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THE SAILING SEASON IS IN FULL SWING

The sailing season is in full swing in spite of the 'Barbecue Summer' we haven't had. The Royal Lyngby Challenge Cup was a huge success and competitors were very complimentary about the event. Next year's Challenge is already being planned.

Club sailors are winning at home and abroad, and apologies to anyone I've missed. I make no apologies for the long list of successes because they show what a fantastic Club and membership we have.

ePotterNews is now eight issues old and there has been a lot of positive feedback. I really appreciate your comments and contributions. The current two column format has occasioned a number of comments. Whilst it looks great when it's printed, we are aware that it is not perfect for reading on screen. We are seeing what we can do to improve things.

Ann Brunskill

WJS

Wednesday Junior Sailing celebrated 25 years with a visit from our Patron, Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal, who joined in the birthday party and cut the cake.



The Princess Royal on the Club Pontoon at the WJS 25th Anniversary Party

CLUB

Annie Littlejohn

During her visit, the Princess Royal presented Annie Littlejohn with a certificate commemorating her well deserved Honorary Life Membership of the Club.



Staff

Lisa Siuda, after ten years at the Club as receptionist, has accepted a more challenging position nearer her home. Ben Matthews has left to further his career in Australia after eighteen months as Sailing Manager.

Both of them made a positive contribution to the Club and we wish them every success for the future. The Flag Officers and Secretary are taking this opportunity to review the office support to the Club's operations, but will be maintaining continuity with temporary staff.

Lost Property

The lost property cupboard is bursting at the seams with sweaters, sailing clothes, school uniforms and other articles left by forgetful sailors. These will be kept until the end of September, when unclaimed articles will be sold in aid of Wednesday Junior Sailing.

SOCIAL

Restaurant

There are new dishes as well as old favourites on the latest menu which was introduced on 1st August. Rumour has it that there is lobster.

Dates for the diary

Informal Ladies Lunch – Thursday 10th September

Late Summer Barbecue – Friday 18th September

Informal Gentlemen's Lunch – Monday 24th September

End of Season Party – Saturday 10th October

Ladies Lunch – Wednesday 21st October

Trafalgar Night – Saturday 24th October

More details in the September issue of ePN and on the website.

Bridge Evenings

The Bridge Evenings start on Monday 12th October and are on the second and fourth Monday of the month from October through March.

Members' Art Exhibition 16th – 18th October 2009

A great opportunity to see the work of some of our very talented Club Members and support the RNLI at the same time.

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

CRUISING

Forthcoming Meets

Cross Channel Meet - Cherbourg 21st - 23rd August

To date some twelve boats and 35 people have booked in to go. Although the Capitainerie at the Port de Chantereyne would not accept firm reservations when we visited Cherbourg a few weeks ago, they are aware of our planned arrival and I will give them numbers and sizes of boats when these are finalised.

Friday 21 August - Drinks on the pontoon at around 1800hrs (local). No formal arrangements have been made for dinner. Saturday 22 August - Drinks on the pontoon at around 1800hrs. Dinner at Le Grandgousiere. The restaurant is at 21 rue de l'Abbaye, no more than 10 minutes walk from the marina. You need to inform reception of your requirements from the menu already circulated and pay the requisite amount as soon as possible.

Canal Cruise - Burgundy 11th - 19th September

This is now confirmed. Final deposits should have been paid to France Afloat. Over 20 people and four boats are participating. Any queries to Sally Doran please.

Autumn Anchor Meet 25th - 27th September

The Meet will take place in Chichester Harbour. The precise location of the anchorage will be confirmed nearer the time but it is likely to be in the Thorney Chanel. Keep a listening watch on channel 72 particularly on arrival. No formal arrangements for Friday but impromptu socialising will be the order of the evening!

On Saturday 26th September there will be drinks and supper on one or more rafts of 'host boats' from around 18.00hrs. Bring your glasses, plates and cutlery plus of course your dinghy!

Please let me have your details and/or add them to the form on the notice board in the Club by Friday 19th September. The cost per head will be £9.50, including wine and supper for the Saturday evening. This will be charged to your club account unless otherwise requested. Details are on the Club Notice board or on the Cruising Section of the Website.

