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## Autumn Reflections

The main sailing season has ended (almost) with two great weekends, the first was the PotterShip Race, open to any keelboat, cruiser or racer, sailed in superb conditions and then the Club Champions event followed by a sell-out Laying Up Party and prizegiving.

Winter is the time for reflecting on the past season and planning the next. To that end there are a number of training courses at the Club between now and next Spring, presenting you with the opportunity to brush up on skills and enjoy a day out in the water on one of those wonderful winter days when the Solent is empty and the sun is shining (or not).

Ann Brunskill

## Annual Sailing Review and Business Meeting

Saturday 6th November 11 am

*The Commodore and Flag Officers will be giving details of the last twelve months activities in the Club and what's proposed for the future. Last year we filled the Library and there was plenty of constructive debate. This is your chance to give your views and get feedback 'from the horse's mouth'.*

## Social

There is a packed social programme at the Club during November and December.

Don't forget that tickets are on sale 4 weeks before the event so book early to avoid disappointment

2nd Nov	<a href="#">Movie Night</a>	"The Blind Side" starring Sandra Bullock
3rd Nov	<a href="#">Cruising Winter Lectures</a>	Begin with Jim & Ged's Around The World Adventure - Jim & Ged Brocket
4th Nov	<a href="#">Bonfire Quiz Supper</a>	Burning questions from Vince Sutherland
20th Nov	<a href="#">Annual Dinner (Black Tie)</a>	Guest Speaker Tom Cunliffe
23rd Nov	<a href="#">Movie Night</a>	"The Kite Runner"
30th Nov	<a href="#">St Andrews Day Dinner</a>	Appropriate food for the occasion
2nd Dec	<a href="#">Quiz Supper</a>	Vince's last Quiz of the year
7th Dec	<a href="#">Movie Night</a>	<i>Movie yet to be chosen</i>
8th Dec	<a href="#">Staff Christmas Party</a>	<i>No catering at the Club tonight</i>
11th Dec	<a href="#">Christmas Buffet Party</a>	Dixiland Jazz Band
17th Dec	<a href="#">Turkey Dinner (Black Tie)</a>	Traditional Christmas Dinner
22nd Dec	<a href="#">Carols with Santa (1200)</a>	Bring the children or borrow a grandchild when Santa drops into the Club from the river
31st Dec	<a href="#">New Year's Eve Party</a>	A great party with live band "Time Out"
1st Jan	<a href="#">New Year Brunch</a>	Relieve that hangover with brunch at the Club

## Happy Hour

Don't forget that every Thursday between 1730 and 1900 the drinks are 25% cheaper.

## Club Mailing

The next mailing goes out on Thursday 11th November – and as ever we would like volunteers to sign up for envelope stuffing and delivering – the sign-up list is on the board.



## Cruising



### Yarmouth Fireworks - 5th November

Fireworks Night in Yarmouth. Activities in the Square start at approximately 1800 and then at around 1915 there should be a torchlight procession to the Solent followed by the firework display. Please bear in mind that all times are somewhat flexible! A 'bangers and mash' supper is available at the Royal Solent Yacht Club from 2000. Berthing on the walk ashore pontoon is nearly fully booked. For further details go to the

[website](#)

### Weekday cruise to Cowes, Friday 26th November

As usual, we will meet in the Club at around 0900 for coffee and a quick briefing to check on the weather, allocate crew to boats, finalise timings and berthing location, etc. The plan is to berth at Shepards Wharf and lunch has been reserved at the Island Sailing Club at a cost of £8.95 for one course or £11.95 for two courses. Space will be reserved at Shepards Wharf and details will be given nearer the time or at the briefing on the day. Berthing charges should be paid by individual skippers on arrival and will be £6 for 10 metre and under and £7.50 for over 10 metres. This charge includes the reservation fee.



If you wish to attend please [email](#) me with your boat name, size, crew number and mobile number and/or put your name on the sign up sheet on the Club notice board. Any Club Member without a boat who wishes to attend should preferably [email](#) me or put their name and contact details on the list, but can simply turn up at the 0900 briefing on the day.

*Ken Claydon*



### What cruising Members do when they aren't sailing.

### Log and Seamanship Awards

This is the time of year when we look for entries for the log and seamanship awards. There are trophies for the most interesting and entertaining logs in a wide range of categories which are listed below. More details are on the Cruising [website](#).

Quain's Cup	Best log of a cruise under sail of less than one month
Channel Trophy	Best log of a cruise under sail within the Straits of Dover, Ushant, Isles of Scilly and Ireland
Fen Dawn Cup	Best log by a motor cruiser
Senior Brownlow Cup	Log of outstanding merit not awarded one of the above trophies
Junior Brownlow Cup	Best log of a cruise submitted by a Junior or Family Member under the age of 15
*Seamanship Trophy	For a feat of seamanship or navigation by a Club Member
XII Bar Blues Trophy	For the best cruising blog
Cadiz Cup	Best log of a cruise under sail of any length



\*Nominations should be sent to Richard Wood by [email](#) or call on 01926 484295. No log need be submitted for this award.

The purpose of the logs is both to inform and entertain other cruising Members about interesting places to go and sights to see. So it would be good to see lots of entries this year. Give me a call on 01926 484295 or [email](#) me if you have queries about the criteria for these awards.

*Richard Wood*

## Training



Details of various training courses are on the [website](#).

The next RIB Course is the RYA Safety Boat course on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th November, there are a few places still available. Then Power Boat Level 2 + support boat course on 5th December (this covers safety boat techniques and is a one day course with priority being given to key volunteers) There is also an Club Mark layers Course on the 5th February. Please check on the for details.

