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Club

Annual General Meeting - Saturday 8th February at 11.00 am

The papers for the Annual General Meeting will be sent out by the mailing house on the 13th January.

Do make sure that your Voting form and Proxy forms are returned to the Club office by 12 noon on Friday 7th February, or they will not be valid.

Balcony repairs

Unfortunately the recent gales and rain have affected progress but the work to rewaterproof the areas of concern is well under way.

Recent weather

The week-end of 4th/5th January tested the Club's flood defences. The water came halfway up the floodgate on the forecourt, although the highest water height recorded was 3.85 m above chart datum, just 0.3 m less than forecast. The car par was partially flooded but the Club was open as usual.

Coastguard Reorganisation Talk

As well as the talk in Southampton on 22nd January, the MCA will be arranging a talk in Lymington later this Spring and details will be posted by the Club as soon as they are known.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

Your last chance! *Quiver* and *Barbarine* are for sale

Quiver and *Barbarine* are being 'sold as seen' and include the engines.

- *Quiver* is an Avon 4m Rib, new in 1996, with a 2009 Yamaha 25hp 4 stroke engine: the tubes were refurbished in 2009.
- *Barbarine* is an Avon 4m Rib, new in 1997, with a 2009 Yamaha 25hp 4 stroke engine: the tubes were refurbished in 2009.

Both come with Quick fit helm and Teleflex cable steering and have been regularly serviced by BHG and our Boatmen. Both boats can be viewed on the Club pontoon.

If you wish to make an offer, please place your bid in a sealed envelope marked 'Offer for *Quiver*' or 'Offer for



Barbarine', and post in the Club mailbox in Reception. The closing date for offers is noon on Monday 13th January and the successful bidder must complete the sale by 20th January.

The Club has set a reserve price for each Rib and may withdraw them from sale if no offer reaches the reserve.

Chris Neve, Rear Commodore Sailing

PotterShip - E&OE

The latest PotterShip will be delivered this month. In the report on Ben Batten and Mimi El Khazindar's racing in India Mimi El Kazinder should be spelt El Kazindar and the article was co-written by Ben Batten - with the Editor's apologies for the error and omission.

Social



Traditional fare and music at the annual celebration of Scotland's greatest poet

Please note: [Friday 24th January](#) not Saturday 25th as advertised in the Club calendar



[Click for details of the upcoming films and how to book](#)

Date for the diary - Valentine's Dinner Friday 14th February

£50 for a double ticket. Musical entertainment by Nick Hayward Young. 3-course themed menu. Contact Reception to book.



House

New menu options

Happy New Year to you all.

Towards the end of last year I was asked by several Members to consider a new evening menu with some standard, and always available, *Club Classics* plus *Chef Specials*. We have worked with our Head Chef Robin and hopefully have come up with a choice you will enjoy. The Club Classics will stay the same for at least 6 months when my team and I will review if any changes are required at that point.

The lunchtime menu will continue in its current state as Members are telling me this is working fine. If anyone would like the Club to consider any further improvements please let me know.

57 Members were asked to give their top three choices as Club Classics and results are below. The new menu will start on Friday 10th Jan

Club Classics:

- Fish & chips
- Steak & fries with garnish of mushrooms, tomato etc.
- Good quality beef burger
- Pie & mash
- Ham, egg & chips

Chef Specials:

A changing selection from the kitchen which will include a vegetarian choice.

Geri Harris, Rear Commodore House

Christmas Festivities

Christmas Buffet party

The Christmas Party held on Friday 13th December and attended by 108 Members was a resounding success. The decorations were terrific and left no doubt whatsoever that Yuletide celebrations were about to begin. The tables were ready laid with a smoked salmon starter and guests found their names listed against the table names of Santa's reindeer. Party boxes and Vince's picture quiz signified a fun evening.



Robin and his team had worked exceptionally hard to prepare a magnificent and varied array of wonderful food. The fresh fish board displayed beautifully dressed salmon accompanied by fresh crab, mussels, prawns and more whilst the meat board showed every variety of cold meats. When viewing the exhibition of the culinary arts it seemed that to disturb it would be like throwing a rock at a Rembrandt: however, everyone did tuck in heartily after having admired the delicious arrangement.

