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Summer's Really Here Now

So many times I hear someone say 'I don't need to go away for a holiday, there's so much to do here' Looking at this month's newsletter you can see why. We've got cruises - well maybe the cruising fleet like to go a bit further away, but there are some delightful meets to Beaulieu, Poole or Chichester too. Plenty of friendly racing every week and we had an amazing Summer Regatta and Ball with everyone on the dance floor and a fantastic meal prepared by Peter and his staff. Then it's Youth Week which is always good fun, whatever the weather brings.

Or simply come and enjoy a drink on the balcony in the evening and watch the world go up and down the river with the Solent as a backdrop..

Ann Brunskill

Social

Dates for the diary

New Members' Evening 1830 on Friday 14th October

This is an opportunity for all Members who have joined in the last year to meet other new Members and a number of the Club officers and other Members and get to know the Club. The meal will be prepared by our new Chef, Matt Doe, as a taste of things to come.

The Winter Programme

This will be sent with the subscriptions letter in early September. In the meantime, please make a note of the following social events this autumn:

- Racing Prizegiving and Dinner- Saturday 15th October
- Trafalgar Night Dinner - Saturday 22nd October
- Annual Dinner - Saturday 19th November

Club

Staff Changes

Jon Chittock is leaving the Club on 15th August to take up a post as an account manager for UPS, the American logistics company. Jon has worked tirelessly on many projects for the Club especially overseeing the transformation of the Club's technology in his 5 years here and we wish him well for the future. Members who wish to contribute to a leaving gift for Jon are requested to pass a cheque to the Secretary made out to 'Royal Ymington Yacht Club' in an envelope marked 'Jon Chittock leaving'. Members who would like to join the Commodore and staff in saying farewell to Jon are invited to do so over a drink in the bar at 1200 on Friday 12th August.

We are taking this opportunity to review the Club's office requirements. Kirsty Timmis has been appointed full time Events Manager with immediate effect and we will announce further changes in due course.

Sharp eyed Members might see Matt Doe, our new Head Chef, at the Club occasionally in the next few weeks preparing for his start on 31st August.

Library progress

Many of you will have seen the lovely open aspect provided by our new library windows. We are fitting new cabling and sockets for the sound and projector systems, which will be much tidier and more flexible. The new curtains are being made, ready for fitting in mid September.

Security

The side and rear doors of the Clubhouse have now been fitted with card proximity pads and the new camera system for the front door is on order. As soon as that is fitted, we will be able to allow the doors to be operated using the new Member cards as we require.

Facebook

Building our Social Networking presence

Both Facebook and Twitter have become established and effective means of communication. The Club has been looking into how we can use them to better communicate with Members and we have started to develop our own Facebook and Twitter Sites. Available on both sites will be up and coming information concerning events and activities, latest photos and the opportunities to express your comments. This exercise is to run for a trial period to see if our online presence increases. If you would like to see more of what we are doing then please click either of the following links below.



For further information on how to use Facebook or Twitter please [click here](#), alternatively [contact the office](#) if you have any questions.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

Cruising - Future Meets

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th August to Poole

We have changed the venue from Studland Bay because of the potential problems of uncertain holding ground and rafting up if the weather is unkind, in favour of a more sheltered location of Pottery Pier in Poole Harbour and the opportunity to go ashore on Brownsea Island. The meet is intended to be very informal, with participants making their own arrangements for eating and socialising. The list is on the board in the Club, so please add your name if you intend to be there. More details on the [website](#).

Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th September - Bucklers Hard meet

Details are on the Club notice board and on the [website](#). There are no formal arrangements for the Friday evening, but on Saturday we will assemble on the green south of the Master Builders for drinks and a BYO barbecue. BBQ's and fuel will be provided, but bring your own tools and food. Please add your name to the list on the Club notice board so that we can finalise the arrangements at Buckers Hard. Berthing space has been arranged, in principle, with the Harbourmaster.

Richard Wood, Captain of Cruising

Cruising - Past Meets

Solent Meet 18th to 20th July 2011

Despite the weather forecasts not being particularly enticing for the Meet in Chichester Harbour there was a good turn-out of six boats on Monday, with a further four joining on Tuesday. Monday night was spent on the Harbourmaster's river pontoon in Itchenor Reach. Rain prevented the customary drinks party on the pontoon so sixteen people were accommodated in the host boat Owl's saloon. Most people then moved to Itchenor Sailing Club. A good meal was served and the rain had ceased before we returned to the boats.



Tuesday brought better weather. The boats moved to Chichester Marina and met up for the dinner at the Chichester Yacht Club where the twenty nine diners were joined by CYC's Rear Commodore House, Chris Lane and his wife Ann. Richard Wood was presented with a new CYC burgee (see left) which has joined the other burgees in the River Room and an enjoyable time was had by all. Everyone returned to Lymington once sufficient depth of water was available in the channel leading away from the marina lock, making the most of the west going tide.