There are only a few places remaining on some of these courses and booking and payment is made through the office.

## Race Management Training 2011

There will be a number of courses and training in the New Year, including the RYA Club Race Officer Course, Course Setting for Race Officers, VHF Use in Race Management and the very popular and entertaining Informal Race Team Training/refresher evening.



## Gunner

The new "bird scarer gun" is being used more often and its sound signal is much liked by competitors. It is simple to use, but requires a small amount of training.

Further details on the [website](#).

## Racing



### Club Champions Race

The day started early with the draw for the boats to be sailed by the top helmsman from Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4, who had been invited to compete for the title of 'Champion of Champions'. Each helm was joined in his allocated XOD by one of his regular crew and the owner of the XOD to make up the 3 man crew.

The overall winner was William Norris, with Chris Neve second and Jane Pitt-Pitts third.

Everyone appreciated the excellent racing in October sunshine and the generosity of the XOD owners who had lent their boats was much appreciated, with everyone taking great care of the boats.

Pottership will carry the full report

## Laying Up Party and Annual Racing Prize Giving

For the second year running, the laying up supper was combined with the Club's main prizegiving. The evening started with a prizegiving at 6.30 pm in the bar for the younger winners and those who couldn't attend the dinner, receiving their trophies from the Commodore's wife, Sue Perry. An near record number, of over 170 people sat down for one of Peter's delicious dinners. It was good to see representatives from the cruising side as well as the racers.

Nick Ryley acted as the roving compere, (followed by a retinue of ladies bearing trays of trophies) moving from table to table, and Sue Perry presented the vast collection of silverware to the winners at their tables. This enabled the prizegiving to move along at a cracking pace and then everyone was able to get down to the serious business of drinking and strutting their stuff on the dance floor. There were



several potential 'Strictly' contestants and not a Widdecome in sight.

As the Commodore said after dinner, the evening was superbly organised by Chris Neve, Captain of Racing, Jenny Wilson and their team.

## Nordic Folkboats

Thursday evening late series attracted a good turnout for the fleet with, apart from a couple of exceptions due to Folkboat Week and



summer holidays, an average of 16 boats crossing the starting line. Winds continued to be somewhat fluky but in general with the various options open to them the race committee managed to finish us in time to get back to the bar! There was an encouraging change in the top order with Millie Too (Richard Webb) and Chavala (Pete Rose) respectively filling second and third places, the top slot going to Crackerjack (Stuart Watson/Matthew Jones)

The Saturday series finished with the last race on the 9th October: overall honours going to Padfoot (Chris Hills), Crackerjack and Tak (Jeremy Austin) in that order. Turnout for this series was generally disappointing - down to an average of less than 10

## XODs

October has been a very busy month for XODs with up to 19 boats on the start and some very close racing. On Wednesday there was only 40 seconds between the first 6 boats. Out of 7 races run there were only a couple of points between the first 3 boats. The results of the 8th race are eagerly anticipated.

Results after 7 races

1st	Beatrix	William Norris, Stuart Jardine and Bill Dunsdon
2nd	Diana	Eric Williams and Rory Paton
3rd	Lizz Whizz	Neil Payne (from Yarmouth
4th	X Ray	Robin Balme
5th	Lucrezia	Ado Jardine
6th	May Day	David da Cuhna

## Optimists

First up in October was the final South zone qualifier at Spinnaker. Yet again the podium was hogged by the Lymington girls; 1st Milly Boyle, 2nd Hattie Rogers and 3rd Pippa Cropley. As one of parents noted "This is starting to get embarrassing!"

50 Oppies travelled from Lymington to a glorious Rutland for the End of Season Championships, where they achieved some astonishing results. The main area of our success is the junior girls, that is 12 years old and under in the main fleet. Seven of the top nine junior girls are our own: Jenny Cropley, Milly Boyle and Hattie Rogers (1st and 2nd 10 year olds), Vita Heathcote, Pippa Cropley. Sarah Jarman and Charlotte Boyle were also within the top nine junior girls.

Ryan Orr (14th) achieved our best result, and the regatta ends a terrific season for this effusive young sailor.

More than 30 Lymington sailors have been selected for various winter training squads which begin in November – all good character building stuff!

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## New items coming for Christmas so don't do all your shopping too early. Check on the [website](#) in November for more details

### RNLI



#### Beaulieu Boat Jumble 2011 - free up your garage or shed

Please remember next year's BBJ when you are laying up the boat or sorting out after the summer. The Club's boatmen will store any donations ready for April.

**Saturday 13th November - Lifeboat Christmas Fair - St Thomas's Parish Hall, 9.30 am - 2 pm**

Christmas cards, souvenirs, craft stalls, cakes and produce, raffle, refreshments (including mince pies).

#### Thursday 9th December - Christmas Cheese and Paté Party

with Mr and Mrs John Dare, Dock Head, Dock Lane Beaulieu, tickets £14 from Karin Spink 01590 679205 or Sandra Allpress 01590 643268.

#### FOR SALE

##### WJS Optimist dinghies

They are old, but serviceable, poly oppies complete with rig and foils. There are 3 available at £200 each. Ideal for keeping at for some water based fun, but are NOT lightweight racing Oppies!!



Please contact [Edward Harrison](#)

#### FOR SALE

##### 4 ft Trailer board

suitable for Dinghy or Rib road trailer.  
Nearly new but at much reduced price. £20.



01590 677105

#### FOR SALE

##### Scow Trailer Conversion Kit

Convert your John Claridge Scow trailer to a box trailer complete with lid.  
Box slides on and off easily £75.



Phone Rory Paton  
01590 677855

### 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

### 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)

regard.

- Elmers Court Hotel Lymington

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