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Congratulations to Jeremy Rogers with Simon sail trimming and Kit on the bow, for winning the Gold Roman Bowl in the JP Morgan Asset Management Round the Island race.

This was an achievement that Jeremy Rogers had always wanted above all. Over a period of 45 years he was second overall three times. He has now won it three times in five years! Very much a Rogers family thing, Kit, Simon and David won it in 2003! The picture shows right to left, Kit, Jeremy, Simon with grand daughter Hattie



FROM THE COMMODORE

2006 has produced a fine summer so far. From late May, when some of us set off for the Club West Country Cruise, until late July, we seem to have had wall to wall sunshine, fair winds, and little rain. Jennifer looks at our garden and prays for rain. As far as I'm concerned, however, it can rain during the night, or now wait until October when the main sailing season is over!!

The West Country Cruise was very successful with members enjoying convivial dinners on Egremont in Salcombe, courtesy the Island Cruising Club, and in Falmouth, at The Royal Cornwall Yacht Club. Since then our Cruising Section has spent the summer throughout Northern France and Brittany, and many of us will be coming together again in St.Vaast over the late August Bank Holiday.

Our racing sailors of all ages have had another brilliant summer in national and international events, and their successes have been well reported in the Club. One success I want to highlight once more, however, is that of Jeremy Rogers' further win in the Round The Island Race, with his Contessa 26. If he continues to win The Gold Roman Bowl year after year, The Island Sailing Club will have to present it to him to keep permanently!!

While we have been away sailing, the Club and Clubhouse continue to provide the services and help from which we benefit as Members. This year a small Sub-Committee, led by Rod Perry, our Vice Commodore, has revitalised and relaunched our Website, which has been well received by Members. My thanks to all of those who worked on the project---it will never finish, of course, because a Website

needs constant updates to stay current

In late July, 15 yachts set off on the WSCRA Hypotenuse trophy, 5 of them Members of our Club. We raced from

Lymington to Cherbourg, from Cherbourg to St.Vaast, and from St.Vaast back to Lymington, after a well earned rest day in St.Vaast, where we enjoyed a wine tasting at Monsieur Gosselin's famous store. Laden down with wine, some of our boats were noticeably slower on the return leg, and although our Club could not claim the prize for the outright winner, 3 of our members were amongst the prize winners. It was a very enjoyable 4 days which I can commend to all those Cruisers who don't normally race, and to all those Cruiser Racers who have not yet entered a WSCRA Race, for the 2007 event.

The nights are now beginning to close in and Autumn is approaching. We still have the Contessa 32 Nationals, and the re-run of the Six Metre National Championships to come, and some of us are ventured over to Yarmouth for Folkboat Week.

In October and November we start our winter Social Programme, and Rear Commodore House and the House Committee have an exiting and enhanced programme for us this year and into 2007.

Throughout the summer, our Staff, whether they be on the Waterfront, in the Dining Room and Bar, or in the Office, have worked so well to make our Club the place to be, whether you race, cruise, or just relax and in such friendly surroundings reflect on earlier years. I thank them, on your behalf, for their continuing efforts.

JOHN BENCE Commodore

THE CLUB WINTER SOCIAL PROGRAMME

As I write, in late July, the temperature has been in the 90's for some time but the Winter and its events in the Clubhouse will soon be with us. Here's a brief overview.

The usual events are all there, much as last year: Quiz and Bridge Suppers start things off in the second week of October. This year's Wine Appreciation evenings feature presentations from Members on their interests in wine, a wine quiz with blind tasting of Club wines and a Pudding Wine & Pudding Supper.

The Fish & Chip Supper and Beer Festival returns to its traditional mid November slot and the highly successful Christmas Party Buffet returns in early December

There's more music in the programme as a result of Members' suggestions. In November, we have a Dinner Jazz Supper and there will be Trad Jazz in the Club on the third Thursdays of January, February and March. There'll also be music to listen to at the Fish Supper in January.