This year Vince's picture quiz was photographs taken of everyday items but from an unusual angle – not easy but great fun. It was the bicycle helmet that had most people stumped. Energetic Members danced the night away to the music of Zac and the Zeros and all too soon the evening came to an end.

Harvie Woolley

Carols with Santa

The wind and rain did not affect Santa's Grotto which had miraculously appeared in the River Room and Santa duly made his appearance after a delightful selection of Carols led by the St Nicholas Singers. The throng of children were escorted to the Grotto by Santa's helpers and given a hand-decorated bag of goodies to take home.



New Year's Eve Banquet



On New Year's Eve 120 masked revellers sat down (masks prudently removed.) to enjoy an excellent 5-course dinner served by Robin and his team. After dinner, Vince Sutherland's party music compilation (played out by Neil Eccles) got people on their feet and the dance floor was never less than full until after midnight. A glass of champagne for everyone just before the midnight chimes and then a rousing rendition of 'Auld Lang Syne' raised the roof. More music, more dancing and a 'first-footing' by flag officers from the Lymington Town Sailing Club with the customary whisky (alas, no coal.) brought the festivities to an end. The evening proved a success; a fitting end to 2013 and a warm welcome to the new year.

Shirley Matthews

Racing

Although the weather in December was generally awful, the Needles Relief race on Saturday 14th was blessed with excellent conditions and a strong fleet of 35 boats came to the starting line. Race Officer Chris Baldwick set the Class 1 fleet a simple course: 'North Head to port and finish'. The breezy conditions and wind against tide set up a challenging standing wave by Hurst, which was a cold and damp experience on the way out, but an exhilarating short surf on the way home under heavy spinnaker. The Class 2 boats did a shorter course in the Solent and the fleets finished close together, causing some difficulties for the finishing team. The Royal Solent Yacht Club and adjacent pubs were packed with Lymington sailors who had all enjoyed the best conditions for a Needles Relief for some years. It was worth keeping the boat in the water until Christmas just for that day, and it marked the end of a super season for the



keelboats.

Meanwhile, the Club Scows, along with several others generously loaned by their owners, were in action over the festive season and those events are reported below. (Picture left - should the event

be renamed the Swan Trophy?)

With the turn of the year, the Club's racing sailors have a number of 'indoor' events lined up. Other events will be flagged in ePN, but here are some dates for your new diary:

- Thursday January 30: talk by B&G - Know Your Numbers – Race
- Thursday February 20: talk by North Sails on downwind sail trim
- Thursday March 27: Racing Rules Update and Refresher, by America Cup Jury member John Doerr

Frances Evans has organised an extensive set of training sessions for race team members (details below). All of us who go racing should do our best to attend these sessions: we need to be able to assist in the race management of events in which we are not racing.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

Sailing Events Team Form

This most important piece of paper, which you would normally expect to find (and most likely ignore as it gets buried) in with the Annual General Meeting Mailing will, this year, come to you in a separate mailing. This is so that you can give it your undivided attention and a chance to think about what you will be doing in 2014 before committing to paper.

The Club will be running its usual packed program of events, with regular racing for keelboat and dinghy fleets, regattas, open meetings and one off events. They all provide a fantastic chance for those of us not generally competing to contribute to, and enjoy the action on the day. Whether from the vantage point of the platform, nipping to the assistance of a capsized dinghy or making sure all our competitors have safely returned there is a role to suit everyone. If you have recently undertaken a RIB course we can provide plenty of opportunities to hone your skills on the water, supported by our more experienced members.



(The starting platform on a lovely summer evening)

Throughout the winter we are providing a series of evening training sessions (see below) on many aspects of running racing at all levels. These have been designed to cover all the procedures we use to run racing and would be equally useful for Members racing with the Club so please do join us. As ever, we are keen to have as much information as possible about how you would like to help the Club run its events in 2014, so please complete the form and either send it back to the office or drop it at Reception or in the letter box. The Events planners will be in touch as soon as possible to confirm your dates.

