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## Summer Bumper Edition

This month's ePotterNews is a bumper edition, ideal for reading on the beach or by the pool. There are reports on events both at home and away including an epic voyage undertaken by some of the Optimists from Lymington to Weymouth. The Club has responded magnificently to the challenge of organising a large number of events this summer, including two national championships on one weekend. The RS Elite fleet in particular have been unstinting in their praise of the Club's facilities, staff, volunteers and helpfulness.

Don't forget the discounts you can get from a number of local companies, including Henri-Lloyd who are generously sponsoring our Junior Sailors' coaching programme. The list is at the end of the newsletter, as are details of the Club's new range of clothing and regalia.

Ann Brunskill

## Youth and Family Week Monday 23rd to Friday 27th August



We need shallow draft motherships to accompany the Optimist and Scow fleets. Anyone who can help for any day should contact [Edward Harrison](#) as soon as possible. For those of you who have not been involved in the event before it is a week long regatta for young sailors aged between 8 – 18 years and their parents or close family members.

Alternatively if you do not have a boat but would like to get involved with Youth & Family week then any help would be appreciated please contact the [Office](#).

## Members' Art Exhibition 29 – 31 October 2010

All Members of the Club are invited to exhibit works of art in the Art Exhibition on 29th – 31st October. This Exhibition has been running for many years and it is an opportunity for the artistic talents of our amateur artists to be on show for the enjoyment of all Club Members. It is open to all ages. It is neither necessarily a moneymaking venture nor dependant on commercial sales. However, if works are sold, a contribution to the RNLI is made.

There is a great deal of artistic talent in the Club. All too often these talented Members are too modest to display their works. So, if you know of anyone who is artistically inclined, please persuade them to exhibit this year. Inspiration for paintings can come from all manner of sailing and holiday situations, but the Exhibition is by no means restricted to nautical pictures. Works can be of any subject and in any medium (no photographs). We look forward to viewing your paintings, your sculptures, and works of art.

For further details, please contact [Robin Leuchars](#)



## Henri-Lloyd Sponsorship of the Club's Junior Coaching programme

Henri-Lloyd have recently moved their Hamble office to the Shipyard in Lymington (Berthon) and of course many Members will have taken advantage of the discount at the Henri-Lloyd Lymington Store. The Club has had a long association with Henri-Lloyd and for a number of years they very generously supported our Spring Series as the title sponsor.

As keen supporters of youth sailing, Henri-Lloyd have agreed to sponsor the Royal Lymington's Junior Coaching programme. This sponsorship will help the Club to continue to fund this professional coaching for our young hopefuls. To ensure that they are "dressed for success" the best young sailors in each of the junior classes will also have the opportunity to win some fantastic Henri-Lloyd gear.



To encourage the younger age bracket Henri-Lloyd have also arranged for the Lymington H-L store to set up a stand on one of the days in Youth & Family Week. They will have demonstration gear and will be on hand to ask questions about what to wear when sailing. They will also be presenting hats, caps and dry bags at the prize giving afterwards. Lots to look forward to and "thanks" to Henri-Lloyd for their support. Don't forget you can get 10% off at the Lymington H-L Store on presentation of your Membership card. James Dodd last year won a Henri-Lloyd competition and received a day's coaching with Ben Ainslie

## Cruising

### West Country Meet 20th - 22nd August

Details are on the Club notice board and on the [website](#). We have a good turnout and latecomers are welcome, but please book in before 6 August.

### Cruising Forum - Saturday 4th September

A final reminder and request for members interested in taking part in the cruising meets to join us in the Library at 1130 hrs to discuss ideas for next year's cruising programme. The purpose of the forum is to find out the places Members would like to visit/have anchor meets and their favourite destinations. The Cruising Sub Committee needs to be kept informed of places, restaurants and activities known to Members who cruise locally, to the West Country and Cross-Channel, so that we can provide an interesting and well supported programme.

