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Planning The Calendar For 2012

Lots to read as usual and many events to put in the diary: from an evening at the movies to planning your next cruise with the thought of a spot of double handed racing as a side line. Our sailors are winning awards and medals. The various lecture evenings and other social events continue to brighten the dark months.

Ann Brunskill

Club

Annual General Meeting 2012

The Annual General Meeting will be at 11.00 am on Saturday 4th February in the Library. Ballot papers for Rear Commodore Sailing and General Committee members must be returned to the Office by 12 noon on Friday 3rd February.

Closure of Club Lottery

The Club lottery has provided several useful additions to the Club, like the large screen TV in the Sail Loft but subscriptions have reduced over the last few years. The point has been reached where the administrative costs are now greater than the money generated for projects. It has therefore been decided to close the lottery from the end of January 2012. Current Members' direct debits will be cancelled and any money paid in advance will be refunded.

John Miller, Rear Commodore Finance

New Audio System

I have installed a new audio system with completely new microphones in the first floor of the Club. The system is very flexible enabling many more events to be held in the different rooms. For example, we can have a lecture in the Library, a Prizegiving in the Bar or Balcony and an address to a visiting yacht club in the River Room simultaneously. The Library projector, TV tuner and DVD player are also linked. We would like all interested groups to use the equipment, which is simple to operate. If there are any facilities you would like which are not currently catered for please let me know.

There will be simple operational sheets available in due course, but please however **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO OPERATE ANY AUDIO EQUIPMENT OR CONNECT YOUR EQUIPMENT TO THE PROJECTOR** without first talking to a member of staff or me. In the past Members or Guests trying to operate the audio system on their own has cost the Club hundreds of pounds and rendered the system inoperable to other users until engineers have repaired the system.

Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House

SOCIAL



The Six Nations Rugby begins directly after the AGM on Saturday – as many matches as possible will be shown on the big screen in the Library.

Movie Nights - Coming to a Clubhouse near you shortly

Don't miss this one on Tuesday 7th February. Nominated for 3 Oscars and starring Scarlett Johansson, Colin Firth and Tom Wilkinson. A young peasant maid working in the house of painter Johannes Vermeer becomes his talented assistant and model for one of his most famous works.



Tinker , Tailor, Soldier, Spy -Tuesday 21st February

3 Oscar nominations for this year's awards and starring Garry Oldman, Colin Firth and Tom Hardy. In the bleak days of the Cold War, John Le Carre's espionage veteran George Smiley is forced from semi-retirement to uncover a Soviet agent within MI6's echelons.

St Trinian's - Tuesday 6th March

More goings on at the infamous School

My Week with Marilyn - Tuesday 20th March

Starring Michelle Williams, Eddie Redmayne and Kenneth Branagh and two Oscar nominations this year. Colin Clark, an employee of Sir Laurence Olivier, documents the tense interaction between Olivier and Marilyn Monroe during production of 'The Prince and the Showgirl'.

Wine Tasting Evening



An hour of fun wine tasting (can you tell cheap fizz from Champagne?). An excellent meal of Steak and Chips is offered all for £15 – great value. There are still a few tickets available so contact the office.

Valentine's Supper - Tuesday 14th February



A wonderful three course Valentine's Supper accompanied by the relaxing music of Howie Crab – all for £25.

Annual Cruising Dinner - Saturday 18th February

See details in the Cruising section below.

Classical Music evening -Saturday 25th February

Enjoy an hour of music followed by a two course dinner. More details shortly.

Quiz Night - Thursday 1st March

Enjoy more fun with Vince Sutherland's masterful understatements!

Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House

Balanced Seas

Newtown Creek Restricted Areas - more information

The use of the beaches and shoreline at the entrance to Newtown will be restricted if the proposals contained in the current "Balanced Seas" study are adopted. The chart shows the proposed "No Go" areas marked in red.

Whilst the Balanced Seas project has specific comment relating to anchoring, access to the shoreline and beaches by boat has not been fully considered. So there can be a perfectly good bit of beach or shoreline, with no marine animals or plants requiring conservation, but we would not be able to go through the restricted area to get there. Newtown is likely to be the area of most concern to members, but there could also be issues as regards anchoring and then beaching boats on the beach at Alum Bay and going close to the Needles.

Please [email](#) or call David Brunskill (01590 677630) with your views and if there is sufficient interest I will ask John Pockett, the RYA "Balanced Seas" co-ordinator for the area, to come and brief Members on the plans and how best to get our views taken into account.

