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Our Club

Luke McEwen's kind remarks about the Club's volunteers (Luke is the Club's Champion of Champions, see his comments at the start of the Racing News just below) are a timely reminder and recognition of the work of the Club's many volunteers. The whole is the sum of the parts and that is what makes our Club so welcoming and successful. Thank you Luke.

You will also see that Stuart Jardine, Race Officer for the Champion of Champions event, could give Luke a run for his money in the Fast Dinghy Class.

Ann Brunskill

Club

Bath Road Car Park – proposed changes to permits and charges

"Many of you will have received a letter from New Forest District Council advising you of plans to do away with the parking permits for Bath Road car park, replacing them with clocks and a substantial increase in parking charges. The consultation process is open until 28th November and Members are encouraged to write to NFDC with their concerns about these changes, which will affect all of us. Together with Derek Easter, the Commodore of LTSC, I have just had had a meeting at the Club with Glynne Miles, Head of Customer and Financial Support Services of NFDC, to discuss the proposal. They pointed out that members of both clubs are the majority users during the winter and thus are concerned with their ability to park in this particular car park cost effectively all year round. Also many of these members are volunteers who support important business and community activities for the Clubs and for the town generally.

Rod Perry, Commodore

Club Security and Cards

"Walk In" crimes are apparently becoming more prevalent and, as a result of further advice from the police, the new card entry access system will be in use for the majority of the time. You will be able to enter by using your Membership Card but if you forget it, simply press the intercom system on the front door and one of the staff will let you in. If you are meeting guests at the Club, please make sure you are there to let them or tell them to ring the bell.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

Racing

A very big thank you from the Club Champion of Champions

"On behalf of all the racing sailors, a huge thank you is due to the Club's Volunteers, who not only make the racing possible but elevate the standard of even the regular Club races to the level of professionally run events. I'm not aware of any other sailing club where so many volunteers put in so much time and effort towards the success of the racing, and it has really been reflected in a great season this year."

Luke McEwen, 2011 Club Champion of Champions

The Club Champion of Champions Event for 2011

Flat water, brilliant sunshine and three hard fought races. Luke McEwen and his wife/crew Emma had two firsts and a second so truly deserved the title. With very little wind at the club at 8.30am, it was amazing that



Stuart Jardine found enough wind out by Pylewell to enable the annual Club Champion of Champions to run. Each club class nominated their best racing helm to compete in kindly lent XOD's for the title 'Club Champion of Champions 2011'. The racing was kept tight by running a short two lap windward-leeward course. The wind started in the east, and the mark-layers were kept busy as the wind swung round to the south east over the course of the three races. All the competitors offered a vote of thanks to the brave owners who had handed over their precious XOD's for the event. (Picture shows Luke and Emma working hard). Full report on the [website](#).

The trophy was presented in the evening at the Annual Racing Prize giving Party, along with all the other winners over the year. With a welcome drink sponsored by Danebury Vineyards and music provided by 'The Inbetweeners', everyone concluded that the evening provided a fitting finale to the club racing calendar.

2012 Provisional Racing Calendar

Click on this [link](#) to see our provisional Racing Calendar for 2012. We have some great events planned for next year including the Summer Regatta and a Diamond Jubilee Regatta run jointly with the Royal Solent Yacht Club. The printed version of the full Sailing Programme will come out in the January mailing as last year.

Chris Neve, Captain of Racing

Social Events

The Club has a packed programme for the run up to Christmas. In addition to the regular favourites of fortnightly Bridge Nights, Weekly Cruising Winter Lectures and monthly Quiz Nights some great events have been organised:

Tuesday 8th November - Movie Night - 1815 start



Buy a drink and take your seat, the movie runs at 1815 sharp.

Saturday 19th November - Jazz Night with Dave and John Horler and Friends



Back by popular demand with Dave restored to health – this promises to be a great evening. Tickets are limited so book early.

Tuesday 22nd November - Movie Night - 1815 start

"The Last King of Scotland" The story of Idi Amin

Friday 25th November - Annual Dinner

This is the premier black tie function of the year and features the combination of the Commodore's remarks, the excellent guest speaker Vice Admiral Sir Alan Massey and a superb menu.



Please note that just for this year, we have moved the Annual Dinner to Friday

Tuesday 6th December - Putting up the Christmas Decorations

Starting at 0930 the House Committees and volunteers will be putting up the Christmas Decorations – if you can, please come and help

but let the office know you are coming.

