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*Ann Brunskill*

## Congratulations to:

Ben Ainslie, who has been made an honorary Freeman of Lympington

Mimi El-Khazindar and Ben Batten, who were invited to represent GBR at the Tamil Nadu Sailing Association at the 5th Annual International India Regatta in Chennai and were 6th overall

Milo Gill-Taylor and Hattie Rogers, respectively winning the RenaissanceRe Junior Gold Cup at Hamilton, Bermuda, and coming 5th overall and top female

## Club

### Annual Sailing and Club Review

This opportunity for Members to receive a short briefing from all of the Flag Officers on their areas of interest and discuss any items concerned with the Club's business in an informal forum took place in the Island Room on Saturday 2nd November. 65 Members gathered to receive a clear and concise presentation from Rear Commodore Finance, John Miller, covering the achievement of the budget for the financial year ended 30th September 2013, along with his expectations for this year and the planned income and expenditure over the next five years. Now that the kitchen project is behind us, the next major target is the updating of our pontoons, a project expected to cost over £200k, and firmly included for 2015/16.

The Vice-Commodore encouraged all Members to do their bit in introducing newcomers to the Club; Rear Commodore House is very pleased with the way our food and service are now living up to the promise generated by our new team under Robin in the new kitchen. Rear Commodore Sailing has been impressed by our record keelboat and dinghy turnouts for our domestic Club events as well as by the feats of our young Optimist and other sailors and of course our Honda Rib Challenge winning team. Our new (to us) van is proudly displaying its Club livery, and the winter RIB maintenance is well under way, starting with the installation of a new engine for Valiant. Questions from Members included support for New Years' Day Brunch, the wish to encourage other Clubs to send cruising meets here, house staff training, and support for installing a more permanent Club name sign overlooking the river, and for keeping the outside of the Clubhouse more clean and smart. The Commodore thanked the Flag Officers for all their hard work in the last year.

## Lymington Harbour Commissioners' Stakeholders' Meeting

Members are invited to the annual Lymington Harbour Commissioners' Stakeholders Meeting on Tuesday 19th November at 1830 at the Lymington Community Centre. There will be a new format this year with a presentation by LHC Chairman Geoff Holmes on what's going on in the Harbour with emphasis on Harbour Protection. The presentation will be followed by an open Q&A session and there will be the opportunity to chat with Commissioners over a drink. If you do wish to attend, please call the Harbour Office on 01590 672014 or [email](#) them.

## Staff

We have achieved a good response to our latest advert for a new administrator and receptionist to replace Nicola Smith. We will be carrying out second interviews with several candidates in the next few days.

## Trafalgar Night



A select gathering of 73 Members and their guests enjoyed a superb dinner and toasted the Immortal Memory, proposed by our principal guest, Commodore Mike Graves, a Weapons Engineering submariner. HMS BLAZER was berthed on our pontoon and we welcomed Lt Amie Jackson, members of her Ship's Company and no fewer than 11 Officers under Training from the Southampton University Royal Naval Unit.

(Picture left: *The Commodore taking port with the House Manager, Head Chef and Bar Supervisor* )

*Kevin Podger, Secretary*

## Dinghy Park

We are trying to make the best use of the dinghy park in order to give those who wish to sail easy access to their boats. To do this we need to make sure that all boats in the Dinghy Park have a right to be there and are in the correct berth. This is very difficult when boats are not correctly marked with the berthing disk that is sent out each year. Next year we will be insisting that boats are correctly labelled and checks will be made; any boats that cannot be identified will be removed from the Dinghy Park. We currently have one unidentified large boat illegally parked in the Dinghy Park that we are about to eject:

**49er with black hull (no name and no disk) with sail no. GBR 313 and trailer board for car registration no. XMV 939Y**

If this boat is known to you please urgently contact Vicky Leen in the office on 01590 672677. If no one is forthcoming we will be moving it into the car park on 24th November.

## Club Restaurant

When the 'old guard' retires, change happens and it's not very often that the transition to the new team is without hiccups. Such has been the case at the Club with the first floor team but, as the Rear Commodore House said at the recent business meeting, things are looking good again. It's your Club and there's a friendly atmosphere. You can meet old friends or make new ones talking about sailing: there's 'service with a smile' and drinks now brought to your tables. Other welcome changes have happened too, such as lunchtime food being served to you rather than having to watch for your number to come up. The Restaurant page on the [website](#) has more details.



