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And I thought there wasn't going to be much to say in December other than to thank everyone for reading and contributing during the past twelve months. How wrong I was, there's a fantastic social programme for December and then in usually gloomy January there's lots for everyone. The Cruisers and Racers are planning their next season, there are seminars and courses for old and new Members of the race teams to brush up skills and get ready to provide another super year of support to the Club's activities. May I wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Ann Brunskill

Stop Press

Member Ian Williams won his fourth ISAF Match Racing World Championship in GAC Pindar on Friday, 7th December, after beating his arch rival Bjorn Hansen in the Quarter Final of the Monsoon Cup, Malaysia, the finale of the Alpari World Match Racing Tour. Ian has equalled the record of Yanmar Racing skipper Peter Gilmour. Reflecting on his feat, he, said: 'It's incredible to match Peter Gilmour on four world titles... it's indescribable really.'

I'm sure Members would like to congratulate Ian on this superb performance.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

Social

Forthcoming events

Last chance to get tickets for Saturday 8th December, Christmas Party with buffet supper and disco. 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm



Monday 10th December, Bridge Supper

Wednesday 12th December, Staff Christmas Party so the Club will be closed for the evening

Thursday 13th December, Ladies' informal lunch

Friday 14th December, Turkey Dinner (black tie) 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm



Click on the banners above for more details. Tickets are selling fast so book yours now.

Tuesday 18th December, Movie Night, 6.15 pm

"The Dish", a 'feelgood' film for the festive season.

Saturday, 22nd December, Carols with Santa from 12.30 pm (not the 20th as in the programme)

Bring your children and grandchildren along at lunch time to join in the Christmas carols and enjoy a break from the Christmas shopping. Rumour has it that Santa may visit by river with a sack full of sweets for the children.

Monday 31st December



Bistro Nights

Due to the Club's busy Christmas calendar there will be no Bistro Nights until January; but do come along and enjoy a la carte evenings in a relaxed and festive atmosphere. Enjoy your Club and let the bar and dining room take the strain in the run up to Christmas, over the holidays and into the New Year.

Lunch time Treat

In the rush up to Christmas why not find a bit of peace and tranquility by coming to the Club for a festive turkey and cranberry sandwich at a very reasonable £4.50. Or, if you really need cosseting, have one of the Club's mid-week roasts. Plus what could be better than to enjoy a warm glass of mulled wine, available from Rob at the Bar?

Dates for the Diary for January 2013

Tuesday 1st New Year's Day Brunch

Thursday 3rd January, Quiz Night

Tuesday 8th January, Movie Night "The Lady"

Thursday 10th January, Ladies' Informal Lunch

Monday 14th January, Bridge Supper

Saturday 19th January, Jazz Evening with Dave Horler & Friends

Tuesday 22nd January, Movie Night "War Horse"

Thursday 24th January, Gentlemen's Informal Lunch

Friday 25th January, Burns Night Celebration

Check on the Club website and the Notice boards for further details later in the month.

Quiz Nights, Movie Nights and Lectures

Members who sign up for these events are requested to treat their bookings just like they would normal restaurant bookings. If you are unable to come or may be not staying for food, please let us know in advance. This will enable others to come who may have been excluded because the event is full, and save wasting food prepared in the kitchen.

Club

Annual General Meeting - Saturday, 9th February 2013 at 11 a.m.

The calling notice for the AGM will be going up on the Club notice board on Saturday 15th December. The papers for the Meeting will be mailed in early January together with PotterShip magazine.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

Annual Dinner

The meal was superb at the Annual Dinner, only matched by the excellence of the speaker: the Commodore,

assisted by some dramatic pictures, related the story of the Extreme Sailing Series from the early days up to now. Mark and Fiona Fishwick were guests and Mark enjoyed being 'on the other side of the fence'. The Highlander Trophy for the individual who has done most for IRC racing over the past twelve months was presented to William Newton (picture right). This trophy was created in honour of Mac McDougal and presented to him for his efforts to promote IRC racing by a group of fellow racers, as Mac never managed to take home any of the trophies but was always out there and ready to help anyone. He would have been delighted to see the names of subsequent holders. The Commodore's Trophy was presented to Ann Brunskill for her volunteering activities with the race teams and for editing a certain newsletter.