Classical music is also back after last year's highly successful return and this year, being close to St Valentine's Day, the theme is Romantic Classics at Seven.

Burns Night returns to the programme after last year's impromptu event.

On page 6 there is an overview of the full programme with brief descriptions of the event, times and dates, dress code and booking details.

Wine Lists & Menus

The Wine List is constantly under review by the Wine Subcommittee of the House Committee and is now available on the bar top and in the Dining Room with our Steward, John McPhee's happy smiling face on its cover. The new wine list is easier to use and more available than its predecessors and will soon be accompanied by a tasting notes sheet.

The Club Menu, in the same format as the Wine List, has our Head Chef, Peter Lowe's big grin on the cover and it includes both the à la carte and Club Favourites Menus.

Forthcoming Speakers

Trafalgar Dinner

Rear Admiral Paul Boissier, Commodore RNSA

Annual Dinner

Rod Carr, Chief Executive RYA

Cruising Dinner

Rear Admiral Tim Laurence, husband of our Patron

Ladies Lunch

Pippa Wilson - Going for Gold

More details on these events will be available on the Club Web-Site.

NEW CLUBHOUSE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS?

Attentive notice board readers will have seen that the General Committee has approved a budget for preliminary project definition work on new work to the building. Here's the background: more detail will be available during the Autumn during extensive consultation with the Club's Committees, with Members at the November Business Meeting, on the notice boards and the web site.

Opportunities for further major expansion of the building, and thus facilities for Members, are limited by our freehold, which bounds the building by about half a metre: not a lot of room to extend there. The top floor is the remaining area of the Club that might benefit from the treatment so successfully applied to the Sail Loft and the office two years ago. In April last year the General Committee agreed these requirements for future developments:

- A more protected summer drinking and snack area
- A better area for post-event hospitality
- Storage for out of use furniture and other equipment
- An improvement to the Club's skyline

With the help of Martyn Wheatley, an architect and former Rear Commodore House, we have been looking at possibilities, and there are broadly two schemes on which we need your views: the General Committee looked at both options and decided that one, the first set out below, should be brought to the stage of detailed drawings and regulatory approvals for consultation during the Autumn of 2006, leading to a decision at the February 2007 AGM. Your views are a vital part of the process leading to any decision at the February 2007 AGM.

Drawings will be available on the notice boards and the web site before long; we have yet to complete the work to produce reliable cost estimates.

VOTING RIGHTS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS POSTAL OR PROXY VOTING

At the informal session following the 2006 AGM there was discussion on two topics: whether or not Family Members over the age of 18 should have voting rights, and whether or not postal or proxy voting should be introduced for General Meetings, in addition to the present postal voting arrangements to elect Flag Officers and General Committee Members, should there be more candidates than places

The General Committee considered a detailed review of the history of the present arrangements, and the possible effect of any changes on the Club's character and ethos. The Committee reached the conclusion that the best interests of the Club lay in continuing the present arrangements. It is of course open to any Family Member over the age of 18, who is active in sailing, to apply to transfer to Full Membership, and thus be able to vote at General Meetings.

The General Committee paper is available from the Office on request, and will be available on the Members' section of the Club web site.

ROD PERRY Vice Commodore

A deck on the Club's east side, looking over the River?

The project under closer scrutiny is a balcony or deck along the full length of the river frontage, extending out to the sea wall with an extra metre added in front of the bar windows. It would be clear of the crane. There would be sliding doors facing east from the River Room and the awning recently fitted over the forecourt might be fitted over these doors. The balcony would be supported by steel columns standing on the sea wall. The steps that access the pontoon when the flood gates are closed would be incorporated into the stair from the forecourt to the first floor.

Although this option is not 'on the top floor' it is very cost effective and meets a good proportion of the requirements, giving more summer eating and drinking space and making good use of our prime location with easy access to the bar and restaurant services. The forecourt, with plastic drop down screens, becomes a well protected post-event space for competitors, needing only additional lighting.

