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Happy New Year

Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone who has emailed or spoken to me about ePotterNews 1. It's much appreciated - feedback means that you have seen and read it. Please keep the comments coming to help us improve.

This month we've got news of awards for our sailors and lots of activities for the dark winter months ahead.

Also reports on three sailing events over the Christmas holidays that demonstrate what a vibrant and talented Club we have. The Peter Andrae Trophy and Penguin Trophy brought together a group of very competitive sailors of all ages in a local traditional boat. Those watching saw as exciting sailing as can be seen anywhere and all from the comfort of the Clubhouse.

Ann Brunskill

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS FOR OUR OLYMPIANS

Congratulations to Pippa Wilson and Ben Ainslie on their appointments in the New Year's Honours List. This is Ben's third honour. Appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire in the 2001 New Year Honours after his success in Sydney, he was promoted to an Officer of the Order in 2005 following the Athens Games. This summer Ben became Britain's most successful Olympic sailor ever, adding a third gold to his collection. He has now been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire for services to sport.

At only 22, Pippa Wilson won her first Olympic gold medal in the Yngling Class in Beijing this summer. For her services to sport she has been made a Member of the Order of the British Empire

SOCIAL

December was a very busy month for everyone. The House Committee members did an excellent job in making the Club festive. Mark, Peter, John and their teams are to be congratulated on the superb functions they have put on almost continuously over the holiday period.



Many Members, young and old enjoyed, carol singing in the bar before Christmas, again led by the St Nicholas Singers. Santa Clause joined in, coming up the river courtesy of the Club Committee Boat *We're Here*. £138 was raised for one of the Club's charities, Lyngby Sailability.

2009 Christmas Card Competition

The closing date for this is 30th April so start looking out your best photos. Entries should be handed in to the Office, either digital format (jpeg preferred) or hard copy (maximum size A5) accompanied by your name and telephone number. As well as being the Club's Christmas card for 2009, there will be a prize for the winner.

January's Social Events

Coffee morning - January 7th (and every first Wednesday in the month). Come and enjoy a coffee and one of our Head Chef's resolution breakers – you can always walk it off round the marshes

Bridge Suppers - January 12th and 26th

Sign up on the board in the Entrance Hall

Quiz Supper on January 8th

Sign up on the board in the Entrance Hall . *Please note the date of 15th January in the Winter Programme is incorrect.*

The Famous Chef's Dinner - January 17th

This is now becoming legendary and not to be missed. Tickets £24 from Reception, numbers restricted to 50. This month's Chef is Raymont Blanc

Burns' Night Supper - January 24th

Traditional fare and the opportunity to toast Great chieftain o the puddin'-race. Details out soon.

Dates for your diary for February and March

RNLI Bridge Drive and Ploughman's Lunch – Monday 2nd February 1200 pm – 4.30 pm £32.00 per table – for bookings contact Sandra Allpress 01590 643268

Tommy Cooper Evening – Saturday 7th February

Tickets £20 per head from Reception

Cruising Dinner – Saturday 21st February

Details out soon

Fitting Out Supper - Saturday 14th March

CLUB



2009 Club Sailing Programme

The 2009 Club Sailing Programme is now available for collection from the Office. This useful book contains everything from the calendar of events for cruising and racing as well as the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the Club Keelboat events and details of Navigational Buoys and Racing Marks in the Western Solent.

Dinghy Park – Winter Storage

Now is the time to renew your form for your space in the Club dinghy park. Please either renew your application immediately or remove your dinghy. There is a boat on a trailer with the registration no. G 327 YLD. If you are the owner, or know who owns the boat and trailer can you please contact the office.

We are now taking new applications so if you haven't got a space and would like one please email jon@rlymyc.org.uk.

CRUISING

Log Competition

Now that Christmas is over, why not reminisce over last year's cruising and think about this year's by entering the Club Cruising Log Competition. To get inspiration look through the logs from previous years. A list of these is on the Club's website at

http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Cruising/cruising_logs.html

So far only two entries have been submitted and there are six trophies to be won. Please can we urgently have your contributions and in particular we are looking to award the Junior Brownlow Cup for the first time for many years - so those under fifteen get out your pencils before next term looms.

Full details of the trophies and the requirements for submissions can be found at

http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Cruising/log_competition.html

David Houlton also needs nominations for the Seamanship Trophy. No log needs be submitted for this award which recognises an outstanding feat of seamanship or navigation by a Club Member. Nominations should be sent to David Houlton at coldavidhoulton@hotmail.com or call on 01590610762.

All logs should be handed in to Reception at the Club by 31st January 2009, so that the judges have plenty of time to assess them.

Cruising Seminar – Saturday 14th February 10.30 am

The format will be having a lead speaker with particular expertise in an area to talk briefly and then to throw the topic open for general discussion. The aim is to share experiences and to learn from others. This will last for about one and a half hours.

If you would like to attend, or lead on a particular topic, please let me know as soon as possible by email to coldavidhoulton@hotmail.com. If this one is a success then we will run others during the course of the winter.

