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Jubilee June

Another Royal weekend approaches and the Club has again pulled out all the stops to provide everyone with the opportunity to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. From the festive atmosphere in the Club watching the River Pageant to the Jubilee Regatta with the Royal Solent Yacht Club, there's plenty to do.

Covering all the activities of the Club is dependent on getting the news from Members. I'm very grateful to everyone who sends me news and this is just a reminder that if you've got news please send it to me so we can spread the word.

Ann Brunskill

Club

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations on and off the water

Don't forget that the Club will be in festive mood this Bank Holiday weekend 2nd to 5th June, in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. There are three specific events planned and the Club will be dressed overall. Members are welcome throughout the weekend to use the Club as part of their own family celebration. It is of course wise to book for meals. Jubilee coverage on the Screen. The TV coverage of the end of the Jubilee service, the carriage procession and concert highlights will be shown all day on the screen in the Library.

Diamond Jubilee Regatta - Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd June



The Diamond Jubilee Regatta Sat/Sun 2nd/3rd June. Two races from the Royal Solent YC followed by a dinner with a live band on Saturday, then one race followed by lunch and prizegiving at our Club on Sunday. Click on the banner for full details.

The Thames Jubilee Pageant - Sunday 3rd June



Book lunch at the Club and watch the Jubilee Pageant from Battersea to Tower Bridge on the big screen in the Library from midday onwards. Please note that the Pageant lunch will be followed by the Regatta lunch once the sailors are ashore. Click on the banner for full details.

The Boat - Tuesday 5th June

The Boat visits the Club on Tuesday 5th June, from around midday. Many of you may remember donating items of wood to be built into 'Collective Spirit', the boat designed by Simon Rogers and built as the South's Cultural Olympiad arts project. She is a beautiful 30' sports boat, now on her maiden voyage along the south coast, calling in to the ports where local people have taken most interest in the project. She will be berthed on the Club pontoon from arrival from Weymouth (around midday) and will be open to Members to visit all

afternoon. So please come down to view this beautiful boat and talk to the crew and those who built her and try to find that old tiller or coat hanger you donated! She will move to the Harbourmaster's moorings for the public day. Please also pick up a brochure from Reception.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

The Main Balcony



We are taking advantage of the extra space on the main balcony generated by removal of the old staircase by buying three new sets of furniture. It will be exactly the same as the current design and we are again inviting Members to sponsor furniture, with their name or boat name engraved on it. As each set costs around £1600, it will be possible to buy a part set. Please contact the Secretary if you are interested. Meanwhile, we are giving the top balcony a spruce up to make it much more user friendly this summer. The rotten sections of handrail and some other woodwork are being replaced, and all wood re-painted. The old furniture is being recycled and replaced with a smarter aluminium and wood effect design.

Bicycles

Members and visitors arriving at the Club by bicycle are requested to leave them in the bike racks on the sea wall immediately to the north of the Club, and not around the forecourt. These racks (the fabricated steel one by the wall and the large tubular frame ones opposite) belong to the Club and have been installed for Members' use. The forecourt is a working area and bikes there can cause a hazard and obstruct the large variety of activities taking place, including spray from power washing boats. I'd be most grateful if you could help in this matter.

Flag Etiquette please remember:

- Fly your Club burgee when you are on board, preferably from the masthead, and take it down when you are no longer in the vicinity of your boat.
- If you have a warrant to fly the Club's defaced red ensign, fly that, and not any other Club's ensign while in the river, and certainly not alongside the Club pontoon. You must wear the Club burgee when flying our defaced ensign.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

Reducing Costs

Members may not be aware that if they use a credit card rather than a debit card to top up their Member's card then the cost to the Club of doing so is substantially greater. In the last year the number of credit and debit card transactions were approximately equal, but the cost to the Club of the credit card transactions was about five times greater than the debit card transactions. A debit card transaction costs the Club a fixed fee of 21p whereas the cost of a credit card transaction is a percentage of the transaction amount. For example, a typical top up of £100 could cost the Club £1.37 for a normal credit card but as much as £1.99 if it is a "points make prizes" credit card. The overall effect of Members using their credit cards is to increase the Club's costs by about £4,000, which is more than 10% of the net surplus that the Club hopes to make this year.

