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The Trafalgar Dinner

Top left: The Commodore taking wine with John, Peter and Mark; *and right,* with the Honorary Gunner Mac MacDougall and his Gunners Mates.

Bottom left Approval was given for public and government buildings to fly the White Ensign as part of the Trafalgar 200 programme; *and right* our guest of honour, Rear Admiral John Lang, who proposed the toast to the immortal memory.

FROM THE COMMODORE

As we move into our winter season, I must compliment those responsible for organising our Trafalgar Dinner for the really splendid way in which we celebrated the 200th anniversary. From the nineteen gun salute led by our Honorary Gunner, with his stalwart crew, to the traditional meal prepared by our House Manager and his stalwart crew, and the toast to the Immortal memory by Rear Admiral John Lang, it was an evening to remember!

When we look back in future years, we shall also have to remember the X Boat trots as we have come to know them, for this winter will see a significant change in the river. The X boat moorings between the Club and the Yacht Haven have been lifted already to make way for a major project by the Lynton Harbour Commissioners. After dredging is completed during November, a new 'Dan Bran' pontoon will be installed over the winter months creating over 60 pontoon berths north of the Wave Barrier, before the X Boat moorings are relaid. Unfortunately, these will not all be additional moorings, since the Harbour Commissioners are

having to withdraw many swinging moorings from the river entrance as they are no longer tenable, particularly in easterly gales, due to the continued erosion of the protective salt marshes at the mouth of the river.

Members using the river in the next few weeks may also observe exploratory work being undertaken either side of the river, south of the wave barrier, as the Harbour Commissioners explore the feasibility of 'hard engineering' rock groins being constructed to protect the harbour in the face of the continuing erosion of the salt marshes.

They have much work to do, and acquiring the necessary regulatory permits will be a daunting task. They are to be congratulated on the initiatives they are taking, and deserve our support in their endeavours if we are to preserve the river facilities we all enjoy for future generations, and which bring prosperity to our community.

I hope I have the opportunity to meet with many of you during our winter social events, and would like to wish you all a happy festive season.

JOHN BENCE
Commodore

POTTERSHP RACE 2005

Saturday 1 October 2005

Class 1

Overall Winner and Winner of the Pottership

	<i>Jessica</i>	Barron, Smithers and Barton
2nd	<i>Jelly Baby</i>	William Nowton
3rd	<i>Merlintu</i>	Jamie Heron

Class 2

Winner of the Hong Kong Junk

	<i>Unity</i>	Richard Truscott
2nd	<i>Mercesca</i>	John Whyte
3rd	<i>Charmina</i>	Richard Rouse

Class 3

Winner of the Duncan Hall Trophy

	<i>Diana</i>	Eric Williams
2nd	<i>Beatrix</i>	William Norris
3rd	<i>Oyster</i>	Fenella Lees



Mike Barron, Peter Barton & Jeremy Smithers

CRUISE NEWS

This time of year is just as busy as those sunny days when we were out on the water. Planning next year's meet venues and dates, making advanced booking for restaurants, moorings and contacting harbour masters keeps us occupied as the dark mornings and mist remind us that winter is near. I know that many of you are planning voyages for next year already and so that you can include the meets in your planning here are the dates.

18 Feb	06	Cruising Dinner
21-23 April	06	Spring meet in Cowes
12-14 May	06	Spring Anchor in Chichester
9-17 June	06	Long Distance -Salcombe and Falmouth
21-23 July	06	Family meet in Newtown
25-27 Aug	06	Cross Channel meet in St Vaast
16-18 Sept	06	Autumn meet Gin's Farm
6 - 8 Oct	06	Autumn Anchor Poole
16 Dec	06	Needles Relief

NEEDLES RELIEF

Since the automation of the Needles lighthouse, members from the Royal Lymington and Royal Solent Yacht Clubs have continued this festive tradition, both in memory of those days and also to present seasonal gifts to today's hard working local Lifeboat crews and the Rescue Helicopter crews. These gifts, bought through your donations, are presented on the day, at the RSolentYC.

There is now no need to go all the way to the Needles, but the FUN race, this year on Saturday 10 December, takes a course out towards the Needles and back for the lunches in the clubs and pubs of Yarmouth.

Cruising yachtsmen, also in the spirit of tradition, venture out towards the Needles before returning for lunch in Yarmouth. If the weather is really bad, some sensibly use the ferry.

If you would like to receive email information when fuller details of each meet become available please inform Hamish McHaffie the Club Sailing Supervisor at hamish@rlymyc.org.uk putting 'Cruising email' in the subject line. I will also ask for the web site to have the up to date information and of course the chartroom will have notices as usual.

There is a Cruise Book in the chart room for people to enter details of their completed voyages. Please put your voyage in as it provides useful information for the next member planning to go the same way. There is also an Intended Cruise Book, which may elicit advice from those who have first hand advice to share.

