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There's never a dull moment at the Club and we go into the winter season in good shape. The view from the new Library windows must be the best in the country and the House Committee's sterling efforts can be appreciated by all. There's a busy social programme and the Annual Sailing and Club Review to look forward to. Even the weather gave us a break, with a fantastic day for the Potter Ship Race last week. 60 assorted keelboats on one start line with spinnakers flying were quite a sight. Don't forget there is the usual selection of training courses on the website so you can brush up your skills.

Ann Brunskill

Club

Annual Sailing and Club Review Saturday 5th November at 11 am

This will be in the Library at 11 am to talk about what's been happening over the last twelve months and what's planned for the future. Please come and contribute to the meeting, it's a great opportunity to get answers to the questions so often posed at the bar but never resolved!

Club Cards

Security

Member are reminded to carry their cards with them at all times they wish to visit the Club. A spate of local burglaries has made it prudent for us to use our new security system and change the operation of the doors to cards only at certain times. To operate a door, please hold your Club card to the reader pad and wait for the light to go green. You will then be able to open the door normally; in the case of the front door it will open under its own power. If you have any difficulty gaining access, please press the buzzer and the staff will open the door for you.

Using your Card in the Club

Members are reminded that the discounts are applied only when their cards are used for purchases of food or drink. The old style cards will soon be removed from the system. If you don't have your new card with you the full price will be charged. You will of course need your card for access, so leaving your card behind the bar will no longer be possible. Some Members have got into the habit of not using their card but asking the bar staff to charge their account. This practice must stop, as it is unfair on the bar staff and clearly untenable if we all do it. I therefore ask those Members concerned to stop.

Rod Perry, Commodore

No Dredging at the Club this year

Members will be aware that the Harbourmaster will be dredging the mooring areas of the river this autumn. We have checked the depths underneath our pontoons and there has been very little change in the depth from last year. I have agreed with the Harbourmaster that we will keep reviewing the situation and the pontoon area will be dredged, if required, in the next few years.

Kevin Podger, Secretary

Matt Doe's It His Way

If you've have visited the Club for an evening meal in the last three weeks you might have noticed a few changes.



Matt Doe, our new Head Chef, has been learning from the comments Members made in answer to last year's catering questionnaire. He's bursting with ideas and is very keen to have something on the menu to excite everyone, in a 'revolution without the r' sort of way. The casual observer will immediately see two changes; the evening menu is in three sections, Starters, Entrées and A La Carte, and there is no food on the heated serving counter. Please don't think we've all gone home - take your seats and mull over the enticing offerings.

The starters include a number of old favourites, but the list is slightly expanded. Matt has taken up the challenge to include something on the menu that you haven't seen before, and his home smoked duck and chilli vinaigrette and carrot and coriander soup just have to be tried. The entrées are the dishes which used to be on the hot display, but they now come straight from the kitchen to keep the quality and presentation up to the standard Matt demands and to reduce wastage. The á la carte is where you will see most change. Everything is cooked to order using the best seasonal ingredients, usually local. When you order please tell the waiting staff exactly how you would like your dish cooked, including your vegetables, if you don't like them firm. Grilled ocean perch with a prawn and dill butter and slow cooked rare rump of beef are among Matt's new take on successful classics. You may have to wait a little longer after ordering while your meal is cooked, but Matt and his team did 60 the other night with hardly a bead of perspiration and they're champing at the bit to do more. I suspect those 60 diners know they're onto a good thing and are keeping it to themselves!

Kevin Podger, Secretary

Social

A busy social season begins in earnest this month. Please come along and meet your friends and other Members and support the Club.

[Monday 10th October 1745 - Bridge Supper](#)

Fortnightly with a light supper

[Friday 14th October 1800 - New Members' Evening](#)

An invitation to all our recent new Members and their proposers (and partners of course) to a special informal evening to introduce them to the Club and its Flag Officers. It's a great chance for the Provisional Members to meet other Club Members. Matt will come out and go round the tables to say hello.

