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Summer's Here

There's a busy weekend ahead at the end of July with the Club's Summer Regatta and Summer Ball. It could be just the weekend to get the family out for some friendly keelboat racing.

Once again the Club has shown the way home in the Round the Island Race with Jo Hutchinson and Nick Rogers taking 1st overall IRC. In very difficult conditions Members again produced some fantastic results.

There's the chance to be part of an imaginative project to celebrate the 2012 Olympics by contributing to 'The Boat Project'. More details further down

Ann Brunskill

Club

New Head Chef

From 22 applications for the post, a short list of six was drawn up. After an exhaustive selection process, including working for two days in our kitchen and producing their own menus to be judged, Matt Doe was chosen. Matt, who is currently the Sous Chef at the Bournemouth International Centre, will be joining the Club on 31st August, for his handover with Peter Lowe. We and Matt are looking forward to a long and successful career for him here.

Kevin Podger, Secretary



Summer Ball

With only a third of the tickets left call the Office quickly to ensure you can enjoy the free Danebury Vineyards sparkling wine at the pre dinner drinks party. With tickets priced at only £26 for a main course choice of steak or lobster, you can't afford to miss it. Get your crew organised for the racing and buy your tickets. Click [here](#) for all the details.

Summer Regatta

Get your entry in for the week-end's racing, Thursday evening style but one race on Saturday afternoon and the second on Sunday morning using the same class divisions. Click [here](#) for the NoR and entry form. There are daily bottle prizes from our sponsor with additional trophies presented for the race on Sunday.

Boatmen

Sunday Hours

We have decided to keep a boatman on duty until 6 pm on Sundays to help Members at the end of the weekend. This will run until the end of the summer and then be reviewed to see if it should be continued next year.

Contacting the Boatmen - mobile phones

Just a reminder that the boatmen can be contacted from the moorings and when they are out on the river on their mobile phones: either

07579 004021 or 07579 004022.



Departure and Arrival

We are very sorry to announce that John Husband has left us. John has been a terrific asset to the Club and his helpful attitude has made him extremely popular with everyone. John has also become a very accomplished mark layer and important member of our race team, both here and at other events around the country. John is going off travelling round the world. He will be missed and we wish him well on his travels. Mike Kealy has joined us a replacement for John for the rest of the summer. Mike is a 2nd year student at Plymouth University, studying marine sports science. We welcome Mike to our team.

Mike Kealy

Phil Lawrence, Rear Commodore Sailing

Racing

Club Successes in the 2011 Round the Island Race

On a day that tested all, Members showed the strength and depth of the Club's keelboat fleets. The crew of 'No Chance' began with a 3.15 alarm call, 4 on the boat and down to Cowes for 6.50 start. By 8.30 they were sailing inside the wreck at the Needles, being filmed by the offshore lifeboat, possibly as 'not how to do it' on Seaside Rescue. A spinnaker roller coaster ride down to St Catherine's where they went offshore into the rougher seas saw the boat clocking 19.2 knots on the speedo. The major broach just afterwards cost them time but no major damage, unlike 'Seatrack' who was seen to break her boom just ahead of them. The reach from Bembridge to Ryde Sands was tame by comparison and a long beat back to the finish and flukey, gusty winds ended the race.

Results

The Gold Roman Bowl for first boat overall in IRC went to Jo Hutchinson and Nick Rogers' Contessa 26, 'Sundowner', keeping up the tradition of Club Member leading the race home. Below is the list of the awards achieved by Club boats taking part, congratulations to them and all the other Club teams who participated.

Owner/Team	Boat(s)	Trophy and Position
Jo Hutchinson/Nick Rogers	'Sundowner'	Gold Roman Bowl & JPMAM Salver 1st Overall IRC Champagne Mumm Challenge Cup 1st Overall IRC Group 3 & 1st IRC Division 3D
Chris & Hannah Neve	'No Chance'	1st IRC Division 2A
Ed Dubois	'Firebrand'	1st IRC Division 3B
William Newton	'Jellybaby'	2nd IRC Division 2B & 3rd IRC Group 2
RLymYC Team 1	'No Chance', 'Jibe', 'Seatrack'	Jeroboam Trophy 1st IRC Group 2
RLymYC Team 2	: 'Jellybaby', 'Just in Time', 'Brightwork'	2nd IRC Group 2
RLymYC Team 1	; 'Sundowner', 'Nordic Bear', 'White Mischief'	3rd IRC Group 3
RLymYC Team 2	'Love in a Mist', 'Islay', 'Sea Horse'	7th IRC Group 3
Jeremy and Max Vines	'Pickle'	Fedalah Challenge Trophy 1st overall ISCRS Group 6 & ISCRS Division 6A 2nd JPMAM Family Trophy Red Lion Trophy 1st Folkboat
Stuart Watson & Matthew Jones	'Crackerjack'	
Bob Fisher & Barry Dunning	'Rosenn'	2nd Gaffers Division 2
Robin Taunt	'Jibe'	3rd J109
Roger Breese	'Impro'	2nd National Sonata
Stephen James	'Jacobite'	2nd Swan