Gins Farm 2nd - 4th October

Informal gathering on Friday. Drinks on the lawn on Saturday followed by a dinner at the Clubhouse.

Yarmouth Fireworks 5th November

Arrive early evening and watch fireworks - followed by pub supper at Royal Solent Yacht Club. Either stay overnight on boats or return after the festivities.

Needles Relief 19th December

The Cruising meet will be held in conjunction with the Racing Division to thank and give donations to the local

crews of the Rescue Services. Race or cruise over and watch the lifeboat and helicopter demonstration from the Royal Solent Yacht Club. Details nearer the time.

Cruising Log and Seamanship Awards - Reminder

Details of all awards are on the Club website. [//www.rlymyc.org.uk/Cruising/log_competition.html](http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Cruising/log_competition.html)

RACING

Racing Results

Boys 420 Class World Champions

Phil Sparks and Ben Gratton are the Boys 420 Class World Champions after their 1st place in this year's ISAF Youth World Championship in Brazil.

Original Singlehanded Transatlantic Race

Hannah White was 7th overall and 2nd in class in the Original Singlehanded Transatlantic Race. She narrowly missed beating Mary Falk's 1996 record for the under 35ft boat crossing. Hannah and her yacht *Pure Solo* were welcomed back to the Club pontoon on 22nd July by family and friends.

Round The Island Race 2009

This year was exceptional. The Gold Roman Bowl Trophy for the winner overall was won by *Tatterat*, skippered by Philip Williams, who also won IRC Division 3D, Group 3. In second place overall, winning the Silver Roman Bowl, was Brian Appleyard in *Nordic Bear*. A fantastic achievement!

Among other notable results: Peter Scholfield, *Seatrack.Co.Uk* won IRC Division 2A for the second consecutive year. He also was in the winning Group 2 Team along with Bob Baker, *Brightwork* and William Newton, *Jelly Baby*.

2nd club team in Group 3 were Philip Williams, *Tattarat*, with Andy Hind, *White Mischief* and Jeremy Rogers, *Gigi*.

3rd club team in Group 1 were Martin Gee, Deuce, Chris Rustom, *Ding Dong* and Stuart Duffin, *Flying Boat*.

Stuart Watson and Matthew Jones, *Crackerjack*, won the Red Lion Trophy for first Folkboat.

Zoe McKee won the Contessa 32 Class in *Andaxi*.

The oldest boat in the race (built in 1889), Barry Dunning and Bob Fisher's *Rosenn* was third in the Old Gaffers Class, beating, on corrected time, Stephen Akester's *Alice III*, who won the Shamrock Challenge Trophy for the first Original Gaffer to finish.

Royal Lymington Challenge Cup 24th – 27th June



The eight club teams enjoyed 'champagne' racing, and a packed social program at the inaugural Challenge Cup, sponsored by Seatrack. Race Officer Tony Blachford kept everybody on their toes on the first day with a challenging long course in the Western Solent. Two windward/leeward races in Christchurch Bay provided some tight racing with the Royal Yacht Squadron ending a close second behind the home team on Friday. Saturday's racing in perfect conditions saw the RYS winning by the smallest of margins from the RLYMYC.

The Prizegiving

The prize giving was held on the Club balcony as soon as



the fleet were ashore where Michael Ewart-Smith accepted the trophy on behalf of his team. The verdict was that

this was an innovative format which produced close racing and great fun ashore. All the teams said they would be back next year.

Results and pictures from Lloyd Images are at www.rlymyc.org.uk/Racing/challengecup/challengecup.html

Women's Keelboat Championships 2009

Clare Carden writes:

The 420 Mums (Clare Carden, Catherine Dobson, Jane Cordon, Chris MacGregor, Caroline Martin and Jennifer Muskett) entered their second Women's Keelboat Championship. This year it was taken more seriously with coaching from Barry Dunning and Phil Lawrence. Due to a lack of wind spinnaker gybes were practised with Phil motoring backwards at high speed to fill the kite.

