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Hot Cross Buns And Happy Sailors

The sailing season is under way at last and the clocks have gone forward so the evenings are getting lighter and the focus is coming back to being on the water. Last weekend there were eight keelboats out for some intensive pre-season coaching with Jim Saltonstall and over 30 Optimists training. The Club's first regatta is over the Easter Weekend, when we look forward to the RS fleets joining the event along with the Fireflies and the Club classes. We still need volunteers for this event, particularly in the RIBs. You don't have to do both days and it's a great way to work off the Easter Eggs.

Ann Brunskill



Racing



Easter Dinghy Regatta 3rd and 4th April

The Easter Dinghy Regatta will take place on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th April. There will be the usual Fast, Medium and Slow handicap classes, Fireflies and the RS fleets. Registration is from 0900 with a briefing at 1000 on Saturday. We are planning to have up to 4 races each day, so if you want to work off those hot cross buns, come along and join in! Click on the links for the [Notice of Race](#) and [Entry Form](#).

Thursday Keelboats Competitors' Briefing - Thursday 15th April at 6 pm

Calling all Thursday Keelboat Racers Competitor Briefing. Cheerful get together with information on Club's new racing documents.

John Doerr is giving a talk on the Racing Rules of Sailing on Thursday 8th April at 6.30pm.

The Racing Rules have been updated for 2010 and John will explain the changes and how they will affect you.

Over the winter he has rewritten the Club's Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions to standardise them across all our racing fleets. John will also explain the new sailing instructions and answer any questions you may have about both topics.

This is a talk from one of the world's leading judges and experts on the racing rules and you simply cannot afford to miss it.

New Racing Charts - improvements

The Youth and Junior dinghies have been out training for the last few weeks and have provided some helpful feedback. As a result some slight changes have been made. They are now in high resolution and Y and Z buoys have been added to the main chart. You can download this year's charts from the [Racing Page](#) where they can be found on the bottom right hand side of the page. Laminated versions will be on sale from the office for £1. This year, for the first time, the Club, the LTSC and the RSYC are all using the same charts and designators which should prove easier for everyone.

XODs

XODs are busily preparing for the coming season which will be a busy summer with more boats out who are all

keen to get prepared for the XODs Centenary Celebrations in 2011. Please contact the Class through the [XOD web pages](#) if you would like to race this year, either with your own boat or crewing. XODs will be racing every Saturday and Wednesday afternoon - 2pm Start - and Thursday evenings. Xoanan - "the not a new X Boat" launched last year - will be racing every week and if you would like to have a go at either helming or crewing on her please contact [David Harris](#).



The first race is Saturday, 24th April
 There will be a Tuning and Training Day on Sunday 2nd May at 0900
 Saturday 5th June is the Alastair Easton Windward/Leeward Regatta
 Saturday 3rd July sees the Long Race East
 6th, 7th, 8th and 10th July are the dates for Lymington XOD Week.
 For further information go to the [XOD web pages](#).

The XOD Class Association has their own website [here](#)

Youth and Junior

420s

Selection for the GB Teams for the 420 World Championships at Haifa, Israel and European Championships at La Rochelle, got underway recently at Weymouth. Thirteen sailors from the Club were part of the fifty-four boat fleet, which enjoyed two days of good racing in Portland Harbour. Saturday was a light breezes day. The first race was abandoned after a huge windshift on the third leg but Club sailors Craig Dibb and Charlie Cox, who had been leading, then won the restarted race with Tara Gill Taylor and Matt Wallis not far behind in seventh place. Tom Pain and Sasha Bruml started too early in race one and although 8th at the finish were disqualified, in the next races they scored a seventh and eighth place to be in contention.



Sunday, early sunshine and a relatively warm 12 degrees lifted the spirits of the fleet as they launched for a fun spinnaker reach to the start area in 15 knots of wind. Three races were sailed, the conditions varying as clouds and strong gusts alternated with bright sun giving the sailors lots of decision making and some very exciting sailing in the 20 knot gusts.

Club placings were: Craig Dibb and Charlie Cox -9th, Tara Gill Taylor and Matt Wallis 14th, Tom Pain and Sasha Bruml 21st, Andrew Wishart and John Welton 24th, Anna Greenwell and Kirstie Urwin 30th, Josh Sparks and Tom Lovesy 34th, and Charlie Davis crewing for Chris Tiernan (Parkstone YC) was 22nd. Two further selectors, the five day Youth Nationals at Weymouth and then a final weekend in May in Pwllheli mean there is still plenty of opportunity for the Royal Lymington sailors.