The Boat Project - A Cultural Olympiad Project

Lymington Donation Day at the Club on Sunday 10th July

Come along between 1300 and 1900 on Sunday 10 July with your piece of wood and be ready to tell its story. Donors will be kept in the picture on the project and there will be a chance to sail in her during her maiden voyage

The Boat Project, a collaboration between Lone Twin, sailor and boat builder Mark Covell and yacht designer Simon Rogers, is a region-wide Cultural Olympiad project supported by Arts Council England. Lone Twin invites the people of Lymington and the surrounding area to donate their wooden belongings to help create a 30ft seafaring boat. Mundane or extraordinary, donations can be small or large, but all donations must have a story behind them.



To celebrate the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, a hand-built boat will set sail on her maiden voyage. The boat, designed by Simon Rogers, will be a 30ft day sailer will be made from materials donated by members of the public. Of contemporary design it will have a sleek and elegant shape and will provide novice and experienced sailors alike with a great sailing experience.

Donation days are happening all over the South East region, with one unique day in Lymington, hosted by the Royal Lymington Yacht Club on Sunday 10th July from 1pm - 7pm. After the launch of the boat in May 2012 she will be undertaking a maiden voyage along the South coast and stopping at various locations along the way, visiting all of the people who have made donations. At each stop-off point there will be a festival of arts events and activities to celebrate the boat's arrival.

Gregg Whelan and Gary Winters of Lone Twin, said: "We've been open for over ten weeks and the response has been incredible, we've had hundreds of donations. But of course we still need wood donations, we've had everything from a piece of the Ark Royal to a family's much used 42 year-old bath brush - we'll take anything so long as it has story!" Simon Rogers said: "We are delighted to be involved with this unique project. This has to be the first time in 21 years that we have been involved with the design of a yacht that on the surface appears potentially so simple, but due to the materials being donated during the build, we have little idea what she will finally be built of. We have decided the only way forward is to draw a base line design with known materials and properties and then as the material arrive, substitute materials throughout the build. I am sure this will produce some very interesting conversations and no doubt many stories in years to come, exactly what Lone Twin had in mind!"

So start thinking about the piece of wood you could donate on the day. Get the children involved, get them thinking about their special piece of wood to donate and the fact that this is a great way to directly get involved with The London 2012 Cultural Olympiad. Click the link for more details of [Lone Twin](#) and to find out more about The Boat Project go to their website www.theboatproject.com

Cruising

Past events - Channel Meet

We had a very good June Meet to St Peter Port and St Malo. Not everybody is back yet and Ken Claydon, who organised the meet and is writing the report, has only just returned. His washing machine is hard at work! Ken's full report will be next month's ePN.

Forthcoming Meets - Chichester Harbour Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th July

Our next meet is to Chichester Harbour on 18/20 July. The details are up on the notice board and they have been emailed to the cruising data base. The programme is to sail to Itchenor Sailing Club/Itchenor Reach on Monday 18th in time for early evening sundowners, followed by dinner afloat or ashore. On Tuesday we re-assemble at Chichester Marina after walking, cycling or other activities around the harbour or a trip to Chichester, and then meet at Chichester Yacht Club for dinner before making our own ways back on Wednesday.

Richard Wood, Captain of Cruising

XOD Fleet

Spectators on the banks of the Lymington River on Friday afternoon (June 3rd) would be forgiven for thinking it was the early 1900s as ladies dressed in elegant long navy and white dresses joined gentlemen in reefers and caps and crews in white overalls, all preparing their classic wooden boats,



first raced in Southampton Water on 3rd June 1911, for the start of the XOD Lymington Division's celebration of the Class Centenary.