- The food is freshly made, usually with locally sourced ingredients.
- Sunday roasts are as good as they have ever been (if not better). It's a great place to bring friends and family.
- Weekdays, there is plenty of choice with everything freshly cooked
- There is plenty of room and a great view.

We all know someone who has had a 'bad experience and won't go back' somewhere or other, but at the next table is someone who has had a great meal and will recommend the venue to their friends. If you aren't happy, talk to Claire at the time or tell the Rear Commodore House. Feedback means that things can be changed.

*Geri Harris, Rear Commodore House*

## Art Exhibition Friday 8th to Sunday 10th November



A great opportunity to come in with a friend or two, show off a different dimension of the Club and, who knows, maybe purchase an addition to your coveted collection. The Exhibition will be open on Friday 1000-2030 (Happy Hour 1700-1800 - good opportunity for a drink and a bit of culture!) Saturday 1000-2030 (Happy Hour 1700-1800 - another good opportunity....) Sunday 1000-1700 (Don't forget that the Club will close at 1700 - so do not leave your visit until the last minute!).

*Charles Holden*

## House

The House Team have been hard at work on your behalf ensuring we have a great autumn and winter programme with something for everyone.

## Remembrance Sunday

10th November is Remembrance Sunday and for the first time the Club will be marking the occasion with a poppy wreath on the Club platform in the Solent. The Sunday racing teams may have their minute's silence at 11.00 if they wish. The wreath will then be collected and located on the balcony. Many thanks to Peter Scholfield who has organised the ceremony.

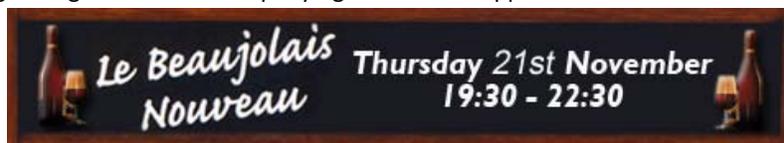
## Movie Nights

The Movie Nights have been a great success, so if you haven't tried them yet this year please come along, you can purchase a special Movie Night ticket for £10 which will give you access to the film, a drink and supper. However if you just want to watch the film that's fine just come along and it's free. The next film is 'Swallows and Amazons' on 19th November. As an additional treat, Club Member Sophie Neville, who plays Titty Walker in the original film, will be introducing the evening. Click on the link below for full details of this and future films and how to book. Don't forget that if you missed any of the earlier showings the films can be borrowed from the Club. Details on the [website](#).



## Beaujolais Nouveau Friday 15th November

Come and join us for our evening with great wine accompanying music and Supper. Tickets are now on sale.



## Annual Dinner Saturday 23rd November

John Doerr, recently back from the Americas Cup jury, is the speaker, so not an evening to be missed.



Click on the banners for more details

## Christmas Party Friday 13th December

Always a fun night that gives the chefs an opportunity to "showcase" their marvellous food skills. Music is the ever-popular Zac and the Zeros. Tickets: £29.00. Time: 7.30 for 8.00pm. Dress: Smart casual. And of course – the super Table Quiz designed by Vince.



## St Nicholas Carol Singers and the arrival of Santa - Wednesday 18th December 16:30

The St Nicholas Carol Singers will bring the Christmas spirit to the Club. Don't let the children miss Santa visiting the Club via the river in a magical candle-lit boat. Please bring all your children and grandchildren for a wonderful early evening of singing and Christmas fun. Mulled wine, mince pies for the grown ups and a goodie bag for every child from Santa's Grotto in the island Room. I want to ensure every child who comes along to see Santa gets a Goodie Bag so it would be helpful to know numbers. A list will be put alongside the poster in the reception area and I would be grateful if you could put down the number of children you will be bringing.



## Christmas Lunches

Our chef Robin will be serving a Christmas Lunch weekly through December so if you want to get a head start on the roast turkey and all the trimmings just come along. The Christmas roast days will be advertised in advance but to be sure call the House Manager Claire 01590 671751 and book a table.

## New Year's Eve - A Masquerade Ball



An evening of fine dining also with music – tickets: £49.50. Dress: Black tie with masks. Time 8.00.pm for 8.30.pm.  
An opportunity to make a great start to 2014!