### Autumn Anchor Meet (Bucklers Hard) - 17th - 19th September

The venue and form have been altered somewhat in that the meet will take place at the Bucklers Hard Harbour Master's pontoons, located just upstream from the Yacht Harbour. Details are on the Club [website](#) and the notice board in the Club. There are no formal arrangements for Friday evening, leaving members to make their own informal arrangements for socialising and eating, and then on Saturday evening, weather permitting, there will be drinks and a BBQ on the green just below the Master Builder's Arms. Please put your names on the list in the Club by 10 September.

### Cruising Dinner - February 2011

Two of the potential guest speakers we have approached are unavailable, so we are looking for alternative speakers. I would be grateful for suggestions of suitable people we might approach for this important dinner in the Club's calendar. Please [email](#) or call me on 01926 484295.

*Richard Wood Captain of Cruising*

## Cruising Report

### July Solent Meet - a triumph of ingenuity over adversity



After weeks of sunshine and fair winds, the weather went into a nosedive of rain and near gale force winds, just in time for the start of the meet. By general consensus the start was delayed until Saturday morning, the pontoon party was moved from East Cowes to Gosport Street, Lymington and supper was moved to the Club, where thanks to Mark and Peter everyone had an excellent meal.

The winds had calmed down sufficiently by Saturday morning for an enjoyable cruise to East Cowes Marina in time for lunch. at 1745, picnic hampers and chairs in hand we waited for the coach. At 1805 we found a helpful taxi company which transported people plus baggage to Osborne House in time. Picnics were set up and the wine began to flow, whilst the singers appeared round the side of Osborne House on their way to the stage in front of the picnickers. The performance of all the opera 'favourites' was enjoyed by all and we appreciated that the singers

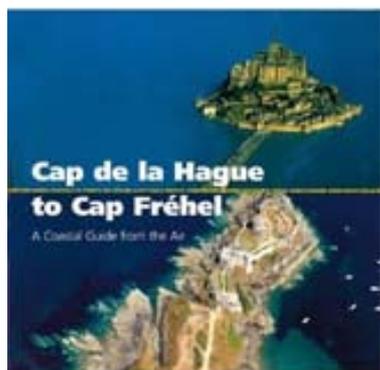
walked and sang amongst the audience on several occasions.

Early Sunday morning saw the departure of most boats back to Lymington. Despite the best endeavours of the weather, English Heritage (who changed the timings and event programme at least three times in as many weeks) and the Wightroller Coach Company (whose coach never turned up), this meet proved most enjoyable.



*Sally Doran (Secretary – Cruising sub-Committee)*

## Chartroom news



Recent additions to the stock of charts include, thanks to the generosity of Members, recent editions of the UKHO Thames Estuary Small Craft folio and half a dozen Dutch inland waterway charts. Pilot book donations include the brand new Normandy Coast from the Air and older but still current Wind Pilots for the Atlantic and Mediterranean. Indices to the above can be found on the [website](#) and in the Chart room itself.

Last week's updating exercise revealed that at least the charts for the Solent, Thames Estuary and passage to the Netherlands have been of use, judging by the fact that they were severally, out of order, in the wrong drawer, put back so the title was hidden or put back folded inside out! PLEASE put the charts back properly (number visible, in number sequence and in correct area drawer), so the next user can find what they want quickly and simply. Refer to the index if unsure. Thank you.

*Peter Lowe, Cruising Sub Committee Member i/c Chart room*

## Racing

Firstly a reminder of a forthcoming event:



The Round the Shingles Race is being hosted by the RLymYC on Saturday 4th September 2010. It is the 6th race in the West Solent Series support by the RLymYC, RSYC and LTSC. There will be a WSS handicap start and a Mystery 35 class. Entry fee is £10 per boat for non-members of the three Clubs. For more information and to download an entry form please go to the web [page](#).

## Superb RS Elite National Championships in Christchurch Bay



Both the Club and the home RS Elite fleet can feel proud of the incredible RS Elite National Championships they organised in July. As Mark Brien, one of the charismatic Irish visitors, put it "The only other championship that I can think of that was up there with this one was a one hundred and twenty boat Squib Nationals in Ireland in 1992, when everything just clicked – and I've been to a lot of regattas in a lot of places since then!" The Elite fleet would like to sincerely thank all the Club staff and volunteers who made it work so beautifully.

