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Supporting Your Club

As well as the Cruising and Racing news this month there are details of a new range of Club clothing, reminders about the Club's sailing tuition, a reminder about incident reporting on the river, a survey for you to complete and several interesting opportunities for volunteering.

The Club always needs help, whether it's bringing your experience on the social and sailing spectrum to the various committees and sub-committees, helping events with support boats, coming on an event team, offering accommodation. Supporting the Club does take time but there are many benefits, including getting to know more about our amazing Club and meeting Members from different parts of the sailing spectrum. We all have commitments but if enough people volunteer then we can spread the load. Please help us to carry on the good work.

Ann Brunskill

Racing

Rolex Commodores' Cup 2010

Congratulations to Chris & Hannah Neve and the crew of their Beneteau 35 'No Chance' who have been selected to represent Great Britain in the [Rolex Commodores Cup](#). The event will be held in Cowes in August 2010 and is expected to feature 12 to 15 international teams each of three IRC yachts.

Virtually all the crew are Club members including several of our successful young sailors such as Jasmine Husband, Poppy Husband and Charlie Hatfield.

We wish them and the rest of the British team success at the event.



RWYC Two Handed Round Britain & Ireland Race 2010

The Club has four crews competing in the Two Handed Round Britain & Ireland race which starts on Sunday 6th June from Plymouth. The 2,000 mile clockwise course around Britain & Ireland includes four compulsory 48 hour stopovers at Kinsale, Barra, Lerwick and Lowestoft.

Our crews are: 'Ding Dong' Chris Rustom and Stephen Homewood, 'Q II' Mary Falk and Jerry Freeman, 'Kipper of London' John Corden and John Nash and 'Elixir' Roger Barber and Flic Gabbay. The yachts are carrying tracking devices and Members can follow their progress on the event [website](#)

We wish them all a safe and successful race.

*Phil Lawrence
Rear Commodore Sailing*

Cruising



Details of the June Long Distance meet to St Peter Port on 11 - 13 June are on the Cruising [webpages](#) and on the Club notice board. If there any latecomers, please contact [Ken Claydon](#) (07766 552976) as soon as possible to enable the arrangements in St Peter Port to be finalised. The Solent meet in Cowes is on 16 - 18 July, with Saturday night entertainment at Osborne House. Details are on the Club [website](#) and on the notice board. There is a good response to what promises to be a interesting weekend and the list is still open. The August Long Distance Cruise will now be to Plymouth, with the dates unchanged from those in the published Summer Sailing programme (20th - 22nd August). Details will be published on the Cruising [webpages](#) and a notice put on the Club board in the next few days.

The reports and photographs of the Spring and Anchor Cruising meets are on the Cruising meet page of the [website](#).

Club Racing

The Monday Evening Dinghy Racing and Thursday Keelboat Early series are coming to a close. Results for both can be found on the Results Page of the [website](#).

Lymington Week

[Click on this link for details of Lymington Week](#) will take place from the 5th to the 8th July. This year there will be dinghy racing on Monday and Wednesday and keelboat racing on Tuesday and Thursday and the Monday and Thursday races will be part of the respective late series.

To encourage younger Members to race and to help owners who may not be able to get sufficient crew for the Tuesday evening, some of the young keelboat sailors who have already had training may be available to crew that night. Please contact the office if you are interested.

XODs



Sailing has started well - 24 boats are racing with up to 19 boats out racing and 15 starts. The conditions have been very benign and Race Officers have had testing days with very variable light winds which has seen many position changes in the fleet. Several races have been over to the Island with interesting down wind legs against strong tides. Lucrezia (Ado Jardine), Lone Star (Stuart Jardine) and Diana (Eric Williams and Rory Paton) are regularly in the first three places and Julia (Steve Whiteman) and X-Ray (Robin Balme) have both taken line honours. There are still seven boats to launch which we

hope to see out early June.

The programme continues - June is a busy month with three Team Races, 11th June at Home against Itchenor, 25th June at Yarmouth and 2nd July at Poole. the Long Race East when the flood tide will taken to Cowes rounding Prince Consort and home will be on 3rd July. Contrasting starts this season are shown by the two pictures.



