that you've got to be looking at the top three. (Alinghi, One World & Oracle BMW)

**MW:** What advice would you give to any young member wanting to follow in your footsteps to become an America's Cup sailor?

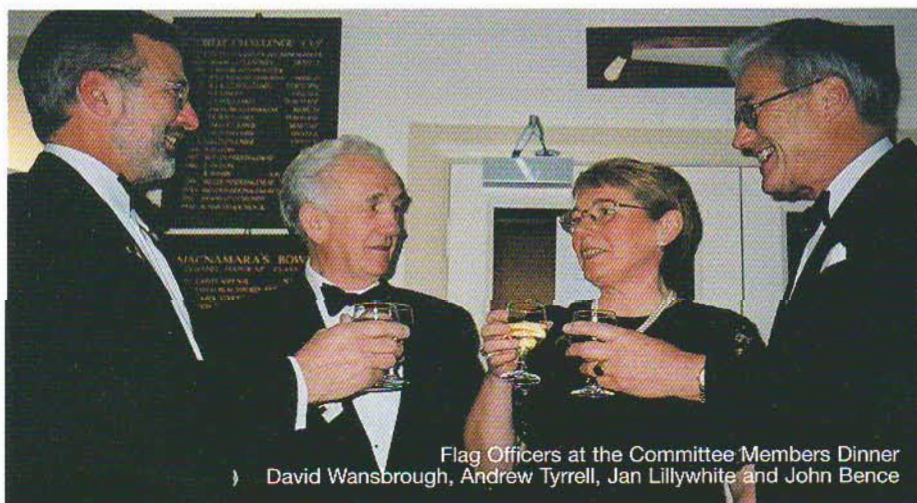
**CM:** Try to sail with the older members as much as you can and you can always

come and talk to me. Follow the America's Cup...but basically just get out there and sail.

**MW:** How do you like Auckland and do you miss Lymington?

**CM:** Of course I miss Lymington, it's home and my family are all back there now. But Auckland is great-a real Cup city and good fun.

Magnus Wheatley is also a Club Member, actively sailing and winning this year's Royal Southampton Y.C. double handed Round The Island Race with crew Malcolm Ford. He is now in Auckland covering the America's Cup, and his daily reports are on Yachts and Yachting.com



Flag Officers at the Committee Members Dinner  
David Wansbrough, Andrew Tyrrell, Jan Lillywhite and John Bence

## THE COMMODORE'S RECEPTION

Andrew Tyrrell, hosted the annual Commodore's Reception in the Club, an event that was successfully re-introduced to the Club programme two years ago. Commodores and Flag Officers from sixteen yacht clubs attended, along with representatives from the Coastguard, Hampshire Police, Lymington Harbour Commissioners, RYA, local Councillors and the business community. The Commodore in his speech said, "It is important in a town such as Lymington, where so much happens that we can meet as we are this evening to talk together, as it serves to strengthen our links within the community and with each other." Then he took the opportunity to thank the bar and catering staff for their contribution to the evening saying, "They are very much part of the Club and its ethos, an ethos that all those present contribute to and for which I am grateful."

## Club Member is IPC magazines picture editor of the Year

Sally Collison joined the Club at the age of ten in 1985, regularly competing in Club races and regattas in Cadet and 420 classes. Last year she competed in Cowes Week in her Sigma 36 *Genepi*, having sailed it only two days earlier from Limehouse Basin, London, where she had been living aboard.

Career-wise, in July 2000 she joined Yachting World as picture editor and in March 2002 won IPC Magazines picture editor of the Year. She is now in New Zealand to cover the America's Cup as photo editor with the Louis Vuitton team.



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## Nine year old Robbie starts Monday Evening Racing

*"Dad, I'm going to steer today."  
The beginning of the end for me?  
- but certainly the end  
of the beginning for Robbie*

We had started racing a borrowed Scow occasionally during the summer of 2001. It was now June 2002 and we had successfully completed a number of races with me helming and had enjoyed both the number – up to 25 boats on occasions in our Class – and the variety of competitors. Robbie at 9 is one of the youngest. I at 49 am very far from the oldest. I haven't asked, but am quite sure that more than one of our competitors will never see 70 again, and quite possibly 80.

Monday Evening Racing is competitive; it's also fun, but above everything else it is friendly. There are four classes ranging from Oppies to fast Sports Boats but perhaps the Scow fleet in particular, epitomises what our Club is all about; people with all sorts of reasons for going boating, doing just that! It is not just the sailors; it is the race officers, the rescue boaters and everybody else involved. A big thank you to all these people. I hope that they enjoy it as much as we do.

So how did we get on? That first race with Robbie in the back and me in the front, we finished 4th. Which both Robbie and I thought was pretty respectable. Another 4th the following week followed by an OCS (on course side). Well everybody gets it wrong sometimes (the race officer that is...)

Then a disaster! 1st to the first mark only to be hit by another boat sailed by somebody who knows lots better, but just got it wrong! The collision tacked us and with the mainsheet cleated, the result was



Waiting for the start off the Club Line

inevitable! My first involuntary swimming practice for some 20 years!

But we finished the series on a high note with Robbie's first victory. Celebrated with a coke and bowl of chips amidst the rest of that evening's racers.

Mike and Robbie Urwin



Juniors on the Club Pontoon

## Junior Regatta thank you helpers

On behalf of nearly 200 children and their parents I would like to thank you for your help during Junior Regatta week. It takes about a hundred volunteers both on and off the water to enable it to run smoothly. The Regatta could not happen without you all, so a big thank you for your help and support.

The enthusiasm and teaching skills of our Wayfarer helms was greatly appreciated by the children and for me demonstrated the spirit of the Junior Regatta by providing an excellent opportunity for young people to improve their sailing skills and their self-confidence. By learning from one another and from the expertise and advice on offer from many of our helpers, both on and off the water, the changes were very noticeable during the week and particularly on passage race day. Above all the children (and adults) seemed to have great fun.

I am afraid I have not managed to catch everyone to say a personal thank you with one of our regatta glasses but please do collect one from Wednesday Junior Sailing or from the Club Office.

Amanda Dingwall



Wayfarers playing reflection games

is for Jollity, Jokes, Just a week of holiday, Jolly wet pirates, and Jeany  
is for Upside down (again), Unrigged for tea, Uninterrupted sunshine, wot almost  
is for No bad tempers, Naughty jokes, No you can't retire!  
is for I love club tubs, Intrigue, Isolated incidents of serious racing and Enjoyable (sorry)  
is for Overboard (again), Oppies, Opportunities for all and b0tes in scows  
is for Ramour Box, Riotous behaviour (adults or children), Rights 405 Vs Chemukaef II  
is for Ribs, there when you need one, Right then b0ie, Ristoofed results (ask me!) and Roger  
is for Enjoyment, Excellent fun, Enterprising, Energetic and Exhausted  
is for Great sailing, Good company, Gorgeous Gary (debatable!) Golden Girls at the hook  
is for Amazing weather, Adamant AJ, Another load of washing, A great team of helpers  
is for Tide tables (what are they!) Tiger Toffs, Tea for Two – hundred, Tenscity and Tired  
is for Thanks to you all, Terrible Tell-tales, Tremendous Tackling, Turn down the disco  
is for Ambitious, Ahoy my Hearties, Anote on the tallies, Attack of the water bombs and Again

**LET'S DO IT AGAIN NEXT YEAR**



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