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Ann Brunskill

House

The summer is flying by and the House Team are busy behind the scenes supporting the staff to ensure all our members enjoy the Club's facilities. In August we have a Jazz Evening which is part of the Solent Music Festival which looks to be a good event.

New House Manager

As many of you will be aware, Iain Robertson has moved onto another role in Kent. His decision to leave us was purely of a personal nature and we thank him for his hard work at the Club and wish him well for the future. In order to ensure we continue to deliver excellent food and service to our Members we have acted very quickly and Claire Stennard will be our new House Manager from Monday 5th August. I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming Claire to the Club and offer her our support.



Change of policy for the autumn Quiz Nights

The Quiz Evenings have become some of the most popular events in our winter calendar; we sell out very quickly, resulting in a waiting list for each evening. However in recent months I have been informed that the Quiz Evenings are regularly attended by non-members, obviously this is acceptable as long as they don't exceed the 'six visit' rule. Therefore, to respond to complaints regarding non-members taking places when Members are on a waiting list, I have advised the General Committee that from this autumn Members will be given preference to places at each quiz. Non-members will be put on a waiting list for any places which are still available.

Tickets for events

Our social events are extremely popular with most selling out quickly. However some Members are asking the office to reserve tickets for them but then have not collected or paid for the tickets. This has leaves people who would have liked to come unable to attend, plus the loss of revenue to the Club.

From September all tickets must be paid for when they are booked/requested. The office can take the money from a Member's Club card or with a credit card over the phone to be collected at their leisure.

Lentune

Thank you to Steve from Stainless Steve Engineering for making such a wonderful job of the Lentune in the dining room. It took him forever as it was all handmade.



Geri Harris, Rear Commodore House

Youth Week



Racing in Scows, RS Teras, 420s, Cadets, Lasers and Optimists each day, with the usual range of exciting social activities from BBQs to tennis after sailing each day and prize-giving on Friday after racing. Come along and join in, there's still room for more volunteers.

Potter Dinghy Race



Don't miss this inaugural event on Saturday 24th August, along the same lines as the Pottership Race. It's a handicap race open to all sailing dinghies helmed by Club Members. All boats will start together at 10am in the Solent and finish at around 11:30. Average lap times will be used to work out the winner on handicap. There is an overall prize and prizes for each class within the fleet.

RIB Challenge - Saturday 10th August



The Southern Regional Final of the RYA Youth Rib challenge which will be held in Lymington on Saturday 10th August. The Club's three finalists, Ollie Tait, Will Hancock and James Eady, have been practising hard and are putting in some very good times against those being produced in the other regional finals around the country, but training is training and putting in a fast time on the day in front of a crowd will be the real test of their skills and nerves.

The competition will be held in the southern end of Oxey lake behind the Salterns, which is out of the tide and prevailing SW wind. There should be some great views from the sea wall: you can park at the Salterns and walk or cycle out along the sea wall, it takes about 20 mins to walk from Salterns. Alternatively come by rib, shallow draft boat, kayak or even paddle board if you wish.



Club Success

Club Laser 4.7 sailor Jake Farren-Price went the extra mile last week at the World and European Laser 4.7 championships in Lake Balaton, Hungary, posting the best performance of the 20-strong GBR team by earning nineteenth place in the World Championship under-sixteen category and fifteenth in the under-sixteen European Championship. With only four races completed in the qualifying section of the event due to lack of wind, Jake was the only GBR boy to make gold fleet. He is now preparing for the Laser National Championships which will take place in Paignton, Devon during the first week of August.

Club

IT

Over the past 9 months the Club has been running a project to upgrade our core IT systems and infrastructure, which were becoming

obsolete and increasingly unreliable and expensive to maintain.

The new system went live last week and is working well. We have had some inevitable teething problems as our staff get used to the new system, but we are working hard to make the transition seamless as possible. We would like to thank members for their patience and understanding through this transition phase of the project.

September Mailing

The list will be going up on the notice board this week for volunteers to help with stuffing and sorting. Everyone welcome, many hands make light work.

Cruising - future events

Cruise to Poole Harbour -Friday 30th, Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September 2013

Berths will be available at Poole Quay Boat Haven after mid-day. Those wishing to anchor will be able to do so at Pottery Pier or South Deep in Poole harbour. Friday evening will be considered free dining. On Saturday, following an 18.00 pontoon party, dinner has been arranged at the Thistle Hotel adjacent to the marina. The Bournemouth Air Show also takes place this weekend and for those wishing to travel around the area, the bus and railway stations are 10 minutes walk from the marina.

Full details and sign up instructions on the [website](#).

Robert Woolley, Cruising Sub Committee

Bucklers Hard Rally - Friday and Saturday 13th and 14th September

There will be drinks on the pontoon at 1800 on the Friday night after which participants may make their own arrangements for dinner.