Mark Fishwick's Leaving Drinks

The Club was packed with Members on Friday morning, 30th November, to bid farewell to Mark after 18 years service. The Commodore presented Mark with a cheque and a picture of the Club and Mark related a number of anecdotes from his time at the Club. He thanked those who had encouraged him to take on the house manager's job and all the Members for their friendliness. Mark has been awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Club.

Kitchen Project

Members may recall that for some years there have been discussions regarding refurbishing the kitchen and salad bar. A similar project was last completed 16 years ago, using new and recycled equipment from the previous kitchen installed in 1982. Over the past 12 months we have been doing some serious research and negotiation to deliver a practical proposition for next year. There is now a project in place, as approved by the General Committee, to do the work in two phases:

Phase 1

The salad bar and carvery area will be refurbished over a three week period commencing 21st January. We intend to keep all the lunchtime offerings available for Members during that period by preparing your orders in the kitchen whilst the salad bar is out of action.

Phase 2

The kitchen project plans need to be considered by the Membership as a whole and the General Committee has recommended them to be put to the AGM on 9th February 2013. For various reasons time scales are short and the plan, should it find favour, would be to commence Phase 2 shortly afterwards, to be finished by Easter.

During this phase of the project the whole kitchen would be out of action, but the newly refurbished salad bar would be available; thus lunchtimes would continue almost as normal with sandwiches and a limited hot offering. During the evenings, we would continue providing simple and wholesome set menu suppers to attendees of regular Club functions such as Film Nights, Bridge Nights, Wednesday Lectures etc. For the two or three rather more special occasions planned we intend to offer normal catering, some of which would be sourced from outside. Our friends at LTSC have offered their help, and we plan to use their equipment as a "production kitchen" on some of the days when they are shut.

Once completed the new facilities will improve the staff's ability to provide better catering for Members and give them more flexibility in the future. It will bring the Club up to modern hygiene standards and enable us to comply with current legislation.

There will be more information on the notice boards shortly, and either I or the Project Manager, Peter Mills, will be available to explain the project and answer any matters of concern.

Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House

Art Exhibition

The Club Art Exhibition in November provided the opportunity for regular contributors to exhibit as well as the welcome addition of new artists. Carolyn Howden's watercolour painting of Fowey Harbour Entrance was awarded the accolade of Commodore's Choice. Many Members enjoyed the opportunity to wander round, glass in hand, during the evenings, thanks to the gallant band of volunteers who manned the show in the Island Room. Over £1,500's worth of art was sold, 20% of which is donated to the RNLI. The auction of Club pictures on display during the Art Exhibition by closed bids raised nearly £2000 with approximately two-thirds of the works being sold. Contributions of 20% will go to the RNLI and Sailability.

Bridget Atkin

Navitus Bay

Navitus Bay Update In response to the update emailed to Members on 28 November, a couple of points have been raised on which clarification may be helpful:-

- What is the 'cocked hat' part of the proposed development area? It is the most northerly section of the area. It does not have a formal definition and it is shown, edged blue, on the chart on the Navitus Bay website. The location can be found by going to the [Navitus Bay website](#). Go to the site map via the bottom left hand corner of the Welcome page. In Links and Downloads go to Navitus Bay ZAP document and then go to Figure 2- Zone Development Envelope at page 6 of the document. The 'cocked hat' is the triangle defined by IDs 1, 2 and 7.
- It has been suggested that the Club is doing a 'blanket' objection when some Members are in support of the proposal. As is made clear in the update, the principle of the wind farm is Government policy. On the basis that it will go ahead, the purpose of any representations made by the Club would be with the aim of protecting Members' interests through mitigation of the impacts on recreational boat users and that the safety of navigation for them should be maintained.