Jane Corden

Training

Race Management Training programme - First dates Thursday 9th and Thursday 23rd January



Details of the programme are on the [website](#) and sign-up sheets for the January sessions are on the main Noticeboard. Get your name down and come and join us. If the timings are difficult for you let us know – things can be arranged. These sessions will be of interest to existing race team members, newcomers to the fun and games, rib drivers and existing/potential Race Officers who would like a refresher as to what their team has to achieve.

(The race team at this year's Penguin Trophy)

Frances Evans

Winter RYA Courses

RYA Powerboat Level 2 - January 11th & 12th 2014,	Members - £95, Non Members - £195
RYA Powerboat Level 2 - April 12th & 13th 2014,	Members - £95, Non Members - £195
Level 2 Plus Course - March 9th 2014	£10 to all
Level 2 Plus Course - May 11th 2014	£10 to all
RYA Club Mark Laying Course - February 9th 2014	Members - £10, Non Members - £25

To book onto a course you will need to fill in the [application form](#) and return it to the Club along with your payment.

Details of all the Club's training courses are on the [website](#).

To quote Nick Ryley, Club Member:

"I like to think I am a good sailor. I know which way to go, call the lay lines, make the most of opportunities; but that was until I did the mark laying course at the Club. I learnt a lot that weekend and have a real respect for the people who enable us to race. Try the course. I bet you have to relay your first attempts."

Cruising

The weather in December was not good, so the only event to take place was the Needles Relief day which was enjoyed as usual by racers and cruisers alike.

Our first event in January is the day sail to Newtown Creek on Tuesday 21st Jan and then by Club ribs to the landing stage and a walk up to the New Inn at Shalfleet for lunch. This is always a popular event so please sign up on the board as soon as possible.

If you have not already done so can you make sure that your Logs and Blogs are in before the end of January. Full details are on the [web page](#).

We have an extra seminar by B&G on Saturday 22nd February entitled Know your Numbers; this will be a lecture on how to use our instruments to the full. The 2014 programme is on the [website](#) and has details of all events.

Winter lectures have, as always, proved very popular so make sure you book well in advance to secure your place. Details on the [website](#).

Nick Olney, Captain of Cruising

Club Photographic Competition 2014

Following the success of last year's Cruising Section Photographic Competition, it has been decided to hold it again and open it to all Members.

The rules are simple:

- The picture is to have been taken 'On the Water'
- Each Club Member May enter one photograph, with a caption if wished
- It is to be presented as an unframed A4 print
- It is to have been taken between November 2013 and October 2014
- The competition will close on October 29th 2014
- The photographs will exhibited in the Club and the winners – 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be announced at a dinner.

For further information or clarification contact [Bob](#) or [Harvie Woolley](#).

Cruising - past meets

Day sail to East Cowes

Some 20 boats with 55 crew members had signed up for the day sail to East Cowes. However with bitterly cold winds and forecasts of Northerly force 6 gusting 8 in the Solent only 25 hardy souls met up at the club house at 09.00 on Thursday 21st November. Some of us more in hope than expectation. After all these events are meant to be fun. In the event three enthusiastic skippers set sail for Cowes and two decided the Wheatsheaf at Yarmouth was an attractive destination.

Ken Claydon, Cruising sub Committee

Yarmouth Fireworks:

The weather conditions with the threat of strong winds reduced the number of attendees this year and everyone



went over to Yarmouth on the ferry for the traditional bonfire night celebrations. The fireworks were set off from the end of the pier, rather than the barge in the Solent, so those who stayed in the Royal Solent made a wise choice. Over 30 of us sat down to the traditional and very tasty bangers and mash supper at the Royal Solent.

Tony Hughes, Cruising sub Committee

Racing - Christmas Events

Setley Cup and Seahorse Trophy, Boxing Day

Annabel Hutchinson with 'Skittleboat' was hoping to retain the Setley Cup, but Peter Bennet's very elegant 'Stiletto' proved the more consistent over the five races to take first place by one point with 'Skittle Boat' second and Daisy Heron's 'Fortune off the Tip' third with an average of 10 out of the xx boats finishing the all the races in the series.