William Norris - XOD Class Captain - with his crew which included Louise Nash from Aberdeen Asset Management who are sponsoring XOD's Centenary

A fleet of 31 XODs mustered on the start line. The Lymington Division were delighted to welcome a dozen or so boats from the Yarmouth Division, two from Hamble and members of the Itchenor and Parkstone divisions also attended. Despite a stiff easterly breeze, crews were determined to show off their period costumes to the spectators and resisted putting on their oilskins, instead choosing to get a little damp; no great hardship on the hottest day of the year so far. The chief race officer, Nigel Thomas, who looked very grand dressed in a naval uniform of the period, set a windward-leeward course. Pulling away from the start line very convincingly was William Westmacott, grandson of the X's original designer, Alfred Westmacott in X 56 Xanthus, in close company was the Class Captain William Norris in X 178 Beatrix and the Olympic bronze medallist (from 1968), and consistent top performer, Ado Jardine in X 140, Lucrezia. These 3 maintained their lead until the last beat when there was an exciting shift of position as Karl



Thorne in X 34 Mersa in fourth split from the fleet and stood out into the stronger tide and better wind so that Xanthus, Mersa and Beatrix rounded the last mark almost together and followed Lucrezia downwind to the turning mark for the River to finish on the Club Line.

"We had an excellent afternoon on the water," commented winner Ado Jardine. "We were a bit damp by the end but the organisers certainly ordered the right weather!" The 'Best Dressed Crew' award went to the crew of X 119 Lonestar. Thanks go to Danebury Vineyards, a Hampshire vineyard that sponsored the Edwardian Race Day reception.

Stuart Jardine with his crew, including Tina Scott - XOD Class Secretary

Folkboats

The Nordic Folkboat race to Christchurch Ledge Buoy on 11th June

The morning start was postponed due to no wind at all at the starting platform. The sea breeze filled in very quickly and the race officer started the fleet in a southwesterly of about 12 knots. The fleet had an ebb tide under them so had a quick beat to Hurst Buoy where James Harrison's 'Tagomago', who stayed in the stronger tide, led from Chris Baldwick's 'Bonnie' followed by Stuart Watson's 'Crackerjack'. A beat out to the Ledge buoy with a moderate swell and waves.. 'Crackerjack' gybed around the mark followed by 'Bonnie' with 'Tagomago' just behind 'Madeleine' hard on their heels. After racing for three and half hours Crackerjack won from Tagomago and then Madeleine.

June saw the conclusion of the early Thursday evening series with Crackerjack and Tak first and second followed closely by Bonnie and Chavala. Unfortunately the Gin's Farm race was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions but a less windblown course by car made for a very pleasant evening. The month was rounded off by a superb BBQ very kindly hosted by Gill and Chris Baldwick where, blessed with balmy weather and accompanying liquid refreshment, those of us who did not compete in the previous day's Round The Island Race sat enthralled by the tales of those who did. Well done and many thanks to Gill and Chris for such an enjoyable day.

Scow Potters

Scow Potters take place on Thursday mornings, launching at 1030 and recovering between 1200 to 1230. They are attended by between six and fourteen boats and up to twenty Members between the ages of 30 to 80+. Additionally there are Picnic Potters and some Tuesday potters planned for later in the year. The potters are accompanied by a safety RIB manned by at least one member with an RYA Safety boat Certificate and normally one who is an experienced yachtsman with Scow experience who is able to give advice if required. This sailing event is non-competitive and available to all RLymYC Scow division Members who wish to sail in company with others, learn more about their boats, enjoy the sheltered waters within the marsh areas when the tides permit, and sometimes test their own abilities in a safe environment. It is of note that the testing and introduction of the "Get back on board" Stirrup was successfully carried out under the auspices of the "Potter organisation" by Jane Pitt-Pitts some time ago. Additionally, the Potter organisation has held capsize drills and practice to allay undue concern should a future capsize occur. The boats taking part are mainly Lymington River Scows, however any scows or similar small sailing boats that are able to remain with the group are welcomed.

Any member interested in helping either as an officer of the day or RIB support for these events will be very welcome - please let the Scow Division Captain know; you will also qualify for a drinks token as a "thank you" for your support of the event.

The Scow Division Captain, Sebastian Chamberlain and his Deputy, Christopher Knox's contact details are on the Scow Notice board.