On Saturday evening, both the BBQ pits have been reserved and it is intended to light these at 6pm. Please bring all you intend to eat and drink plus plates, glasses and utensils including tongs/spatula. There is limited seating available but bring folding chairs to be certain of a seat. There will be a charge of £3 per person to cover costs.

Bucklers Hard have been advised of our coming and there are two options for berthing: the river pontoon or the marina. For those wishing to reserve a marina berth a £5 deposit will be required. Skippers should make their own bookings but their preference should be recorded on the Rally Sheet below together with other details as required. Contact George Johnson (07821178534) or Tony Hughes (07971695952) if you have any queries.



George Johnson, Racing Sub Committee

Racing

Brewin Dolphin Thursday Night Racing



Nearly half way through the Late Series so time for an update: up to 80 boats turning out each week; some fantastic conditions and adventurous courses. We are lucky to be sponsored by Brewin Dolphin. Rob Carroll is the divisional director and comes to the Club most Thursdays to watch the racing (he's been up on the platform to get a better view) and present the bottle prizes. A couple of times Rob has generously stood aside in favour of a visiting celebrity and again last Thursday. Sir Robin Knox-Johnson was racing with us and kindly agreed to do the honours. Sir Robin gave the Club a good plug on his BBC Radio Solent programme, H2O the following day. (Picture shows Rob on the left and Sir Robin on the right.)

A couple of emails received recently have complimented our Race Teams on setting challenging and interesting courses even though the weather conditions have been less than ideal for racing, albeit ideal for enjoying ourselves on the Western Solent in some balmy weather. As always, the racers are most grateful to our volunteer teams.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

Dinghies

Lymington Dinghy Regatta 13th and 14th July

The inaugural Lymington Dinghy Regatta, jointly hosted with LTSC, gave us fabulous sailing and a lively social event. Doughnuts after racing and generous prizes from Gill topped off a great regatta. The sun and sea breezes did their bit, along with 25 volunteers from each club.

Three races were scheduled each day on two courses, one run by each club, which worked well and kept the fast asymmetric boats separated from the Scows and visiting Fireflies. The Club course was ably run by John Evans and Jane Pitt-Pitts, with Mark Otway in charge of safety cover. On the Saturday evening, after the Club had laid on a tasty buffet supper, Derek from the Frog and Frigate played guitar and sang all the classic songs; almost everyone in the bar was dancing by the end of the night. Next year's event is planned for 19/20 July 2014, again with both clubs working together. For a full report see [Yachts and Yachting](#).

Monday Evening Dinghies

The fine weather has produced some big turnouts on Monday evenings, with well over 120 boats competing in the series and over 60 racing on the water each week in 5 classes. The most hotly contested classes are the Scows and Medium Handicap, each with up to 30 boats on the start line. Just under half of the Late series is left to sail, and there's still time for some place changes.

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies

Cruising - past events

Channel Cruise June 2013

17 boats participated in this year's summer cruise with a difference. Unlike in previous years, there were no fixed destinations or events. The majority of participants chose to cruise the Channel Islands and North Brittany but strong winds in the Channel in early June meant some boats delayed their departure. Others went to the West Country.



As planned, everyone kept up to date with fleet movements through a regular text update of ports of call: some satisfying passage making and a number of enjoyable social gatherings took place during the month. One Member kept in touch with events on the way home from Oban and another en route from Lymington to South Brittany. Although strong winds kept some of us in port on a few occasions, there was very little rain and a lot of sun so shore based activities continued apace. At one point there were six boats in Guernsey enjoying each other's hospitality and St Peter Port's many good restaurants.

The cruise this summer was by its nature something of an experiment but feedback so far has been positive. We look forward to further feedback at the Cruising Forum on Sunday 20th October.

Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub Committee

Bembridge Rally – 10th to 12th July 2013

The fine summer weather persuaded 24 boats to venture up the Solent to Bembridge where we were all efficiently accommodated in Duver Marina. The BBQ on the Wednesday night was well received, the Marina having put their two gas BBQs together with some tables and chairs at our disposal.

Daytime activity was generally centred on the many walks around the area. On Thursday night we made our way by water taxi to Bembridge Sailing Club for dinner where we were very well received and served an excellent three course meal. The main building of BSC was apparently initially intended to go to India as a Cricket Pavilion and the character of it was quite evident as shown in the attached photo. It makes a quite wonderful sailing club with magnificent views over the harbour.

Many boats enjoyed Bembridge so much that they either arrived early or left late. Definitely a destination for future rallies.



George Johnson, Cruising Sub Committee

Navitus Bay Wind Park June 2013 Update

Navitus Bay Development Ltd has issued an update outlining progress and the changes which have been made to take account of the issues raised during consultations that have taken place since 2010. Feedback is invited by NBDL.