The event is held over two days. Our aim was to beat more boats than last year. On Saturday we had sun, rain, wind and no wind. Sunday was much friskier with between 15-22kn and wall to wall sunshine.

Our team was much better coordinated this time, competing more closely with other boats. In 5 out of the 6 races we averaged 17 seconds behind the boat in front of us. Did we achieve our aim of improving our position? Just!

An excellent BBQ social was held with the Farr 45 Match Racers and an amazing fireworks display at the end of Hamble Week finished it off. Thanks to Lucy Burn and the race team at the Royal Southern Yacht Club who put on such a great event and particularly to Peter Bateson for excellent courses and valuable radio communication.

Lymington Week 6th – 11th July



Donald Mackenzie presenting Alex and Rory Paton with the prize for winning the Dinghy Class 3

This year's Lymington Week, sponsored by Mackenzie Mackenzie & Associates, looked to be following the pattern of 2008 when strong winds prevailed.

However there was plenty of fun both afloat and ashore and only Monday evening dinghy racing had to be abandoned.

The XOD fleet had joined forces with Lymington Week for their XOD Week, which started on Wednesday and finished with a long race round the Western Solent on Saturday morning. The series was won by Eric Williams' *Diana*, sailed by Rory Paton.

Ashore there was music on Monday and Thursday evenings. Saturday afternoon family activities had a pirate theme with a steel band to encourage everyone to believe they were in the Caribbean. There was even some sun to help the illusion.

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

Racing Events

Club Champion of Champions - Saturday 10th October

A new event to get our best Club helms to race against each other in One Design Keel Boats – XODs for 2009.

Fleets with a minimum of 6 boats entered in their events, are invited to nominate a helmsman and one regular crew who must be Club Members and have raced a minimum of 9 races in 2009. The XOD owner or his representative will complete the crew of three. The Lymington X Division will provide a second crew for single handed boats.

There will be up to 3 windward/leeward races (approximately 40 minutes each) with the first start at 0945. Entries close on 1st October and further details will be on the website soon.

<http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Racing/clubchampionsrace>.

Lymington XOD sailing

Xoanon, the new XOD was launched recently and named by Pippa Wilson on 8th July, who then went sailing in her together with two other Olympians, Nick Rogers and Ado Jardine. *Xoanon* is now out racing regularly. For further details on how to try her out go to www.rlymyc.org.uk/XOD 'Not the new XOD'



Xoanon about to go into the water for the first time

RS Elites

Seven boats competed in the Thursday Evening Early Series. *RS Sailing*, sailed by Martin and Amanda Wadhams and Guy Chipperfield, won by one point from *Fuzzy Duck*, sailed by Paul Woodman, Ray Mitchell and Oliver James, after a close battle in the final race. *E'Tu*, Steve Powell, would certainly have finished higher than fourth if she had not been absent for two races while winning the Irish Nationals and coming third in the Scottish Tarbert Series.

More boats are likely to join the fleet for the 2010 season, if not sooner. Anyone interested in trying an Elite with a view to buying one, or simply for an enjoyable sail in this exciting boat, can charter the Club's Elite *Freebie* for a very modest fee. Contact the Club for details. www.rlymyc.org.uk/Racing/RS_Elite/charter.html

Youth and Juniors

Ros Urwin writes:

Together with the Laser European Youth, Women's and Men's results from Denmark and the ISAF Youth Worlds 420 Gold medal, well done to all the RLymYC Youth and Junior sailors who have done the Club proud representing and getting the results for Team GBR. Thank you to the Club for all the training and resources to support their development and sailing

Laser Radial

Hannah Snellgrove was 28th overall (Gold Fleet) at the Women's Radial Worlds at Karatsu Japan

She was joined at Laser Radial European Youth and Men's Championships in Charlottenlund, Denmark by Olly Porter and Robbie Urwin, and Lawrence Walters-Helps. Conditions varied from under 5 knots and a lot of waiting to 18 knots. It was hot with lots of swimming between races.