Winter is not all bad of course, as we have the Winter Series of Wednesday Evening Lectures to look forward to. They start on 2 November. The editor suggested that I give you a synopsis of each lecture to increase your expectations. I can't do this because I don't know either, and as a result I am looking forward to them as much as anyone.

DUNCAN MACALISTER
Captain of Cruising

Lunches are organised for both the racing crews and for cruising yachtsmen at the Royal Solent YC. All are welcome. The Yarmouth Harbourmaster makes no charge for berthing on this day but charitable donations for the Needles Relief fund are encouraged. Each year, the Rescue Helicopter and the local Lifeboats combine for a reassuringly impressive display of casualty rescue and hi-line transfer, off the Yarmouth pierhead, complete with an informative commentary broadcast in the RSolentYC.

Join us this year and make your contribution to the seasonal appreciation of the local Lifeboat and Helicopter crews.

There will be a notice posted on the Club notice boards in mid-November and an entry form will be at the office for you to add your name, whether racing or cruising. We look forward to your participation.

ALLAN COLLISON
Cruising Committee

HOUSE NEWS

New regalia items are being brought in and will soon be on view in the regalia cabinet, opposite Reception, and on the web site (www.rlymyc.org.uk). We have a crystal glass tumbler with a coloured burgee and cufflinks and a key fob with the 'Lentune Ship' in gold on a red background rather like the defaced ensign. Also coming in is a new 'Summer Tie' for use on less formal occasions. Quantities are limited and early reservation is recommended.

All the Club's social events for the next few months are in your winter program and if the Trafalgar Dinner and the Laying Up Supper are a guide, they will sell well. The House Committee recommends that you make your ticket applications as soon as possible from four weeks before the event or, for the special events listed below, from the dates given:

Christmas Party Buffet	Tuesday 15 November
Turkey Dinner	Tuesday 22 November
New Year's Eve	Tuesday 29 November
New Year's Day Brunch	Tuesday 29 November

1. In person from the Club Reception Desk, which opens daily at 10.00 am
2. By telephone from the Club Office 01590 672677
3. By e-mailing the Club at office@rlymyc.org.uk ensuring you include your payment details.

Members are advised that there are no refunds on tickets for these events for cancellations less than 7 days prior to the event, unless we are able to re-sell the ticket

CRUISING LOGS COMPETITION TROPHIES TO BE WON

Cadiz Cup

Best log of a cruise under sail of any length

Quains Cup

Best log of a cruise under sail of less than one month

Channel Trophy

Best log of a cruise under sail within the limits of Straits of Dover, Ushant and the Isles of Scilly

Fen Dawn Cup

Best log by a Motor Cruiser

Senior Brownlow Cup

Log of outstanding merit which was not awarded one of the above trophies

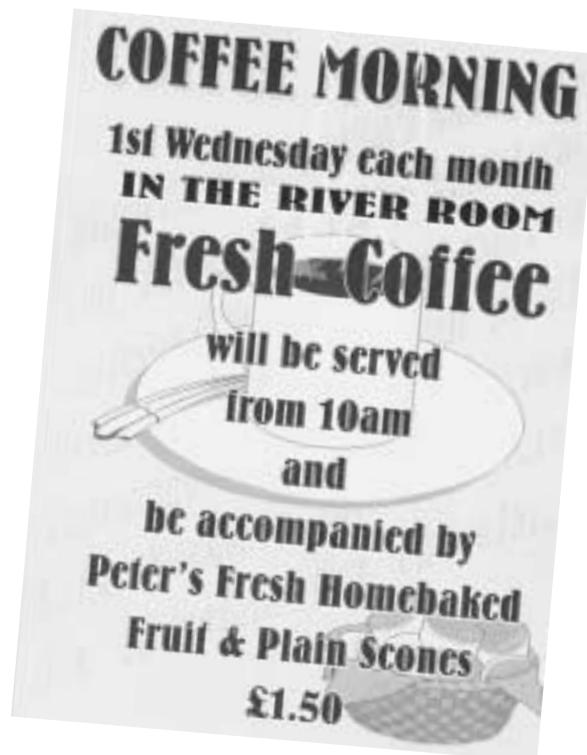
Junior Brownlow Cup

The best log of a cruise submitted by a Junior or Family Member under the age of 15 years

Did you know that Debit cards could save the Club thousands

If you top up your Club card account with a debit card it will save the Club money. While the Club gladly accepts credit cards which may be preferred by many Members, the much lower banking charges for debit cards could save the Club thousands of pounds a year. So: if it's all the same to you, please think about using your debit card next time you top up

GEOFF HOLMES



Seamanship Trophy

The Seamanship Trophy is presented for a feat of seamanship or navigation by a Club Member. Nominations should be sent to the judges, but no log need be submitted.