A room covering the roof?

This option is much larger in scale and cost and its project definition work would be a significant undertaking in itself that could not be done this winter. In outline, a new room would be put on the roof over the Dining Room and between the roofs of the River Room and Library. The lift would be made larger by turning it into a platform lift extended in its existing shaft to the top floor. The roof would have a mansard appearance on its west face with patent glazing. There would be sliding doors on the east side giving out onto the existing, but slightly smaller terrace. A new fire escape would be necessary to join up with the steel stairs on the north side of the River Room. The Dining Room and River Room would be closed at different times during the work.

The space created offers a large permanent lecture theatre in winter and competitors' assembly space in the summer and a sitting area and event bar around the existing stair. By relieving the Library of its dual role of dining room and lecture theatre, the clashes that currently constrain the sailing and social operations of the Club would be prevented. The new roof cleans up the skyline and creates significant and much needed storage space.

Where's the money coming from?

The Club's Rolling Five Year Plan sets out a framework for saving for the future. The Treasurer confirms that these proposals can be fitted into that framework and if approved, both projects could be afforded within the existing, approved Financial Plan with the balcony being implemented during the Club's 2007/8 financial year and the top floor room in 3-4 years, depending on other calls on resources.

GEOFF HOLMES Rear Commodore House

SUPPORT YOUR CHARTROOM

As many are aware, the cruise planning and pilot information facilities available in the chartroom are fairly extensive.

We have electronic charts (courtesy of C-Map) covering the world.

In the chart chest are paper charts for most areas of sailing and cruising interest.

On the shelves are up-to-date pilot books and almanacs.

Members are encouraged to make use of these facilities.

If there is any additional information that members think should be made available, please tell the office, they will tell me.

And, on the other hand – if you are having a clear-out of your charts or relevant books, pilots, publications etc. please don't throw them out, they may be of use to someone – so please donate them to the Club. Just hand any such unwanted items into the office and they will be sorted out with any surplus going on the RNLI stall.

ALLAN COLLISON Cruising Committee

THE POTTERSHIP RACE 2006

Saturday 7 October (reserve day Sunday)

- Place the date in your diary now
- Get your crew organised
- Fill in the entry form
- Scrub the bottom of the boat during the week before the race
- Enjoy good sailing with fellow Club Members

The Race is open to Monohull Keel boats owned and helmed by Club Members

There are three Classes

Class 1 Yachts with a TCF of 0.750 and over

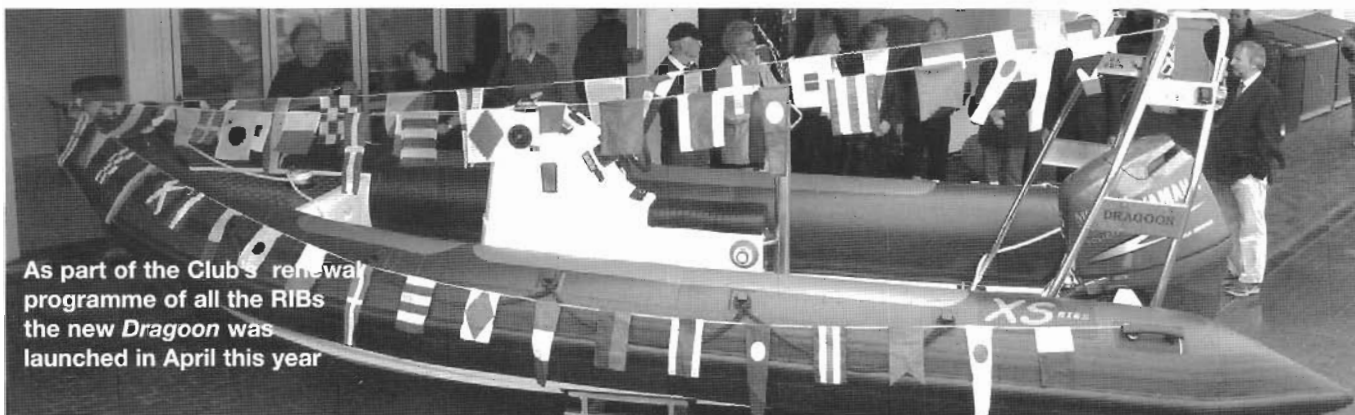
Class 2 Yachts with a TCF 0.749 and below