[Saturday 15th October 1830 - Annual Racing Prize Giving Party](#)



Sold out but contact the Office to go on the waiting list for last minute cancellations. A fabulous live band and great supper conclude the Racing Season. Prizes will be presented and a good time had by all.

[Tuesday 18th October 1800 - Movie Night – Made in Dagenham](#)



This much acclaimed humorous British film tells the story of how a group of women fought against sexual discrimination at the Ford plant in the 60's.

[Wednesday 19th October 1200 - Annual Ladies Lunch – Speaker Beans Powell](#)

Beans joined her husband Steve for the Chilean leg of his Antarctic cruise in their Oyster 62 "Uhuru". The tale of this fantastic adventure is on the Club website, but Beans will bring the whole experience vividly to life with her fascinating talk.

[Saturday 22nd October 1930 - Trafalgar Night Dinner](#)



One of the Club's traditional formal events. Former Club Secretary and intrepid leisure sailor Group Captain Jonathan Hutchinson is the guest of honour.

[Monday 24th October 1745 - Bridge Supper](#)

Sunday 30th October 1100 and Sunday 6th November - RNLI Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards and calendars will be on sale in the Foyer

Date for the diary - Please note the Annual Dinner will on Friday 25th November not our usual Saturday.

Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House

House Committee and Sub Committees

What does the House Committee do? Under the General Committee, the Club's governing body, we look after the Clubhouse, improve and maintain the facilities, organise the social activities, choose the wine served in the bar, guide the catering team, provide the lovely flowers you see in the foyer and many other functions.

To achieve this we have a number of sub committees reporting to the House Committee. Often we need more Members to help and getting involved with the Club definitely enables you to meet more Members. If you wish to offer yourself as a volunteer to serve on one of the bodies when vacancies occur, it would be good to hear from you. Please contact me via the office.

Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House

Peter Lowe's farewell presentation



Peter's 42 years service at the Club was recently celebrated with a lunchtime reception and presentation to mark his retirement. A large number of Flag Officers past and present and over 200 Members joined the Commodore in thanking Peter for his outstanding service and wishing him a long and happy retirement. He was presented with a cheque from the Members and a painting of the Club by local artist John Webb. He has also been made an Honorary Member of the Club. Joining in 1969 he served under the formidable Mr Brooks and his first pay packet was £2 10

shillings. He rose from apprentice to Head Chef and served under thirteen Commodores (will Peter write a book on his experiences?). Peter's kitchen has long been a family affair. His mother, May, kept an eye on him in the early days; his sister Penny, brother Fred and his brother-in-law together with numerous cousins and currently one niece have all been part of the team. Of the many people he has worked with, still here are Christine, with 32 years and Nina (another cousin) for about 30 years. The Christmas buffet with Peter's special set pieces was an integral part of the festivities. He has the knack of making everyone feel they are his friend and is regarded with great affection by all.



Cruising

Tuesday 18th October - Trafalgar Day Meet

The first of our Winter Meets will be the Trafalgar Day Meet to Warsash Sailing Club. Although it is not quite Trafalgar Day, it is the nearest date with favourable tides. Lunch has been arranged at Warsash SC. Please put your name and other details on the sign-up list on the Club notice board.

Saturday 5th November - Yarmouth Fireworks Night

As in previous years, we are arranging supper after the fireworks at the Royal Solent Yacht Club. Details will be published shortly.

Winter Lectures



Wednesday 2nd November at 1830 sees the start of the Wednesday Winter Lectures. A full programme has been arranged each week through the winter, except December. Details of each lecture will be publicised on the Club notice board and on the [website](#) as the season progresses.

The first lecture will be by Alan Watson talking about the lovely launch Medusa (on the left), her wartime stories and how she was restored by a group of enthusiasts.

Richard Wood, Captain of Cruising

Past Meets

Pottery Pier, Brownsea Island

Twelve boats gathered at the anchorage off Pottery Pier, Brownsea Island on the afternoon of 9th August after a good sail there; the sailing boats having enjoyed a sunny close hauled passage with 10-15 kts of wind, in the knowledge that there would be likeminded and friendly faces when we arrived. Some went for a walk on Brownsea Island with sightings of Squirrel Nutkin and others went visiting.