Richard Woods

Newtown Anchorage Update

The response to the last report was excellent and I now have over 100 concerned sailors who are ready, pens poised, to send off objections once we have details of what is proposed and when the consultation period opens. More welcome.

The most amazing thing is the reach of the Club website and ePotterNews. Members of other clubs are regularly looking at our website for updates and have asked permission to reproduce ePN articles. There is widespread concern from Poole to Chichester and from inland sailing clubs whose members go cruising on the South Coast. In the meantime the RYA is progressing discussions at Government level and has plans in place to assist clubs during the consultation process.

If you are concerned about Newtown Creek and have not yet signed up to the circulation list please email newtownanchorage@hotmail.co.uk

David Brunskill

Cruising - Future Events

Needles Relief Saturday 15th December 2012

This traditional festive charity event held at the Royal Solent Yacht Club is always well supported and hugely enjoyable, whether you enter the race, cruise over or come by ferry.

- Tickets for lunch at the Royal Solent are £10, available from the office.
- Entry for attending/racing boats £12.00, which includes berthing in Yarmouth.
- Win a Trip on the Yarmouth Lifeboat. Please support the raffle in aid of your "local" RNLI crews- tickets at the Club bar or reception.

Full details for both racers and cruisers click [here](#). Email [David Houlton](#) if you have any queries or call him on 01590610762.

Cruising Awards 2012

Hopefully most of you will have seen the revised system for the award of the Cruising Trophies which was publicised earlier in the year. If not then you will find it on the Cruising Section of the [website](#) or on the Cruising notice board in the Club.

The objective for changing most of the criteria for the award of these trophies is to encourage more people to apply. We are particularly keen to encourage families, the under 18s and motor powered boats to participate so that all the trophies can be awarded for this year.

All you have to do now is to complete the proforma and return it to reception by 31 January 2013. The proforma will be reviewed by a small committee and the awards presented at the Cruising Dinner on 2nd March 2013. Guidance on what should be included in the narrative section of the cruising proforma is included in the notice already circulated.

The Seamanship Trophy, the John and Angie Bailey Trophy and the XII Bar Blues Trophy will continue to use the existing criteria for their award. For the third we will be looking for blogs etc. produced during or after cruises. Please let me know the details if you wish to be considered for this trophy.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions. We are looking for a bumper response this year.

Clive Sparrow, Captain of Cruising

Keeping your boat abroad - Seminar at 11.00 am Sunday 13th January 2013



Members' experiences of keeping their boats abroad. There will be four ten minute presentations covering experiences in the West Coast of France, the South of France, Croatia and Greece plus Sardinia and Malta. Issues including where to leave your boat, weather, costs, regulations and how to get your boat there will be covered.

Clive Sparrow, Captain of Cruising

January Lectures

Wednesday 9th January - Admiral John Lippiett 'The story of the new Mary Rose Museum'

Wednesday 16th January - 16th David Shepherd 'Finns ain't wot they used to be' An Archipelago cruise to Helsinki in 2011

Wednesday 23rd January - Dr. Dominic Fontana 'The Battle of the Solent 1545'

Wednesday 30th January - Phil Batten 'Is it boring being an airline pilot?' Tales from the Captain's seat.

Full details on the [website](#) of these and other forthcoming lectures.

Nick Olney, Cruising Sub Committee

Channel Cruise June 2013

The cruise will take place during June 2013 and will broadly cover the French coast from Cherbourg in the east to Treguier in the west, the Channel Islands and the West Country. It is envisaged that some of us will spend the whole of June on the cruise with an outline passage plan of Lymington, Cherbourg, Channel Islands, Treguier, St Malo, Granville, Channel Islands and Dartmouth before returning to Lymington. Others may join part of the cruise only, either as part of a shorter voyage or perhaps at the beginning or end of a longer passage.