Lymington Optimists

Winter training has been a great success for the Optimists this year, with 16 of the young Lymington sailors honing their skills on the sheltered but often tricky waters at Spinnaker Sailing Club, near Ringwood. The training included a 16 race series for the 60+ fleet, and this was won with a staggering 8 firsts for Emilia Boyle. The series was dominated by the young Lymington sailors, who took 10 of the top 15 places and now go into the season full of enthusiasm.



The first major event of the year was the Spring Championships hosted by Cardiff Bay Yacht Club. 24 sailors from Lymington joined a fleet of more than 200 Oppies on the flat but shifty waters of Cardiff Bay for 2 days of great racing. Of the Lymington sailors Ross Mackley (13th) had the best of it, with Hugo Andrews (25th), Mimi El-Khazindar (30th), Ben Batten (33rd) and Josh Atherton (40th) also posting some good results. Of the young sailors – their first time in the main fleet, Charlotte Boyle (105) and Hattie Rogers (119) coped particularly well with the big fleet.

Cruising

Cruising Programme

The first of the meets will be the Spring Cowes meet, to be held on Friday – Sunday 16th - 18th April with dinner at the Royal Corinthian YC on the Saturday evening.

Details are on the [Cruising page](#) and on the notice board in the Club. Please add your name on the board and purchase tickets from the Office.



The Spring Anchor Meet will be held in Poole Harbour on Friday - Sunday 14th - 16th May. Details will be published shortly on the notice board and on the [Cruising page](#). Arrangements for the June Meet to St Peter Port on Friday 11th to Sunday 13th June are well advanced. There will be drinks on the pontoon at 18.00 hrs on the Friday evening (11th June) after which crews will make their own informal arrangements for supper. The Saturday night dinner will be at the Guernsey YC, following our successful visit there in 2009. For more information contact [Ken Claydon](#).

The August Meet to Normandy

To be held on Friday – Sunday 20th - 22nd August, is currently under discussion and an email has been sent to Members on the Cruising Database with some options but subsequently a West Country Cruise has been mooted. This is not mentioned in the email. Even if you have already responded to the email, if you have views on a West Country option, please let [David Houlton](#) or [Richard Wood](#) know, so that we can come to decision at the next Cruising-Sub Committee meeting on 13 April.

Cruising Safety Day

To be held on 10th April, the programme has been finalised. Look on the notice board and on the [Cruising page](#) for details. Log Competition

As you set off for the summer season, please bear the Log Competition in mind. There are a number of cups to be awarded at the Cruising Dinner in February each year in various categories, which we intend to spell out in detail shortly on the [Cruising page](#).

Ultra low sulphur diesel - advance Warning

There is an article in the February issue of Practical Boat Owner in February which Sally Doran of the Cruising Sub Committee has brought to our notice. The EU has dictated that all leisure craft must use ultra low sulphur diesel (ULSD) by 01 January 2011. This may not sound so bad, but what it will mean is that there will be a high risk of algal build up in Member's fuel tanks because ULSD contains a significant proportion of biofuel which absorbs water in which algae grow. The algal material will inevitably block fuel filters causing engines to stop and biofuel is more prone to oxidation when stored over time. It will probably mean that rather than filling their up tanks with diesel for the winter to avoid condensation, Members will probably have to empty their tanks and clean them out each winter.

Social



Classic Cars

Spring is finally on the way and it's time to get the old lady out of the garage, shake out the moths and give her a polish and a run. Following the successful event last year another classic car get together and lunch is planned for Monday 10th May. Convene at East Boldre House at 1130 and then make our way at intervals to the Club for lunch. After lunch return the old lady to her home. Could all those who wish to take part please email [Rod Perry](#).

Movie Night 20th April CANCELLED

Apologies but we have had to cancel this event.