Michael Coombes, Sailing Sub-Committee

Channel Meet - St Peter Port and St Malo June 2011

Thirteen boats met up in St Peter Port on 11th June and 37 Members and guest crew enjoyed a first class dinner at the Guernsey Yacht Club (see right). Informal drinks on the pontoon the previous evening were enjoyed on Sheringham Lady and thanks are due to Peter and Pam Upcher for rescuing us from the rain.

Most of the St Peter Port boats managed to get to St Malo during the following week and meet up with two more Club boats in spite of the deteriorating weather conditions. As some of you will know there is a good restaurant in Portland marina called The Boat that Rocks, I don't recall rock music in St Malo but 42 knots over the deck in the marina provided an interesting environment for those dining on board. A more stable environment was found at Le Spinnaker restaurant in St Servan for dinner on Saturday 18th June and 20 of us enjoyed French hospitality. Thanks are due to Jean Carteron who kindly agreed to explain to the restaurant why our numbers had reduced from 32 to 20 almost overnight. Apart from the two dining events in St Peter Port and St Malo, a number of boats met up en route and eight intrepid golfers enjoyed a light hearted golf competition in Alderney, Guernsey and Jersey.



Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub Committee

Racing - upcoming events



Duo Series - new date - Saturday 27th August

Due to the high winds on the 18th June the Duo race for that day was abandoned, all competitors were consulted and we have a new date which is Saturday 27th August, Bank Holiday weekend, we also hope this will bring out some newcomers to the double handed series. Click on the banner for further details and entry form.



Youth Regatta Monday 15th to Friday 19th August

The Youth Week is 5 days of sailing for young sailors aged between 8 - 18 years old. There will be five fleets of dinghies sailed throughout the week. Click on the banner for further details and entry form.



Laser South Coast Grand Prix - Saturday 20th August.

Open to Laser Standard, 4.7 and Radial boats. Click on the banner for further details and entry form.



Harken Youth Classes Regatta

Click on the banner for further details and entry form. The classes eligible for the event are 420, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 and Cadet.

Chris Neve, Captain of Racing

Racing - Past Events

Summer Regatta and Ball

The inaugural Summer Regatta last weekend, kindly sponsored by Danebury Vineyards and Solent House Dental Care, took place over the week-end of 22nd and 23rd July. Fantastic weather, great racing and a sold-out ball made for a truly splendid weekend. An impressive 60 boats were entered into seven classes for one 'Thursday Evening Keelboat' style race on Saturday afternoon and another on Sunday morning. The latter being all the more impressive as most of the racers had been at the ball dancing away until the small hours. The verdict was 'Roll on next year's Summer Regatta'.

Race Reports

Race reports which have been sent to both the local media and various yachting publications are now available on the website.

Firefly National Championships

Congratulations to Ben and Jenny Vines, Firefly National Champions, beating their nearest rival by 11 points over at Felixstowe. For more details go to the [website](#).

Azores and Back Race (AZAB)



Back in the Lymington River (picture left) after competing in the 2,500 miles Azores and Back Race 2011 were Chris Rustom's Ding Dong and Roger Barber's Elixir. Roger and Flic Gabbay in Elixir were 2nd in Class 3 and 5th overall and Chris with Nathan Salt on the way down and Steve Homewood on the way back were 4th in Class 4 and 6th overall. After nearly 2,500 miles of racing Elixir and Ding Dong finished in Falmouth within 20 minutes of each other on corrected time!

Fleets

RS Elites

New fleet captain

We'd like to welcome Steve Powell who has taken over the mantle as our fleet captain and is already throwing his considerable weight (sorry I meant energy) into the role. Steve (pictured below about to get black flagged at the Nationals at Larg) is passionate about Elite sailing so don't hesitate to contact [him](#) should you have any questions or ideas.



Our sincere thanks to outgoing captain Peter Lister who has done a huge amount of work for the fleet - including organising the best Nationals in the history of the entire world last year.

Early winners

In a fitting conclusion to the Early Thursday series just one point separated the two boats that have consistently battled it out, RSsailing.com and Kandoo 3, with the series going to RSsailing.com and Matterhorn Jack in 3rd. This makes it two out of two for RSsailing.com so far this season (when added to their Spring Series win) but Kandoo is already firmly in the driving seat of the Late Thursday racing and looking determined.

Cowes and Cowes

Talking of determined, Crauford McKeon's Kandoo team are fully focussed on lifting the brand new RS Elite Southern Area Championship trophy (being awarded this year after the first four days of Cowes Week) and then the Cowes Week title itself. But Steve Powell and his E'Tu team will not let it go without a

fight after a cliff hanger clinching of the week last year. Steve kind of likes this title.