Youth Gold Fleet Robbie Urwin 61st

Youth Silver Fleet Olly Porter 19th

Women's Gold Fleet Hannah Snellgrove 35th

Men's Silver Fleet Robbie Urwin 10th

Men's Silver Fleet Lawrence Walters-Helps 13th

Men's Silver Fleet Olly Porter 21st



*Robbie Urwin,
Lawrence Walters
and Olly Porter at
the Laser Radial
European
Championships in
Denmark*

At the Laser Nationals at Paignton, in the Radial class Robbie Urwin was 8th overall/4th Youth and Olly Porter 13th overall/ 8th Youth. In the 4.7 class

James Parker-Mowbray was 2nd overall and Jamie Diamond 3rd overall, with Nik Froud 14th

Laser Standard

Greg Carey qualified in 4th place overall and gets a place at the World Championships in Halifax Canada.

Laser 4.7 World Championship in Brazil - Tom Britz was 16th overall, 5th U16years, 2nd British sailor.

Tom will be joined by Jamie Diamond, Ollie Cooper and James Parker-Mowbray in the GBR Team at the European Championship in Helsinki, Finland in August.

RS Feva

Ollie Cooper and Callum Ellis have just won the RS Feva European Championship at Lake Garda.

Lymington 420 sailors

Lymington 420 sailor Phil Sparks and his crew Ben Gratton added the Winner's trophy from Kiel Woche International Classes regatta to their collection before going on to Brazil to become World champions.

Andrew Wishart & Liam Garrison were 6th and Molly Bridge & Pip Weguelin 15th Overall in the Flanders Youth Regatta, in Nieuwpoort, Belgium.

Back in Lymington, the 420's have had some very useful days coaching with Bethan Carden, James Rusden & Claire Walsh. They are all looking forward to Youth and Family week to practise their racing skills before the 420 Nationals! Welcome to Georgia Lamont, crewing with Elaine and two new 420 crews, Craig Dibb & Charlie Cox, and Matt Wallis & Tarra Gill-Taylor. Locally, the Monday evening racing has seen a regular small fleet. In September we have the return of the Youth Regatta.

VOLUNTEERS

Rachel Nuding, the event coordinator for the Challenge Cup describes perfectly why we need our volunteers and what a fantastic job they do.

Royal Lymington Challenge Cup was conceived in May 2008. It was never going to be another Royal Lymington Cup, but a Corinthian event which would bring other Yacht Clubs to the Royal Lymington. The emphasis was always on competitive racing with a fun social programme. Obviously the event would need a fair number of willing Volunteers. Mike Sinfield had been involved in similar events both in Hong Kong and more recently in the West Country and he took on the job as Race Chairman. I was asked to be the event coordinator and to put together a team that would encompass both the racing side and the social side. Also to be involved was the RORC Rating Office. They would scrutineer the boats to make sure they carried the correct safety gear and that their sails measured to their rating.

Some 30 Club Members joined the team. From the committee boat to catering, the Club has an impressive multi tasking group of volunteers, all of whom were ready, able and willing to contribute their expertise and time to this event. Our aim was to keep the competitors and their boats close at hand. The Harbour Commissioners gave the competitors a good deal for berthing on the Dan Bran so that those who had competed in the Round the Island Race could leave their boats in Lymington between events. This also helped in keeping the competitors in the Club, rather than finding local pubs. The Club opened at 0700 hrs each day and bacon burgers, juice and coffee were cooked by volunteers each morning. We were very lucky to have Fullers sponsor real ale, and when the sailors came ashore at the end of the day, they paid £1.00 a pint – when did anyone last see that! They were also offered beef burgers and sausages from the BBQ to fill a hole before the evening's dinner. On Thursday the kitchen fed over 140 hungry sailors with their legendary curry, and on Friday catered for 160 for a more formal two course dinner with a band. The breakfast on Saturday was a quiet zone, there were a lot of sore heads.

The volunteers have been thanked individually, but I would like to thank them again in ePotterNews for their fantastic help and support. No event is successful without those who put so much time and effort into it. But we must not forget our wonderful staff at the Club. Each and every one of them were so helpful and their 'can do' attitude was a credit to the Club and they made all the sailors feel most welcome. The word on the dock is that all the teams will return next year, and they will make sure that other clubs are made aware that the Royal Lymington Yacht Club knows how to run an event.