Dirk Rogers' 'Danger Cat' was a convincing winner of the Seahorse Trophy for multihulls. Second and third places overall were taken by Emma Bennett's 'Tiger' and Orlando Akester's 'Wren'.

Many thanks to all the supporters, families, helpers, boat builders and especially the young helmsmen who gladly waded into the pond well over their boots. This unique Boxing Day event only takes place

thanks to the work of PRO Stuart Jardine assisted by Jane Pitt-Pitts and Ann Brunskill on registration and results and the finish teams of Chris Baldwick; David Brunskill, John Evans and Ado Jardine. Luke and Emma McEwen did their usual expert job in the rowboat, although they did get grounded a couple of times and Luke had to get out and push. Many thanks also to Solent Radio Controlled Motor Boat Club for allowing the Setley Cup to go ahead.

As well as designing the winning multihull and helming the rowing boat, Luke McEwen found time to take some video which can be seen on [Youtube](#). There's one for monohulls and one for multihulls. According to the producer despite the music it's a bit like watching grass grow, hopefully there will be a bit more wind next year. (Not quite that bad - Ed.)



Peter Andreae Trophy 27th December

Usually sailed in Scows, this year the competitors rowed a course across the river and back in the Club's rowing dinghies. The forecast near gale had duly arrived on Friday 27th December but at least the rain held off. The six under 21 year olds who turned up were well



looked after by PRO Stuart Jardine and his race team with two of them to each competitor.

The competition was fierce with RYA squad members realising that there had been a lack of rowing instruction in their training. The spectators enjoyed the 'crabs caught' as the boats raced back and forth across the river, shepherded by the watchful patrol boat. The final was exciting as the Hargrave brothers finished less than a second apart with Sarah Jarman not far behind. Simeon Hargrave, the elder brother took the Peter Andreae Trophy, a silver model of a Lymington Pram, and the lion's share of the prize money.

The final results were: 1st Simeon Hargrave, 2nd Mathias Hargrave, 3rd Sarah Jarman, 4th James Eales, 5th= Will Bedford and Danielle Thomas.

Penguin Trophy 28th December

The racing was action-packed: starts were closely contested with only a coat of paint between the boats on occasion. One crew took an unusual approach with their stern being first past the line. There were no capsizes but a lot of baling out between heats as competitors ensured they had the minimum weight possible. Two rounds of heats and two final races gave Will Bedford and James Eales the Penguin Trophy.

PRO John Evans was assisted on the pontoon by Jane Clegg, Frances Evans. Robin Marks and Jane Pitt-Pitts; Stuart and Ado Jardine ran the changeover of boats and technical help on matters such as reefing. Chris Baldwick and Chris Knox were the mark layers with the support RIB manned by Vince Sutherland and Bob Burney. Mince pies, some seasonal cakes, kindly donated by a competitor's family, hot chocolate and mulled wine were welcomed as the racing finished. Everyone got back in the Club with the boats put away before the rain came down.

Results: 1st Chris Will Bedford and James Eales (picture right), 2nd Luke and Emma McKewan and Ben and Hannah Muskett, 3rd Stephen and Sarah Jarman 4th Jeremy and Maxine Vines, 5th Ken Hay and Lola Mordannt, 6th Roger and Emma Breese.



Dinghies- Congratulations

Nik Froud has just returned from the Laser Radial Youth World Championships at Al Mussanah Sports City in Oman.

Nik recorded a number of top ten finishes and was going really well at the beginning of the very hotly contested regatta but unfortunately suffered an equipment failure that saw him lose what would have been a great result. Nonetheless, Nik fought back with a third place on day 3 and finished as second British sailor in a highly competitive international fleet.

Fleets

RS Elites - programme 2014

The boat covers may be on (so that's RS Elite winter maintenance completed), but now we're into the New Year it's time to look beyond the ski tips to another season of sailing.

Several full-weekend RS Elite events are scheduled through the first half of the year - starting on March 29/30 (incorporating the first of the Spring Series racing on the Sunday) and dinner on Saturday evening.