There were no formal arrangements for this event so everyone was left to their own devices for food. However some drinks and nibbles were found in various ship's stores and we gathered on Otter and West Breeze to enjoy the early evening chatter. One ex Captain of Cruising disappeared to Poole town for the night on the pretext that his grandchildren wanted to see the bright lights. Most believed it was probably the other way round! Although the tides were suitable for a lazy start home the next day, the forecast was not - a west force 7 encouraged everyone to make an early start. The predicted wind arrived early giving the fleet a lively passage back.



Alice Macnamara

Buckler's Hard Pontoon Meet

A total of eighteen boats took part on the Meet from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th September, with six arriving on Friday. The main event was the barbeque on the green beside the Harbourmaster's jetty on Saturday evening, blessed by a warm, clear, sky and a fine sunset. There were fifty Members at the barbeque who, after a welcome drink, set about cooking their suppers. The three barbeques required 30 Kg of charcoal but did provide plenty of space for everyone to cook at the same time. A water hose was on hand to quell the fierce heat and cool the smouldering wooden support of one unit.

The early morning saw huge dark rain clouds approaching and the inevitable torrential downpour of rain continued through to lunchtime. The sail/motor back to Lymington with the wind on the nose created some uncomfortable moments but provided the opportunity for a spirited sail!



Michael Coombes, Cruising Sub Committee

Members' Art Exhibition 11th to 13th November

Again we need our talented Members to come forward and to display (and sell) their works. Please support this charitable show - the RNLI receive 20% of each sale and a charge of £5.00 is made on any exhibits Not For Sale, which is also donated to them. Inspiration for paintings can come from all manner of sailing and holiday situations, but the Exhibition is by no means restricted to nautical pictures. Works can be of any subject and in any medium (no photographs). Guidelines were sent out with the recent mailing and we look forward to viewing your paintings, your sculptures, and works of art. Please deliver them to the Sail Loft on Wednesday 9th November between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm. If you have any queries, you want further details, or if you would like to help with stewarding, please ring Bridget Atkin on 01590 671702.

Racing - Club Champion of Champions

Nine Club Series Champions, nine XODs, three Races ... who will become the Club Champion of Champions for 2011? This year's Club Champion of Champions Event to find our ultimate Club Champion will be on Saturday 15th October.

Each fleet captain has selected a competitor who they believe has competed outstandingly well in Club events this year and the nominations are: Folkboat - Chris Baldwick; XOD - Adrian Summers;



RS Elites - Crauford McKeon; Class 1 - William Newton; Class 2 - Christian Sutherland, Class 3 - Peter Draycott; Class 4 -: John Barns; Scows - Rory Paton and Fast Dinghies - Luke McEwen. The trophy will be awarded in the evening at the Annual Racing Prize Giving Party.

Racing - Reports

Final Duo Race Saturday 24th September



The final race of the series proved to be a nail-biter. At the beginning of the series the competition had been gentlemanly; for the last race and with the boats being so close on points it was noted that one boat was using its newest racing sails and another was seen to be scrubbed on the morning of the race. Race Officer Tony Blachford set similar courses for both classes: out to Christchurch Ledge via the Needles Fairway or SW Shingles respectively, then to North Head and a finish at Colten. This produced a busy race with lots of spinnaker work. Just in Time with Andy Roberts and guest crew Phil Lawrence won the race in Class 1 and Egor with Robert Weguelin and his daughter Sophie winning Class 2. The racing was so tight that in Class 1 Just in Time won the series overall on double count-back from William Newton and Bill Darley on Jelly Baby and in Class 2 Edith was second overall on count-back from Islay in third with Egor winning by a margin of 2 points. Full results are on the [website](#).

Potter Ship



This year's Potter Ship was the best ever. Fantastic weather, 60 boats on the start line and enough wind for three laps of the course. The Potter Ship was won by Shallott owned by Eric Reynolds and Chalkie White. Chalkie said he had been very close to winning many times and finally he had. There was a new trophy this year, the Pitt-Pitts Plate for 1st in Class 4, a lovely blue glass plate made and presented by Jane Pitt-Pitts. The report is on the [website](#) and the photos are on [Facebook](#), but the ones below give you some idea of the day.