The project has been reduced in scale and the northern boundary moved further away from the shore. Both of these changes result from a revision to the boundary to clear the Green Sector of the Hurst Point leading light. This has resulted in:-

- Reducing the number of turbines from up to 330 to 218 based on 5MW turbines or 136 based on 8MW turbines.
- Reducing the total area of the seabed to be developed from 198 to 175 sq. kilometres (76.4 sq. miles to 67.6 sq. miles).

In addition, the maximum height of the turbine blades is lowered from 210 to 200 metres (689 to 656 ft) based on 8MW turbines. The minimum air draught clearance at MHWS remains at 22 metres.

Baseline shipping information has been obtained using survey methodologies agreed in advance with MCA and Trinity House light Service. Throughout the survey period (22 days in August 2012) an average of 31 unique vessels per day were recorded within the revised NBWP area. 66% were recreational vessels, cargo vessels 14%, passenger vessels 6%, fishing vessels 5% and tankers 3% (This totals 94%). The busiest day during the survey was 10 August when 68 unique vessels were recorded intersecting the proposed NBWP.

If consent is granted, NBDL will apply industry standard mitigation measures in the pre-commissioning, construction, operational and decommissioning phases. Additional measures include:-

- The western boundary of the site, aligning with the Hurst Point Green Light sector, requires due account to be taken of the turbine blade length to ensure there is no encroachment into the green sector or outside the consented project boundary.
- Temporary aids to navigation during construction.
- Consideration given to turbine alignment,. Particularly on the north west edge, to ensure that turbines are, where feasible with ground conditions, aligned so as to present a straight edge to assist both visual and electronic navigation.
- The site will be designed to ensure that the overall design or peripheral turbines do not increase risk by creating high risk areas. These may include the use of buoyage and will be discussed with THLS.
- Guard vessels could be used during the operational phase for periods of significant maintenance, but will not be a permanent feature on site.

A further round of exhibitions will be held in September 2013.

At the July 2013 meeting General Committee decided that the Club should not add to the comments we have made previously. They primarily concerned the boundary of the wind park in relation to clearing the green Sector of Hurst Point light. MCA and THLS are in consultation with NBDL on other navigational safety matters.

The current update does not add any new changes to the project we have previously considered.

Richard Wood, General Committee

Newtown Creek update

The Government has now published a summary of the responses to the Marine Conservation Zone exercise. These can be seen on their [website](#). The report does not make any statements about which sites are to be designated or what will happen next; that information will follow in the autumn. There is no change as far as we are concerned – we need to stay alert and carefully position ourselves to be able to respond if necessary when the government publishes its full report.

David Brunskill

Fleets

XODs

Four XODs from the Club competed at the Royal London Yacht Club's 6th Cowes Classic Week. The regatta includes many beautiful classic yachts from the 12 metre class - 70 foot long Americas Cup Yachts from 1958 to 1987 - down to small day boats. During this year's regatta the Solent Sunbeams celebrated their 90th anniversary and laid on a lovely reception. The Nicholson 32s celebrated their 50th anniversary this year and became eligible to join in the regatta.

The regatta was preceded by a race off Cowes to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Royal London Yacht Club. Most of the other Lymington boats had not arrived in Cowes at this stage but X57 Red Coral sailed by Roy, Nik and Hannah Froud finished 6th.

On Tuesday the regatta commenced with a windward/leeward course set in the area of the Bramble Bank. This was won by Ado Jardine in XOD 140, Lucrezia, with second place going to Stuart Childerley of the Royal Southern Yacht Club in Palassie, sailing with his young son and daughter taking turns in helming as a change from their normal Optimist sailing. A round the cans race to get the fleet back to Cowes followed with Lucrezia finishing 4th, Ibex 10th, Red Coral 11th and Mersa, still to find her customary speed, in 23rd.





Only one race was sailed on Wednesday due to lack of wind and that saw Lucrezia finish 4th, Red Coral 9th, Ibex 12th and Mersa 18th. There was no racing on Thursday and so crews were treated to ice creams and tea and cake ashore in glorious sunshine. Racing resumed on Friday with three races; two windward/leeward followed by a round the cans. Mersa found her speed on the day and was able to post a 3rd, 6th and 4th which saw her overtake the other Lymington boats except for Lucrezia who posted a 1st, 10th and 7th.

Final results were: 2nd Lucrezia, Ado Jardine; 9th Ibex, Paul Woodman; 10th Mersa, Karl Thorne and 11th (on countback behind Mersa) Red Coral, Roy, Nik, Hannah Froud (and friends).

Some of the XODs getting ready to go to Cowes.