*Geri Harris, Rear Commodore House*

## Winter Lecture Nights

The ever popular Wednesday Evening Lectures start on the 13th November with Jonathon Hutchinson's lively account of his flying experiences. This series of lectures is sponsored by Charles Stanley and the first lecture is already fully booked with a waiting list so being early to sign on is essential. All the lectures for this season are described on the [website](#) and sign up sheets will be posted in the Club some two – three weeks in advance of each one.



*George Johnson, Cruising Sub Committee*

## Cruising

### October Roundup

The weather this October was not kind to us, our first meet was to Cowes for an overnight meet but half the boats left on the Friday and the rest went on the Saturday morning to enjoy a night at the Folly (including the table dancing!) All the boats made a hasty retreat back to Lyminster at 08.30 on the Sunday morning to beat the heavy rain that came at lunchtime. We had our annual cruising forum on a Sunday morning with 40 to 50 giving their comments on what we are doing on the Cruising Committee.

Our last meet was to Warsash S.C. but we had to cancel at the last minute because of the high winds and rain forecast, we all had lunch at the Club with a toast to Nelson given by Perrin Towler.

The next day sail in November is to East Cowes and lunch at the Lifeboat pub on November 21st, sign up sheet on board.

The photo competition is now closed but don't forget to come and see the entries on November 14th or 15th and the supper on the 15th where the winning entry will be announced.

If you are interested in sailing in Chesapeake Bay U.S.A in either 2014 or 2015 come along to a meeting on Sunday December 1st at 11.00 in the Island Room to find out more.

Last but not least if you have a Blog or a Log please consider entering it into the Cruising Award competition, entries must be in by Jan 6th.

*Nick Olney, Captain of Cruising*

## Cruising - future events

### Thursday 21st November

Day sail to East Cowes [click](#) for details

## Sunday 1st December

Chesapeake Charter briefing, 1100 in the Island Room, [click](#) for details

## Saturday 14th December

Needles Relief

## Cruising

### Cruising Division Photographic Competition



Some excellent entries have been received for the first Cruising Section Photography Competition. The photographs will be displayed in the Island Room on the morning of Thursday 14th November and will remain on show until Friday evening 15th November. The external judge will come along during the afternoon of Thursday 14th November.

Do come along to the supper on Friday 15th November to hear from the judge and to discover the name of the winner. Supper will be 7.30 for 8.00 pm. There is a sign-up list for supper on the notice board in the foyer or please contact the office to reserve your tickets.

## Cruising Awards

It's the time of year to share your cruising experiences and enter the Cruising Awards Competition and full details are on the Cruising page of the [website](#). Over the last few years the number of Members entering the Log Competition has declined. Few now seem to keep narrative logs. This decline is probably partly due to those who undertake significant cruises using blogs on the internet to keep their family and friends informed of their progress. After a review it has therefore been decided to discontinue the current Log Competition and to replace it with the system outlined on the Cruising page.

*David Houlton, Cruising Sub Committee*

## Cruising - past meets

### Cowes Autumn Meet 11th and 12th October

Rapidly changing and always pessimistic forecasts trimmed the fleet destined for East Cowes Marina from 13 to 3 boats on the Friday. Actual weather en route varied between 15 and 6 knots, enlivened with brief gusts to 20 or 25 knots and light showers and the accidental lifejacket inflation of a former Captain of Cruising (nice to see they do work!). A pleasant evening in The Lifeboat was followed by a night of Northerly 25 knots and heavy rain, but again we were lucky, as the sun came out at breakfast time, the wind dropped away and we were able to motor up to the Folly walk ashore at lunchtime, under blue skies. A further 4 boats came up from Lymington on Saturday's afternoon tide, swelling our numbers to 17 to enjoy the pontoon party, before walking the 100m to a very busy Folly Inn. Suitably refreshed, we resisted the temptation to join in the table dancing, intent on an earlyish night so that a smart getaway could be made around 0830, to beat the forecast heavy rain, which duly turned up in the late morning.



