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SUMMER SEASON

The sailing season is proceeding in its usual mixed fashion, frustrating both racing and cruising Members with either too much or too little wind. This could be the opportunity to consider the Club's annual Art exhibition and the Cruising Log and Blog awards.

June sees the first Royal Lymington Challenge Cup, when hopefully the weather will be better and Members can come and enjoy the buzz at the Club for this exciting new event, whilst sampling the new summer menus.

The summer too is the time for travel whether as sailors, measurers, judges, race team members or long suffering families. Three of our Junior and Youth sailors are representing GBR at the ISAF Youth Worlds and in various other World and European Championships.

The Club pontoon has been busy as Members victual their boats and make the final preparations before taking advantage of the current easterly breezes to head out for the summer.

Ann Brunskill

Winning Weekend

Congratulations to Stuart Watson and Matthew Jones who won the Folkboat National Championship and to Jeremy Austin who came 2nd. Also congratulations to Chris and Hannah Neve for coming 3rd in Class 2 in the IRC National Championships. This was the most hotly contested of the five classes and an excellent result for our Captain of Racing and his crew, including the Rear Commodore Sailing, almost all of them from the Club.

SOCIAL

New Summer Menus

The House Committee and Catering Team have produced a tempting new Summer Menu and some very smart printed menu cards including the Club's new wine list. The lunch menu includes 'light bites', additional salads and pastas as well as the usual sandwiches and hot lunches. The lunch specials now include a two course meal for £9.50 (excluding Sunday). There is a takeaway service, ideal for sailors to enjoy on their boats. The new summer á la carte menu is complemented by the wide choice of wines from Majestic.

CLUB

Competitors in Club Races

As a result of discussions with the Club's insurers it has been decided that non-members competing in Club organised racing events will be given Temporary Membership of the Club for the duration of the event. In order to clarify and confirm this policy, the General Committee has agreed to a change to the wording of Club

Regulation 9, which now reads as follows:

9. Competitors in Club Races

Any person who is a competitor or crew member in any race organised by or on behalf of the Club shall be a Temporary Member of the Club for the duration of the race and the associated event. The Club reserves the right to exclude a competitor or crew member from the Club or refuse Temporary Membership without explanation.

Members' Art Exhibition 16th – 18th October 2009 This year the RLymYC, next year the Royal Academy?

There is a lot deal of artistic talent in the Club and we would like to encourage these talented (but often modest) Members to exhibit in the Club in October. Your works will be exhibited and if you wish to offer them for sale, 20% of the proceeds go to the RNLI. If you don't want to sell, a contribution to the charity is payable.

Inspiration for paintings can come from all manner of sailing and holiday situations. However, the Exhibition is by no means restricted to nautical pictures. Works can be of any subject and in any medium.

If you have any queries, or if you want further details, please contact Robin Leuchars on 01590 681961 or robinleuchars@tiscali.co.uk.

CRUISING

Cruising Log and Seamanship Awards

Before everyone departs for their summer cruises do remember the log and seamanship awards that are available. They will be awarded at the Cruising Dinner in February next year

This year there is a new award, a blog trophy which has very kindly been presented by John and Sally Priestley. The details for this new award are set out on the website.

I am very keen that we are able to award the Junior

Royal Lymington Yacht Club Website www.RLymYC.org.uk e-mail sail@RLymYC.org.uk

menu and wines

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Brownlow Cup next year for under 15s. It has not been awarded for several years. Please try and persuade your children/grandchildren to have a go this year!

Details of all awards will be on the Club website shortly. http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Cruising/log_competition.html

Forthcoming Meets

Long Distance Cruise - Dartmouth 19th - 21st June

Details of this meet have been circulated and are on the Club notice board and website. Please sign up as soon as possible so we can notify everyone at the other end of numbers etc.

Family Meet Newtown Creek 24th – 26th July

Ideal for the school holidays and if you have any ideas of activities which we might run, or you wish to help with, contact Sarah Fraser or Sally Doran. A flier will shortly be distributed to all interested parties. On Saturday we have arranged with the National Trust to run an historical/ wildlife tour of Newtown. There will be supper on the Friday evening and a barbecue on the Saturday evening. We are keen to get a lot of youngsters and how about some Folkboats and XODs as well?

Cross Channel Meet - Cherbourg 21st - 23rd August

We are arranging dinner at a suitable restaurant on the Saturday night. If you are cruising in the area at this time or making a special trip across you will be most welcome. An informal sortie to St Vaast is a possibility on the Sunday.

Cruising Database

We have a database of Members who are interested in cruising and send out email details of rallies and other matters of interest. I am concerned that there may be cruising Members who are not aware of the database and thus miss out on the various communications. If you think this applies to you please tell Jon Chittock (jon@rlymyc.org.uk) and he will add you to the database.

