



# e-potternews

## SPRING IS HERE.....

Spring is here, boats are being spruced up and there's a busy season ahead for everyone. The Racing programme starts with the Easter Dinghy Regatta and the first Cruising Meet is on 17th April. There's a great offer for the ladies to improve their sailing skills with our Senior Sailing Instructor Kristy.

Come along to the Volunteers morning on 25th April and find out about the opportunities in every area from flower arranging to mark laying.

Club sailors are competing in the RYA Youth National Championships at Largs from 13th to 17th April 2009 and we wish them every success.

Congratulations to Tom Britz who won the UK Selectors for this year's Laser 4.7 World Championship in Brazil. Tom heads up a team of five boys and two girls who will represent GBR in Brazil in July.

The Challenge Cup has received its first entry - from the Parkstone Yacht Club.

Ann Brunskill

## SOCIAL

The excellent winter social programme ended with Quantum of Solace and bangers and mash.

However the House Committee are still working tirelessly on our behalf and they have just have achieved an excellent deal on both price and quality on our house wines from a new supplier, Majestic Wines. By bulk buying before the budget, the prices of house wines will be held to £10.50 until September 2009. This price compares extremely well against other establishments and will be even better after the expected excise duty increase following the budget.

Majestic will offer Members some additional special offers on wines, the details of which will be finalised over the next two weeks.

A similar supplier discussion for beers has resulted in our holding beer prices to current levels, with the exception of small increases of Guinness and Grolsch lager.

## CLUB



**John Thunhurst** has been co-opted as a member of the General Committee. John and Liz joined in 2002. He has sailed since schooldays, mostly family cruising in UK and Channel, but recently started motor-boating. John has been a member of both the Wine and Cruising committees.

### **Unsupervised Sailing**

The Flag Officers are concerned that Members might be unaware that the Club can accept no responsibility for Members' children sailing from the Club when they are not partaking in a Club-organised event.

The General Committee has agreed to an addition to Regulation 11.c. which now reads as follows:

### **Regulation 11. Children**

c) Parents or Guardians must accept sole responsibility for their children within the Club and its environs, including any on the water activity not organised by the Club, and that the Club, its Officers, Members and employees do not and cannot exercise supervision and control over those children.

### **Long Service**

Peter Lowe our Head Chef completed 40 years service on 1st April. When Peter started his training there was a slot machine at the bottom of the stairs! Peter has been a good friend to the Club and his Famous Chef dinners are legendary.

### **New Members**

Welcome to

Patrick & Mary Byrne

Alan & Pauline Parker

Samantha Stone

Rowenna Poeton

Jamie Diamond

Jude Massey

Mhairi Bradley

Libby Duignan

Charles & Vicky Holden

Oliver Cooper

James Parker-Mowbray

Jane Scales

James Venner

Isabelle Fitzsimmons

Marianne Harding

Declan Clamp

Callum Ellis

Annabel Vose

Tony & Nickie Dixon

Glenn Julius

Edward Cummings

Jacob Lewis

Zoe Smith

Ben Wallis

### **Club Scows**

Two Club Scows, Valmai and Praline, are available for use by Club Members. There is a £10 fee to cover maintenance and administration costs, payable at time of booking. For bookings and enquiries, please contact the Office and for more information go to

[www.rlymyc.org.uk/More/club\\_boats.html](http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/More/club_boats.html).

## CRUISING

### **Spring Meet at Cowes - 17th to 19th April**

Meet up at the Folly Inn on Friday evening. After drinks on the pontoon, people arrange their own suppers either on their boats or at the Folly Inn. At around midday on the Saturday move to Shephards Wharf; in the evening dinner is organised at the Max Aitken Museum. Further details on the Club notice board. Tickets are now available at Reception. This is a very popular event so please book early to avoid disappointment.

### **Anchor Meet at Poole – 8th to 10th May**

This is planned over the weekend at Goathorn Point. Early arrivals meet up informally on Friday night. On Saturday the larger boats raft up for an informal supper. Details will shortly be published on the Club notice board and website.

### **Cruising Seminar**

We are planning to hold another cruising seminar one Saturday morning in May. This time the topics will be – *Planning a Cruise to Dartmouth* and *Handy Tips for Navigators*. Once again details will be published very shortly.

