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## Summer Reflections

It's been another busy summer on the water in spite of the mixed weather. The Club burgee has been seen in faraway places and the racing teams have some successes literally all round Britain. The Club was represented again at Sail for Gold, both competing and on the race teams. At home the Club has shown yet again that we can put on excellent events thanks to the hard work put in by staff and volunteers.

As the nights draw in we look forward to the social programme, October's events are listed below.

The Club website will be going interactive shortly which means you will be able to deal with various administrative matters over the internet.

Ann Brunskill

## PotterShip 2010

Saturday 2nd October 2010 - Platform Start at 10am



As the close of another wonderful season at our Club appears over the horizon, I would like to encourage you take part in the Potter Ship race, our traditional end of season event. You don't need to be a diehard racer to join in the fun - this handicap race is open to any yacht or dayboat owned and helmed by a Member. Our race officer Tony Blachford will sort out a Club handicap for you if you don't already have one.

The format is just one race over a straightforward Solent course on Saturday morning followed by a lunchtime prize giving in the bar.

If you get your entry into the club by 30th September it's free – thereafter it needs to be accompanied by a £10 donation to the RNLI . Entry forms can be picked up from the Club or are on the [website](#).

We are hoping for a bumper turnout this year, so please come and enjoy the race and socialising with your fellow sailors in the Club bar after racing.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the start line.

*Phil Lawrence, Rear Commodore Sailing*

## Club

Saturday 2nd October - Advance warning

Do come and watch the the Pottership Race in the morning and the prizegiving at lunchtime BUT in the evening there will be a very large external event taking up much of the first floor. Any Members planning to eat in the Club that evening are advised to make alternative arrangements. I am sorry if Members are inconvenienced by the occasional external event, but it does provide us with valuable extra income.

*Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House*

## Social

As everyone winds down from summer sailing, we have a busy and varied social programme planned for the winter.

Details are in the 2010-2011 Winter Programme which was recently sent out.

## October events include the following:

### Tuesday 5th October and Tuesday 19th - Movie Nights

Begins with a mystery showing (we haven't picked it yet - everyone is off sailing!)

### Thursday 7th October - Quiz Night

Quizmaster Vince Sutherland has been thinking up fiendish questions on his rescue boat all summer - this is very popular so sign up as soon as possible on the noticeboard to book a table

### Monday 11th October - Bridge Supper

The fortnightly Bridge Suppers begin. Sign up on the noticeboard. Please contact Judy Ruffell for more information if you haven't been before.

### Saturday 16th October - Laying Up Supper and Annual Racing Prizegiving

A night out for both Cruisers and Racers. There's a great supper and live music from "As It Was" to get you on the dance floor. Last year 146 people came to a fantastic evening, so do book early.

### Wednesday 20th October - Annual Ladies Lunch

This year's speaker will be Denise Edwards - Film and TV Stunt Co-ordinator. Denise has taken part in and organised many of the action sequences you see on television or in films. She has had a fascinating and sometimes dangerous life

### Saturday 23rd October Trafalgar Night Dinner

Guest of honour will be Vice Admiral Paul Boissier, RNLI CEO, formerly Deputy Commander in Chief Fleet and, in the distant past, Commanding Officer of HMS TRAFALGAR. - This is a Black Tie event.

*Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House*

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## House

### River Room Lighting and Accoustic Treatment

The Secretary has now sent off the order for large pendant lights which were designed by the House Committee earlier in the year. They should be with us and up in a few weeks.

We have conducted various studies regarding mitigating the noise in the River Room and Bar and think we are close to having a plan to put accoustic treatment on the ceilings and walls where it will blend in with the current "look and feel" of the rooms. This will not produce a perfect result, because we have very large windows, hard floors and wooden surfaces, all of which reflect the sound, but it should reduce the problem - hopefully to an acceptable level.

We cannot put back the Club burgees until this work has been done.

*Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House*

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## Cruising - Future Events

### Autumn Anchor Meet Buckler's Hard - 17th to 19th September

The details are on the Club notice board and on the [website](#). There is a good turnout promised.

### Gins Farm Meet, Beaulieu River, 8th to 10th October 2010



Courtesy of the Royal Southampton Yacht Club, we are again holding the Autumn Meet at their Gins Farm Clubhouse on the Beaulieu River. We hope that the Club's Scow sailors will be joining us again. For those arriving on Friday night there will be informal supper parties on boats. Please watch out for "Gin Pennants" for pre supper drinks.