Gentlemen's Informal Lunches

At the request of the attendees, these will continue over the summer - as before they are normally scheduled to be the last Thursday in the month

Club

Yarmouth Harbour

The Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners have revisited their plans to modernise the harbour in response to their public consultation. See the new plans [here](#)

Audio and Projector

Observant Members may have noticed the replacement loudspeakers in the Library and Restaurant. The work is being carried out by the boatmen and a volunteer member and hopefully there will be a noticeable improvement in the sound quality of the public address system when the work has been completed.



The Club's new projector in the Library is away waiting the arrival of a new bulb (apparently there are none in stock in the United Kingdom!) Hopefully it will be back after Easter. In the meantime our old projector has been very successfully pressed into service.

River Room Improvements

The House Committee have approved the installation of suspended lights. A design plan has been accepted and a number of shade coverings discussed. We hope to place an order very soon. It is intended that some of the burgees which formerly adorned the walls above the windows in the River Room will be resited between the River Room and Bar. This will not be done until a solution which will also include some element of acoustic damping can be incorporated. A kind member is investigating this idea.

Training

Adult and Children's RYA Sailing Courses

Please check on the noticeboard at the Club or contact [Kristy Powell](#) for details of the next courses over the Easter Holidays.

If you are looking for something to keep the family happy during the school holidays or want to brush up your skills, the Club is organising a number of RYA courses to suit all levels and ages for 2010.

The courses will include:

Ladies Sailing on Tuesday mornings starting 20th April and finishing 19th October (excluding 10th and 24th August);

Adult Level 1 and Level 2 two day courses;

Children's Stage 1, 2 and 3 one day courses and a five day Dinghy Instructors' course in October.

Go Sail – Set Sail Children's Sailing

Fun filled Sessions in Club Oppies (Go Sail) in the mornings and Club Scows (Set Sail) in the afternoons gives a mix and match day of boats. Please contact our resident Sailing Chief Instructor [Kristy Powell](#) for more information or book courses at the Club. If you would like to discuss any other sailing tuition options including one-to-one lessons please do not hesitate to contact Kristy.

Volunteers

A big thank you to everyone who returned the Volunteer Form and if you haven't had any confirmation, please contact [Kirsty](#) in the office. We are still looking for volunteers so if you haven't filled out a form you can download one from the [Volunteers page](#) - it's never too late and it's a great way to join in.

RNLI



RNLI/RLymYC Quiz Night 15th April 1900

This will be the final Club Quiz Night of the Season and proceeds will be in aid of the RNLI, Quizmaster Vince Sutherland will officiate, so book your table on the noticeboard. [Further details click here](#)

Beaulieu Boat Jumble Sunday 25th April

Come and browse through the Aladin's Cave of charts and that 'must have' shackle that you've just discovered you need on the RNLI stand at Beaulieu.

There's still time for any unloved treasures to be donated via the boatmen at the Club.



Lymington Lifeboat 10Km Run, 9th May

There are more details in Reception for the Station's annual major fund-raising event.

Please contact [Mac Hall](#) if you have any questions or can help.



Club Discounts

Yachtmail is branching out to Hamble with a 'Mega Store' based at Hamble River Boat Yard, opposite Swanwick Marina. Members will receive the same 10% discount at the new Hamble store as they do at Lymington, on production of their Membership card. The 'Mega-Store' is due to open in mid-April.

FOR SALE

Aluminium FOLDING BICYCLE



High quality German make with carrying case.

19 in. wheels, fully folding and adjustable.

Three speed, dynamo lighting, luggage rack, stand, pump and even a bell.

The bike has been used so little that it looks brand new and the tyres still have the as new rubber fins on them.

Worth inspecting as it would stow on board well.

At half new price, only £120.

01590 677105

FOR SALE

Carbon Fibre spinnaker pole with piston ends to suit J = 3.40 metres. Very little use and practically pristine (has been stored undercover when not in use). £399.00.

Two part aluminium Optimist trolley with webbing support (used one season only for tender) £49.00.

Contact: Peter Mills, 07767-213583 (day) or 01590-679161 (evenings).

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 RLYMYC 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

(10% on production of your club card)

- Kew Electrical Unit 730 Ampress Park Lymington
 - Rivaaz (Indian Restaurant) High Street Lymington
 - Henri Lloyd (Yacht Clothing) High Street Lymington
 - Yachtmail (Chandlery and Clothing) Town Quay Lymington
 - Rainbow Copy Ampress Park Lymington
- Elmers Court Hotel Lymington - discounts by negotiation