### **Long Distance Cruise in June to the West Country**

The intention is to meet up at Dartmouth over the weekend 19th to 21st June rafting up on the Harbour Master's pontoons on Friday evening for drinks. Supper at the Royal Dart Yacht Club on Saturday evening. A trip to Dittisham is planned for Sunday for a pub lunch with possibly a visit to Greenway, Agatha Christie's former house and gardens, which have recently been opened to the public by the National Trust.

## RACING

### **Easter Dinghy Open**

Friday 10th and Saturday 11th April 2009. Racing for all classes. Morning BBQ, Afternoon Tea and Cakes. [www.rlymyc.org.uk/Racing/EasterDinghyOpen.html](http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Racing/EasterDinghyOpen.html) for more information.

### **Easter Monday Team Racing**

Random two boat team racing in the Lymington River. Entry Fee is £10. Great spectator sport.

[www.rlymyc.org.uk/Racing/TeamRacing.shtml](http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Racing/TeamRacing.shtml)

### **Henri Lloyd Spring Series**

Four Sundays – April 19th and 26th, and May 10th and 17th. Breakfast BBQ and late lunch available on return to port.

Classes for IRC, Sportsboats and Lymington Handicap. Also as part of Challenge Cup Club Team Trials. Visit [www.rlymyc.org.uk/springseries](http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/springseries) and [www.rlymyc.org.uk/challengecup](http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/challengecup) for more information.

### **Thursday Keelboats**

Pre race meeting for competitors on Thursday 16th April at 1800 in the Library. All welcome.

First race Thursday April 23rd. For more information. [http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Racing/Thurs\\_racing.html](http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Racing/Thurs_racing.html)

### **Monday Evening Dinghies**

Starts Monday April 20th. Download the entry form from the website, or enter on the night. For more information go to [www.rlymyc.org.uk/racing/mon\\_racing.html](http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/racing/mon_racing.html)

### **Royal Lymington Challenge Cup**

June 25th 26th 27th – Inter Club, 3 boat IRC Team Racing in the Western Solent and Christchurch Bay. [www.rlymyc.org.uk/challengecup](http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/challengecup)

### **Gaffers and Classics Regatta 23rd – 25th May**

Last year the Gaffers and Classics class provided competitive sailing in the Thursday Evening series (not to mention looking very pretty – ed.).

This year they are going to have their own regatta on the second May Bank Holiday weekend. This will also act as a feeder event for the YOGAFF (Yarmouth Old Gaffers Association) event the following weekend.

To enter, a yacht has to be a Classic boat, in the Spirit of a Classic boat or a gaff-rigged yacht.

There will be two races on Saturday and Sunday and a pursuit race based on handicap on Monday starting on the Lymington side of the Solent in the morning and finishing at Yarmouth in the afternoon. There will be a Concourse d' Elegance prize and the yachts will be expected to dress overall whilst in harbour.

To prove the class is not exclusively the preserve of pipe smoking, bearded, Old Salts, they are giving the opportunity to the Club's Junior sailors to experience the thrills and spills of racing as it used to be.

Entertainment will be organised at the Club on the Saturday night with music and a barbecue with the prizegiving for two days after racing at the Club on Sunday. The prizegiving for the Pursuit Race will be at the Royal Solent Yacht Club on Monday 25th May.

Moorings have been arranged at the Town Quay with the Dan Bran pontoon being offered for anyone who wants to keep their boat in Lymington ready for the YOGAFF regatta in Yarmouth the following weekend.

Further information can be obtained from the Sailing Manager at [ben@rlymyc.org.uk](mailto:ben@rlymyc.org.uk).

## XOD'S



Throughout the summer XODs race three times a week from Lymington and the first race is on Thursday 23rd April. Saturday and Wednesday Racing starts on 25th April at 2pm and goes on until end of October. The racing is superb for all from gentle family sailors to Olympic hotshots - reckoned by many to still provide some of the best yacht racing in the area. There will be 15 to 25 boats on the starting line with several new sailors entering the class for 2009. There are Windward/Leeward Trophies when other fleets compete - over 30 on start line - and Long races to Cowes or Christchurch Bay.

XOD Tuning Day is on 10th May when the top helms will help the middle/back of the fleet find more speed. After racing everyone meets in the Club for tea or a drink.