Saturday evening will start with pre supper drinks outside the Gins Farm Club House at 5.45pm followed by buffet supper at 7.00pm. Dress is casual (no reefer jackets). Tickets are available from Reception (£20 each). Please let them know if you have any special dietary requirements at the same time. The closing date for tickets is the morning of Wednesday 6th October, as final numbers must be

sent to the Royal Southampton Yacht Club by Thursday 7th.

If you have any queries please contact Peter Upcher on 01590 624353 or [email](#) him.

## West Country meet 20th to 22nd August

Nine boats originally intended to attend the meet in Plymouth, but forecast bad weather meant only three boats made the voyage from Lymington. The westerly wind meant the crossing of Lyme Bay seem even longer than normal. Rain and bad visibility greeted us in Plymouth and the fleet of six boats was reduced to three on the morning of the dinner arranged at the Royal Western Yacht Club of England, due to three boats being fog bound in Fowey where they had been taking part in Fowey Week.

The crews of the three boats that did make it (Sandpiper (Ken Claydon), Oyster Reach (Alan Parker) and Otter (Richard Wood)), together with Alan and Mollie Knowles, who had travelled by land after they had decided the forecast conditions would be not be comfortable for Kayaway IV, had a very enjoyable evening and dinner at the Royal Western on Saturday.

The poor weather continued after the meet, with rain and little wind on Sunday, followed by a strengthening westerly, resulting in, for Otter at least, an interesting return trip from Dartmouth across Lyme Bay. (Richard Wood commented - I am sorry there are no photographs, but the weather really was not conducive to photography and we did not have the usual outdoor drinks on the pontoon on either Friday or Saturday evening!)

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## VAT matters

Nick Ryley kindly brought this to my attention for Cruising Members in particular.

A boat kept for more than three years out of the EU, though it has been VAT paid, loses its VAT status. It is important, for instance if keeping a boat in Croatia, to visit some EU ports in the interim and to keep the harbour dues invoices.

The Customs can be approached in special circumstance such as sailing around the world but boat owners should take care. If a VAT paid boat is sold outside the EU even though it is to an EU domiciled person then VAT status is lost. Again it is worthwhile, if such a sale is to take place, to move the boat to a place in the EU for the transaction. For instance boats in Turkey should be moved to Rhodes for the sale (Rhodes being Greek and in the EU).

You may like to read (rather dry reading) HMRC Notice 8 Clause 4.4.

To download Customs Notice 8 go to the [HMRC Website](#) and put 'Sailing your pleasurecraft to and from the UK' into the Search box.

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## Latest Racing Successes

### Nick Thompson 2nd at Laser World Championships at Hayling Island

A superb performance from Nick Thompson at Hayling Island saw him achieve 2nd place to Australian Tom Slingsby at the Laser Standard Worlds last week, after a nailbiting last day, including a capsize in the windy final race. Click for the full results at Laser [results](#)

### Cadet National Champion

Yet another Member to join our list of National Champions this year! Andrew Smith celebrated his 16th birthday by winning the 10 race series from the 65 strong Gold and Silver fleets at Stone SC by a single point. See more details at [click here](#)

### 420 National Champion

Phil Sparks, with crew Ben Gratton, won the 2010 420 National Championships at Brightlingsea from a fleet of 57 boats. No fewer than 9 other Members took part in the event (see report below).

### Laser Standard National Champion, Radial and 4.7 Successes

Greg Carey is the 2010 Laser Standard National Champion, winning 8 of the 9 races series at Mounts Bay, while Tom Britz and Robbie Urwin were 1st and 3rd respectively in the bronze fleet at the Laser Youth World Championships at Largs. Hananh Snellgrove was 12th in the silver fleet at the World Laser Radial Women's Championship at Largs.

### Firefly National Champions

Ben & Jenny Vines won the Firefly National Championships in Tenby.