Juniors



Cadets

RLymYC team James Dodd and his crew Max Crowe dominated racing at the 3rd Cadet Class Indicator for World Team selection at Weymouth over the May Bank Holiday weekend. Six races were completed with James and Max sailing Jungle is Massive winning two 1st a 2nd and a 3rd finishing with 12 points ahead of Henry Mills and Robert Keen from Waldringfield SC out of a fleet of 81.

With only two races completed on Saturday and with those restricted to the Gold Fleet, competitors were delighted to arrive on the Sunday to bright sunshine and a fresh westerly breeze which ensured four races were completed. The final race on Sunday started at 4pm with cloud covering the course. James and Max their second win of the event. This win secured the World Team reserve place for the forthcoming world championship regatta to be held in Poland in July.

RS Elites

Spring Series

Crauford McKeon and his team on Kandoo 3 and Martin Wadhams in RSsailing had a close finish to the Spring Series with RSsailing needing only to finish second on the last day to lift the overall prize even if Kandoo 3 won both races. Keith Willis the stand-in helm on RSsailing managed to achieve this and RSsailing was the overall winner.

The National Championships hosted by the Club are now less than two months away and entries are already into the twenties, with around thirty boats expected. The home fleet will run a training day on July 18th ahead of the big event, to give all our crews a final polish ahead of winning the club team trophy.

If you're interested in joining the Lymington Elites, please contact Peter Lister 07802 385566 or Martin Wadhams 07831 495763.



Lymington Optimists



At the beginning of the month five intrepid Optimists made their way across the Channel for the Coupe Internationale du Havre. Team GBR – all Club Members, battled it out over three days against 130 sailors from seven other nations. Ryan Orr achieved some terrific results but the young Lymington girls again hogged the podium in the Under 12 category: 1st Ella Bennett, 2nd Emilia Boyle, 3rd Vita Heathcote, 4th Charlotte Boyle.

We would like to thank our hosts Societe des Regattes du Havre for looking after us

so well.

We look forward to welcoming up to 20 French sailors in June for the Harken Royal Lyminster YC Optimist Open.

The Club sent 32 sailors to the Volvo Musto Optimist Inland Championships at Grafham Water and produced some more excellent results:

Mainfleet (223 sailors): Ross Mackley (10th), Ryan Orr (25th), and in the Regatta Fleet (94 sailors) youngest sailor William Heathcote (8 yrs) posted a 1st, 4th and 5th to finish 27th overall after 8 races, followed by James Eady (28th), and James Eales (31st).

In one race, rounding the first mark in 2nd place, William Heathcote's oppie "Greyhound" made an unfortunate navigation error and headed back to it had come from! Rounding the mark for the second time, now in 9th position, they took off and one by one picked their way through the fleet until, arriving at the final leeward mark, there was just the top Italian girl Flavia Tritto (12yrs) in front. A tacking duel ensued, all the way up to the finish. With every tack William's mercurial boat handling shaved a bit more off her lead, until he nosed ahead over the line. For this outstanding performance he was awarded the "Spirit Trophy". More on the Lyminster Optimists [website](#).

Volunteers

Call for Volunteers - Varsity Match Thursday 1st to Saturday 3rd July 2010

The Club is hosting this year's traditional team racing event between Oxford and Cambridge Universities to be sailed in 3 man keelboats away from 'home waters'. There will be 36 sailors in four teams, sailing in RS Elites; some being kindly loaned by Members and others chartered from Hayling Island SC. Racing will be in the Hurst area and there will be a practice day on Thursday with racing on Friday and Saturday.

The competitors would also like to join in the Club's Thursday Keelboat Racing so anyone who has space on their boat is asked to contact the office for further details. The social programme is likely to include supper on Friday night and a prizegiving dinner to include some members of the Oxford & Cambridge Sailing Society on the Saturday.