The General Committee is always looking at ways of reducing costs without affecting the services provided to Members and they now feel that if they can persuade more Members to use debit rather than credit cards when topping up their Member's cards then everyone will reap the benefits. The cost to the Member of making this change should be minimal. So please remember to top up your account by using your debit card as the preferred method of payment.

Finance Sub-Committee

Proposed Navitus Bay Wind Park

The Club continues to monitor the progress of the wind park proposed for development to the south west of the Isle of Wight and south of Bournemouth. It is in one of the nine zones around the coast owned by the Crown Estate and identified by them as potential locations for

wind park development. Following a bidding process, Eneco, a Dutch owned wind park developer, were awarded the area to the west of the Island. The northern extent of the development area is about 8.4 miles south west of the Needles and it covers an area of about 74 square miles.

A group called Challenge Navitus is objecting to the scheme and has set up a useful [website](#) with visuals and comments. We will continue to keep Members up to date with developments as they happen.

Richard Wood, General Committee

Cruising - Future Events

Day sail to Studland Bay - Thursday 14th June



This will be an informal "sail in company" with "self-catering". Subject to weather conditions it should be possible to raft up but self-sufficiency with regard to lunch arrangements is strongly recommended! Full details on the [website](#). As an informal event we don't need too much detail and we will forgo the usual briefing at the Club on the day. However, if you plan to take part, please indicate skipper's name, boat name and a mobile phone contact on the sign-up sheet on the main Club noticeboard or [email](#) me with the details.

Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub Committee

Channel Cruise - West Country 16th - 30th June

The sign up deadline for the cruise to the West Country has now passed and a schedule of participants has been emailed to all who signed up. If you signed up but have not received my email dated 16th May please let [me](#) know. If you haven't signed up but have had a late change of plans we can always accommodate a few latecomers.



Ken Claydon, Cruising Sub Committee

Dates for the diary - 3rd July and 18th July

This year marks the 175th Anniversary of P&O Cruises and to celebrate they are holding a special event on the 3rd of July. For the first time, all seven of the P&O fleet will be docking in Southampton before sailing away in formation after a fleet review has been conducted by the Princess Royal. Following that will be the J Class regatta at Cowes on 18th July. Details for both events will be on the Cruising [website](#) in due course..

Solent Meet Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th July

This year's Meet will be based at Hornet Sailing Club in Gosport affording easy access to Portsmouth via the Gosport Ferry. Further details on the [website](#). A further notice will be issued nearer the time and those wishing to participate will find the application form on the noticeboard from Monday 25th June.

Michael Coombes, Cruising Sub Committee

Cruising - Past Events

Spring Anchor Meet 13th -15th May

The Otter, Senior Moments, Squander and Wakonda made their way to Poole Harbour on Friday and some crews ventured to Brownsea Island on Saturday. With lighter NNE winds Bright Angel, Colleen and Lutetia sailed and motor sailed from the Solent to



rendezvous at Pottery Pier on Saturday evening. Squander and The Otter rafted up as host boats and drinks on deck were followed by a supper of thai green curry and lemon tart. Many thanks to Alice Macnamara for again providing an excellent meal. The weather on Sunday started with a clear blue sky and by mid-morning a F2-4 wind from the south gave us a good sail back to Lymington.

Tony Hughes

Day Sail to Island Harbour – Thursday 24th May 2012

Following a 9.00 am briefing seven boats set off for Island Harbour. The early morning mist soon burnt off and bright sunshine continued for the rest of the day. Including navigating the single lock, everyone arrived between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm. A valuable safety demonstration was given by a chap, not one of our Members, who fell from his boat into the water whilst in the lock. His life jacket inflated immediately and he was pulled to safety: thus proving that wearing a life jacket is imperative.