Karl Thorne, Vice Captain XOD Divisional Committee

RS Elites

RS Elite – Southern Area Championships

Fifteen boats from Burnham, Hayling, Cowes and Lymington competed for the title over a very successful weekend hosted by our Club. Our thanks to everyone concerned for giving us a great weekend – Kirsty and Vicky in the office were totally helpful and efficient throughout – Ken Hay and his race team did a great job, especially on the Saturday when wildly shifting winds meant the course had to be completely re-laid (in exceptionally rapid time) for each of the three races – and the dinner on Saturday night and prize giving lunch on Sunday were both superb (and favourably commented upon by many competitors including those used to dining at the Royal Yacht Squadron).

Overall results: 1st Kandoo III, Crauford McKeon, Paul Bowen, Sean; 2nd Kiss, Martin & Amanda Wadhams, Giles Chipperfield; 3rd Aeolus, Jono, Lyn & David Brown; 4th Flo, Angus & Lauren Bates; 5th Freebie, Karl Thorne; 6th – Wombat, Jonathon & Bobby Proctor, Seanine Joyce.

Cowes Week and the Crewsaver Stadium Cup

Cowes Week follows with a number of our fleet taking part. This includes the Crewsaver sponsored Stadium Cup off the Green on Saturday afternoon, with live commentary by Cowes Radio.

Freebie available for charter

Remember, the Club's RS Elite *Freebie* is available for charter – with bookings via the office. 5th place at the Southernns proved the boat can be on the pace – she is dry sailed from Berthon, so you can turn up, step aboard and race. She's already been booked for the Nationals in Northern Ireland, but there are Thursday evening slots available.

Martin Wadhams

Scows

The month of July has had everything one could hope for in the Scow Division. Potters, picnic potters, Monday evening racing and our very own Captain's Trophy.

Thursday morning potters, under the watchful eye of Graham Neal, are regularly achieving 12+ boats and you can see why when the last potter took us up through Pylewell, down the Solent into Oxey and finally through the Yacht Haven to the slipway. Sun, sea, breeze and wildlife equates to bliss on the water. Whilst on potters, a fleet of scows sailed to Pitts Deep for a picnic lunch in near perfect conditions. The only tricky bit was mooring the boats offshore at Pitts Deep as the tidal swell caused a number of anchors to drag. The sail back was through the salt marshes, ending another perfect day.

The Captain's Trophy saw 16 Scows compete on 16th July in ideal conditions. This event consists of a series of four short races, all sailed on the same evening around specially laid marks near the river mouth. Mike and Ros Urwin in Nutshell were overall winners with three firsts and a second to give them just 5 points in total. Catherine Maguire and Bethany Putt came second in Splinters, their first and two second places were marred by a 10th in the second race. Barry and Carol Dunning were third in Snowgoose. Separate prizes were awarded to the single handers. First was Jane Pitt-Pitts in Daffy Duck, second was Simon van Hagen in Seataalk and Philip Shute sailing Tourbillon was third.

The racing was followed by the prize- giving and supper in the clubhouse.

Dunlop Stewart, Captain of Scows

Club Members' Art Exhibition 8th to 10th November

Details in next month's ePotterNews and the September mailing. An excellent opportunity to exhibit and most enjoyable to view.

Classic Cars - Thursday 15th August

For those of you with Classic Cars, Gill and Chris Baldwick would be happy to host a get together at their house, Whitemoor on Sandy Down, Boldre, SO41 8PN. Tea and coffee from 11.00 am Plenty of parking in the driveway, and maybe a run to Club (weather permitting) thereafter for lunch? Please email [Chris](#) if you would like to come along.



Race Management Training

Believe it or not - the Winter Programme is shaping up. Do not get left out in the cold – make a note for next year's diary.

Dates booked for race management training for 2014 are:

Communications – Flags and Guns etc.

Thursday 9 January 1800 hours

Good Recording

Thursday 23 January 1800 hours

“Keeping Time”

Thursday 13 February 1800 hours

Course Setting – Round the Cans

Tuesday 11 and 18 March 1800 hours

VHF Radio Use

Saturday 5 April 1100 hours

Next Level Training

We are planning to run a Regional Race Management Seminar at the Club over a weekend in March 2014. We are still in the initial stages of getting this set up so, for additional details on the nature of this Seminar, please do take a look at the Race Management section of the RYA [website](#). It is very informative and explains what qualifications are required and what to expect on such a course.

Frances Evans, Training Committee, Race Management

RNLI

Station Open Day and Annual Service of Thanksgiving - Sunday 11th August

The Station will be open from 11 am to 4 pm and the Thanksgiving Service will be at the Bandstand in Bath Road at 5 pm.

Maritime Art Group Exhibition at Buckler's Hard until the end of August

The Maritime Art Group have donated several pictures to be sold in aid of the RNLI at their exhibition at the Master Builder's and the exhibition is well worth a visit.

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

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