Thirty three Elites, a record fleet for this young class, enjoyed spectacular racing in Christchurch Bay, perfectly run by Roger Wilson and his RLymYC team. A range of conditions and incredibly close competition made for a memorable regatta. The icing on the cake was the comprehensive social programme with major events and virtually all teams present

every night. If you happened to eavesdrop any of them, you will quickly have realised that the camaraderie in the Elite class is a key element in its great character and appeal.

On top of the general success of the event, we can also celebrate a worthy home win, with Crauford McKeon, Andrew Cape and Rupert Harding in Kandoo 3 lifting the trophy after a brilliant display of championship preparation and racing. Martin and Amanda Wadhams and Charlie Merchant in RSsailing.com clinched the third place podium position for our Club on the final beat of the last race. 2nd to 5th places overall were all decided on this heart-stopping last race, with just one point separating 2nd to 4th.

Since our last report two more Elites have been purchased and joined our RLymYC fleet, bringing the total number into double figures. Following the clearly exceptional enjoyment of this Class at the nationals several more sailors have come forward. You too could have a taste of this every week at your own Club! If you would like to find out more please contact Fleet Captain Peter Lister or Martin Wadhams from RS via the RS ELite page on the Club [website](#).

RS Elite National Championships – Overall results: 1st Kandoo 3, Crauford McKeon, RLymYC, (17 pts); 2nd Active 3g, Paul Jenkins, Weir Wood Sailing Club (29 pts); 3rd RS Sailing.com, Martin Wadhams, RLymYC (29 pts); 4th Aeolus 33, Jonathan Brown, Royal Burnham YC (30 pts).



The Club has a long tradition of Members offering accommodation to visiting sailors for events. This year Members generously extended hospitality to the Varsity Match and the RS Elite Nationals in particular. The Irish Fleet all stayed with RS Elite sailor, Steve Powell and his family for the event. Great fun and a lot of partying was had by all!

## Folkboat National Championships

This year's Folkboat Nordic Nationals, sponsored by Sanders Sails and hosted by the Club, attracted the biggest fleet for several years. With 19 boats entered the expectations for the weekend were high and so it was a shame that on Friday afternoon there was never enough breeze to lay a course. The upside was that with racing abandoned everyone was back at the club in good time for the championship dinner.

Friday's disappointments were soon forgotten when the boats arrived at the start area on Saturday to find a good F3 – 4 south westerly breeze that slowly increased to over 20 knots during the last race. P.R.O. Jane Pitt-Pitts and her team managed to complete three races with the only blemish the overeagerness of the fleet to start Race 3 when the fleet arrived at the startline en bloc 10 seconds too soon. Defending champions Stuart & Caroline and Matthew Jones on board 'Crackerjack' made a very good start winning the first & third races. The middle race was won by 'Boomerang', helmed by Rory Heron, who had long-time friends Chester Maudslay and Olympic medallist Nick Rogers crewing.

With the first day's racing completed the teams for Team Trophy were selected. First presented in 2009 the Team Trophy pairs the top & the bottom of the rankings at the end of the first day's racing together for the rest of the championship with all the races to count and the winning team the one with the lowest aggregate score at the end of racing. Sunday morning saw very similar conditions to Saturday and the fleet managed to complete another three races, which allowed everyone to discard their worst result. Racing in the area just inside the Hurst Narrows the competition was as fierce as ever in this one design class with boats finishing overlapped in every race. Ado Jardine helming Jeremy Austin's 'Tak' won the first race but could not maintain the pressure and it was left to 'Boomerang' and Chris Hills' 'Padfoot' to try and take the title from 'Crackerjack'. However the champions recovered from a 6th place in the day's first race to win the next two in convincing style and with it retain their title. They also combined with 'Good Shepherd' to win the Team Trophy. A gallery of images are at [www.eddiemays.com](http://www.eddiemays.com).