Fourteen Members sat for drinks and lunch under the welcome canopy at the Island Harbour Breeze Bistro. The views along the River Medina were delightful as was the company during the long lunch break. The Lock Master and the staff of the Bistro were welcoming and helpful, saying they would be pleased to have a return visit from Club Members. Our homeward journey started on free flow through the lock, passing through the busy traffic of Cowes Harbour and out into clear weather of the Solent with more wind than had been available in the morning.

Robert Woolley, Cruising Sub Committee

Sail Trimming Seminar for Cruisers

Peter Saunders gave a comprehensive presentation of sail design and development in addition to demonstrating optimum sail trimming criteria. The audience, including novices and circumnavigating cruisers alike, benefitted from Peter's talk. The continuous audience interaction made it a lively, amusing and informative seminar. Our thanks to Peter for giving us the morning at what is his busiest time of the year.

Clive Sparrow, Captain of Racing

Racing

The regular summer racing programme is now in full swing with the weather co-operating at last. Thursday evening racing is increasingly popular with well over one hundred boats now entered and eighty-six on the start line last week. Managing eight classes keeps the race team on their toes. During May the Club hosted three very successful Open events. The Sigma 38 cruiser-racers held their Nationals here over a blustery early May Bank Holiday and pronounced the event as one of their best ever. The Tera Open attracted 25 brave youngsters from as far away as Oxford and Hayling Island, keeping the support boats busy in the conditions that weekend. The Laser South Coast Grand Prix enjoyed scorching sun and good breezes, with the standard fleet being dominated by a visitor from the Cook Islands.



June kicks off with the Diamond Jubilee Regatta; the Folkboat Nationals are in the middle of the month; the Round the Island Race at the end of June will again see Club teams competing for the bubbly.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

Safety lines

Those of us who set off for Cherbourg on RORC's Morgan Cup race last year know how tough the conditions were. It was a huge shock to

learn that a fellow competitor on the yacht Lion had fallen overboard and drowned whilst still tethered to the boat by his safety line. The subsequent Marine Accident report is very detailed and well worth reading, see <http://www.maib.gov.uk/publications>. I hesitate to produce a facile summary of a difficult subject, but there are clear lessons:

- It is very difficult to recover a person overboard at the best of times. In rough weather when the person is unconscious, it is hugely difficult.
- Use short tethers wherever possible; a longer line might leave you in the water being towed under by the boat.
- Be clear about who takes charge if the skipper goes overboard.
- Brief the crew, talk about various 'man overboard' situations, and practise some drills.
- Use lifejackets properly, including the crotch or thigh straps, and know the position of their lifting loops.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

Dinghy Racing



It's great to see several new faces in the dinghy fleet for the Monday Evening Dinghies series, bringing the total entries up to over 100 boats. The race teams have run a very slick operation to give all these boats good courses without over-stretching the safety cover, even when a squall of 32 knots came through one race.

Apart from that, the weather has been kind to us with perfect sailing breezes and sunshine, so no races have had to be abandoned. The good turnout on the water has been reflected in a lively atmosphere at the bar afterwards, enjoying the new wider range of food available from pork baps and pasties up to full meals on the Club's excellent Monday Dinghy Supper menu. Reports and results are on the [Racing](#) page of the website.

The Club has also been well represented in the LTSC Wednesday and Sunday series, with Club Members winning several races. Many Members are pleasantly surprised to learn that they can race in LTSC events for no additional cost, and LTSC members can likewise join in with our sailing. This makes for better racing all round and helps to strengthen the links between the clubs.

Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies

Summer Dinghy Open Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July

The weekend is set for an exciting regatta for all competent dinghy sailors. Three races are scheduled on each day, with courses laid in the western Solent. The entry fee includes the Club's famous tea and doughnuts after racing on the Saturday.

Join us on the Saturday evening for an Olympic-themed social, including a bonus for those who register early (see the Notice of Race for details).