Optimists

Optimists can go really quickly

The recent breezy weather may have stopped the Classics and Gaffers from racing on the Sunday but Optimist training continued as usual. The YouTube [videos](#) taken that day show what an Oppie can do when it catches a wave in a strong wind.

Harken Optimist Open Regattas

The Club has seen more than 200 Oppie sailors through its doors this month, competing in the Lymington Optimist Opens. "This is where it all begins," said Nick Rogers. "Oppies are the undisputed training boat for Olympic sailors of all classes. They are completely unforgiving, yet you can – as the main fleet did this month, race huge fleets in 30+ knots".

The weekend provided thrills and spills galore as 115 sailors started all together in 28 knots, gusting 36. A ripping spring tide added to the ferocious competition provided by the GBR Worlds and European Teams, plus a healthy mix of sailors from France, UAE and USA.

The Mainfleet event was won by Josh Voller (Burghfield), followed by our very own Mimi El-Kazindar, and 3rd Jemima Lawson from Emsworth. Milo Gill-Taylor (RLymYC) won the trophy for top 12 yr old, and Vita Heathcote (RLymYC) for top 10 yr old.

The following weekend the Regatta Fleet raced under very much kinder conditions, and the 86 strong fleet enjoyed the ideal conditions of 8 knots building to 12 (gusting 15), 24 degrees C, lots of sun, negligible tide and not a black flag in sight. An army of coaches coaxed and prodded the more novice sailors around the course so that PRO Simon Rogers was able to lay on 5 excellent races.

The event was won by Sally Lorimer (Warsash), 2nd Iain Bird (Papercourt) and 3rd William Heathcote (RLymYC). Toby Bennett (6th) and Sophie Holloway (7th) also sailed very well. Toby Schonrock (61st) was, at 6 yrs old, the youngest sailor.

George Heathcote

And now for what Oppie sailors do for fun

Hurst Castle Triathlon 2011

All the records came tumbling down at the 2011 Hurst Castle Triathlon in June. Spring tides and 24 fully fired up children conspired to set new course records for biking (10.5kms) along the sea wall from Lymington to Keyhaven, running (2.5kms) along Hurst Spit to the Castle, and sailing (5nM) from the lighthouse directly across the Solent back to the Royal Lymington Yacht Club.

All the athletes set off from slipway at the Club together, half in Optimist dinghies, their team mates – and therefore the other half – on their bicycles. They were made for Hurst Castle, where the watch would stop for the changeover. Those who had biked to the base of Hurst Spit then ran



along the shingle to the lighthouse to change into their wetsuits for the sail home. While they were changing, the tide also changed, so that for the sailors it would always be in their favour.

Whilst James Gent broke the previous record for sailing (and swimming) to Hurst Castle, his new record was to be broken on the return leg – upwind but with the full force of a spring tide powering her into 24-29kts of wind, Team GBR sailor Jenny Cropley reached the finish line at the Club in 54 mins. “I had to hike and bail like mad,” said Jenny. “But it was an epic sail – breaking waves, blast furnace wind, massive tide – exhausting, but I loved every minute of it.”

Millie Boyle broke her previous cycling record by reaching Keyhaven in a staggering 18mins 52 secs. “I couldn’t have gone any quicker,” said Millie. “Especially around the corners.” Two of the competitors had nasty falls but were able to complete the course before going to hospital. “Part of my body will forever be on that racetrack,” said Emily Gent. “And when I sailed back it stung like hell!”

George Smith also broke his record by running – on the soft shingle and against the wind - from the lighthouse to the crabbing bridge at the base of the Spit in 10mins 51 secs. “It was like wading through treacle,” said George. “But I knew that if I went fast enough it would only last for 10 minutes.” Toby Schonrock (6 yrs) was the youngest competitor to complete the entire course under his own steam (2:01:42). Prizes were donated by double Olympic silver medallist Nick Rogers.

Overall Team Results: 1st George Smith/Pippa Cropley (3:06.66), 2nd Vita and William Heathcote (3:14:09), 3rd Charlotte Boyle/Amos Sopher (3:17:46). Individual Results: 1st Millie Boyle (1:27:58), 2nd Ross Thompson (1:31:01), 3rd Sarah Jarman (1:32:08). Fastest sail: Jenny Cropley (54:00), Fastest bike: Millie Boyle (18:52), Fastest run: George Smith (10:51).

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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