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The Sailing Season Gets Under Way

The Club's balcony is a great place on a sunny day to have a meal or just a drink, watch the world go by and enjoy one of the best views of the Solent. The formal social programme takes a back seat in the summer, but there are still the informal lunches. Most of this month's ePotterNews is filled with sailing activities. The Cruising fleet have already been down the Solent to Cowes and there is a full programme for the summer. The racing calendar is packed and, as you can see below, the Club is hosting a number of Championships. Volunteers are still needed. We keep saying it, but it really is true, it's fun and very sociable. We have a great reputation for running events and it is down to the skills and enthusiasm of Members.

Ann Brunskill

Volunteers for Events -

[J109 West Solent Championships and Contessa 32 Regatta](#) - Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th May

[The 2010 Nordic Folkboat National Championships](#) - Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th July

Volunteers are needed to help with these events, both on the Race Team and ashore. If you can help please email [Kirsty](#) or call the Office. If you can't help for the whole of each event, but can only do one day, please call and let us know - we can always mix and match teams. The team on the water has the best view of all the action (except when you are busy with pulling flags or counting boats going past). There will be experienced members to help the newer volunteers. If your expertise is in cooking burgers or bacon butties, your help is just as valuable.



Cruising

Cruising Meets

Details of the Spring Anchor meet in Poole Harbour on Friday 14th to Sunday 16th May are on the Cruising [website](#) and on the Club notice board.

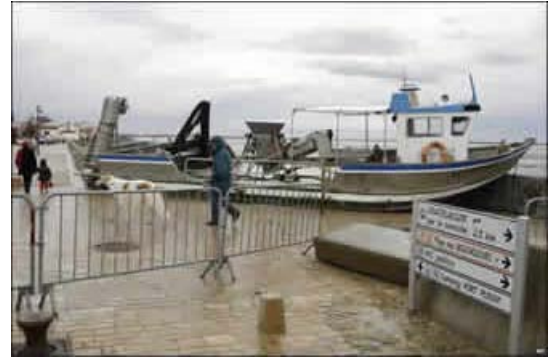
Details of the June Meet to St Peter Port on Friday 11th to Sunday 13th June are on the Cruising [website](#) and will be posted on the Club notice board shortly. For those of us stopping at Cherbourg en route to Guernsey, the plan is to meet up for dinner in a local restaurant on Thursday 10th June before moving on to St Peter Port the following day. Further details will follow. Tides are good on Friday for leaving Cherbourg at a socially acceptable hour. The deadline for registration is 27th May but early indication of total boat and crew numbers would be helpful. So please put your name on the list at the Club as soon as possible and/or email [Ken Claydon](#) if you wish to attend and whether you will be stopping off at Cherbourg.

In July the meet will be at Cowes on the weekend of Friday 16th to Sunday 18th, to coincide with the Victorian Opera Evening at Osborne House on Saturday. Berthing at East Cowes Marina has been arranged for Friday night and those intending to go should make their own bookings for berthing on Saturday night and for tickets for the evening. Details and contact telephone numbers are on the Cruising [website](#) and on the Club notice board. Please add your details to the list on the notice board so that Friday night berthing can be finalised, together with arrangements for transport from the marina to Osborne House.

The August Meet on Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd will be to the West Country. Details are being finalised over the next few days, but the intention is that the focus of the meet will be at either Plymouth or Fowey, subject to confirmation of arrangements for dinner on Saturday and availability of berthing.

French West Coast Update after the Spring Storms

Peter Lowe reports that the spring storm has closed several marinas on the West Coast of France to visitors. He recently took his boat to Pauillac and found that the pontoons at Dielette are nearing completion of repairs (according to notice in Trebeurden); the west wave barrier at L'Aberwrac'h is out of use for an unknown period, very limited alternative visitor berth on east inner near commercial fuel (personal observation and conversation with HM); the main marina at Sables d'Olonne is totally closed for "some months". He recommends that anyone going to the French west coast should check a few days in advance, as delays in settling insurance and in finding sufficient new pontoons/modifying piling may mean that not all are back to normal by high season.



Social

The popular informal lunch gatherings are continuing through the summer. Lunch is 12 for 12.30 pm. If you can let Mark know you are coming it would help. The dates for your diaries are:

Ladies

Thursdays, 13th May, 17th June, 15th July, 19th August, 16th September

Gentlemen

Thursdays 27th May, 24th June, 22nd July, 26th August and 23rd September

Racing

Calling all Keelboat skippers and potential crews

Last year the Club ran a very successful keelboat training scheme for youngsters. Most of the youngsters who took part last year now race regularly on Thursday evenings.

A very successful day of training was recently held at the Club to introduce the next group of youngsters to Keelboat Racing. Seven enthusiastic 15 & 16 year-olds spent a day learning how to handle ropes and winches safely and what the various jobs around the boat involve. They then had several hours on the water putting their training into action. The next stage of the process is to find them crew slots on Keelboats on Thursday evenings for further training and experience. I would be very pleased to hear from any skipper who feels that they could take one or two youngsters on board and help to give them some practical racing experience.