And we can now confirm that the rumours are true, subject to a little i dotting and t crossing, the 2012 Nationals will be hosted by the Royal Yacht Squadron at Cowes. To be part of what will undoubtedly be a big experience, all you need is an Elite!

Elite half share available

You could be part of all this for just £6,000 by buying a half share in Matterhorn Jack as co-owner alongside Roger Wilson. Contact [John Boddy](#) (outgoing half owner) if you'd like to find out more.

Martin Wadhams

Optimists

Warsash Oppie Open

On 1st July 9 Oppies sailed from Lymington to Warsash, in order to compete at the Warsash Oppie Open that weekend. The sail was sponsored by family and friends, and raised over £1500 for an eco-discovery centre at South Baddesley Primary School. "The sail was a great adventure," said Frey Hopkinson. "We learnt a lot about the Solent, including that short cuts can get very messy, and big ships are going faster than you think!"

Challenging conditions of light, shifty airs and cross tides gave the 124 sailors plenty to think about at Warsash. Toby Bennett sailed the series of his life to win the Regatta Fleet in terrific style, proving to all that he has mastered the fleet. Fellow Lymington sailors Sophie Holloway (6th) and Harry Cowell (11th) also had their moments.

The Main Fleet was completely dominated by Lymington sailors, who took 8 of the top 10 positions; Ryan Orr (2nd), Karyna Manuel (3rd), William Bedford (4th), Hattie Rogers (5th), Robbie King (7th), Vita Heathcote (8th), Sarah Jarman (9th) and Pippa Cropley (10th) all making very few mistakes.

And now for something completely different:

At the 7th Haybale Olympics the medal tables were yet again crowded by our local Oppie sailors; Toby Schonrock clung on for a silver in the Ram Riding Rodeo Race, Olivia Mitchell beat off all-comers in the windsurfing, Frey Hopkinson won Gold in the Stepping Stone Sprint, Vale Sesto finally won the Mummy Grand National, and George Smith battled through a very strong field to take Gold in the Steeple Chase Assault Course.

Optimist European Championships

Meanwhile Lymington optimist sailors were strutting their stuff all over the world, with Mimi El-Khazindar (36th) our top girl at the European Championships in Portugal; Jenny Cropley came 17th at the Pre-Worlds in Boca Chica, Dominican Republic, closely followed by fellow Lymington sailors Robbie King (26th), Pippa Cropley (32nd), and Karyna Mauel (39th). At the French Nationals Max and Izzy Moyles, plus Ross and Johnny Thompson battled it out with France's finest whilst in Flanders Lauren Miles (32nd) and Milo Gill-Taylor (39th) made Gold Fleet, and Josh Atherton (7th) and Ross Banham (21st) Silver.

Finally we all had a great weekend at the Poole Oppie Open, where again the 50 strong mainfleet was dominated by Lymington sailors: Milo Gill-Taylor (4th), Ryan Orr (5th), Robbie King (6th), Hattie Rogers (7th), Millie Boyle (8th), Ross Banham (9th) and Matt Thornton (10th).

As you read this we - or around 50 of us, will all be up in Pwllheli at the British and Open National Championships. We will do our best I'm sure, and have fun while we're about it!

George Heathcote

Scows

Lymington River Scow Class Association National Championships

The fifteenth National Championships were held on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd July and were blessed with wall to wall sunshine and gentle breezes on both days and due to the skill of the race officer Toffer Blachford did not have to hang around too long for the sea breeze on Sunday morning. The single handed class was won by Robbie Claridge sailing Scrumpty II; the double handed was won by Dubbie Robinson with crew Ann Blacoe sailing Clarissa, and the junior fleet was won by Henry Marsh crewed by Freddy Collings in Stormy Haven. Annie Littlejohn presented the prizes and Mike Urwin gave a vote of thanks to R Lym for hosting the event.

Figure of Eight Race

Saturday 23rd July saw a good turnout of eighteen Scows for the annual Figure of Eight Race. The course takes the competitors up into OxeY and out into the Solent, back to the river and then down to Pylewell before returning to the Solent for a beat back to the start line at the OxeY entrance. The fleet was blessed with a sparkling afternoon and pleasant breeze. Mike Urwin in Nutshell and Sebastian Chamberlain in Zacynthia had good starts and managed to hold first and second places to the finish although Zacynthia was very lucky not to be pipped at the post by David Hayles in Clementinebea and Ros Urwin in Valmai II.

The Division was particularly delighted to welcome new Members Richard and Pam Moore out for their very first sail in a Scow. That first sail showing that they will be a crew to be reckoned with in the future. The crews then all enjoyed a wonderful tea provided by Norrie Crader, Gillie Pearson and Anne Evans.