Safety Day - Saturday 4 April between 10.00 and 12.30

The aim is to remind members of safety equipment and procedures. We will try and make it as practical as possible. Both the RNLi and HM Coastguard will be involved as well as suppliers of safety equipment. If there are particular areas you would like covered please let me know by email coldavidhoulton@hotmail.com

RACING

Below are details of some of the racing events planned for 2009. As well as the usual Club programme, there are several other events for both keelboats and dinghies ranging from small Open Meetings to National Championships. We hope that these will inspire Members to try new classes as well as attracting some new Members to the Club.

Dinghy Open Regattas - 10th and 11th April, 25th and 26th July and 12th and 13th September

There will be three Dinghy Open regattas; at Easter, mid and late summer. These will be integrated with the regular dinghy racing which the Club runs and open the events to boats from other classes to join in our racing.

The Royal Lymington Challenge Cup IRC Club Team Championship - 25th to 27th June

Our flagship event for 2009, open to all clubs, this is a three boat team challenge for keelboats. The racing will be in the Western Solent and Christchurch Bay, with the King's Cup presented to the overall winner.

Health4Health Regatta - 3rd and 4th July

A nationally advertised event for teams nominating their own health based charities, this event encompasses four key sports - sailing, cycling, swimming and running. The Royal Lymington Yacht Club will be running the sailing event and hosting several of the social functions.

X-Yachts Solent Cup - 16th to 18th July

An annual racing event, this year organised by the Royal Lymington Yacht Club for X-Yachts GB. Competitors from all over the country converge on the Solent to participate in 3 days of high standard racing and associated social functions.

Melges 24 UK Open Championship - 10th to 13th September

The National Championships for the Melges 24 Sportsboat. More details to follow.

Laser SB3 Solent Series 4 - 26th ad 27th September

Continuing the sportsboat theme, this is a Grand Prix style event run over 3 days and the final event in the SB3 Solent Series, so the competition will be fierce.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are going to be very important for our 2009 racing programme and there will be many opportunities both on and off the water. For further details please contact Ben Matthews, Sailing Manager.

The 2009 Volunteering forms will be available soon.

To get you into the swing of things there are lots of training events, both on and off the water, between now and the beginning of the season. Details below and on the website at <http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Training/>

TRAINING

Race Management Training dates for your diary. Contact Ben Matthews Sailing Manager, to put your name for the date(s) you wish to attend, or call Jane Clegg, volunteer co-ordinator for these events, on 01590 679929

Saturday 31 January

One day Club Race Officer Course Tony Blachford

Thursday 19 February at 6.00 pm

Competitor friendly VHF Fiona Wylie

Fiona is 'Ocean One', the voice of the Royal Ocean Racing Club at Admiral's Cup and the Commodore's Cup. Her voice is recognised over the VHF by competitors from all over the world. She is a past Rear Commodore of the RORC and has competed in many offshore races, including numerous Fastnet Races (in the terrible 1979 race she was in the crew of the Class 5 winner).

Saturday 18 April

Course setting for Race Officers Tony Blachford

RYA Courses

Why is Vince Sutherland sitting in one of the Club's dinghies on a lee shore on a December afternoon?



Answer: so the students on the recent RYA Safety Boat Course could rescue him. (And we did, some of us better than others – Ed.)

Two RYA Powerboat Level 2 courses and one RYA Safety Boat course have already been run this winter.

RYA Powerboat Level 2

The next course is on 24th and 25th January. For more details on vacancies on this course, or dates for later ones contact Marietta Pinto at marietta@healinghouse.com or 07786 483169.

RYA Advanced Powerboat Course

Members interested in this course should contact Marietta Pinto (details above) for more information.

RYA Day Skipper Shorebased Course from 11th January

Rod Shawcross is running this course over a period of 10 weeks each Sunday 0900 to 1300 with a short break part way through, starting on 11th January 2009 and finishing on the 15th March 2009. The course is part of the RYA Cruising Scheme. It comprises of the theory syllabus for the Day Skipper Certificate of Competence.

Anyone interested please telephone or e-mail the club sail@rlymyc.org.uk. This course is also open to non-members.

CHRISTMAS RACING RESULTS

Peter Andrae Trophy 27th December

Twenty four Junior Sailors entered this year's event, racing in the Club's Lymington River Scows. A bright but cold day with a fresh east north easterly wind made for good close racing. As usual the racing was divided into three sections - Junior, Intermediate and Senior, with two races held for each group with the leaders from each group moving forward into the finals.



Once again many thanks to all those who help make this yet another success. Thanks go particularly to Mary Ann Jardine, Jane Clegg, Jennifer Muskett and Annie Littlejohn in the Office, Robin Markes, Phil Lawrence, Chris Baldwick, Ado Jardine, Robert Weguelin and Rupert Stock on the Pontoon or in RIB's.