In addition to this we are hoping to run some further training this summer; another session for beginners and hopefully some more advanced training for those who did their beginner training last year and this spring. This could be on a Saturday or Sunday, or on a Wednesday evening. To do this we need skippers who would be willing to bring their boats and take part in the training session. Bob Baker and Robin Taunt have kindly helped with this before; if anyone else is interested in being involved, I would be delighted to hear from them. It does mean that you have the pick of the trainees if you need crew.

I would also like to hear from any youngsters interested in taking part in this scheme; it is a great way to get involved in the racing and associated social scene.

For more information on any aspect of this, please email me, [Jenny Wilson](mailto:jenny.wilson@rlymyc.org.uk) or call on 01590 679877.

RS Elite Class Update

With the whole fleet overlapped at the first mark on both of the Spring Series races so far, 2010 RS Elite racing at Lymington is definitely under way. We've got some new faces and loads of Elite racing in store this

summer. The highlight will be the UK National Championships on home turf, hosted by the Club. Just about the whole fleet is involved in the preparation and ten races are scheduled from 22nd to 25th July in Christchurch Bay, where around thirty boats from England, Ireland, Scotland, the Channel Islands (and Cornwall) will compete. New Elite owner Roger Wilson has agreed to be our PRO so we can be pretty certain that the flags will flap in the right order. Shaun McClean and his team from Edinburgh are coming to defend their title. Time is also being spent on the social programme so get a RS Elite and join the fun.



After the Nationals conclude there will be just five days to recover and then it's off to Cowes. Several of the Nationals visitors plan to leave their boats in Lymington and sail up to Cowes with our fleet so we can expect added competition within the Elite Class there too.

There are a number of sailors on the verge of joining our Lymington fleet, including one who is looking for a partner to share a boat. Contact our Elite fleet captain Peter Lister on 07802 385566 if you'd like to be put in touch. If anyone would like to try out an Elite, we're happy to oblige – either contact Peter Lister or me, Martin Wadhams, on 07831 495763. There is still time to get a boat and get up to speed in time for the Nationals.

West Solent Series

If you are interested in racing a yacht without the intensity of One Design Racing or the seriousness of IRC racing and you like to have some fun, then the West Solent series would be a good place to start or end your racing career - it may be the best option for you regardless of experience as the handicap system takes into account each competitor's performance, so in theory giving everybody a chance to do well.

This new Series is supported and promoted by the RLymYC, RSYC and LTSC. The races are open to anybody - the aim is to maximize participation - yachts which are not entered by a member of one of the three Clubs will pay an entry fee of £10 per race. All other yachts will have free entry except for the Turkey Cup where the entry fee is £10 per boat.

The Series consists of the following races (with the Organising Club in brackets).

22-23 May	May Hamble Scramble - 2 races - Lymington to Hamble and Hamble to Lymington (LTSC)
13 June	Newtown Race (LTSC)
26 June	Prince Consort Race (RSYC)
22 August	Christchurch Ledge Race (LTSC)
4 September	Shingles Race (RLymYC)
3 October	Turkey Cup (RSYC)

2010 West Solent Series - The Hypotenuse Race

This year will take in Cherbourg and the lovely port of St Vaast where you will have a rest day so that you can enjoy the lovely town on market day. NoR and Entry forms for the Hypotenuse Race will be available soon. Racing starts on Thursday 22nd July finishing back in Lymington on Sunday 25th

LTSC Classic Series 2010

The LTSC Classic Series comprises of four races which form a part of the overall West Solent Series - Lymington/Hamble (22nd May 2010), Hamble/Lymington (23rd May 2010), Newtown Race (13th June 2010) and Christchurch Ledge Race (22nd August 2010). Download the [Notice of Race](#) and [Entry Form](#).

Club Racing

[Monday Evening Dinghy Racing and Thursday Evening Keelboat Racing](#)

Both early series started two weeks ago and there are already large fleets for both events. Details are on the website, click on the links above for further details, Entry Forms and Sailing Instructions. Results are also on the [website](#).

Saturday Afternoon Dinghy Racing

We have an ever growing fleet of racing dinghies that are keen to race regularly and enjoy a beer or tea after racing on Saturday afternoons, the Saturday series is open to all and we look forward to welcoming you on Saturday at the Club. If you're interested in joining in with our fleet for some exciting and close racing either with your own boat or crewing for someone else, through the summer, then come and join the fun! Notice of Race, Entry forms and Sailing Instruction are all [online](#)



Youth and Juniors

Lymington 420s success at RYA Youth National Championships

This year's Championships at Weymouth saw variable conditions throughout the week and some exciting sailing. Winds up to 25 knots from the south east with strong gusts greeted the 420s for their first day at the exposed eastern end of Weymouth Bay; the crews of Dibb/Cox (11th and 19th) and Gill-Taylor/Wallis (10th both races) had excellent results. Some rushed overnight repairs saw the arrival of HRH Princess Anne, who took to the water in sunshine to watch the racing. The conditions continued to improve for the rest of the week.