David Brunskill,



Cruising

Annual Cruising Dinner - Saturday 18th February

The Guest of Honour and after dinner speaker will be Commodore Ian Gibb whose 43 years at sea has seen him in command of some of the largest passenger vessels afloat including the 'Canberra' and the super-liner 'Oriana'.

Winter Meets - Newtown Creek



The first meet of the year on 26th of January, was a day sail to Newtown Creek, for a suitably substantial lunch of fish pie with crusty bread at the New Inn Shalfleet. 17 boats of which seven were power boats and a crew total of 80 attended. Another record for these winter events. All enjoyed brisk sail in spring-like weather although one gust of 45 knots was recorded on the challenging return home! Our thanks to the volunteer RIB drivers, including event organiser Peter Lowe, who ferried all ashore. (See the item on



Balanced Seas above about proposed restrictions to access to Newton Creek which could put further such trips in jeopardy.)

Beaulieu River Gins Farm Meet Monday 27th February 2012

20 pontoon berths have been reserved and it is expected that we shall have 70 to 100 attendees at this very popular venue, even some coming by car. A two course lunch of soup or pate followed by steak and kidney or fish pie and coffee will available at £12.75.

It is hoped to have a RIB on hand to ferry people from the mid river pontoons. Please sign up on the notice board. Contact organiser Bob Woolley if you need more information.

Ocean Cruising Club Mentoring Scheme

Full membership of the OCC is only open to those who have completed a 1000 mile plus ocean voyage, however the club is now offering Associate Membership to anyone who is planning an ocean voyage. Membership application forms and further information are available from [Clive Sparrow](#). As an associate member you can apply to join their Mentoring Scheme by e mailing [the OCC](#) and thereafter benefit from the mentor's wealth of experience.

Visit to the National Museum of the Royal Navy, Portsmouth - Thursday 1st March

Following on from Christopher Knox's very interesting talk on the museum last November, we have been invited to arrange a group visit to the museum during which we will have the opportunity to be shown areas not open to the public. We will arrive at Portsmouth about 10.30 am for coffee etc., enjoy a tour for about one and half hours after which we can lunch and enjoy the afternoon visiting the rest of

the exhibits including HMS Victory and HMS Warrior. Exhibition cost £10.00 per head. Please contact myself if you are interested and if you would wish for coach transport to be arranged.

Clive Sparrow, Cruising Sub Committee

Chart Room

In addition to Pilot Books, the Chart Room has a large number of books aimed at racing and cruising sailors. These include recent donations such as The Boat Maintenance Bible, The Complete Yachtmaster, The Book of Anchoring, Dinghy Cruising, Doctor on Board and The Psychology of Sailing. See the Chart Room page in the Cruising section of the Club website for the complete list.

Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub Committee

Channel Cruise - West Country June 2012

The meet will be based on three locations, Dartmouth on Saturday 16th June, Fowey on Saturday 23rd June and finally Falmouth on Saturday 30th June. At each of these locations there will be an opportunity for participants to meet up at a group dinner, probably at a local yacht club. We also plan to organise some walking and cycling activities.

More information will be circulated as plans progress, including sign up requirements, but it would be helpful to have early advice on likely numbers. If you are planning to take part in all or part of the cruise, an email to me kenclaydon@btinternet.com with your boat name and provisional numbers would be much appreciated.

Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub Committee

Racing

A Busy Year for Western Solent Racing

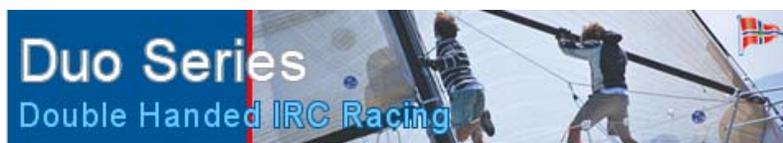
No need to leave the Western Solent for some great sailing this year, starting with the Spring Series



Then we have 3 great weekend regattas lined up for you; the Diamond Jubilee being run with the RSYC, the Summer Regatta and the RSYC Regatta (Taittinger).



Duo Double Handed 2012



Squeezed between all that is the Duo Series (with a LH class if we get enough support) and the fantastic Monday and Thursday night series. Not to mention all the One Design class racing and end the season with the LTSC Solent Circuit.

Winter Talks

Racing Rules update by John Doerr -Thursday 8th March

A reminder that the first event of the new season will be an update on the Racing Rules by John Doerr on Thursday 8th March. John will be on the juries of the 2012 Olympic Games and the next America's Cup and we are very grateful for all the work he does for the Club 'in his spare time'.