*Peter Lowe, Cruising Sub Committee*

### 'Messin'about in the Med – an Ionian Extravaganza 8th - 15th September



On the 8th September several Club Members and friends gathered at Gatwick Airport for the start of their 'extravaganza' to the Ionian Islands. Catching early morning flights and arriving in Greece late morning/early afternoon, they were on their chartered yachts by 1500 hours, inspecting, unpacking and being briefed on the sailing area by 1600 hours. 6 yachts were chartered, (5 from Vlikho and 1 from Levkas) and these were later joined by 6 Club Member boats. Two formal rallies ensued, one on Sunday evening and the second on Thursday evening. From start to finish it was 'wall-to-wall' sunshine; winds of F1-6; air temperatures of around 32 degrees and a sea temperature of 28 degrees - much swimming took place and many chose to cruise informally with others. Members visited



the islands of Levkas, Meganisi, Kalamos, Kastos, Ithaca, Cephalonia and Atokos. There were no reports of being charged mooring fees and many elected to anchor. The cruise appears to have been a great success with many friendships being forged and strengthened.

*Derek Barnard (Organiser)*

## Racing

### RYA National Handicap System for Cruisers - Seminar Thursday 28th November 1800 hrs

The Club, with the help of Baz Edmonds from the RYA, will be hosting a seminar on Thursday 28th November at 18:00hrs in the Island Room to discuss the benefits of the RYA National Handicap system for Cruisers. For further background information prior to this lecture you may wish to read the following documents on the RYA [website](#) (see downloads on right side of page for detailed explanations) If you would like to attend the lecture, please let the office know by email or by signing up on the Sign-up sheet in the Club office.

### Needles Relief, Saturday 14th December



[Click on the banner for details.](#)

## Racing - Dinghies

### Setley Cup - Boxing Day model boat race

Those thinking ahead to Christmas with the kids should consider building or borrowing a model boat for the Setley Cup.

The race has been run on Boxing Day morning at Setley Pond, near the Filly Inn, for the last 30 years. Rules are very basic and aim to keep the boats simple: - Max length overall: 66cm; Sails must fit into a rectangle 100cm x 50cm; No stored power, batteries, radio control etc; Boats must be launched for each race by a child. There are separate classes for monohulls and multihulls.



### Peter Andreae Trophy - 27th December and Penguin Trophy - 28th December



The final dinghy events to put in your diary this year are the Peter Andreae Trophy and the Penguin Trophy, both sailed in loaned Scows, on 27th and 28th December respectively. The Peter Andreae is for under-21s sailing single-handed for cash prizes, and the Penguin Trophy is for double handed teams with a combined age of at least 35.

*Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies*

## Racing Reports

### Potter Ship Race , Saturday 5th October 2013

A bright sunny morning greeted the crews but only 5 - 6 kts wind. Eventually the Race Officer, Jane Pitt-Pitts, got the 58 boats off the line.

The Potter Ship race is open to all boats owned by a Club Member and every boat is given a Club handicap. The race time is usually about 2 to 2½ hours and is run using the average lap system with the



faster boats having to complete more laps in the time. The course was a reach to Colten to port, a spinnaker run to Berthon to port, a beat back up to the black moveable to port and then through the gate. After about 1½ hours, the flood tide began to ebb and the wind shut down, leaving most boats floating backwards towards Colten. Many owners voted with their feet and retired, but the race committee were able to produce results using the first lap time, save for one poor boat which could not complete even one! Like last year, everyone was able to enjoy the sunshine on the balcony and the consensus amongst the racers was that it was amazing that we got a race completed.

Results: Potter Ship Trophy and 1st in Class 3, *Windflower*, Malcolm McKeon; Hong Kong Junk and 1st in Class 1, *Mojo*, Jim White; Duncan Hall Trophy and 1st in Class 2 *Andrillot II*, Tim Stevenson; Pitt-Pitts Plate and 1st XOD *Ibex* Paul Woodman & Oliver James.

*Hannah Neve*

## XOD Fleet

After such a great summer of sailing, the weather gods were making up for lost time in October and managed to blow out half of our Autumn Series races. In the end only four of the eight races were sailed, and of those, Rory and Stuart Paton sailing XL dominated to win the series on an impressive 6 points. Paul Woodman and Oliver James sailing well in Ibex were in second place. The series was competitive, with an average of 17 starters per race, with numbers boosted with a couple of entries from our friends in Yarmouth.

It is always a reflective time of year, as there is a mixture of sadness and relief when the boats are lifted out and then scattered around to various barns, sheds and driveways. We turn to thoughts of where things might have gone better during races, and how to bottle the magic ingredient when you have done well - so the success can be repeated. Like all racing sailors, we are already thinking ahead to next year, what improvements we'd like to make to our boats and as importantly our own skills in the quest to find higher and more consistent performances. The XOD Annual Dinner and Prizegiving will be held at the Club on the 16th November, and rumours of Stuart Jardine requiring a wheelbarrow to collect most of the silverware (again) are correct.