Saturday 10th December - Christmas Party Buffet with Live Band Zac and the Zeros

One of the most popular social events of the year. Matt and the team will amaze with their culinary skills and dance the night away with live band "Zac and the Zeros". Book early – this event is usually a sell out.

Tuesday 13th December - Movie Night - 1815

"Brighton Rock" - the 2011 remake of the 1947 classic

Friday 16th December - Turkey Dinner

The Club's traditional Christmas Dinner - always a sell out.

Wednesday 21st December - Carols with Santa 1200 - 1400

Bring your children or grandchildren and sing Christmas Carols under the expert direction of Pat Mennie. It is rumoured that Santa will appear with a sack full of sweets for the children.

Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House

The RLymYC's Golf Society Trophy

The 14th Annual golf match will be played out this year at Barton Golf Club on the 7th December. Contestants are hoping for more benign conditions than last year when a frozen course enabled several Members to reach the 18th green with the help of bouncing their tee shots directly onto the green via the frozen surface of the lake! Modesty precludes the Vice Commodore from disclosing the current holder of this magnificent trophy but any Club member interested in participating in the Lymington Yachtsman's Golfing Society should contact Tony Ruffell.

John Mills, Vice Commodore

Friday 11th to Sunday 13th November - Members' Art Exhibition

Another reminder to encourage Members to exhibit their work at the Club's Art Exhibition, to be held in the Library. Support for the Exhibition is already very encouraging. All in a good cause as 20% of each sale is donated to the RNLI. Thank you to those who are able to give support stewarding and helping, most of whom exhibit. When delivering items to the Sail Loft on Wednesday 9th November, please ensure all exhibits are easily identified with written details secured to the back, as requested on the guidelines/entries sheet, so that works of art and artist are easily united! Those taking part are invited to a preview and a glass of wine in the Library, on Thursday 10th November, between 6.00pm and 7.30pm. For further details and queries, please ring Bridget Atkin on 01590 671702.

Members viewing the Art Exhibition are invited to enter the draw to win a copy of 'John Thomas Serres, the Marine Artist', the book generously donated by its author, Alan Russett. This locally produced and impressive book will be on display at the Art Exhibition and tickets are a modest £1.00 each to the RNLI.

House

Even better value in the Bar and Restaurant

The switch to GMT heralds dark evenings and the Club is often quiet in the early part of the week. In an effort to encourage more use of our splendid facilities, the House Committee has been thinking about establishing another "Happy Hour" in the bar and special offers on meals in the restaurant. Please keep an eye on the Club [website](#) and the notice board for details as these new initiatives emerge. Our new chef Matt Doe is quietly revolutionising the food at the Club and we would encourage all Members to give the restaurant a try in the evenings when you go out to dinner. Club favourites are still there, but a la carte is now a feature of many evening menus. Each dish is cooked to order from fresh local ingredients and the flavour and presentation are superb.

A Member has pointed out that it is often difficult to know just what kind of dining is available on particular evenings. Often social or external events provide a limited menu although this is not always the case. Very soon we will be publishing the type of dining available on every night of the week, updated regularly so that Members will know the dining choices available.

Discounts and Club Cards

Members are reminded that bar and restaurant discounts are only applied when using their Club Cards. This has been the norm ever since the Card system was introduced. Cash prices are charged for those not using their Club Card.

Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House

Cruising

Winter Meets

The next Winter Meet will be on Thursday 17th November, when we go to Cowes and meet up for lunch at the Island Sailing Club. Details are on the [website](#) and details and a sign-up sheet is on the Club notice board.

The first of our Winter Meets was our 'Trafalgar Day' meet which took place on 18th October, when we sailed to the Hamble with 10 boats and 38 people in the fleet. A run down the Solent on the flood began in light airs, but it picked up towards Lepe and provided a close reach up to Warsash Sailing Club, where we had an enjoyable lunch before returning on the first of the ebb. A westerly Force 5 wind over tide ensured a lively beat all the way home.

Needles Relief Saturday 17th December



This will be in the traditional format of a cruise and a race to Yarmouth (Chris Baldwick is the Race Officer), followed by a combined demonstration by the Yarmouth and Lymington Lifeboats and the Coastguard helicopter. A raffle will be run to provide gifts to the three crews for the service they give us over the year and to make a donation specifically to the Lymington Lifeboat Station. The first prize will, we hope, be to be hoisted from the Yarmouth Lifeboat to the Coastguard helicopter. But if you do not fancy that idea, there will other prizes this year, so please don't hold back. The object is to show our appreciation in the knowledge that they will be there if we need them.