Class 3 XOD

The Race Committee will allocate a Lymington Handicap (TCF)

The Race is traditionally the Club 'Race of the Year'. All boats start on the Club line together, and sail a simple course round the Western Solent. It is a fun-race and is open to both all-out racing boats and all others who cruise or potter about. The handicapping system works well, and there are some magnificent trophies to be won.

JANE PITT-PITTS PRO



As part of the Club's renewal programme of all the RIBs the new *Draagoon* was launched in April this year

RESULTS

Folkboat National Championships 2006

Congratulations to winner Stuart Watson and his crew Matthew Jones and Caroline Watson.

International 14 National Championships 2006

Congratulations to Archie Massey (Itchenor SC) and Member George Nurton on winning the 2006 International 14 National Championships and the Prince of Wales Trophy in a boat built by them, with support from Bill and Pom Green.

RS800 Eurocup

Congratulations to Peter Barton who with crew Roz Allen won the RS800 Eurocup from a fleet of 55 at Riva, Garda.

RS200 Nationals 2006

Congratulations to Sophie Weguelin who, with crew Guy Fillmore, was 28th overall, and 1st Youth, 3rd Junior and 2nd Lady Helm in the 2006 RS200 National Championships

What a season for Richard Mason

1st 420 National Championships
1st RYA Youth Championships
1st GBR 420 World Team Selection Series
5th 420 World Championships

And Jasmine Husband

Silver Medal - 420 Junior European Championship
2nd - 420 National Ladies Championship

And Sophie Weguelin

1st GBR 420 Ladies World Team Selection Series
1st RYA Ladies youth Championships

Quingdoa Pre-Olympic Regatta

Nick Rogers Gold in Mens' 470
Ben Ainslie - Gold in Finn
Nick Thompson - 8th in Standard Laser

Optimist Class Flanders Regatta

Congratulations to Philip Sparks, who won the Optimist Class at the Flanders Youth Regatta with a score of 18 points, which included 7 first places.

Optimist National Championships

Congratulations to Phil Sparks on winning the Optimist National Championships

Optimist Fleet

The following R Lym YC Optimist Fleet members will be representing the Club, having won selection at the Optimist National Team Racing Championships:

Adrian Clay Henry Lloyd-Williams Oliver Porter
Philip Sparks Robert Urwin



Race Results Operators

The Club needs to add a few more volunteers to its team of race results operators. This is a vital race management team role, providing race competitors with their results as quickly as possible after racing. The role involves inputting the race finishing times onto the Sail100 race results programme, printing the final results and posting them up on the Club notice board. Familiarity with computers would be an advantage, although full instruction will be provided. If you are interested or would like further details, please contact either Stephen or Hamish in the Club Office.

Event Reporters

The Club is seeking volunteers who would like to produce reports of Club racing events. This role would involve being out on the water during sailing events and then producing a report of the action for submission to the press and publication on the website. Reporters could be people who are competing in the event, or if they are not competing, arrangements can be made to get them afloat to view the racing. If you are interested or would like further details, please contact Judy Ruffell on 01590 672175, or Stephen or Hamish in the Club Office.

Volunteers

We are always delighted to hear from members who would like to become involved as volunteers for Club events. Typically, we need potential safety boat and mark laying drivers and crews, race management assistants, onshore helpers – full training is given. We are also very keen to hear from members who would like to make their boats available as committee boats or motherships, or their RIBs available as event safety boats.