The next major event for the Folkboat Association is Folkboat Week, which will be hosted by the Royal Solent Y.C. at Yarmouth from 16th to 21st August, and looking further ahead 2011 will be the 50th anniversary year of the British Folkboat Association.

Overall Results: 1st, Crackerjack, Stuart & Caroline Watson and Matthew Jones, 2nd, Boomerang, Rory Heron, Nick Rogers and Chester

Maudslay, 3rd, Tak, Jeremy Austin, Ado Jardine & Bill Dunsdon

Team Trophy: 1st Crackerjack and Good Shepherd, Keith Whitelaw, Terry Hewson and David Goodman; 2nd Madelaine, Edward Donald, Rob Reed Simon Osgood and Tagomago, James Harrison & J Hatteea; 3rd Yukon, Rick Otten and Peter Draycott, and Tattarat, Roger Granger, R Crawford and Ann Hinton.

*Photo and report by Eddie Mays*

## Women's Open Keelboat Championship, Royal Southern Yacht Club

The third Women's Championship was held on 24th/25th July 2010. Clare Caren entered her Beneteau 31.7 again with a team of mums who have been brought together by kids sailing. The kids are now 23-25 years old so we are free to enjoy our own racing. Two of last year's team were replaced by Debbie Phillips, my daughter (Bethan) and her friend Rachel Morris from university days. Other members of the team were Catherine Dobson and local girls Jane Cordon and Jennifer Muskett. After some thought, the race officer, Peter Bateson decided to put Gemstone in Class 1. We felt like a little shrimp and wanted to play in Class 2 with the SB3s and J92s. Our competition came from a Beneteau 38.5 who stayed with us on most of the races so we beat her on handicap but made no impression on the rest.



A highlight of the event was the Saturday evening Frocks and Flip Flops BBQ. It's a lively affair with a raffle for Breast Cancer Care. Last year we were only able to manage a large bottle of mineral water before bed but this year we worked up to a jug of Pimm's. It's quite tiring!

Saturday was much more overcast and no sign of a breeze. After a delay, a fourth race was started in light and shifty breeze; 2-3 kts and unlikely to finish as the faster boats drifted away from us. However, the breeze picked up and we finished within the time limit but well stuffed by all others.

All three classes were started at the same time for the final two races which really made it interesting as the wind picked up to 11-13 kts. Ladylike behaviour goes out of the window on a start line and there was a fair amount of shouting. Against the smaller boats we had much better competition and managed to beat several of them on the water, also beating them on handicap, but again, we struggled against the boats in our class. Some fancy statistics found an overall winner (Espada) and we were 14th out of 16.

The event is superbly run and is a great opportunity for women sailors and I would thoroughly recommend it for any women in the future. Go on! Get a boat and have a go!

*Clare Carden Gemstone GBR 7729T*

## Lymington Scows



Saturday saw a memorable day in the Scow Division's Calendar. The Figure of Eight race was held with a mean wind speed in excess of 23 knots, gusts of 28 knots and wind against tide, conditions certainly at a Scow's limits. The course was straight forward. A beat up into Oxey, round the top for a run down the outside then back in to run down into Pylewell before out into the Solent for the final beat back up to the river entrance to finish at the Oxey entrance start line.

The Race Officers, Vince Sutherland and John Evans, ably assisted by Jane Pitt-Pitts, who had wisely decided against taking her scow out, had already enforced the 'all scows will reef' rule, but even so of the 17 entrants only 9 members of the division had launched their boats.