Lectures

The weekly Winter Lecture series started on Wednesday 2nd November with five lecture nights over the month. A full programme is in place, the details are on the [website](#) and sign-up sheets for the lectures are on the Club notice board. Christopher Knox will be telling us about the Royal Naval Museum in Portsmouth on 9th November and then on the 16th George Trevelyan gives his lecture on The English Raid. The final two lectures in November see Jimmy Cornell recounting Highlights of a Sailing Life on the 23rd and Lord Strathcarron lecturing on Following in Byron's Wake on the 30th.

Richard Wood, Captain of Cruising

Cruising awards

As the evenings draw in it's time to write up your Cruising Logs for our annual log competitions. As a reminder our main categories are:

Cadiz Cup	Best log of a cruise under sail of any length
Quain's Cup	Best log of a cruise under sail of less than one month
Channel Trophy	Best log of a cruise under sail within the limits of the Straits of Dover, Ushant, Isles of Scilly and Ireland
Fen Dawn Cup	Best log by a Motor Cruiser
Senior Brownlow Cup	Log of outstanding merit not awarded in any of the above trophies
Junior Brownlow Cup	Best log of a cruise submitted by a Junior family Member
XII Bar Blues Trophy	Best cruising "blog" or log generated using modern technologies

You can see many examples of Members' logs in the chart room. Indeed many of you refer to them when planning your cruises, so whilst they should be informative, they can also be entertaining or even artistic.

Please let the Club have the stories of your recent cruise in paper and electronic

format by 13th January 2012 to give the judges time to assess them before the Cruising Dinner at which the presentations are made.

Richard Wood and I also invite nominations for the "Seamanship Trophy" to be awarded for a feat of seamanship or navigation by a Club Member. (No log entry is required for this award) Please submit nominations to [me](#) or call on 01590 675966.



Clive Sparrow, Vice Captain Cruising

Past Meets

Gins Farm Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October

Once again we had an enjoyable Meet at Gins Farm. On Friday ten boats arrived during the afternoon and in the evening 18 of us had supper in the Club and then organised three teams to take part in the Club quiz evening. Unfortunately we did not win any prizes. Early Saturday morning a few of us watched the Rugby World Cup in the Club with breakfast very kindly provided by Michael, the Club manager, and his crew. Unless you are a Wales supporter it was not the result we wanted. Later another eight boats arrived and moored up on the Gins pontoon and the harbour master's river pontoon. After our usual pre supper drinks on the Club House veranda we sat down to an excellent buffet supper under the guidance of Michael. After supper John the Club boatman ferried those on the river pontoon back to their boats.

Peter Upcher, Cruising Sub Committee

Training

The first of the winter's RYA Club Mark Laying Courses is on Saturday 12th November and there are still places available. This is free to Club Members and key volunteers. To sign up contact [Sophie](#) in the office. Details of the full programme of training are on the [website](#).

Fleets

XOD's



23 XODs enjoyed a very competitive Autumn series in some great October weather. By the final week with Stuart Jardine helming 'XL' and Eric Williams' 'Diana' both tied on 7 points. Wednesday's race saw a big spring tide ebbing with a solid south westerly breeze. First out of the blocks was 'XL' and she and 'Diana' kept swapping places. 'Diana' controlled the inside line on the final reach up river but clipped the mud, slowing just enough to let 'XL' through into first place with Ado Jardine's 'Lucrezia' third. Saturday's final race saw similar conditions. On the first beat to Echopilot Diana stormed into a lead with 'XL' back in 6th place. Perfect strategy on the last beat followed by a solid run to the finish saw 'XL' catch and overtake Robin Balme's 'Xray' to give her the 2nd place she needed to win overall ahead of 'Diana' with 'Lucrezia' taking third overall place. Full results on the [website](#)

Fenella Lees

2012 RS Elite racing to include Saturdays

The coming year's programme in Lyngington is more comprehensive than ever before, with a range of Saturday racing added through the summer as well as the Southern Area Championships to be hosted by our club over three days in early August. And then the exciting prospect of the....

2012 National Championships at the Royal Yacht Squadron

The biggest ever fleet of around forty RS Elites is expected for this tantalisingly exciting event. Already around fifteen boats from Ireland have committed to come over, they've booked their accommodation, upped production at the Guinness factory and the incredible Elite social side is, once again, assured. Do you think the Squadron appreciate what is coming? With most of the fleet to be based in the RYS harbour and a packed racing and social programme you can already feel the excitement around the Elite fleets. This one is not to be missed.