Judging criteria

Presentation of these logs is of secondary importance. The judges will be looking at, in order of importance:-

1. Merit of the cruise, considering type of yacht, time available, weather conditions and strength of crew.
2. Seamanship and navigation
3. Pilotage information
4. Contents, which should include a trace chart.

Clear handwritten logs are certainly acceptable. Photos or sketches are great, but again not essential. It is the contents that count.

Any queries to Sally Buckley, hoping for a bumper year. 01590 674888

RACING CREW AVAILABLE

Name: Imperial College London Age: Various

Contact Tel: 07968 057370 E-mail: jack.rapley@imperial.ac.uk

Club: Imperial College Yacht Club Crew List

Imperial College London have 20-30 people interested in racing with RLymYC and they are available most weekends. Should be enough for 4-5 boats requiring 2-3 additional crew each weekend. Minimum of a few days notice is fine but 1-2 weeks notice is better.

FROM THE SECRETARY

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

You are reminded that all outdoor clothing, holdalls etc, must be left downstairs in the cloakrooms. Out of respect to other members it would be helpful if you could encourage your guests to comply with this rule as well.

WINTER SUNDAY CLOSING

On Winter Sundays, until 19 March inclusive, the Bar closes at 3.00 pm, and the Clubhouse (including changing facilities) closes at 5.00 pm.

There will be no food service on the evening of Wednesday 14 December to enable the staff to enjoy their Christmas Party. The Bar will be staffed by volunteer Members on that evening.

DINGHY PARKING

If you keep a dinghy in one of the Club dinghy parks, would you please ensure it is removed by 31 December, to enable maintenance to be undertaken. We do have a limited number of spaces available for winter storage (1 January to 28 February) of dinghies for Members who are unable to take theirs away. The cost is £20. If you require a space please contact Hamish in the Club Office.

If you currently have a dinghy park space, pontoon space, or outboard shed slot, you will shortly receive a letter inviting you to renew for the 2006 season. Would you please complete the form and return it to us with your payment as soon as possible. If we have not received your form by 1 January 2006, your space may be offered to someone on the waiting list.

Would you please advise Hamish, if you have changed your dinghy during the year, or you plan on changing your dinghy for 2006, as this will help us to allocate spaces. Also please contact Hamish if you would like to go on the list for a space in the dinghy park, inflatables rack, tender on the pontoon, or outboard motor shed in 2006.

In fairness to everyone, we continue to take prompt and vigorous action over dinghies which are left without authority in the dinghy park. Please help us by displaying your sticker on boats which are legally parked, and remove those boats which are not. If you wish to leave a dinghy for which you do not have a permit, even for a short period, please contact Hamish first, so that a space can be temporarily allocated to you.

RYA LEVEL TWO POWERBOAT COURSES

We will be running a few RYA Level 2 Powerboat courses during the winter. These courses are run for Members by volunteer instructors at a price significantly lower than commercially run courses. It is hoped that members receiving training on our courses will be available to help crewing on safety boats during our sailing events. Any Member wishing to attend a Level 2 Powerboat course should contact Hamish in the Club Office.

CLUB PROGRAMME 2006

The Summer Programme and Racing Fixtures booklet will be distributed to Members in the January mailing. Members wishing for advance details will shortly be able to access the draft programme via the Club website (www.rlymyc.org.uk) and clicking on "Calendar" on the left hand side of the page.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING

Clubhouse opening hours over Christmas and New Year are:

Evening Meals Closed 24 December – Reopens 3 January 2006.

Lunches Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Family 'Hair of the Dog' Brunch on 1 January – for ticket holders only. Details will be posted on the Board. Tickets available from 29 November

Bar and Clubhouse Closed evenings of Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve (except NYE function) and evening of 1 January 2006, and throughout Christmas Day and Boxing Day. The Clubhouse will be closed from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm from 27 to 31 December inclusive.

Waterfront A Boatman will be available every day except Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Between 27 December and 2 January there will be a limited waterfront service until the end of any sailing event or the Clubhouse closes after lunch.

Office The Office will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day, and open from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm on Christmas Eve and 27 to 31 December.

IAN GAWN

INFORMAL NEW MEMBERS EVENING

From 6.30pm on 2nd Friday of the Month
An opportunity for new members and not so new members who would like to meet others to come and have a drink and a chat . Committee members will be on hand to make introductions. Supper will be organised on long friendly tables. Essential to book supper with House Manager letting him know you are attending New Members' Evening. If you have attended before and enjoyed it – come again!

JUDY RUFFELL

DEADLINES FOR POTTERNEWS AND POTTERSIP

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All copy for the next issue by 21 December please PotterShip

All copy for the next issue by 06 January please Please send copy to Judy Ruffell

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