It is a worthy fact that so many members of the division know their limitations and Jane Wilford, crewed by her daughter Helena Impett decided that discretion was the better part of valour once out of the shelter of the wave barrier; as did Carol Edge, crewed by her grandson Angus Woodman. That left seven boats to have a thrilling beat up into Oxey after the start, followed by a hair raising run down the outside. Back in the river, Carolyn and David Howden called it a day with the thought of the increasing seas for the beat back from Pylewell. Indeed those increasing seas were to put an end to Jane and Peter Burchell's and Jane and Jonathan Cook's races with both boats being swamped. Brilliant safety boat work saw them both towed safely in. And so it was that five scows survived the conditions to make it to the finish. First home was young Alexandra Paton, this time helmed by Peter Barton as dad, Rory, was having an equally testing

time in his XOD. Second was Sarah Fraser, crewed by her nephew Archie Woodman. Third, Chris Knox, crewed by Anne Blacoe. Dubbie Robinson with Amanda Otway as crew were next followed by the only single hander Andrew Pearson, bitterly complaining that he did not have a bucket large enough to get the water out of his boat! All their wonderful efforts were rewarded by a fabulous tea laid on by Gillie Pearson, Anne Evans and their helpers.

Truly a day to remember and a reminder that the Scow fleet offers the most wonderful sailing for people of all ages, ranging from young Alexandra to grandmothers!

*Sebastian Chamberlain, Captain of Scows*

## XOD Fleet

I write this as the XODs prepare for Cowes Week - 88 Xs entered 88 which makes it double the size of any other class with 21 boats from Lymington. The Captain's Cup will be hotly contended with several world class sailors competing.

July has seen excellent XOD racing with some windier days after the very quiet start to the season, but we have still only had to cancel one race the entire season. There have been a couple of races when Hurst has recorded just under 30 knots. The crews had a very wet ride but some exciting spinnaker runs when they caught the right wave and surf past the next boat.

There has also been some close racing which can be seen in this photo taken from the starting box of the finish.



Wednesday Points overall to date: 1st Lucrezia, Ado Jardine; 2nd Lone Star, Stuart Jardine, 3rd Diana, Eric Williams and Rory Paton; 4th Xray, , Robin Balme; 5th Beatrix, William Norris and Bill Dundson; 6th Mayday, David da Cunha.

Saturday Points overall to date: 1st Lone Star, Stuart Jardine; 2nd Lucrezia, Ado Jardine; 3rd Diana, Eric Williams and Rory Paton; 4th Xray, Robin Balme; 5th Beatrix, William Norris and Bill Dunsdon; 6th Persephone, Richard Field

Stop Press: Lymington XODs just had a clear victory in the inter- divisional Team Racing on 30th July at Cowes with four wins out of four races

*Fenella Lees*

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## Junior Sailing

### Cadets

Royal Lymington YC Cadet Blue String Pudding helmed by Andrew Smith did a sterling job coming 2nd in the Cadet Promotional Championships in Puck, Poland in July. Andrew and his crew Jack Collings finished on 23 points, the same as the 1st placed boat sailed by Emil Sawicki from Poland but was placed 2nd on countback. Conditions were variable with Team GBR arriving in torrential rain and the final day of racing abandoned due to lack of wind. Andrew won four of the eleven races and exchanged first place with Emil throughout the week. Fellow Club sailors Max Crowe crewing for Jack Wilson from Frensham SC finished in 23rd place and Jacquetta Bridge and Josh Glasbey finishing in 57th place. Andrew is now in a great position to storm the forthcoming National Championships in Torquay later in August.

### Optimists

It has been another busy month for the Oppies, beginning with an eventful weekend at the Warsash Oppie Open. Gusts of 28 knots gave the fleet some great sport and for many the aim became just to survive until racing was abandoned.

Our next date was the Haybale Olympics where Lymington Oppie sailors dominated the medal table, including Frey Hopkinson becoming the Ram Riding World and Olympic Champion.

Early the following morning eight Lymington Oppies, along with two from the Societe Regattes du Havre, started on the Club line for a rather longer race than normal; their destination being Weymouth, for the Optimist National Championships. It took them 5 days, 1000 tacks, 3 capsizes, 70 NM, 14



mackerel, 5 large crabs, (0 lobsters), 1 dolphin on the bow, 16 races and a new World record before the 10 battle hardened Oppies surfed across Weymouth Bay and into the Sailing Academy.