Martin Wadhams

Stuart flies and claims World Record!



People have wondered for many years how Stuart Jardine makes his boat fly. Recently he was challenged to sail a hydro-foiling Moth. Anyone who knows Stuart should have known better. As Stuart explains; "Richard Field, the XOD Historian, approached me two months or so back with the challenge that if I would have a go in a foiling Moth and get flying successfully then he would have a race in the trial XOD N1 Xoanon. I accepted and approached Peter Barton, who agreed immediately to let me use his boat. We then had to find a suitable date with a bit of flexibility to allow for the weather."

An escort RIB was set up, Peter prepared his Moth and a perfect 12 knot breeze blowing at the river mouth. Stuart got foiling on his first attempt, but it has been about 20 years since he last capsized and he forgot to let go of the tiller extension thus snapping it over the side.

After his flight Stuart said; "I think it might have been a bit easier if I had done some dinghy racing in the past few years and probably if I'd done this 60 years earlier! My stomach muscles and arms were like jelly after a few big splashes. Re-learning the technique of heeling to windward rather than the other way in keelboats will take a bit of practice. The most noticeable sensation was the complete lack of noise and splashing and speed once airborne - quite unnerving."

Only later was it realised that Stuart, at 78, had officially become the [World's oldest recorded foiling Moth sailor](#). (Click for more details) There must be some special qualities in the murky waters of the Lymington River as he takes the record from regular Lymington Moth sailor, Peter Conway, who will no doubt regain his record next year.

Next season will see Richard complete his part of the challenge when he sails Xoanon.



Peter Barton

Optimists

The main event in October was the End of Season Championships which, as the title suggests, marks the end of the racing season; and a really terrific one it has been at that – lots and lots of sporty, outgoing kids battling it out in all conditions and enjoying it all so much. 66 sailors travelled from Lymington and many were to put in some spectacularly good (and bad!) results in mixed conditions. Milo Gill-Taylor (2nd) once again proved that consistency wins the day, with Mimi el-Khazindar (5th) our next best and top girl. In the Regatta Fleet new member Henry Beardsall won and Isabella Moyles (11th) our first girl. Teams were also sent to Vigo for the Semana Caixanova del Atlantico, to Berlin for the BMW Optimist Team Cup, and New York for training with the US National Squad.

Racing is now largely replaced by a highly sophisticated winter training programme; of the 300+ kids racing at all the major events, the top 24 are chosen for the National Squad with 10 RLymYC sailors, followed by the next 24 for Intermediate Squad (12 RLymYC), then Development (3 RLymYC). A further 24 are taken into South Zone for regional training and of these 12 are from here. The Club hosts a winter programme of six train and race weekends

run by Oppie legend Matt Rainback and his team. Sailors are split into groups of 6 - 8 for training as appropriate for their ability, so whilst the least experienced group work on their basic boat handling skills amongst the wonderful winter birdlife of Oxey Lake, the top group are off Hurst Castle surfing amid the waves kicked up by 20+ knots against a spring tide. All the groups join together for massed racing on the final afternoon with plenty of scalps from the group above being taken. (Picture shows Max Moyles prepared for winter sailing)



George Heathcote



2012 Diaries now available - Special 2012 Olympic edition

RYA A5 Desk Diary - includes useful dates and contacts, 2012 tide tables and helpful maritime information.

Week-to-view appointment diary, handy A5 size.

Tan cover with gold leaf edging. £7.50

RYA Pocket Diary - compact and packed full of useful information, tide tables, and world maps, as well as ample space for you to record your own activities.

Tan cover with gold leaf edging. £6.00

On sale at Reception

RNLI

Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 12th November St Thomas' Church Hall 9.30 am - 1.30 pm - Donations of good condition books or jewellery are welcome.

Christmas Cards, souvenirs, paperback books, Craft stalls, cakes and produce. Raffle, Coffee/tea, sandwiches and mince pies. Please take any donations to the RNLI Shop or contact Dorothy Bishop on 01590 677102.

Shop opening hours

The shop will be open from noon to 4 pm from Wednesday 2nd November until the end of the year.

FOR SALE

Club Member has sold his boat and has numerous "Odds & Ends" to clear from his garage.

Items include Walkers log, boat dehumidifier, torque wrench, set of metric and imperial socket spanners and the remnants of spares tool box. Sail palm, various battery clamps and all the sort of collection that thirty five years on the water accrue. For further details email [Peter Fordham](mailto:Peter.Fordham).

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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