WEB SITE

As you will have noticed the new web site is now up and running and seems to have been well received. If you have information you think should go on the site, you may use the Members' input area or contact any of the following: Karen Brown – Membership • Barbara Maughan – headlines • Stephen Carden-Noad or Hamish McHaffie – sailing, calendar and general matters.

Others looking after individual pages are Sally Priestly (social), John Gryspeerdt (cruising), Paul Fisher (XOD), Richard Webb (Folkboats), Sally Muir (Scows). A small group has been set up, comprising Stephen, Hamish, and Neil Eccles (who has been a tower of strength in helping with the set up of the site), to monitor and improve the site.

ROD PERRY Vice Commodore



Members may not be aware that for the last four years below the surface our Deputy Secretary's feet have been paddling slightly more furiously than may have been apparent. Whilst dealing with his new responsibilities for the waterfront and the boatmen,

Stephen has also been completing a distance learning Masters in Business Administration degree in Sports Management at Leicester University. This was no mean achievement as, in addition to a heavy module based learning programme, he also had to complete a 12,000-word dissertation.

Tuesday 11 July saw Stephen in academic gown and mortar board, accompanied by his wife Chrissie and daughters Phillipa and Suzie, receive his MBA Certificate at the Degree Ceremony at Leicester.

Stephen is to be congratulated on achieving this high academic distinction whilst maintaining his usual outstanding level of service to the Club.

Honorary Life Members

Rear Admiral TJK Laurence MVO ADC

I am please to inform Members that Rear Admiral TJH Laurence MVO ADC, husband of our Patron, has accepted the invitation of the General Committee to be an Honorary Life Member of the Club. Members will recall that The Princess Royal and the then Commander Laurence made extensive use of the Club when their yacht, *Blue Doublet*, was kept on a Lymington River mooring.

The Royal Lymington Yacht Club has elected Alan Coster as an Honorary Life Member of the Club in recognition of his 43 years service on the River, 13 as Harbour Master. Pictured below : Commodore John Bence presenting Alan Coster with a certificate and tie to mark his election.



RYA Community Award

Geoff Stock has been awarded an RYA Community Award (Lifetime Commitment).

He is mainly involved with coaching our Optimist sailors and with IOCA (UK).

Members will have noticed from mention in the General Committee's 'Record of Decisions' that work is in hand to replace the Club workboat, which has given stalwart service over the last 33 years. All that time ago, the boat cost £5,400- its replacement next year will be equally good value.

A support boat working group has, over the last three years, carried out an evaluation of the Club's support boat requirements on behalf of the Rear Commodore Sailing and its conclusions have been supported by the Sailing and General Committees. This has resulted in a structured renewal programme of all the RIBs and their outboard engines. The size of the RIBs has also been adjusted to best meet the needs of the Club activities.

All support boats, when replaced, will carry the names of their predecessors to simplify communication and identification both by members, and those that hear Club boats on the radio. The recommendation for the new *We're Here* is for a workboat that has a similar footprint to the existing workboat, but one that has a better capability for the carriage of racing marks, and the speed to get either marks or race teams to the right place at the right time. In some instances, it will save the use of an additional RIB, with its volunteer crew, thus saving both precious assets and money.

Importantly the new boat will meet modern standards for safety and will be coded by the MCA thus allowing the Club to meet its objective to act as a good employer and to provide a safe working environment for its employees and, of course, to enhance safety for members.

We plan, if possible, to improve accessibility to the new boat which we hope will allow wheelchair access; a feature which would support our chosen Club charity, RYA Sailability.

At all times, it is hoped that the new boat will reflect the overall high standards that the Club enjoys in all its activities. There is an old nautical saying – "You can always judge a ship by its boats." This boat will not be cheap, but will represent good value and will be money well spent.

WE'RE HERE ---- STOP PRESS

We have now signed contracts with Cheetah Marine of Ventnor for the supply of the new *We're Here*. Following sea trials and factory evaluation visits of our short-listed boats a working group conducted both operating and financial evaluations. A potentially difficult task was made much easier when the Cheetah 7.9 catamaran was the clear winner in the operational evaluation and came out as the best option financially.