We have additional classes from last year, the current line up is as follows:

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| • Fast Handicap (PY up to 1000) | • Medium Handicap (PY 1001 to 1183) | • Slow Handicap (PY 1184 to 1500) |
| • Firefly | • Lightning 368 | • Lark |
| • Laser 4.7/Radial | • RS Classes | • Merlin Rocket |
| • Wayfarer | • Lyminster River Scow | |

Any class with at least 6 entries will be scored as a separate class with prizes.

Please encourage your dinghy sailing friends to visit for the weekend; launching fees and boat parking are included in the entry fee and for the first time we are able to offer camping for visitors within a short walk of the Club. Camping cost is £8 per person for the night of 28 July, with all proceeds going to support the local Sea Scouts. More details on the [website](#).

Luke McEwan, Captain of Dinghies



XOD's

Eight Points races have now been completed in varying weather, all five Saturday points Races have been completed but only three of the five Wednesday Races due to bad weather. Lone Star (Stuart Jardine) is the boat to beat on Wednesday with three firsts and Diana (Eric Williams and Rory Paton) on Saturday has two firsts and a third. 23 Boats are now on the water and more still to launch.



Last Saturday XODs had their annual sail to the East but with a fresh 5/6 easterly the Race Officers decided to make the turning mark East Lepe instead of Prince Consort off Cowes. The beat up the central Solent with wind against tide was testing and Mayday (David da Cunha) lead the closely packed fleet round East Lepe. Surfing back X Ray (Robin Balme) was in the lead but Jamie Markby in Expeditious took line honours. Thank you to our wonderful supporter Peter Birchall and the Race Officers who had a very bumpy trip on Saturday following the fleet round - no day for Gin and Tonics. Full results on the [website](#).

Class Historian's great work - An Encyclopaedia of X Boats 1911-2011 - written and produced by Richard Field. It is a wonderful book, at once readable, informative and entertaining.

Fenella Lees

RS Elites

Spring Series goes to Kandoo

Cancellation of racing on the final day of the Spring Series confirmed Crauford McKeon in 'Kandoo' as the clear winner of the first RS Elite trophy of the season, including four race wins on the sheet, ahead of Simon Cavey's 'Livez' in second. The Wadhams' new ship, 'Kiss' (pictured left being launched) finished third by half a point after missing the first two races then counting two firsts and two seconds. Racing was tight throughout the fleet and Steve Powell in 'E'Tu' will be disappointed to just miss the podium – also due to missing a day while helping deliver a friend's yacht to the Med. Priorities!



Cowes Week, Cowes Nationals and Cowes fleet update

Record entries look assured for both these events as numbers climb towards 40 boats for the Royal Yacht Squadron Nationals and many boats plan to take the opportunity to compete at Cowes Week as well. The new Cowes RS Elite fleet is building with about five boats in Island sailors' ownership and several more in the pipeline. This will be a great long term benefit to RS Elite racing in our region.

Charter "Freebie" - dry-sailing by Berthon

Don't forget you can charter the Club's own RS Elite Freebie – fresh and fast after a winter refurb and now being dry-sailed courtesy of sponsorship by the Berthon Boatyard. Bookings through the Club office and plenty of Elite sailors on hand with tips and advice as you rig up with the rest of the fleet on the Berthon pontoon.

Martin Wadhams

Scows

The Monday Night Scow Class races are being enjoyed by many members of the Division and providing some very exciting sailing, including the Captain of the Division's first swim of the year (he wasn't the only one that night - Ed).

The courses have been very much enjoyed especially one memorable and beautiful evening with a good breeze when we were sent around Pylewell, with a very competitive, short tacking, beat up the inside to the river.

But it has not been all racing. Under Graham Neal's safety eye, up to 14 Scows have enjoyed some delightful Thursday morning 'Potters'. The last being particularly special with a soldier's wind taking us out of the river and down to Pennington outfall and a sea breeze to bring us home, with the flood tide just providing sufficient water to sail back through Mystery Creek.