XOD's 100 Years and counting

2011 has been a memorable year for XODs both sailing from Lymington and major Centenary events. The Centenary Race in Cowes Week started down wind with 123 boats and up to 30 knots of wind. Cowes Week starts were a challenge



Yarmouth Divisions - 53 boats in all. Picture on the left shows Lone Star (119) and Lucrezia (140) trying to keep clear wind in Cowes Week.

P.S. This is not the end of XOD sailing as the Autumn series goes on until end of October with Races on Wednesday and Saturday for which it is expected there will be over 20 boats racing including some visiting boats from Yarmouth.

Fenella Lees

RS Elite Saturday Racing in 2012

2012 planning

During a rather special Sunday roast with most of the Lymington Elite fleet at Ladycross Lodge (thanks Beans), a comprehensive Saturday racing programme was planned for the 2012 season. The Spring Series, Saturday Series, Cowes Week, the National Championships at the RYS, the Solent Circuit Autumn Series and, of course, Thursday evenings, as well as the other week-end events on offer in the Solent.

RS Elite Tuning and Technique Training

Martin and Amanda Wadhams have volunteered their services to sail with other RS Elite teams during the forthcoming Solent Circuit autumn series. If you're one of the newer Elite owners this is your chance to follow up on the training session run by the class earlier this season, with hands on feedback during racing. All for the price of a small sweet sherry afterwards.

Southern Area Championship 2012 at Royal Lymington

This event will be hosted by our Club in early August 2012. Not only will it be a great event in its own right, but add it to Cowes week and the Nationals hosted by the Royal Yacht Squadron at the end of the month -and you have a truly blinding August of RS Elite racing opportunities - forming the perfect build-up to Championship glory. Bring it on!

(The sun always shines on the Elites)



Martin Wadhams

Our Members get everywhere

San Francisco Bay Folkboat International Regatta and no Turkeys here

Club Members Chris Hills and Chris Baldwick, together with Simon Evans from LTSC, recently competed in the San Francisco Bay Folkboat International Regatta. The event has been running since 1977 and is held every two years by the San Francisco Folkboat Association. In 2011 it was hosted by the Corinthian Yacht Club. There were visiting teams from Denmark, Holland Sweden, Germany as well as the



Lymington team representing the UK Folkboat Association. How did the Lymington team do? Well, they managed to tear the port shroud out of their first boat, and then had to sail with a reserve boat, "Frihed" which was built in Denmark in 1961 by Brent Moller. She was a beautifully maintained wooden Folkboat, which rather unnerved them at first, as they had never raced a wooden Folkboat in the past, let alone a 50 year old one, and they did not want to break another boat. In the event, despite a need for some bilge pumping downwind, she did them proud, and they finished 8th overall, ahead of all the other visiting teams apart from the winning Danes, but they like to think they were actually first "borrowed boat" and first wooden boat. So that's a double first then. (Photo David Thomson).

Shortly after their return the two Chris's crossed the Solent to try and get a turkey (for Thanksgiving? ed) at the Royal Solent YC's Turkey Cup. Chris Baldwick took first prize in Bonnie, but Chris Hills came second in Padfoot and won the actual Turkey, perversely it goes to the second placed boat.

420's

With the summer holidays over it was time to head off to Rutland Water SC for the 420 Inland Championships at the end of September. An interesting first day on the water - the final race had some challenging wind shifts, with boats having to swap from kite-flying to beating on the same leg. Sunday proved an even shiftier day with 2 races slowly completed and results thrown topsy-turvy. The eventual Inland Champion crown went to veteran Neil Marsden and Megan Brickwood, with Lymington sailors Tim and Ed Riley finishing 2nd and Craig Dibb and Charlie Cox taking the final podium space. Annabel Vose and Kirsty Urwin took the top ladies title finishing 6th overall.