Chartroom

Peter Lowe has now taken on the running of the chartroom and he has plans in place to update and upgrade the material and the facilities. We are trying to get some up-todate chart software on the PC and to establish links to useful sites. We will keep you up to date on progress and if you have any ideas please let David Houlton or Peter know.

RACING

Results for all events are on the Club website at http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Racing/Results/results_09.html

Royal Lymington Challenge Cup 24th – 27th June

The inaugural Royal Lymington Challenge Cup sponsored by Seatrack will take place between Wednesday 24th and Saturday 27th June.

Teams from Parkstone Yacht Club, Petit Bateau Yacht Club, Poole Yacht Club, the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, the Royal Naval Sailing Association, the Royal Southampton Yacht Club, the Royal Temple Yacht Club and the Royal Yacht Squadron will be competing for the Kings Cup Trophy which the Club has made available for the Event. The Cup itself will not be leaving the Club as a new and splendid glass trophy has been modelled on the original silver one. The glass trophy will be presented to the winning club, as a 'floating trophy', to be returned to the Club prior to future events.

Most of the 24 boats will be moored at the Dan Bran pontoon from Sunday 21st June onwards. Late entries may still be considered by the Event Committee.

The Club will be represented by:

Class 1ZarafaPeter ScholfieldClass 2No DoubtChris and Hannah NeveClass 3BrightworkBob Baker

Racing will take place in Christchurch Bay and the Western Solent. www.rlymyc.org.uk/challengecup

Lymington Week 6th – 11th July

A week of sailing, fun and music. There will be dinghy racing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings; keelboat racing on Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoon. Supper at the Club will be £10 for two courses.

On Wednesday evening the dinghy prizewinners will be announced at the LTSC as they are running that evening's racing and there will be supper for $\pounds 6.50$ for one course at the LTSC.

Saturday afternoon there will be a steel band playing and children's activities before the prizegiving.

More details at

http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Racing/LymingtonWeek_000.shtml

Gaffers and Classics Regatta 23rd – 25th May



The Club pontoon looked very festive with classic yachts dressed overall. Unfortunately the winds were too light and the tides too strong for the assembled fleet to enjoy good racing, but the event was a great success with a very enjoyable social evening on the Saturday.

Rosenn, one of the competitors at the Classics Regatta, has been identified as meriting inclusion in the National Register of Historic Vessels of the United Kingdom. This is

an award from the National Maritime Museum. Built in 1896 by J Samuel White of Cowes I.O.W, she joins other famous boats such as HMS Belfast, Cutty Sark, SS Great Britain, Mary Rose and HMS Victory on the Register.

Owned by Barry Dunning and Bob Fisher, both Club Members, she is out racing at every opportunity and kept on a river



mooring. She can be seen by typing in 'Rosenn' on www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk

Thursday Keelboats

The Early Series ends on Thursday 18th June and starts again on Thursday 2nd July. For more information. http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Racing/Thurs_racing.html

Monday Evening Dinghies

Three more races in the Early Series and the Late Series starts on 22nd June.

www.rlymyc.org.uk/racing/mon_racing.html

Lymington XOD sailing

XODs joined the old gaffers for one day of the Classics Regatta. Richard Field (Persephone) was the overall winner of the Saturday races. On Sunday XODs enjoyed some excellent coaching with Cathy Foster in a light breeze at the river mouth.

The Alastair Easton Trophy with 3 windward/leeward races was sailed in ideal summer weather with 27 boats on the start line. Ann Blacoe, who regularly crewed for Alastair, gave away the prizes.



Alastair Easton Trophy Winners – Stuart Jardine, Christian Brewer and Mark Jardine with Anne Blacoe

Friday 29th May was Team Racing against Yarmouth when our chief Race Officer, Nigel Thomas organised some great racing, which was very competitive with Lymington beating Yarmouth 2-1.

Sail for Free in the XOD Fleet

The new build X will be launched in June and we hope many Members will take the opportunity to sail in her. Contact details will be on XOD website. www.rlymyc.org.uk/XOD

RS Elites

The RS Elite keelboat fleet has made a great start and is now firmly established. There were six boats on the water for the Spring Series and for Thursday evening racing. *Fuzzy Duck*, owned by Paul Woodman, Ray Mitchell and Oliver James, has so far been the boat to beat, but she has by no means had it all her own way.

A number of Members have



Rear Commodore House scaling the heights

expressed interest in buying an Elite for next year, and we aim to have at least ten boats, probably more, in the fleet for the 2010 season.

The Club's own boat'Freebie' is available for charter at very modest cost. She is booked for Cowes Week and for some Thursdays, but is available for most other days. Any takers to charter her for the Equinox Regatta on 26/27th September?

Further details at

http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Racing/RS_Elite/charter.html

Youth and Juniors

Lymington 420 sailors

Phil Sparks and his crew Ben Gratton finished top in the recent British World and European Selection events and will represent GBR at both the 420 World Championships in Italy and the Junior European Championships in Hungary. Phil has a busy summer as he will be GBR's 420 representative at the ISAF Youth Worlds in Brazil.

