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Lots of racing successes this month, and news of sponsorship of Thursday Nights. The Cruising fleet are also busy with a number of great meets. We're trying to increase the Club's media coverage and Members will have seen the increase in articles in the Lyminster Times. If there are any Members who would like to join a small team of Club and 'Cub' reporters covering all aspects of the Club's activities, please contact me via the link above for further details.

Ann Brunskill

## Racing

### Round the Island Race, Shetland Round Britain & Ireland 2 handed Race, IRC National Championships and many more

Congratulations to everyone and special mentions to Brian Appleyard for winning the Gold Roman Bowl for the 1st overall IRC boat in the Round the Island; in the Shetland Round Britain & Ireland 2 handed Race Chris Rustom and Stephen Harwood were 1st in IRC Class 1 and 7th IRC overall, Roger Barder was 1st in IRC Class 2 and 4th IRC overall. Chris and Hannah Neve won Class 2 in the IRC National Championship.

For full details go to the [Racing page](#).



#### Varsity Team-Racing Match

The Club hosted the Varsity Team-Racing Match on the last weekend in June, Cambridge won the open event and Oxford the Ladies event. Most of the competitors were taken out racing in the Thursday Evening Keelboat series and were impressed both by the number of boats out racing and the number of sailors in the bar and River Room afterwards. They were also very appreciative of the Club's hospitality with boats and accommodation for the weekend.

Details of the Monday and Thursday Night Racing Results are also on the [Racing page](#).

The early series have finished and the late series is well under way.

### Solent House Dental Centre sponsoring Thursday Evening Keelboat Racing



The local dental practice will be the sole sponsor of this year's Thursday evening Keelboat Racing. Up to 80 boats regularly compete in the Thursday evening racing series. Dr Donald Mackenzie of Solent House Dental Centre said that the sponsorship is in line with the practice's commitment to working in partnership with local community organisations and events. They were particularly keen to support the Club and, through it, the sailing community which is so important to the town.

Kevin Podger said that the contribution from Solent House Dental Centre has brought a tremendous boost to the Club, enabling us to provide improved facilities and better organisation for our members on Thursday nights.

## Club

## Annual subscriptions - Quarterly Direct Debit

From 1st October, in common with all new membership applications, the opportunity will exist for Members to pay their annual subscriptions by Quarterly Direct Debit. The Secretary will be writing to Members in early September with more details but this early announcement may give Members a little more time to consider and organise their bank, should they wish to avail themselves of the facility.

## Karen Blachford

Congratulations to our Membership secretary Karen, who married David Blachford on Wednesday 9th June at Ringwood Town Hall with close family attending. We wish them the very best in their future together.

*John Mills, Vice Commodore*



## Our new venture "Lymited Editions" is nearly ready.

There is a little more work to do in taking photographs and preparing an online catalogue of what will be available, but do keep an eye on the website and the Club Noticeboard for news of the launch. We will also let you know of developments via the Club email system.

## Cruising

### West Country Meet 20th to 22nd August 2010

The berthing options are Queen Anne's Battery (QAB), adjacent to the Royal Western Yacht Club, or, particularly for those who can take advantage of the Yacht Haven reciprocal arrangements, Mount Batten Marina (MBM). A water taxi is available from Mount Batten Marina to Mayflower Steps, then it is a short walk to the Royal Western/Queen Anne's Battery (It is a long way round by road!).

Berthing charges are £3.25 per metre per night at QAB, with the prospect of a 5-10% discount and £3.15 per metre per night at MBM, or £2.52 for any more than 4 paying visitors. Booking at either marina is not essential, but is advised. A provisional booking has been made at both marinas, to be firmed up when numbers are known.



There will be informal drinks on the pontoon (venue to be determined depending on the location of boats) from 1800hrs to 1900hrs on Friday evening (20th). Afterwards members are free to arrange dinner ashore or dine on board with friends. We will all meet up again on Saturday evening for dinner at the Royal Western YC of England. The evening will commence at 1900hrs with a welcoming drink followed by dinner at 1945hrs, giving you all time to enjoy your drink and order your wine.

### The menu will be:-

- Welcoming drink
- Chilled Summer Soup
- Beef and Lamb carvery, served with potatoes and seasonal vegetables
- Homemade Apple Crumble with Clotted Cream
- Coffee and chocolates

If anyone requires a vegetarian menu, please contact Richard Wood before 6th August. The cost per head for Friday evening and for the dinner will be £24. This will be deducted from your account with the Club unless you specify otherwise.

Please register by 30th July, but an early indication of total boat and crew numbers, and berthing preference/intentions would be helpful. Please put your name on the list on Club main notice board as soon as possible and/or email me, [Richard Wood](#) if you wish to attend. A mobile number would also be helpful.

For more details of the cruising programme, go to the [web page](#).

*Richard Wood, Captain of Cruising*

## Cruising Forum

On the 4th September, the Cruising sub-committee will be holding a Forum in the Library, to which all Members interested in cruising are

invited. The purpose of the forum is to find out the places Members would like to visit/have anchor meets and their favourite cruising 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 the committee can provide an interesting and well supported programme.

So, please come along on the 4th September at 11.30am for coffee and biscuits and tell us all!



## June Meet to St Peter Port

The Meet took place in St Peter Port, Guernsey, between 11th and 13th June.

Unfortunately the weather took its toll on the already relatively small number of boats who had hoped to attend the meet. Of the eight boats expected only six made it to St Peter Port. The "missing" boats had intended to overnight in Alderney en route but strong north easterlies dictated otherwise. However the weather in Guernsey was good and on the Friday evening the crews of the six boats enjoyed drinks together on the Sandpiper/Lutetia raft and on the Saturday evening we were very well looked after by the Guernsey Yacht Club.