The Division is keen to welcome new members of any age. Dinghy sailors thinking of moving on to a keel boat and still looking for competitive family sailing locally at a reasonable cost should try an XOD. If you are interested in crewing either regularly or for the occasional race, sharing a boat or buying an XOD please contact Fenella Lees (01590 675446), Rory Paton (01590 677855) or <http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/XOD> to find out more.

Photo by Eddie Mays Photography.

### RS ELITE CLASS CHARTERS



The RS Elite 'Freebie', owned by the Club, is available for charter from April 7th. It has already been booked for Cowes Week, but is still available for the Spring Series, starting on 19th April, and for most Thursday evenings.

Charter rates are:

Spring Series	£60 per day
Thursday Evenings	£40 per day
Non-racing days	£40 per day

To make a booking, contact Ben Matthews or Reception at the Club.

### RS Elite Training

The class is organising a training day on April 18th coached by Martin Wadhams, Managing Director of Racing Sailboats.

### LADIES' SAILING MORNINGS

This summer our Senior Instructor Kristy Powell will be running sessions just for the ladies on Tuesday mornings.

If you have some basic proficiency come along for a relaxed and friendly morning on the water. The aim is to boost confidence and build up skill. You can bring your own boat or hire a Club one. Help with rigging will be provided if wanted. Childcare may be possible if there is a demand. Sign up on the notice board in the Club or call Kristy on 07854 086463. Then everyone can meet up for a coffee and a chat.

Also if you are a complete beginner and would like some basic instruction please call Kristy to discuss the possibilities.

### TRAINING

The Club's winter training courses have almost come to an end but there's just time to sign up for the last two RYA First Aid Courses.

These will take place on Monday 27th April and Saturday 2nd May. To gain a new skill or renew your expired certificate, please contact the Office tel: 01590 672677 or email [ben@rlymyc.org.uk](mailto:ben@rlymyc.org.uk) to book your place. The cost is £50 for Members and £70 for non-Members (considerably less than the commercial rate).

### VOLUNTEERS

#### Volunteers Day 11 am Saturday 25th April

We still need volunteers for the season, both on and off the water. Do join us on Saturday 25th April to have your questions answered and find out more about the range of opportunities available. It's a great way of being part of our Club. Call Ben on 01590 672677 or email [ben@rlymyc.org.uk](mailto:ben@rlymyc.org.uk) if you would like to volunteer or have any questions about the day.

On the Race Management side there is a Course Setting Seminar on Saturday 18th April. Please book places on both these through the office.

### RNLI

#### London Marathon 26th April

Club Member Adam Richards is running in the London Marathon for the RNLI and is looking for sponsorship. He is hoping to raise £800 + for the Lifeboats and his webpage for sponsorship is

[www.justgiving.com/adamrichardsmarathon](http://www.justgiving.com/adamrichardsmarathon)

#### Lymington Lifeboat 10Km Run, May 10th, 2009

The 8th Lymington Lifeboat 10K Run will start at 10.00 am on Sunday, 10th May, starting and finishing in Woodside Park playing field. Last year the 623 competitors enjoyed glorious weather and the same has been requested for this year, with the entry limit now raised to 700 runners.

#### Beaulieu Boat Jumble Sunday 26th April Stand G245

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed items for The Beaulieu Boat Jumble on Sunday 26th April 2009. Items can be left with the Club Boatman; or by arrangement with Claude Hamilton on 01590 679771 or 07770 685213 (Mobile).

### AND FINALLY

From our Head Chef, Pete's boozy bread and butter pudding

1 brioche loaf	2oz soft butter
2 cups sultanas	3 tots whisky
5 large eggs	Half pint cream
Half pint milk	2oz caster sugar
Icing sugar for dusting	Half teaspoon vanilla extract

#### Method

Slice the loaf into 1cm slices. Spread with butter. Starting with a layer of sultanas, alternately layer the brioche and sultanas into a pie dish until level with top. Heat the milk cream vanilla and caster sugar in a pan but do not boil. Beat the eggs, add milk and cream mixture, then whisk together. Drizzle whisky over the brioche layers and add cream mixture. Place in a bain-marie and into a moderate oven. Cook until just firm, (30 minutes approx). Remove from oven, dust with icing sugar and place under hot grill until caramelised. Serve warm with vanilla cream or ice cream.