We hope to take delivery in the Spring of 2007.

JOHN PRIESTLEY



CLUBHOUSE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2006/7

Repeating events	Usual day in the month	Time	Range of dates, if not perpetual	How to Book
Quiz Supper	First Thursday	19:00	October 5 to April 5	Notice Board
Bridge Supper	Second Monday	17:45	October 9 to April 9. Notice Board.	
Cruising Lecture & Supper	Wednesdays	18:30	November 1 to 22; December 18; January 3 to March 14	Notice Board
Coffee Morning	First Wednesday	11:00		
Informal New Members' Party	Second Friday	19:30		
Parties, Dinners and so on	Date	Time	Event Type and Dress style	How to Book
Wine Appreciation Lecture & Supper. Wines of the Southern Rhone. Tony Miles	Tuesday October 3	18:30	Wine Appreciation & Supper. Casual	Tickets
Laying Up Supper	Saturday October 14	19:30	Supper & Dancing. Casual	Tickets
Ladies' Lunch	Wednesday October 18	13:00	Lunch & Speaker. Smart Casual	Tickets
Trafalgar Night Dinner	Saturday October 21	19:30	Formal Dinner. Black Tie	Tickets
Members' Art Exhibition	Friday & Saturday October 27, 28			
Jazz & Curry Supper	Saturday November 4	19:30	Dancing to Trad Jazz & Supper. Casual	Book
Fish & Chip Supper and Beer Festival	Saturday November 18	19:30	Fish & Chip Supper. Pub pianist	Book
Annual Dinner	Saturday November 25	19:30	Formal Dinner. Black Tie	Tickets
Puddings and Pudding Wine Supper	Tuesday November 28	18:30	Wine Appreciation & Supper. Casual	Tickets
Dinner Jazz Supper	Thursday November 30	19:30	Supper & Dancing with Blues and Cool Jazz. Casual	Book
Christmas Party Buffet	Saturday December 9	19:30	Supper, Party & Dancing. Casual	Tickets
Turkey Dinner	Wednesday December 20	19:30	Formal Dinner. Black Tie	Tickets
New Years' Eve Party	Sunday December 31	19:30	Black Tie Dinner & Dance	Tickets
New Years' Day Brunch	Monday January 1	1130	Casual	Tickets
Fish Supper	Saturday January 13	19:30	Fish Special Menu. Music from Mudeford Crabs. Casual	Book
Wine Quiz	Tuesday January 23	18:30	Blind tasting of Club wines. Wine general knowledge quiz & supper. Casual	Tickets
Burns' Night Supper	Thursday January 25	19:30	Traditional Burns' Night Traditional Dress or Smart Casual	Tickets
Committee Members' Dinner	Friday February 2	19:30	Formal Dinner: Black Tie. Tickets to Committee Members Only	
Pre-Ski / Austrian Wine & Food Supper	Saturday February 3	19:30	Austrian Menu & Wine Supper Accordionist. Casual	Book
Romantic Classics at Seven	Saturday February 10	19:00	Classical Trio & Singer & Supper Smart casual	Tickets
Wine Appreciation	Tuesday February 20	18:30	Presentation & Wine Tasting by a Guest Wine Merchant & Supper. Casual	Tickets
George Kidner Antiques Supper	Saturday March 3	19:00	Antiques Quiz. Smart Casual.	Book
Fitting Out Supper	Saturday March 17	19:30	Dancing to Irish Ceilidh Band Party Supper. Casual	Tickets
Wine Appreciation: Wines of North Spain. David Hayles	Tuesday March 20	18:30	Wine Appreciation Talk & Supper. Casual	Tickets

Book Book with caterer. Pay at the event.

Tickets Purchase tickets in advance usually from 4 weeks before the event. Priority to members.

Notice board Enter names on the Club Notice Board. Pay at the event.

Wine events The ticket price covers only the cost of the wine event itself. Pay for supper in the normal way.