On the positive side, Lutetia, Galene and Sandpiper had made up a mini "cruise in company", meeting up in Cherbourg en route to Guernsey where we enjoyed an excellent evening at "La Regence". After leaving St Peter Port the same three boats sailed to Carteret and spent a very pleasant few days there before returning to St Peter Port for a couple of days together before going their separate ways.

*Ken Claydon*

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## Social

A big thank you to those who took the trouble to fill in the House questionnaire about Formal Dinners announced in ePotterNews last month. The number of people responding was a little disappointing, but the results were interesting. There is still time to participate online by clicking the link [here](#), or filling in a paper form available at reception.

We will be analysing the results at the House Committee meeting in September, although one thing is abundantly clear, and not surprising, the quality of speakers is very important!



## Trafalgar Night and Annual Dinner

We have asked Rear Admiral Paul Boissier RN, who served in HMS Trafalgar and is now CEO of the RNLI, to be guest of honour at the Trafalgar Night Dinner on 23rd October; and Tom Cunliffe, journalist, broadcaster and sailing guru will speak at the Annual Dinner on the 20th November.



## Staff Appreciation

Although many of us are away cruising (we are on the Atlantic coast of France encountering many other RLYMYC members away for the summer), the Club is functioning at full capacity providing a very busy time for our excellent staff. People are working incredibly long hours to ensure that the racing commitments are met, and the consequent social functions run smoothly. The big sailing events reflect our image as a successful club with a lot going on, but we are also the venue of choice for many cruising meets from other clubs. There was one weekend recently where we had three separate external social events running and still had a restaurant service for members - the first floor team were at capacity but the club was vibrant and thriving.

I would like to thank the whole of our staff for their incredible efforts, good will and excellent humour during these very busy periods.

*Neil Eccles - Rear Commodore House*

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## XOD's

XODs have had 20 points Races with only one cancelled due to too much wind (which must be a record) and 26 boats regularly racing.

There have been very testing conditions for Race Officers with the wind in the North and East so much which has resulted in big windless

holes and many changes in positions through the fleet.

On Saturday 22 May XODs raced for the RMYC 75th Anniversary Cup.

It was a tricky day with light flukey conditions - Rory

Paton in Diana rounded the first windward mark with a sizeable lead. As winds lightened and giving large wind shifts planned runs became reaches and beats and the fleet made many position changes and most of the fleet had to anchor. Robin Balme in Xray didn't anchor but sailed round most of the fleet keeping a gentle breeze to take line honours on the Club finish line.

#### Overall positions to date:

Wednesday: 1st Lucrezia, Ado Jardine: 2nd Lone Star, Stuart Jardine: 3rd Diana, Eric Williams: and Rory Paton; 4th Xray, Robin Balme

Saturday: 1st Lucrezia, Stuart Jardine: 2nd Diana, Rory Paton and Eric Williams: 3rd Lone Star, Stuart Jardine, 4th Beatrix, William Norris and Bill Dunsdon



## Lymington Optimists

June was a busy month of regattas for the burgeoning Optimist flotilla, with 44 of our home grown sailors competing at Open meetings.



First was the Harken Royal Lymington Coached Open. In a blustery 20+ knots, conditions were too challenging for around half the fleet of 62 sailors. The Mothership had to ferry loads of retired sailors ashore, and her crew reported that as the day went on the average weight of sailor increased remarkably! 12 Lymington sailors finished in the top half; 2nd James Eady, 6th William Heritage, 8th Oliver Tait.

The following weekend we were all back on duty for the Harken Royal Lymington Optimist Open. This event attracted all the top sailors from around the country and from France – 15 of their finest came to do battle with our finest, and if it wasn't for Scott Wallis and his astonishing skills, Thibault Cour might have made off across the Channel with all the loot! Throughout the course of the weekend the sailors

experienced a full range of conditions, from which only the very best emerged unscathed. Of the 116 sailors (22 from Lymington), Jenny Cropley (8th) was first girl and our top sailor, followed by Ryan Orr (18th) and Hugo Andrews (21st).

The Harbour Chandlers Optimist Open meeting was held at Hayling Island Sailing Club on 26th and 27th June. We were all spoilt rotten in tropical sailing conditions all weekend – fine sand, clear water, blue skies, and a steady blast-furnace breeze 8-12 kts. We might as well have been in the Caribbean.

In the Regatta Fleet the young Lymington sailors all managed to keep in the top half. Of the 43 sailors James Eady was 4th, William Heathcote 9th, and Isabella Moyles (18th) the most improved.

The best sailors from far and wide accumulated for a very strong Main fleet. Of the 87 sailors, Scott Wallis once again sailed immaculately. Of the 16 from Lymington Jenny Cropley (11th) sailed the finest series, followed by Josh Atherton (15th) and Max Moyles (17th).

Back at the Club, Monday evenings usually sees around 12 of the stronger sailors take on anything the Solent can throw at them, whilst the Wednesday evening training fleet growing and becoming stronger by the week.

### WANTED

Wanted by n/s, share in small motor boat - Lymington based.  
Details to [John Buchanan](#) please.

### Small Ads

Email me the details and any photos and the ad will be in one

### Club Discounts

(10% on production of your Club Card)

- Kew Electrical Unit 730 Ampress Park Lymington

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.

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- 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  
(15% on production of your Club Card)
- Brasserie Gerrard (French Restaurant) High Street Lymington  
(Discounts by negotiation)
- Elmers Court Hotel Lymington