It has been very pleasing to see the Club's own two Scows, Valmai 11 and Praline being used by so many both on the race nights as well as the Potters. If you have not had a sail in a Scow but would like to, do come and join us. The boats are there for you.



Sebastian Chamberlain, Captain of Scows

Juniors

Cadets - Double Victory for Ross Thompson



Ross Thompson, aged 12, with his 9 year old brother Johnny as crew, sailed a fantastic Cadet Inland Championships, coming 10th overall and winning the trophies for best under 14 year old and under 13 year old in a boat. They also took the top position in the silver fleet by 30 points and seven places. Younger brother Jake, aged 7, also came away with silverware for being the youngest competitor. The following weekend Ross switched to the single handed Optimist for the South East Spring Championships, where 38 sailors competed for the title. From the six race series Ross took three bullets, two seconds and a fourth place (his discard), which consistency was enough for him to be

crowned champion. The boys are kindly sponsored in their endeavors by Sport Godalming, Kickstart, Nomad Sailing and Haslemere Sports Clinic.

Lymington Optimists

May is perhaps the most important month in the Oppie calendar with three major events. First the Selection Trials, held in Weymouth Bay. 84 sailors are invited to compete for a place in the Worlds (Dominican Republic), European (Italy) or Development Teams (Hungary). Further places can be won in teams destined for Flanders and Athens. Incredibly all 84 boats finished in less than three minutes – after 50+ minutes that is quite a race. With less than 30 seconds between 20th and 60th one small shift, a sloppy tack, the second row at the start, outside lane at leeward mark could cost many places. Milo Gill-Taylor nailed the series and a trip to the Caribbean; Robbie King took the top place in the Europeans Team to the Adriatic, joined by Jenny Cropley and Karyna Manuel. Milly Boyle, Max Moyles and George Ford go to Hungary; Ryan Orr and Matt Thornton go to Flanders; Jessie Main, Dan Atherton, Alex King and Izzy Welch go to Greece. The Eric Twiname (ET) Finals at Rutland Water were very special: 400 Junior sailors chosen to represent their region in windsurfers and dinghies, as well as a Laser 4.7 European qualifier, hog roasts and human table football, the sense of jubilation was contagious. If only Northern Ireland had put as much effort into their sailing as in the football they might have cleaned up on the water too. South Zone won the Overall Team prize for the combined results of Optimists, Toppers, Fevas, Mirrors and Cadets. Congratulations to Freya Black who won the Oppies with Lucy Mellers coming fifth and Alexandra Schonrock seventh..

More than 50 Club sailors made the journey to Grafham Water for the Inland Championships, the first ranking event of the year, critical for



those intent on gaining a place in National or Intermediate Squad. A steady 8-12 knots meant close racing for the 224 sailors in the main fleet and Lymington sailors took 23 of the top 50 places, including eight of the top ten of both the Girls and Juniors and, most striking of all, all five of the top five Junior girls. Jenny Cropley (3rd, picture left) was first girl and Hattie Rogers (9th) first Junior girl. Alex King (22nd) first under 12 and William Heathcote (32nd) first under 11. The 75 strong Regatta Fleet was convincingly won by Haydn Sewell with Jessica Holloway sixth. Mighty impressive were Lymington's intrepid 8 yr olds Nicklas Host-Verbraak (16th) - who won the last race and Toby

Schonrock (28th).

It's always sad when Oppie sailors move on, and none more so than Mimi, Karyna, Ryan and Josh. They have set such a good example and given so much encouragement to the younger ones. The very best of luck to them in their future sailing.

George Heathcote

Volunteers

Race Management /Training

Hopefully it will be flaming June by the time you read this, but the weather at time of writing still demanding full oillies, dry suits and the like, has acted as a reminder to thank the volunteer team that has been working over the winter to keep the Club's racing show on the road.