Results: Single handers: 1st Mike Urwin, Nutshell, 2nd David Hayles, Clementinebea, 3rd Ros Urwin, Valmai II; Double handers: 1st Sebastian Chamberlain and Oscar Cain, Zacynthia, 2nd Dubbie Robinson and Anne Blacoe, Clarissa, 3rd Richard and Pam Moore, Gapper.

Scow Potters

Not content with a brilliant weekend for the Nationals, within two weeks the Division spent another wonderful day on the water. Under Dick Thorn and Graham Neal's watchful eyes a fleet of fourteen Scows, including George and Julia Trevelyan's original clinker built boat, had a glorious sail across the Solent to Newtown for a picnic lunch. Racers and non racers enjoyed the brisk North Westerly that got us over there against the tide in some two and a half hours. That brisk wind gave the support craft some rescue practice with a couple of capsizes to deal with. Whist picnicking we all had a very cheery wave for the Commodore and Sue as they came into Newtown in Silver Trail for their lunch. We were soon away however for a long port tack across to the mainland shore and into the lea of the land for the beat back home. A very special Thursday Potter indeed and none of them would be possible without those very dedicated support crews. We are so very grateful to them.

Sebastian Chamberlain

XOD Fleet

Cowes Week



A mind boggling 140-plus XODs will muster on the start line each day during the regatta. This is the class that everyone wants to race in and win the famous Captain's Cup. 27 boats from Lymington are sailing at Cowes and will be trying to retain the Philipson Shield (for the best Division results over the week) which we have won for the last three years. In addition to the usual daily racing fixture the XOD Class is staging a special three day "regatta within the regatta" in the middle of the week from Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th August, when the sight of so many identical boats on the Royal Yacht Squadron start line is going to be a truly awesome spectacle. It has been confirmed that HRH The Princess Royal is expected to fire the start gun for the race on Thursday 11th August. (Photo by Rick Tomlinson - Cowes Week Start

Line with only 80 boats!)

Cowes Classic Week

The event finished on the Friday after a very tricky week for the Race Officers with little or no wind. Six windward/leeward races were completed over the week with a lot of place changing and big wind shifts but Thursday afternoon saw a good Solent breeze of 15/17 knots which was the reward for a four hour delay. Ado Jardine was overall Class winner for the week.

Lymington Racing

There has been some excellent racing from Lymington with large fleets on Wednesday and Saturdays (up to 20 boats) but sadly more races than usual have been lost due to adverse weather.

Mid Season positions:

Saturday Points: 1st Lone Star, Stuart Jardine, 2nd Diana, Rory Paton, 3rd Lucrezia, Ado Jardine

Wednesday Points: 1st Lone Star, Stuart Jardine, 2nd Beatrix, Bill Dunsdon, 3rd Diana, Rory Paton

Full results on the [website](http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/epotternews/ePN.shtml)

Fenella Lees

Lymited Editions

For details of all the Club clothing and accessories go to the [website](#)

RNLI

Lifeboat Station Open Day Sunday 21st August 11 am - 4 pm

Meet the crew, see the boat and watch the demonstration

Thanksgiving Service for Lifeboats Sunday 21st August 4.30 pm

The Band Stand, Bath Road. Lymington Town Band will be playing.

Maritime Art Exhibition, Master Builder's, Bucklers Hard 1st to 31st August

The Master Builder's will be hosting a Maritime Art Exhibition from 1st August to 31st August. There will also be a few demonstrations and tutoring for you aspiring artists. A variety of paintings will be on display throughout the month so why not pop down and take a look? The paintings will also be for sale if one happens to catch your eye. Each artist will be donating the sale of one of their pictures to the RNLI. Any of those left unsold will be auctioned off at a special Gala Dinner, with proceeds also going to RNLI.

Car Boot and Boat Jumble Sale - Sunday 18th September 9.30 am - 1 pm

Woodside Park, Rookes Lane. For further details contact David Codling 01590 676706.

Social Evening with Supper 6.30 for 7 pm Thursday 22nd September

Speaker Lord Strathcarron 'The life of Mark Twain'. At the Club. Tickets £16 from Dorothy Bishop 01590 677102 or Marie Mudie 10590 673473.

Lifeboat Souvenir Shop

The shop is open from Wednesday to Sunday from 12 pm to 4pm and Christmas cards will soon be available!

Successful Moore Blatch Open Garden

Many thanks to Moore Blatch for opening their beautiful gardens to the RNLI on a lovely hot summer afternoon. This was much enjoyed together with the cakes and afternoon tea, making a net profit of £1,022.40.

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Ann Brunskill

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