44 sailors from the Lymington Optimist flotilla took part in the Championships, and all were able to enjoy unbelievably good sailing conditions for the entire week – plus terrific racing, plenty of great results and lots and lots of fun. In the Seniors Josh Atherton took 3rd place in the Silver Fleet. 12 of our sailors made the cut for the Gold Fleet in the Juniors,

with Jenny Cropley (16th) the first UK girl, and Sophie Heritage(28th) the second. Vita Heathcote won the National U10 Trophy and Ella Bennett 1st UK in Silver Fleet.

## RNLI Lymington Guild

LIFEBOAT OPEN GARDENS Saturday, 28th August 2pm.- 5pm

Admission £6.50 to include home made teas. Plant Stall – Raffle. Parking in school field, as signposted.

By kind permission of Mr and Mrs M Walker, Willows, Pilley Hill, Lymington SO41 5QF and Mr and Dr S Glen, Pilley Cottage, Lymington, SO41 5QF.

# Lymited Editions

On Sale Now - here are just two of the offerings - there are many more!



### Ladies Softshell Jacket ref R122F

Three layer waterproof jacket in soft high stretch fabric. Comfortable active cut with shaped panels for fitted styling. Three zip off interchangeable collars.

Outer: 93% Polyester, 7% Elastane

Mid Layer: TPU Waterproof, breathable, windproof membrane Inner: Microfleece

Sizes: XS S M L XL XXL

£47

Colours - available in • Black • Navy • Sky Blue • Red  
To see the colour ways go to [www.rlymyc.org.uk/llymited](http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/llymited) and put the ref number into the search box.



### Mens Softshell Jacket ref R122A

Soft high stretch fabric in comfortable active fit with shaped longer back panel. Adjustable shock cord hem.

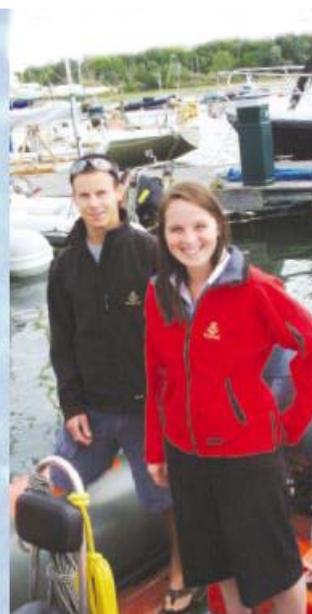
Outer: 93% Polyester, 7% Elastane.

Mid Layer: TPU Waterproof, breathable, windproof membrane. Inner: Microfleece

Sizes: S M L XL XXL 3XL

£49

Colours - available in • Black • Grey • Navy  
To see the colour ways go to [www.rlymyc.org.uk/llymited](http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/llymited) and put the ref number into the search box.



The full range of clothing can be seen at the Club, just ask at Reception or visit the [website](#) for the complete brochure, many more pictures and how to order!

## Club Discounts:

### Your Club membership card gets you more than just 12.5% off in the Club house... it works on the high street too!

The Club has negotiated several benefits for Members over the years and there is a list at the foot of this newsletter which includes two new entries.

We are very pleased to announce that Members can now get 15%\* off at Crew Clothing and we also welcome Brasserie Gérard to the list, with their "entente-cordiale" which will get you 15% off your final bill when you dine at their high street Brasserie.

So if you fancy a taste of France or a timeless take on the nautical trend from a high quality clothing supplier, remember to take your membership card with you when you hit the town!

*\* Offer only applies to full priced items and can not be used in conjunction with any other offer.*

#### Wanted by experienced male non smoker

Share/crewing position on motor boat/motor sailer (about 24ft long) which is based in Lymington. Advertiser knows the Solent and adjacent waters well and is willing to share expenses.

Contact [John Buchanan](#)

#### 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.

#### Club Discounts

(15% on production of your Club Card)

- Brasserie Gerard (French Restaurant) High Street
- Crew Clothing (full priced items only)

(10% on production of your Club Card)

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

(Discounts by negotiation)

- Elmers Court Hotel Lymington