Peter Kay's 'Advanced Sail Trim for Racers' - Tuesday 27th March

Time to shake out the baggywrinkles and get yourself ready for the Spring Series.

Chris Neve, Captain of Racing

New Cruiser Racer Fleet Captain

I am delighted to tell you that Charles Roberts will be taking over from me as Captain of Cruiser Racers. Charlie races the Contessa 26, 'Growler', with his wife, Olivia. They live and work in Lymington and Charlie is a long standing Member of the Club. He has been sailing since he was a child. His first grown up boat was an Etchells which became the first 'Growler' and after a number of championships, this culminated in his qualifying and racing in the 2001 Etchells World Championships in Christchurch Bay. In 1999 he was pushed to the limit in the Fastnet Race.

Charlie and Olivia now own and race a Contessa 26, the second 'Growler'. In 2009, they were 14th overall in the Round the Island Race and in 2010, they came 15th overall. Last year he completed the ARC race across the Atlantic from the Canaries to St Lucia.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Cruiser Racing

Juniors

Hannah Snellgrove has started 2012 well as she was awarded the coveted Marlow Ropes Award. This was introduced in 2002 with the aim of rewarding Britain's most promising young sailors for their determination, focus and talent.

Sophie Weguelin and Sophie Ainsworth have just won the medal race at the Miami Olympic Classes regatta and claimed Bronze Medal – great for them. One for the 2012 Roll of Honour list. Richard Mason, crewing for Ben Saxton, got into the medal race and finished 9th. Hannah, Sophie and Richard are our young Members who are in the Olympic Transition squad and starting to come through.

Ros Urwin, Captain of Juniors

XOD's



For 2012 we have a packed program of racing of all shapes and sizes. The X boaters are busy sanding, gluing and varnishing in readiness for the season ahead. Some say it's a sign of senility but most owners aren't really absent minded, they're just dreaming of a gadget to gain that extra 50cm they need to beat their nearest rival. We're looking forward to some fierce competition but most of all a friendly cup of tea or glass of something stronger after racing.

Ian Burr has lined up some fascinating talks ranging from how the RNLI works to which string and blocks to use and how from Harken, please watch our notice board and [web page](#) for details.

Much more to follow in next month's ePotterNews including a bit about the divisions' latest addition

X113 Exodus (pictured left).

Rory Paton, XOD Fleet Captain

Hectic RS Elite racing calendar

Club Racing

This year sees a schedule of Saturday racing in addition to Thursday evenings, the Spring Series

and Solent Circuit in the autumn - a full-on club racing season. (Picture on the right - 2012 RS Elite racing – can't wait to get started!)

[Southern Area Championships - the Club are hosting this event](#)

The first weekend in August with racing in Christchurch Bay. If it's half as good as the sailing we enjoyed there during the 2010 Nationals, it will be a truly glamorous affair.

[Cowes Week](#)

Short series (first four days) and full series Elite Class racing options – giving the perfect opportunity to get into gear twelve days ahead of the biggest and most competitive Nationals yet....

[Royal Yacht Squadron – Nationals Championships](#)

Forty boats are expected for our biggest Championship yet, with rumours already flying about top teams signing up rock-stars and all kinds of people trying to find a boat or a ride. A

massive contingent from Ireland has already booked and, as ever, will insanely attempt to keep us from our beds following a serious social programme on the Castle's hallowed turf. We genuinely can't wait for the week of 30th August to 2nd September.

And that's just the local stuff! Fancy hitching up your trailer? There'll be an Elite Class at the fabulous Scottish Series regatta and several Lymington boats plan to head over the water to Belfast Lough for the Irish Nationals. The winner of this year's RS Elite Grand Slam title will have enjoyed a pretty awesome season.

[RS Elite coaching](#)

Kick start the season on Saturday 31st March (the day before the Spring Series starts) with a coaching session run by local Elite favourites Crauford McKeon and Martin Wadhams. The fleet will assemble their boats on the pontoon for a set-up session, followed by on-water coaching with Crauf and Martin hopping from boat to boat. Last year Crauf was thrashed the day after coaching – so it clearly works and shouldn't be missed. All RS Elite sailors, Freebie charterers and other interested parties are welcome. For more information, contact fleet captain [Steve Powell](#).

Martin Wadhams



Training

[Club Race Officer Course Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th February](#)

The Club is organising a course for those who participate in race management for Club events, and for those who would like to become members of race management teams in the future. The course will be run on two separate evenings by Tony Blachford. Each session will start at 1800. If you would like to take part, please could you let Kirsty in the office now with your preferred date of choice.