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## Racing

### Monday Evening Dinghy Racing Late Series

Another very successful season came to an end on Monday 30th August. 120 plus assorted dinghies from Optimists to high performance skiffs took part in the Late Series. Not everyone came out each time, but the average was in the 60's with the Scows, the



Medium Handicap Class and the Optimists being the biggest fleets. The Race Officers with their teams directed operations from the top balcony for the starts, and descended a level for the finish; the registration team kept their eyes on competitors signing out and back in, even tracking miscreants down in the dinghy park or bar to ensure everyone was safely back home. Results were produced and displayed for all to see. The patrol boats watched over the boats as they spread out across the Solent and tracked them back to the slipway. Results for the series are on the [website](#) and the prizes will be presented on Saturday 16th October at the Laying Up and Prizegiving Supper.

## Thursday Evening Keelboat Racing Late Series

Thursday afternoon in the summer sees a lot of activity at the Club. Gathering on the forecourt is the race team, ready to go out to the platform in We're Here. Golden Haven is loaded up with marks, the car park is filling up with sailors arriving from work and people are being ferried out to their boats. Over 120 keelboats participated at various times in the late series, the average turnout was about 80; testimony to the popularity of this series which has been going for over 30 years. One of the instigators of the event, Annie Littlejohn, joined the race team on her 90th birthday, to check that it was still being run to her standards. Judging by the comments of some of the varsity teams who raced when they were down here for their match racing, yes it is. Classes 2 and 3 provided some of the most closely contested starts although all the classes had their moments.

Results for the series are on the [website](#) and the prizes will be presented on Saturday 16th October at the Laying Up and Prizegiving Supper.



## Folkboat Week

This year's event was held at the Royal Solent Yacht Club with 26 boats competing in the open class. As expected the week was dominated by

Crackerjack and Tak with honours going to the latter by the narrowest of margins, the highest discard being a third.

With a lot of northerly, breezy, wind course setting was not easy and inevitably meant not enough upwind legs for tactical sailing. Monday saw the long Solent race which, apart from a short windward leg, comprised mostly two and three sail reaches. The more intrepid carried their spinnakers all the way from East Lepe to the finish with Samphire, Strider and Good Shepherd swapping places at the front. Tuesday's two races were dominated by Crackerjack and Tak, with Nordic Bear and Tattarat trying unsuccessfully to break the monopoly.

The crew/ladies races on Wednesday were won respectively by Nordic Bear and Good Shepherd. Thursday's windward/leeward races with Riot finally breaking Tak and Crackerjack's monopoly on the first two places.

Friday's Christchurch Ledge Race started in blustery winds from the south west which continued throughout the rest of the race. Honours went to Tak, Crackerjack, Strider and Scaramouche in that order in spite of a slight hiccup when the front runners' navigational skills went awry. This resulted in some back peddling and a reminder to all not to assume that the leading boat is taking the correct course. Similar weather prevailed for the last day; the decision was made to have only one race but it didn't change the final results at all. Full results can be viewed on the Royal Solent YC's [website](#).

*John Whyte*

## XOD's

2011 is the XOD's Centenary Year of racing and the Cowes Week 2010 results show the class to be in great shape. With 88 boats competing, the XODs were, yet again, by far the biggest single fleet in the regatta. Next year, there is likely to be an entry of well over 100 – a testament to the enduring popularity of a design that first raced as a class in Southampton Water 99 years ago and now has divisions at Lymington, Yarmouth, Parkstone, Cowes, Hamble and Itchenor.

The Captain's Cup is awarded to the winner of the Cowes Week series of eight races and is generally regarded as the hardest trophy to win across all classes competing. Essentially, that is because of the extraordinarily high quality of the competition which includes weekend sailors at one end of the fleet and ex-Olympians and world

champions at the other – with a strong tradition of families competing at all levels.

Stephen Lawrence from Itchenor won and the top Lymington XOD was Ben Paton (24), former World Laser Radial champion in XL who was second and won the Under 25s Trophy. Out of the 22 Lymington Boats 6 finished in the top 12 including the Jardine Twins who now in their seventies are sailing just as competitively as when they won the Captains Cup in the 1950s. Lymington top placings: 2nd XL Ben Paton, 4th Lucrezia Ado Jardine, 5th Lone Star Stuart Jardine, 7th Excalibur Adrian Summers, 9th Diana Rory Paton, 12th XRay Robin Balme.



*Photo of XL by [Eddie Mays](#)*

Lymington retained the Philipson Shield for the best performing Division for the Week, as well as a convincing win in the Inter Divisional Team Racing on the Friday before Cowes Week when they won all four Races.