Members are asked for the following help:

- Accommodation for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. Bed only - breakfast will be provided at the Club.
- Help with catering for breakfast and the bar after racing.
- Ribs. A Member has already kindly volunteered a motor yacht as Mothership, but some extra Ribs for crew changes would be very welcome please.
- 2 Member volunteers with tow cars who can drive over to Hayling to collect an RS Elite on the Wednesday 30 June and return it on Sunday 4 July.
- Thursday night racers with spaces for sharp and enthusiastic crews for Thursday evening 1st July's Keelboat Racing.

Please contact the [Office](#) if you can help in any way.



Youth and Family Week 23rd to 27th August - Volunteers

Helpers wanted for Youth Week 10th – 14th August. This is a great family occasion and lots of fun. Picnics and evening parties as well as sailing. Particularly needed are motherships to be a 'comfort zone' for young sailors, a committee boat and ribs. For more information contact [Amanda Dingwall](#).

More Volunteers - Wednesday Junior Sailing

1. WJS needs more sailor helpers - those prepared to sail with and learn to teach kids. We will help by training them to do it by the RYA 'Method' and even putting them through formal Assistant Instructor and eventually Dinghy Instructor qualifications. AI is a 2.5 days course (paid by WJS for WJS helpers) and the DI course is 5 days - one is booked for the end of this season. This route leads to Senior Instructor - of which we have 5 - and that is the qualification required to actually run WJS sessions. Without those wanting to train at the bottom for AI - age is immaterial - we will get no eventual SI's and WJS will cease to be.



2. WJS needs an Office Co Ordinator. This job is vacant at end of this season and we desperately need someone to fill the spot now and train up for the 2011 season and winter 2010 pre season work. A parent of a younger WJS sailor would be good who has Wednesdays to spare - from mid morning onwards - and has some computer and organisational skills. It is a fairly heavy commitment and I am prepared for 2 people to take it on as a share (only as a last resort).

3. Scow Nationals - there are places in the Junior Fleet for the Scow Nationals available for children to enter with boats borrowed from WJS. Places are limited and at my discretion, and will require parents/guardians, to give us a deposit against damage to the boats. Date is 3rd/4th July and we need this sorted ASAP!

4. We have a visit by HMS Blazer on the 9th June. They are visiting to allow the WJS kids to look over, but the plan is for the members to be able to

look over on the same day mid / late morning. Final arrangements to be confirmed, but I would like members to know.

Edward Harrison

Sailing Tuition



We are running RYA sailing tuition for adults and children - both Members and non members are welcome - and we need it publicised. It's all on the training pages of the [website](#). Kristy Powell, our Chief Sailing Instructor, is running a number of sailing courses and lessons throughout the Summer Season during weekdays and weekends for adults and children. If you would like to book courses, please contact the Club office. If you have any questions or can't find the course for you just e-mail [Kristy](#). Please book early to enable Kristy to plan and organise your requirements. The cost is much less than you can get at any other commercial centre.

Lymited Editions

Coming this summer...

**A new & exciting collection of clothing
and accessories available to Members of the
Royal Lymington Yacht Club.**

The new range includes Polo Shirts for both Men & Ladies, Rugby Tops, Shirts, Jackets, Children's items and much more!

Below are some examples of the items which will be available in a range of colours and embroidered with your choice of Club logo.



Further details to follow on our website shortly

Due to the success of the Regalia Sale there are now only a few sale items available.

Please contact Reception for details

House Committee Survey - may we have your opinion please?

Last winter the House Committee arranged a very wide programme of social events. However, the House Committee are aware of a decline in attendance at formal Black Tie functions such as the Annual Dinner, where the Club's awards to Members for outstanding achievement are made, and Trafalgar Night where we celebrate our maritime heritage. These events have traditionally been an important part of the social life of the Club. Therefore, we would appreciate Members' views on how to encourage greater participation in these evenings.

A short questionnaire is attached for you to give us your thoughts on whether changes are necessary to the format of such formal functions so we can make them better attended and enjoyed. Irrespective of whether or not you have attended such functions in recent years, your comments are important to the House Committee.

[Click here to participate in this short survey](#)

Lymington River Incident Reports

Guidance Notes on Incident Reporting

To help Members the following notes have just been issued.