More information will be circulated in the New Year, but it would be helpful to know how many of you are interested in taking part in the cruise even if it's just meeting up in one location.

There are more details on the [website](#). If you are interested please email me at kenclaydon@btinternet.com with a short message to that effect. PLEASE email me direct rather than through the Club office.

Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub Committee

The Ionian Sailing Extravaganza – 8 to 22 September 2013 (Update)

As at the end of November six yachts have been chartered for this event. Three Members also plan to have their boats sailing in the Ionian Islands (Western Greece) during the rally. There's still plenty of time to book your berth for a 'bareboat' charter and to join the festivities. Click [here](#) for more details or email [Derek](#)



[Barnard](#) who is co-ordinating and facilitating this event or telephone 01425 272 683.

Derek Barnard, Cruising Sub Committee

Chart Room

New arrivals in the Chart Room are the 2012 editions of RCC South Biscay and Mediterranean Spain (Costas del Azahar, Dorada and Brava), the 2012 Imray Cruising Ireland and Cruising Guide, Germany and Denmark and the 2012/13 777 Harbours and Anchorages in Croatia, Slovenia and Montenegro. We now also have the current editions of RCC Norway and CCC Cruising Scotland.

Members are reminded that the Chart Room pilot books and charts are for reference only and must not be removed. The Navin North Sea Passage Pilot and the RCC Atlantic Islands plus some early publications have been missing for some time. If anyone can assist in locating them, it would be helpful.

Peter Lowe, Cruising sub Committee



Cruising - Past events

November 5th Yarmouth Meet

A party of 76 arrived in Yarmouth on 12 boats plus several ferry passengers to take part in the annual torchlight procession through the town to watch the fireworks. This was followed by sausage and mash at the Royal Solent YC. Those boats that stayed overnight enjoyed a beautiful sail back in glorious sunshine, having enjoyed the obligatory cooked breakfast first.

Racing

Coming Up in December



December sees three family orientated events. The traditional 'Needles Relief' event sets off on the 15th December as a staggered start with fun racing westward, before turning for Yarmouth and the welcome hospitality of the Royal Solent Yacht Club. All proceeds go to charity and it is a great way to escape that Christmas shopping expedition. The return to Lymington is sometimes also staggered, or so I am told, but in a different way. You do need to enter and book some lunch tickets: click on the banner for details.



Immediately after Christmas, on 27th December, we have the Peter Andrae Trophy, raced in Scows on the River and open to Club Members under 21 years old. Very unusually, this event boasts cash prizes, thanks to the legacy which was donated with the trophy. Sign up on the Club notice board. Click on the banner for details.



The Scows will also be out on the following day, the Friday, this time carrying family teams whose minimum combined age is 35. Again, great fun in a slightly masochistic manner: the festive fare is so much more satisfying afterwards. Helmsmen must be Members of the Club with a minimum age of 18 years. The boats shall be raced double-handed, with a minimum combined crew age of 35 years. Click on the banner for details.

Our Wonderful Volunteers

Have you ever wondered why all those lovely people turn out each week to ensure we racers have a good time? There are all sorts of admirable reasons and I would like to add another reason next year. I would like everyone who races at the Club to volunteer for some other events. Many clubs require each participant to miss a race or two and join the race management team on those days. We do not, because we are lucky to have selfless teams of volunteers, and most persuasive event series coordinators. However, the Club always needs volunteers so please fill in the brightly coloured form which will be delivered to you in the New Year. We racers should feel guilty if we are not volunteering regularly for events in which we are not participating.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

Fleets

RS Elite – INEOS Solent Circuit finale

Well, 2012's weather played havoc to the end of our racing series, with the final three Sundays of the INEOS series all cancelled due to too much or too little wind. So, the results at the half way stage held until the end with Martin and Amanda Wadhams and David Ellis in 'Kiss' securing the overall win and carrying off a beautiful glass trophy, plus the rather splendid Lymington Spit trophy for best overall performance across all classes in the Series. Simon Cavey in Livez took the first win of the series (Steve Powell would say stole) and then enjoyed a series long battle with Steve Powell's E'Tu team, with Livez clinching second overall.