## Juniors

### 420 World and European Championships



420 sailors, Charlie Cox (15) and his helm, Craig Dibb (16), had a busy summer in the British team. In July Charlie and Craig, plus Tarra Gill-Taylor and Matt Wallis, also Members of RLymYC, travelled to Haifa, Israel, for their first 420 World Championship. During two weeks of training and competing, issues such as hydration and extreme heat were as much as a challenge for them as the sailing. Conditions were good with winds ranging between 6 – 16 knots and blowing generally from the west, although dramatic shifts had to be dealt with at times and launching in waves is never easy. Both pairs final positions were in the silver fleet, Tarra and Matt 9th, Craig and Charlie 14th “The experience has been invaluable, competing against some of the worlds most experienced 420 sailors has taught us a huge amount” said Charlie in the short break home between events .

A week later Craig & Charlie were at the European Championships in La Rochelle, France. Craig and Charlie again sailed well , but didn’t quite make the Gold fleet. They had a really good final day, scoring a 6th, 1st and 7th, which gave them 7th place in the Silver fleet overall. Craig and Charlie, a young team, remain together with great promise for the future. Tarra & Matt, however, have now moved into new pairings. They will all be gearing up for the next round of UK national events in October, to select the team for the 2011 World Championships in Argentina next January.

### British 420 National Championships, Brightlingsea

The muddy east coast resort of Brightlingsea is not initially the most inspiring place to race a National Championship, but the welcome by the club and friendly, efficient race management made the event a huge success. The week got off to a good start with the Commodore’s reception, welcoming all the sailors and their families. Despite the best efforts of the wind and rain, 11 races were sailed and a full social calendar was enjoyed. Evening entertainment included a “Hawaiian Evening” and the annual black tie dinner on Thursday.

Phil Sparks, currently in the 470 Olympic Development Squad, decided to enter the 420 Nationals for some race practise, with his old crew Ben Gratton.

Phil had a very successful week, winning convincingly, with five firsts. Craig Dibb and Charlie Cox finished 7th, three points behind Tarra Gill-Taylor in 6th place. Twelve Royal Lymington sailors made the journey with the following results :

1st Phillip Sparks and Ben Gratton (Hayling Island), 6th Tarra Gill-Taylor and Christian Townrow (Restrouguet), 7th Craig Dibb and Charlie Cox, 11th Harry Derbyshire (Emsworth) and Tom Lovesey, 12th Toby Morsley (Port Dinorwic) and Matt Wallis, 23rd Tom Pain and Sasha Bruml, 25th Andrew Wishart and Peter Alton (Oxford), 32nd Anna Greenwell and Kirstie Urwin, 48th James Dodd and Alex Butterworth (Fishers Green).

## Cadets

### Blue String Pudding - on a roll!

RLymYC sailor Andrew Smith has recently completed a hugely successful year in his

Cadet, Blue String Pudding, by becoming the Cadet National Champion at the recent National Championship regatta in Torbay. Racing was fiercely competitive but Andrew and his crew Rory Burdock battled through to win scoring 28 points with 5 podium places including 2 wins and 2 second places. Andrew has been on sparkling form this year, winning a number of open events and claiming second place in the Promotional Regatta at the Cadet World Championships in Puck, Poland in July.

As Cadet National Champion Andrew had been invited to race in the Endeavour Cup at Royal Corinthian YC, Burnham on Crouch in October, a true Champion of Champions Race! This rounds of a hugely successful year for the Club's Cadets.



## Optimists

August has been a quieter month for the Oppies, with families taking the opportunity to sail informally. But some were still in action: at the Irish Nationals Jenny Cropley (7th) was again top girl in the 85 strong Junior Fleet. Sophie Heritage (22nd), Robbie King (26th), Sarah Jarman (31st), Pippa Cropley (34th), Alex King (50th), Emily Gent (63rd) and Tadh O'Farrell (78th) also battled the "monstrous" 3m high waves of Waterford Bay in the same fleet.