1. Blank forms are available from Reception, the notice boards and the website* click here to [download](#).
2. Completed forms should be handed in a Reception* as soon as possible after but certainly within 48 hours of the incident. These will be reviewed by Rear Commodore Sailing, recorded, acknowledged and distributed to LHC by the Club Secretary or Operations Manager. If Reception is shut please post the form in the letter box opposite reception.
3. The Club will copy the submitted reports and distribute to LHC.
4. Your completed forms will be acknowledged and you will hear, either from LHC or the Club, the action being taken.
5. Any matter of clarification will come from LHC direct to the signatory of the report and copied to the club.

* The online form is a pdf and can be completed online (typing the information on the screen) it can then be printed and sent to the Club by fax or delivered by hand or post. At the top right of the form you will see three icons (printer, save disc, send envelope) the print icon covers the first method of delivery. If you click the "save" icon you can save a copy of your completed report and then email it as an attachment to the Club. The "send" icon only allows you to send a link to the form or email a copy of the blank form as an attachment.

RNLI Guild Hog Roast

Saturday 26th June 6.30 pm

At Salternshill Farm, Bucklers Hard, (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Graham)

Beaulieu Band will be playing during the evening

Tickets £15 for adults and £7.50 for children under 12 from Karin Spink (01590 679205) or Sandra Allpress (01590 643268)

Please bring your own chairs

Lymington RNLI 10K Run

The Best Yet



Lymington Lifeboat's annual 10K run on Sunday, May 9th attracted 1100 entries. Hundreds of spectators watched the runners as they assembled on a bright, slightly chilly morning in Woodside Park. Town Mayor, Councillor Jan Hawkins started the race and presented trophies and prizes to the winners. The event should raise the target £20,000 (net of expenses); all of which will go towards crew training and operating costs of the Lymington RNLI lifeboat. The organiser, Mac Hall said he was thrilled with the large entry and thanked all the runners and around 120 helpers and marshals who turned out on the day to ensure a safe and well organised event. The 9th Lymington Scouts provided refreshments and Lymington ATC managed parking for over 450 cars. The 10th anniversary event will take place on Sunday, May 8th, 2011.

Club Members

Pam Penson, Trish Sparrow, Kevin Podger, Jon Chittock and Kerry Priday all look happy before the start of the 10K Run. If there had been a bigger flag maybe Lionel Wolovitz, Ruth Sanders, Geraint Davies and Robbie Urwin would have been in the picture. Well done to all of them and also to the Commodore's daughter-in-law who was third lady home on her first outing.



"Round the Island" Sponsored Sail by Lymington Sailability



On 18th June 2010 (the day before the Round The Island Race) Tom and Aly two of our disabled members will sail two of our 17ft Trimarans around the Isle of Wight.

Their mission is to raise funds to replace their club's 16 year old shoreline safety boat. The challenge will be done on the day before the actual 'Round the island yacht race'. The two boats will race against each other, in an attempt to smash any current records.

This is a 'Round the island' race with a difference!

It will be a test of true endurance and determination, pushing their bodies and minds to the limit as they pit their wits against 'mother nature'. Please give your support by sponsoring this worthy cause, simply click on the [link](#) or sign the list on the Club Noticeboard.

Many thanks

All at Lymington Sailability

registered charity number 1079050



And finally - Classic Cars

Another outing for the 'old girls' took place when Members and their classic cars met for lunch at the Club on May 10th. The cars all sparkled even if the weather was grey. This looks like turning into an annual event but doesn't come into the London to Brighton category for a number of years.

Wanted

INFLATABLE WANTED

WJS rowing section is keen to buy (or be given) a second-hand inflatable dinghy to give the young rowers a wider experience in different types of boat. Any member who is can help, please leave details in the WJS pigeon hole (FAO Jayne Burchell) or contact the Club office.

Wanted

Lymington River Scow in reasonable condition (no preference as to colour), with a launching trolley and road trailer. Contact [Nigel Bennett](#), 07714 683011

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

(15% on production of your Club Card)

- Brasserie Gerrard (French Restaurant) High Street Lymington

(Discounts by negotiation)

- Elmers Court Hotel Lymington