The final results were:- 1st Oren Richards; 2nd Sophie Weguelin; 3rd Hannah Muskett; 4th Karen Thomas; 5th Liam Garrison; 6th Ailsa Muskett; 7th Sarah Jarman; 8th Olivia Burt.

Penguin Trophy 29th December

Two days later grey skies and near zero temperatures did not deter 34 keen sailors who arrived bright and early, many of the Peter Andrae Trophy contestants were out again. This time they were joined by some older, but not necessarily bolder, sailors all eager to compete for the coveted Penguin Trophy.

This event is notable for bringing out good-natured family rivalry, with parents and their young competing together. Greatly welcomed were the 'senior' young - home from university for Christmas and teaming up with old friends for the day.



Racing double-handed 3 groups they showed sharp sailing skills on short tight courses set by Race Officer Chris Baldwick, who was ably supported by a team of volunteer helpers on the water and on the pontoon start and finish line. Back in the Club the onshore team provided reviving food and hot drinks to fight the chill.

From the groups, 8 pairs won through to the finals. In a close battle for the top prizes, the Paton family emerged victorious, with Rory Paton and daughter Alexandra (7) carrying off the trophy, beating Robbie Claridge and



Hannah Snellgrove by just one point. Ben Paton, who was sailing with Sophie Weguelin, shared 3rd place with Charlotte Lawrence and Robyn Stock.

Club Commodore Geoff Holmes was on hand to present the prizes and trophy, to Rory Paton and daughter Alexandra to complete the

second of the Club's happy post-Christmas sailing events.

Profits from this year's event are being donated to the RNLI.

The final results were:- 1st Rory and Alexandra Paton; 2nd Robbie Claridge and Hannah Snellgrove; equal 3rd Charlotte Lawrence and Robyn Stock with Ben Paton and Sophie Weguelin; 5th Tom Britz and Rob Thompson; 6th Jonny and Mel Clegg; 7th Adam and Morris Richards; 8th Sean and Ailsa Muskett.

OPTIMIST CHRISTMAS FUN

The Sunday before Christmas twelve Optimist sailors assembled for a 'last of the year' fun sail.

All the children made a gallant effort in decorating themselves and their boats, one (Ross) even had a Christmas tree on board (not sure which rule that infringes!).



Much fun was had and prizes were awarded afterwards during a welcome high tea, with the best decorated boat award going to Sara Jarman and the loudest and longest singing to Hannah Muskett.

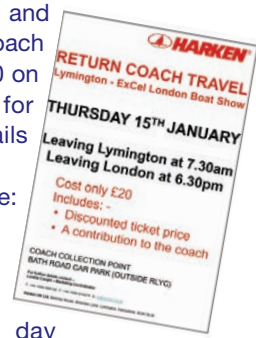
This was a good end to a most eventful year for the Royal Lyngton Optimist class.

LONDON BOAT SHOW 2009

There are two excellent offers available to members, one for travel and tickets and the other for discounted tickets.

Travel and tickets Thursday 15 January

Harken are organising a coach trip and show tickets at £20 a head. The coach leaves from outside the Club at 0730 on the 15th and leaves the show for Lyngton at 1830 Further details contact Loretta Cuoghi at Harken t: 01590 689122 f: 01590 610274 e: lo@harken.co.uk



Discounted tickets

Tickets are £8.50 (plus a £1.25 transaction fee), are valid any day including Preview Day and can be purchased right up until the last day of the show. Youngsters under 15 go free (up to two per accompanying adult) provided tickets for them are requested when ordering adult tickets.

Telephone bookings: 0844 209 0333
 Website bookings: londonboatshow.com
 Royal Lyngton Yacht Club reference code: JGL3

When ordering you will be asked to choose a date, requesting them for the Preview day will produce tickets that are valid for any day of the show. As it could take up to 7 days for them to arrive by post, tickets purchased shortly before or during the show can be collected on arrival from the advance ticket office at the main entrance. The most expedient option, for those ordering tickets over the Internet, is to use the website's 'Print at Home' facility.

DISCOUNTS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

The first five give 10% discount on presentation of a Club card. Elmers Court discount is by arrangement.

- Kew Electrical Unit 730 Ampress Park Lyngton
- Rivaaz (Indian Restaurant) Lyngton High Street
- Henry Lloyd (Yacht Clothing) Lyngton High Street
 - Yachtmail (Chandlery) Town Quay Lyngton
 - Rainbow Copy Ampress Park Lyngton
 - Elmers Court Lyngton

Three ways to help your club

An introduction from you is all that is needed, the Club will do the rest. The leaflets are available from or can be sent out by the office

membership - join a friend

Current membership is 2800 people - the target is 3000. There's no waiting list. So join a friend, they can become a provisional member immediately.



advertising & sponsorship

Do you know an organisation which would benefit from being associated with the Club by sponsorship or by advertising in club publications. If so let the office know



club facilities promotion

We offer • regatta management • corporate event hosting • business dining • conference and meeting facilities. The office will take the bookings.