Craig Dibb and Charlie Cox leading the pack to come 1st in the last race

Overall our Lymington 420 sailors did extremely well as it was their first Youth Championships for most of them.

Craig Dibb and Charlie Cox finished 7th being 2nd overall for their age and ending the championships with a bullet in the last race. They are currently on track to be at this year's 420 Worlds to be held in Haifa, Israel and the Junior European Championship at La Rochelle, France.

Tarra Gill-Taylor and Matt Wallis are also likely to gain a place at the Worlds.

The final selectors for these events will be over the early May Bank holiday

Lymington placings:

7th Craig Dibb and Charlie Cox:

10th Tarra Gill-Taylor and Matt Wallis:

19th Chris Tiernan (Parkstone) and Charlie Davis:

21st Andrew Wishart and John Whelton:

30th Tom Pain and Sasha Bruml:

33rd Josh Sparks and Tom Lovesey:

35th Anna Greenwell and Kirstie Urwin.

Lymington Laser Youth Sailors earn their place for Youth Radial World Championships

The Club Youth Radial Laser sailors have been training hard this winter with their coach, Ben Paton, 2007 Radial World Champion. Tom Britz (7th), Olly Porter (14th) and Robbie Urwin (16th) have qualified for a place at the World Championships in Largs, Scotland following three qualifier weekends and the Youth National Championships in Weymouth during Easter week. Katie Russell (10th Woman) and Charlotte Alderton (14th Woman) have a place in the Women's Radial Laser World Championship. Other Club member results at Youth Nationals were for Jamie Diamond who qualified for the gold fleet and Karen Thomas who was competing in her first Radial regatta.

The qualifying series has been a mix of conditions from very light to strong winds in Plymouth and the beginning of the Youth Nationals. Tom Britz, current junior European Laser Champion gained some excellent results in this, his first Radial qualifying series. The Youth National Championships in Weymouth were also the indicator and selections for the National Youth squad and ISAF World Championship in Turkey. The introduction at Weymouth of the tracker device carried by each boat showed real time progress on the water and provided endless hours of post racing analysis.

This innovation proved very distracting for many parents watching their internet at work and home during the day. Tom has retained his place in the National Youth Radial squad. Olly Porter and Robbie Urwin had a close series and even closer in the Youth Nationals, finishing 16 and 17th respectively. The current squad at Lymington have a growing group of young sailors in Radial and 4.7 junior classes and train regularly for the national events.



Lymington Optimists

Optimist dinghies started their summer race training last weekend. 18 new sailors joined the river fleet and a further 18 began training at the Salterns, bringing enthusiasm and a great sense of wonder as to how they will develop their skills over the next few months, and where these new found skills might eventually take them. Monday evening racing for the more experienced sailors started too, with 12 well tuned oppies battling it out into the setting sun. Immaculate boat handling and lightning speed gave Mimi El-Khazindar the win, just ahead of Sarah Jarman and Max Moyles. But with a further 8 races to go in this early series, it will be a closely fought contest.

Lymington XOD's

There were 10 boats out for the first race of the season. The start was delayed twice due to a flood tide and the lack of wind. Boats could not get to the start line.

Eventually, to ensure we got a race, we ran a short leg to Colten with a spinnaker run back to the Club line. It was a very close race with the first 4 boats finishing within 13 seconds after much place changing on the way up the river.

1st	Persephone	Richard Field
2nd	Lucrezia	Ado Jardine
3rd	Oyster	David and Fenella Lees
4th	Diana	Rory Paton



RNLI

Lymington Lifeboat 10Km Run, Sunday 9th May

Come and support the RNLI and the runners at Woodside Park on Sunday morning.



Beaulieu Boat Jumble Sunday 25th April

Thanks to everyone who donated items to the RNLI stall. Sails, charts and all sorts of chandlery were sold and the combined efforts of the Lymington Station, Branch and Guild raised over £4,000 for the Lifeboats.

FOR SALE

MG Spring 25 Blue Streak £12,500

Year 1988 Lying afloat Lymington

LOA 7.77m (25ft 6in); Beam 2.74m (9 ft)

Draft 0.91m (3 ft); Sail Area 30.5sqm (330 sq ft)

Displacement 2.04 tonnes (4500 lbs)

A fun well built boat with 6 berth accommodation, including double aft cabin, with standing headroom ideally set up for short handed sailing having in mast furling. Twin rudders make her light to helm and combined with her winged keel she can dry out upright. Fully equipped. For further details : Contact: [Rob Gresham](mailto:Rob.Gresham@rlym.org.uk) Tel: 01590 676572



FOR SALE

4 ft TRAILER BOARD

suitable for Dinghy or Rib road trailer.

Nearly new but at much reduced price. £20.

01590 677105



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 RLYMJC 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