At the end of the month the Welsh Optimist Championships were hosted by Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, to which 18 Lymington Oppies made the journey. 180 degree windshifts and 29 knot squalls kept the fleet on its toes, and tested our young sailors to the limit. Half the Lymington sailors made the Gold Fleet, with outstanding results by Ross Mackley (8th), Mimi El-Khazindar (12th), Jenny Cropley (18th) and in particular Millie Boyle (28th), who at only 9 yrs old is showing exceptional promise. Will Bedford got on the right side of the cut to win Silver Fleet, with Pippa Cropley 3rd and Hattie Rogers 4th. William Heathcote won a huge trophy as first 8 yr old. CBYC made us very welcome, and we all had lots of fun on and off the water, with swimming, barbecues and ice skating.



Lymington Oppies dominated the inaugural Hurst Castle Triathlon. Ella Bennett, sailing her oppie "Tic Tac" read the changing tide lines perfectly to sail and swim 5 NM from Lymington to Hurst Castle ahead of the pack. Meanwhile her team mate Jonah Rogers biked 10.5kms from the same slipway at Lymington, along the sea wall to Hurst Spit, whereupon he ran 2.5kms along the shingle spit to the lighthouse at Hurst Castle. After the changeover Jonah hopped into Tic Tac and sped back across the Solent to Lymington ahead of a gathering storm. Meanwhile Ella raced back down the Spit to the crabbing bridge, hopped onto Jonah's bike and arrived at the slipway at almost exactly the same time as her team mate. Local athlete George Smith was the fastest individual around the course (97.22), setting 2 course records in the process (sail 62.54; run 11.11). Millie Boyle has set the record for the fastest bike (22.40). William Heathcote was the youngest competitor to complete under his own steam. For the 20 athletes, all of primary school age, the triathlon was a great adventure – and for some, sailing alone in such tempestuous conditions, it was a terrific challenge just to complete the loop. Prizes - including handsome silverware donated by double Olympic medallist Nick Rogers, were presented by triathlete Valeria Sesto.

Lymington Youth and Family Week gave fledgling oppie sailors that chance to put their newly acquired skills to the test, and for the more experienced sailors to have a go at sailing other types of dinghy. The Oppie racing, held at the Salterns, was dominated by George Gent, George Smith, Frey Hopkinson, Issy Moyles and Toby Bennett.

Oppie sailor James Eales thought he'd try his hand at sailing an RS Tera so, not one to do things by halves, James went up to the National Championships - whereupon he won 2 races and qualified for the World Championships in Carnac, France. Here again he showed that the oppie sailors aren't just pretty faces and finished a very respectable 10th. We're all delighted and relieved that James is now back in his Oppie, keeping his harem of girls in order.



## 'The English Raid - Solent 2010'



On Saturday evening, 31 July, the Club was 'captured by' the English Raid – open boats, foreign raiders, local collaborators, the barge 'Alice', music, drink, food, prizes. It was nearly the end of a 60-odd mile tour of the West Solent over four days, involving 40 boats and 100 people.

Raiding is making a journey with other sail-and-oar boats in an excellent sailing area. The boats are the sort that don't fit into most racing dinghy fleets, and aren't big or comfortable enough to be called cruisers: but they're robust and seaworthy, and lots of people keep them in the drive. Feedback from the fleet on the night was fantastic: so much fun that we may have to do it again in 2012.

All thanks to the people at RLYM who made it possible – Kevin, Phil, Kirsty, Mark and lots more.

*George and Julia Trevelyan*

## RNLI

Friday 1st October, 2010 – 7.30pm. St. Saviours Church, Brockenhurst

### The Friday Girls & Friends

RNLI Lympington Guild Invite you to an evening of light entertainment. Tickets £10.00 (to include light refreshment) from 01590 623029, 01590 679205 and Best Sellers Bookshop, Brookley Road, Brockenhurst.



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## .... and finally

### The Club Website is changing

In the next few weeks Members will be able to interact with Club administration using a new Members' Area. When it is ready everyone will receive details.

*Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House*

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£38,500.00

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Boat trailer, suitable for 5.3-6M RIB.

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Suit practical person prepared to repair brakes or someone looking for parts.

Any reasonable offer considered.

Will need trailer of some sort to take away.

email [Amanda Otway](mailto:Amanda.Otway@rlymyc.org.uk)

#### 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.

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**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
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- Brasserie Gerrard (French Restaurant) High Street Lymington

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- Elmers Court Hotel Lymington