*Karl Thorne*



## Dinghy Reports

### Lasers

Nik Froud was first youth Laser Radial sailor at the recent Laser World & European Qualifier event at Whitstable Yacht Club. Nik has returned to the Laser Qualifier circuit following six months off whilst he concentrated on his A levels and gained a place at Southampton University.

## Oppies

Yet another Indian summer has allowed the swarms of Oppie sailors to bask in their shorty wetsuits for one last month. The South Zone and Home Counties Championships attracted almost 100 sailors to the main fleet alone. William Heathcote (3rd) beat his big sister Vita (4th) on count back, but regretted it in the car on the way home! Milly Boyle (5th), Sophie Holloway (6th) and Alex Schonrock (7th) completed the Lymington girls domination.

At the End of Seasons Championship in Rutland, fickle conditions gave some very frustrating racing in the Saturday, followed by a full gale on the Sunday. Even at the top of the fleet, everyone had at least one disastrous race, and with Milo Gill-Taylor – who has completely dominated the oppie fleet this year, away in Bermuda, the Championship title was open to all. Of the 200+ sailors in the main fleet, Vita Heathcote was just edged out into 3rd, with fellow Lymington sailors Oliver Hill 4th, Milly Boyle 5th and Ella Bennett 9th. In the regatta fleet Santiago Cosby-Sesto finished up 2nd (picture left).

Meanwhile in Bermuda Milo won the Junior Gold Cup – proving his dominance is not just restricted to these shores. Hattie Rogers (5th) also had a terrific regatta, finishing as 1st girl.



We barely had time to pause for breath before launching into the winter training programme. The top 24 sailors in the UK (half of which are from Lymington) are selected for National Squad ; the next 24 go into Intermediate Squad. The next 24 over 12 year olds go into Development Squad, and the younger ones go into their regional Zone Squad, ie South. Each squad provides 12 days of training throughout the winter. In addition, at Lymington, we run our own programme, headed by Oppie legend Greg Carey. These sessions differ from the previously mentioned squads in that we have the very best sailors in the country training alongside those who are just starting out on the river. In the morning everyone trains in their groups, and after lunch all come together for mixed racing, each sailor referring to his/her coach between races. We have found this “vertical” approach not only to be unique but very effective.

*George Heathcote*

## Training - RYA Courses

RYA First Aid – Saturday 9th November, Members - £50 Non Members - £70

RYA Powerboat Level 2 – 7th & 8th December, Members - £95 Non Members - £195

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](#).

## Race Management Training

Thursday 9 January 1800 hours - Island Room

Flags & Guns, Whistles & Bell -How the Race Committee Talks to Competitors

Thursday 23 January 1800 hours - Island Room

Good Recording = Accurate Results = Happy Racers

Thursday 13 February 1800 hours - Island Room

Keeping Time - An Introduction to the Role of the Timekeeper

Tuesday 11 and 18 March 1800 hours - Sail Loft

Course Setting Round the Cans

Thursday 27 March 1800 hours - Island Room

Role of the Support Boat

Saturday 5 April 1100 hours -Island Room

VHF Radio Use for Race Team Members & Support Boats

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.

## RYA Club Race Officer Plus (CROP)/Regional Race Management Seminar

This course is designed to give those involved or interested in race management the opportunity to consolidate their knowledge and build on their current experience. We were planning to run the above course over a weekend this winter but it is more likely now to be in 2015. However, there are courses being run in the Southern region that you can attend in early 2014: 22nd/23rd January - Sunsail, Port Solent, 1st/2nd February - Itchenor SC; 15th/16th February - Poole YC. For details go to the RYA [website](#).

*Frances Evans*

## RNLI

### Lifeboat Christmas Fair - 9.30am – 1pm Saturday 9th November

St. Thomas' Parish Hall, Lymington, Christmas cards, souvenirs, cakes and produce, craft stalls, books, raffle, drinks, sandwiches and mince pies.

### Lifeboat Shop open Wednesday to Sunday 12 noon to 4pm

Get your Christmas cards, last minute presents and stocking fillers.

### 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.

The listing of items for sale or wanted in ePotterNews does not indicate that RLymYC has knowledge of the authenticity of the advertisement and does not recommend or guarantee the items advertised and the Club cannot accept any liability in this regard.

Ann Brunskill

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