Kiss the winners of the INEOS Solent Circuit

Several new owners are expected to join our RS Elite fleet in 2013. Throughout the season there will be a comprehensive programme of weekend and Thursday evening racing, plus the Southern Area Championship also at our Club. A spring event at Cowes is coming together, giving an early season opportunity for the newly forming Cowes fleet, Hayling Island and our own boats to enjoy a packed weekend of class racing and socialising. Then in the middle of the year the main events will be Cowes Week, the RS Elite Stadium Cup and a trip to Belfast Lough for the UK National Championships where the Irish hospitality is the stuff of legends.

Martin Wadhams

LR Scows

Firstly a warm welcome to new Members Nigel Lang and Douglas and Linda Rogerson. Our Scows may be out of the water now but that has not dampened the enthusiasm for getting together. The winter programme is underway and our first informal supper has taken place. The walks, under the watchful eye of Dick Thorn, are proving very popular with numbers exceeding previous years. This trend extended into the first informal supper with 17 Members getting together - indeed there was a reluctance to leave such was the enjoyment of the evening.

The next event is our Christmas Cheer Dinner on Tuesday 11th December which is always popular so if you have not got your ticket yet, please hurry.

The Divisional Plan for 2013 has elicited many responses. My thanks to all Members for engaging in this process. I hope to communicate on the Plan again before the end of the year. Talking about the end of the year it remains



for me to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dunlop Stewart, Captain of Scows

XODs



XOD sailors had their prize giving on 16th November which was an excellent evening with the Cock Boat Cup for the top boat of the season going to 'Lone Star' - Stuart Jardine. Two notable prizes are awarded annually to someone who has made a significant contribution to the Class - enormous thanks goes to William Norris for steering the whole Class through a classic three years and he was awarded the Jackie Cooper Candelabra. Richard Field was awarded the Mollymawk Trophy and if you haven't seen his fantastic book with a resume of every X Boat (and owner) you should read it. Rory Paton has retired as Captain after a very lively two years during which he has ensured Lymington XODs continued to get great sailing and increased the number of boats in our fleet. (Picture shows Richard Field sailing

Persephone).

Fenella Lees

Nordic Folkboats

Strong fleets and close, highly competitive one design racing characterised the Folkboat racing season and the last race of the West Solent Series, the Turkey Cup, was more of the same. The Turkey Cup, was won by Jeremy Austin in 'Tak' while the overall series winners were Chris Hills in 'Padfoot', James Hoard and Graham Coulter in 'Samphire' and Richard Martin in 'Second Wind'. 'Second Wind' also won Class 2 of the Potter Ship race.

In mid October the fleet turned its attention to the LTSCs Ineos Solent Circuit. Compared with our usual strong turn out - 33 at Folkboat Week - a reduced fleet of 8 Nordics came to the line for the first race. Race 3 on the 28th October provided the first steady sailing breeze and after a closely contested start 'Padfoot' powered away from the fleet to finish first, followed by James Harrison in 'Tagomago' and 'Second Wind'. After that the next three races were lost to no wind or too much wind. The final results showed 'Padfoot' effortlessly sailing into first place with 'Second Wind' and 'Samphire' second and third. The charity pursuit race for Children in Need was sailed by 'Padfoot', 'Second Wind' and 'Otter' in wind gusting to 35 kts. 'Padfoot' retired boat-hurt, 'Otter' retired crew-hurt (thankfully not seriously) while 'Second Wind' battled on and finished, although it is said the crew were on point of mutiny. No Folkboats on the podium that day.