Andrew Wishart and Liam Garrison finished in a very creditable 15th place overall (10th in boys fleet) and Molly Bridge and Pip Weguelin finished 25th overall (10th in girls fleet). Both were only three places off selection to the Worlds team. Andrew and Liam have only been racing 420 for a year since moving up from Optimists in spring 2008.

Laser Radial

After the three Laser Radial National Qualifiers, Hannah Snellgrove was ranked 3rd Lady and qualified to represent GBR in the European Championships to be held in Denmark and the World Championships in Japan.

Hannah, who was organiser of the last year's 24 hour sail at the Salterns, recently presented a cheque to Children in Need at the Salterns Sailing Club Moppy Weekend.The final total raised over £17,500.

Optimist



Annabel Vose at the Selectors

Beating over 80 other top British sailors, Annabel Vose won the Volvo Optimist World/ European Team Selections trials and Josh Sparks was 2nd overall, both being selected for the team to go to Brazil for the Optimist Worlds. Sasha Bruml finished 6th and is in the European Team going to Slovenia.

Cadets

Sunday 17th May saw the Cadets embark on their first attempt at recording times for the Tar Barrel Trophy. After strong winds on the Saturday it was decided to cancel the training session with Charlie Hatfield and for sailors to race one at time in the Club Cadet Screamin'.

The winds gradually built from 15 knots for the first boat with Andrew Smith at the helm, to 25 knots when the last boat, helmed by James Dodd, capsized at the sea wall and retired. Andrew recorded the fastest time of the day at 16 minutes 18 seconds. New helm Will Davis did incredibly well to keep the boat flat and finish, recording a time of 26 minutes and 45 seconds.

WJS

New Scow for WJS

Wednesday Junior Sailing is delighted to welcome the latest Haven Scow to join the fleet. This one, the seventh in line, appropriately named 'Seventh Haven', was launched by Joanna Oswin, watched by many eager children waiting to go sailing in the new boat. The LR Scow was dressed overall. Her purple sail and fluttering



flags were a source of great interest on the water for the rest of the day's session.

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Club Champion of Champions – Saturday 10th October

A new event to get our best Club helms racing against each other in one design boats – XODs for 2009.

Each class will nominate a helm and one crew. This would probably be the highest scoring boat in their class in the Club series. Classes will be eligible to enter a representative provided they have a minimum of 6 boats entering the series. Those nominated must be Club members and have completed a minimum of 6 Club races in 2009. The XOD owner or his representative will make up the crew of three. XODs will provide a second crew for single handed boats.

Further details will be on the XOD page of the Club website soon.

Cruising Cook Book

Last month we said that this is the cookery book your boat's book shelf has been waiting for - now it's printed and will be available from the office next week, at only £4. All proceeds, once the print cost has been recovered, will be donated to the RNLI. So, as it says in the book,.....buy a book, get cooking and support the RNLI.



TRAINING

ICC and CEVNI

Members are reminded that the Club is able to issue the ICC (International Certificate of Competence) and CEVNI (Code Europeen des Voies de Navigation Interieure). The CEVNI endorsement must be attached to an ICC and cannot be awarded on its own.

The following members are qualified to carry out ICC and CEVNI testing:

Sailing Boats only

Nick Hayward Young	02380 813090
Richard Martin	01590 624234
Jonathan Hutchinson	01590 679360
Rod Shawcross	01590 645281
Nigel Thomas	01590 622813
Power Boats only	
Vince Sutherland	01590 643927
For more details go to	

http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Training/icc.html

VOLUNTEERS

Helpers wanted for Youth Week 10th - 14th August

This is a great family occasion and lots of fun. Picnics and evening parties as well as sailing. Particularly needed are motherships to be a 'comfort zone' for young sailors, a committee boat and ribs. For more information contact Amanda Dingwall (adingwall009@btinternet.com)

DISCOUNTS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

The first five give 10% discount on presentation of a Club card. Elmers Court discount is by arrangement. • Kew Electrical Unit 730 Ampress Park Lymington

- Rivaaz (Indian Restaurant) Lymington High Street
- Henry Lloyd (Yacht Clothing) Lymington High Street
 - Yachtmail (Chandlery) Town Quay Lymington
 - Rainbow Copy Ampress Park Lymington
 Elmers Court Lymington
- Three ways to help your club

An introduction from you is all that is needed, the Club will do the rest. The leaflets are available from, or can be sent out by, the office

membership - join a friend

Current membership is 2800 people - the target is 3000. There's no waiting list. So join a friend, they can become a provisional member immediately.



advertising & sponsorship

Do you know an organisation which would benefit from being associated with the Club by sponsorship or by advertising in club publications. If so let the office know

club facilities promotion

We offer • regatta management

- corporate event hosting
- business dining
- conference and meeting facilities. The office will take the bookings.