Winter evenings in 2012 saw well attended courses run on the following topics:

RlymYC Club Race Officers Course - Tony Blachford

Course Setting for Thursday Evening Keel Boats - Tony Blachford

Course Setting for Dinghies – John Evans and Vince Sutherland

Flags and Race Management – John Evans

Monday Evening Dinghy Racing Pre-Season Training – Ken Hay.

While donning, hopefully in the coming weeks, the sun hat and sun screen I would ask all those currently involved in race management to spare a thought for what training they

would appreciate throughout the year and the coming winter. Training that will both enhance their own skills and maintain the standard of racing offered by the Club. There is a long list of you who may have some answers: Flag Officers, Class Captains, Race Officers, Race Team members, Shore, Mark Layers, Support Boat Crews, Results and Protest Committees. Where do you see the gaps? The Training Sub Committee and I would appreciate your feed back.

To new Members and those not currently involved; as you will see from the list above, the race management team for each individual event involves many tasks and activities that cover a wide range of skills and abilities. The Club's racing programme relies on volunteers and we are always on the lookout for new members. There are many different ways you can fit into working with a fun team of people. (The weather has improved since the picture was taken of the race team on the platform in May.)

If you are not yet involved and would like to be, please do get in touch with: [Frances Evans](#) or the [Office](#).

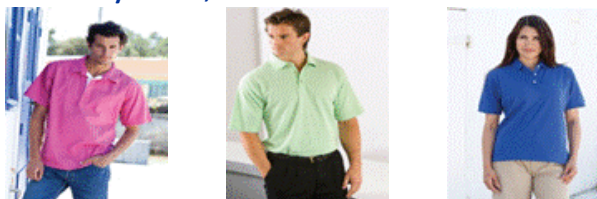


Frances Evans, Training sub-Committee

Lymited Editions

June Special Offer

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 Short & Long Sleeved Drill Shirts
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 Caps

Also included in this offer is the tchillbag. Ideal for summer BBQ's



Please contact Reception to take advantage of this offer

* Two of the same listed item to be purchased. No limit on sizes, colours or logos
(ie two ladies polos of different sizes, colour and logo may be purchased)

RNLI

10K Run

Another very successful day with sunshine after weeks of rain. The event raised £20,000 and many thanks to everyone who helped and supported the Station.

Hog Roast Saturday 7th July

A Hog Roast will be held at Blackwater House, Warren Lane, Beaulieu (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Ed Dubois). Full details and tickets from Dorothy Bishop (01590 677102) or Sandra Allpress (01590 643268). Bring your own chairs.

FOR SALE

Yacht Cradle



Fully adjustable Tennamast Boat-Tie yacht cradle, suitable for an up to 36ft boat of up to 7ft 2in draught

This cradle has some marvellous features.

It has components that can be carried by only one person, so does not need yard facilities or machinery to move.

The pads can be moved to above the waterline, which allows the whole hull to be worked upon at the same time. The base is wide, so there is no danger of the boat being blown over in a storm.

The cradle has been hot-dipped with a galvanised zinc finish to BS 729, which shows no sign of deterioration. Though has seen some years of use, it looks as if it will last forever! £500.

Buyer collects.

Phone 01590 718912

FOR SALE

Stainless steel radar mast. Height 180cm. Protective hoop 60X45cm. £89.

15Kg/33lb Bruce anchor £49.

Storm jib. Spinlock tiller extension, Bargain prices for quick sale. Inflatable dinghy Avon Rover 280, Hyperlon, spray screen, pump, wood transom, wooden oars, thwart. Good condition. £120.

Suzuki Outboard

Phone 01590 718912

FOR SALE



"Hermit", our Crabber 17 dayboat, is now for sale. Sail No 80 (Oct 1999). Bramber tiltback trailer, Mariner 5hp, new Sanders main and jib 2006, new mast 2010, winter cover, sprayhood etc. In excellent condition despite being a regular Scow finish boat

for Youth Week £10,500

Tony Hockley 01590 681044

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

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Ann Brunskill

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