Don't forget the Folkboat Prize Giving Supper on Saturday, 15th December - all Folkboaters - north or south island - welcome, book in with the Club. See you there

Next year there is a full racing and social programme planned, including some exciting new events, keep an eye on the website for details.

Andrew Salanson

Optimists



November is the month where it really starts to feel like winter. Oppie sailors have had their fair share of the weather this month as winter training gets into full swing. Lymington has more than 60 Oppie sailors involved in RYA squads and winter training programmes; from full weekends at Lymington to far flung events. Milo Gill-Taylor came 12th in the Junior Gold Cup in Bermuda. Vita Heathcote also managed to sneak off to the Bermuda Optimist Championships for 15 races in 18-28 knots. 'It's not as character building as the Solent in winter but by the end I had got used to the crystal

clear water and fine white sand' she said.

More than 100 Oppie sailors travelled to Cardiff Bay for the Winter Championships. 33 of them were from Lymington and they definitely made the best of the shifty, fickle breeze. Milo Gill-Taylor (2nd) SO NEARLY won, with Jenny Cropley (3rd) just a point behind. Pippa Cropley (6th) was next girl, and George Ford (7th) also sailed a great series.



Training

Race Management Training Sessions

Tuesday 08 January 2013 - Sail Loft - 1800 hours - John Evans

“Flags and Guns, Whistles and Bells” - How the Race Committee talks to competitors

Flags - Quick Quiz:

- The Race Officer asks you to display flag 'L' on the flag post at the Club. What does flag 'L' look like? What does it mean? How many sound signals would you make?
- Just after the starting signal the Race Officer says 'General Recall.' What flag would be displayed? What does it look like? How many sound signals should be made?
- The Race Officer asks you to display flag 'T' five minutes before the warning signal for the first race. What does flag look like? What does it mean? (It is not a Scow race!)

Answers will be provided on the night, as well as where to look up the information if you aren't sure.

Tuesday 5th February 2013 Good Recording = Accurate Results = Happy Racers

Alastair Wilson

Role overview and process. Equipment (traditional and modern technology) and preparation. On the course (pre start, start sequence, finish). Post Race.

Tuesday 12th February 2013 “Keeping Time”

Jane Clegg

An introduction to the vital role of the Timekeeper in the race team. Preparation of equipment, procedures before, during and after racing. Key interaction with other team members.

Tuesday 05th March 2013 Briefing on the Club's Event Risk Assessment documents

Club Secretary, Kevin Podger

[Please book with the Office.](#)

Frances Evans

RNLI

Don't forget that the RNLI Shop will be open until Christmas. Just the place for the last minute gifts and stocking fillers.

FOR SALE



Rubber dinghy for sale. Recently had a small repair and then a full health check by a local RIB maintenance company. Wetline type 265 AR. 2.65 m (9 ft) x 1.45 m (57 inches). Max motor

FOR SALE



Rondar GRP Firefly Royal Blue with Proctor mast and distinctive blue boom. Complete with combination trailer, under and over covers and sails. Corrector

power 6 kW, Max motor weight 55 kg. Detachable inflatable floor with integral inflatable keel.

Suggested price £250.

Contact Marilyn Holmes, 01590 670148.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE – SADLER 25



LOA: 24'4", Draft: 3'10" shallow fin keel

Engine: Yanmar 9hp diesel

Sails: Furling genoa 2007, main, spinnaker (new pole 2011), storm jib

Major refit 2007 including new diesel engine, furling genoa, standing and running rigging, hatch cover, headlining, Jabsco toilet, compass, VHF log and depth. Tiller pilot 2010.

A well maintained boat lying at Lymington.

£9,950.00.

Contact M. Cawley 01794 390934 or [e-mail](#)

weights fitted, lack of use in recent years due to other sailing commitments hence sale £2,950
Contact Rory Paton

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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