Then we have a Christchurch Bay racing weekend in May, the Summer Regatta in June and that takes us into the full-on RS Elite Class summer events, including:

Nationals Championships – Royal Burnham YC - July 17-20
Southern Area Championships – Royal Yacht Squadron – July 26 / 27
Cowes Week – August 2-8

Add Thursday evenings from May to August, six weekends of the Solent Points Autumn Series, and we have plenty planned.

Get involved

There are several ways to get involved with the RS Elite racing:

- 1 Join the Lymington Elite fleet crew list – contact fleet captain [Martin Wadhams](#)
- 2 Charter the Club's RS Elite Freebie – competitive & ready to race – book via the Club office
- 3 Buy your own boat - used boats available from around £7,500 – check the [Class Association site](#).

Martin Wadhams, Fleet Captain

XOD

We are very pleased to welcome Malcolm McKeag as our new Race Officer Co-ordinator, a job that Nigel Thomas has done so well for the past decade and to whom we extend our gratitude.

All of the Club's racing depends upon volunteer Race Officers, and the XOD class is no exception. Whilst we already have a small core of volunteers for our Wednesday and Saturday afternoon racing, we would welcome anyone that is interested in joining our race teams regardless of experience. It is a great way to meet other Members, be involved in a friendly and vibrant Class and see some excellent racing close-up. It is also the ideal opportunity for those who have just started on the path to becoming a Race Officer to gain valuable experience, and work with old hands that can pass on their valuable knowledge. Details of the Club courses are elsewhere in ePN

In the meantime if you would like to volunteer to help on the Race Team, or find out more about joining the Class as either an Owner or Crew please contact either myself, Karl Thorne, or our Divisional Captain John Miller who will be pleased to help point you in the right direction.

Best wishes for the year ahead, and roll-on the first race and some decent weather.

Karl Thorne

Scows

Over 60 Members attended the Scow Christmas Cheer Supper on December 10th, the last event in a most successful 2013.

As this is being written the Winter Programme has got under way with a talk on Monday 6th January by Malcolm McKeag entitled "America's Cup -Full Circle". Three further talks are scheduled, all to be followed by supper: on 3rd February Chris Willard will be talking about "Birds of the Solent"; on 3rd March Jonathan and Jane Cook are going to describe their experiences while "Walking Wainwright's Coast to Coast Path" and on 17th March Rory Paton and Mike Urwin will be sharing their thoughts on "Preparing for the Racing Season". This is to be illustrated by some video footage of volunteers demonstrating various manoeuvres afloat. More details next month. If you want to attend any of the above, please put your name on the sign-up sheets which will be on the Notice Board.

Informal suppers are planned for the evenings of 20th January and 17th February. No need to book, just turn up and meet your friends from 1900 hours.

Dick Moore, Vice Captain

Lymington Sailability - 2014 Fund Raising Project

We have a huge project ahead of us for 2014 in that we need to raise approx 60K to replace our wheelchair accessible boat. We shall be holding our first charity fund raising event of the year on 22nd January at Pebble Beach (details on their [website](#)). We also have a fantastic raffle (tickets on sale now) with some wonderful prizes. If you would like to buy any raffle tickets please [contact me](#).

Aly Gunn, Chairman, Lymington Sailability

RNLI

Bridge Drive and Lunch - Monday 3rd February, 2014

£40 per table from 12 noon to 4.30 p.m. To book your table call Sandra Allpress on 01590 643268

Beaulieu Boat Jumble Sunday 27th April, 2014

The Lymington Branch will be running the RNLI stall at BBJ and we need all your unwanted (but useable) boat bits and pieces. The Club boatmen will take anything in but if you have a larger item you would like collecting please contact John Niven on 01590 678839.

FOR SALE

COMAR AIS-MULTI Receiver / Splitter (Dual Channel Parallel Receiver, Antenna Splitter and Interfaces for NMEA In and Out together with USB, in one enclosure).

Complete with all cables and instruction manual.

£50.00

Peter Mills

07767 213583

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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