If you have any further questions please contact either [myself](#) or [Kirsty](#).

Frances Evans, Race Management Training Co-ordinator

Volunteers

The 2012 Sailing Events Race Team form was sent out in the mailing in January and there has been a goodly number returned already to the office. Click on the link to download the [form](#) if you need further copies. Contact the [office](#) if you have any questions and they will put you in touch with the appropriate individual in the Race Team.

Dinghy Park

Dinghy Park Maintenance Day 7th January 2012

This year a large number of willing Volunteers turned out for the maintenance day; certainly many hands make light work. With almost ideal weather, I think everyone really enjoyed the mornings work and can feel very proud of a task well done.

As usual, there were plenty of Scow owners, joined this year by a good number from the handicap fleet. We were all shown up a bit when Rebecca Rogers brought along her youngest son Tom with his friend Hector Bennett. No one dared question these two wielding a pick axe as tall as themselves with expert precision when many of us could hardly lift it! We learnt later they preferred this to Optimist sailing.

We were all very grateful to Hilary Knox and Mary Ann Jardine turning up at half time with coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits and, to add 'the icing on the cake', Dubby Robinson produced some fabulous black treacle flapjacks.

By the time you read this, I hope that we will have been able to have constructed some covered Laser racking for 12 boats at the far end of the main park, made out of the same material as the Optimist racking.

Many thanks to everyone who came along to help. This work makes a huge difference for all the Members with dinghies in the parks when the summer comes along.

Finally, one volunteer left a "Yeoman" stainless, green handled spade behind, I plan to leave it with the boatmen for collection by the owner.

Stuart Jardine

Broker's Tips

As you can imagine brokers are well acquainted with the Perfumes des Bateaux. That moment of lurching back the hatch and the immediate waft of well marinated bilge, layered with diesel and spiced with essence of heads. In fact the big culprit in the pong from the poo corner is sea water itself.

When you leave a boat for even a short while pump freshwater though the heads until you are sure the sea water is clear from the pipes.

That is to say switch to dry bowl but top the bowl up with fresh water from the shower head and keep pumping. It works a treat.

In fact some of the more advanced boats have fresh water plumbed permanently into the heads.

Nick Ryley

Missed Movie Night?



Following the great success of the Movie Nights the Club has a collection of DVDs. Did you miss one? Like to see one again?

The Club has a loan scheme so you can enjoy the following from the comfort of your own arm chair:

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| The Taking of Pelham 123 | Amelia | Midnight Cowboy |
| The Blindsides. | Love Actually | The Kite Runner |
| Invictus | The Boat That Rocked | The Social Network |
| The Blues Brothers | Elizabeth | Robin Hood |
| Made In Dagenham | The First King of Scotland | Brighton Rock |
| Billy Elliot | | |

Simply send an e-mail to: Harvey.Woolley to request the named film. He will email you when the film is ready for collection from the Club

pigeon hole system. As you collect your film please make a donation to the RNLI box – at least £1. is suggested.
Return the film by the same method sending an e-mail to say that it is ready for collection.

RNLI

Waitrose Community Matters Collection

The Lymington branch has Lymington RNLI as one of the three charities for their February 'Community Matters' collection. Last time we participated we received around £400 (out of £1,000 total). This year the money will be put towards the purchase of the new crew lifejackets for the station.

Beaulieu Boat Jumble

Yet another reminder that the Lymington Branch will be running the RNLI stall at BBJ and we need all your unwanted (but useable) boat bits and pieces. The Club boatmen will take anything in but if you have a larger item you would like collecting please contact [Claude Hamilton](#).

Social Events

The annual Bridge Drive will be held at the Club on Monday, 6th February at 12 noon. For booking contact Sandra Allpress at 01590 643268. The Guild AGM with Branch and Lifeboat Stations reports will be on Thursday 8th March at the Lymington Town Sailing Club at 7.30 pm

Small Ads

Email me the details and any photos and the ad will be in one month's ePotterNews. If you don't want your contact details published, interested parties can be asked to contact you via the club pigeon holes in Reception.

Satisfied customers will be requested to make a small donation to Sailability or the RNLI.

The listing of items for sale or wanted in ePotterNews does not indicate that RLYMJC has knowledge of the authenticity of the advertisement and does not recommend or guarantee the items advertised and the Club cannot accept any liability in this regard.

Ann Brunskill

Club Discounts

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