Cherie Dodd, Captain of 420's

September Oppie News

September is surely the most enjoyable month for dinghy sailing – warm water, plenty of breeze, and stacks of racing. First up was the Welsh Championships at Cardiff Bay Yacht Club. The 68 sailors battled it out over nine races with our sailors coping extremely well with the shifts, gusts and holes of Cardiff Bay. Will Bedford strung together a very strong series to come 4th, and Hattie Rogers took a bullet in the final race to secure 6th, closely followed by up-and-coming superstar George Ford (7th). The following weekend a dozen Lymington sailors travelled inland to Papercourt, where Mimi El-Khazindar came 2nd and Ryan Orr 3rd. Newcomer Margaux Welch came 4th in the Regatta Fleet.

Next, whilst the Summer Squad met in Cardiff for training with the National Coach Alan Williams, the junior sailors tested their newly honed skills on the kind waters of Chichester Harbour. At Bosham George Smith (photo) won the Regatta Fleet, with fellow Lymington sailor Harry Cowell 2nd. The following day at Chichester Sophie Hempzell won the main fleet, with George Ford 2nd.



We then headed off to Weymouth for one of the most fun weekends of the year; camping on the Fleet, climbing on the sea cliffs of Portland Bill and watching the other Daddies doing the “Bustinskins” Ironman. Oh, and the kids had their Zone and Home Counties Championships. Saturday was light and shifty, and Sarah Jarman took an early lead out of the 72 strong fleet. Sunday was a blow, gusting 30 knots and the fleet had to get to grips with completely different conditions. Race Officer David Campbell-James complimented the Oppies for starting quality under difficult conditions, the whole front row hitting the line at the gun, all going flat out.

Worlds Team sailor Milo Gill-Taylor strode out to win, followed by fellow Lymington sailor Vita Heathcote 2nd and (more Worlds Team) Joseph Burns 3rd. Of the top 28 sailors only two are not Members of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, which gives some indication to the strength and depth that the Club has in this tremendous fleet.

George Heathcote

Harken Youth Classes Regatta

This was held over the weekend of the 10th and 11th September with 57 boats from the 420, Cadet and Laser classes. Forecasts for the weekend looked challenging but despite the conditions the sailors managed the three races planned for Saturday. The weather

deteriorated significantly on Sunday and racing for the Cadets was abandoned and only one race was sailed, with many not even making the start, let alone the finish. The 420 sailors were using this as preparation for their Inlands Championship (see above) and Tim and Ed Riley, who won all three races on the Saturday, were first. In second place were Tara Gill-Taylor and James Dodd (RLymYC) and in third place were Anna Greenwell (Warsash) and Kirsty Urwin. The Cadet Class races were part of the RYA Indicator Circuit for the National Youth Squad. There were many new



young sailors to the fleet who did extremely well considering the weather with Will Davis and Harry Fitzsimmons in second place. The Club Laser fleet of 4.7s and Radials has grown strongly over the last year and they took the top three places, with Ross Mackley first followed by Freddie Verburght lying second and Bradley McLaughlin third.

Training

The Club's programme of training is on the [website](#) so have a look and see what you would like to do this winter. The Club has an excellent reputation for training and is very good value. There are sailing and power boat courses of all kinds and conditions. Details of how to book your place are on the web page.

Read the report on the Lymington Challenge and you will see how much our expertise and volunteers are valued. The photo shows Chief Power Boat Instructor Vince Sutherland with Roger Cook out marking for the Potter Ship race. It's a tough life out there when the sun shines. Click [here](#) for Powerboat course dates.



Lymited Editions 

Stock Clearance Sale

Don't miss out on these sale prices* on some of our stock items – once they're gone, they're gone!

Ladies Polo Shirt Size 12 Lilac with Single Ship Logo in Navy £15.00

Ladies Polo Shirt Size 12 Navy with Ship & 'RLymYC' Logo in White £15.00

Ladies Polo Shirt Size 12 Pale Blue with Ship & 'RLymYC' Logo in White £15.00

Henbury Top Size M Navy with Ship & 'RLymYC' Logo in White £23.65

S/S Drill Shirt Size L Pink with Single Ship Logo in White £24.50

L/S Drill Shirt Size M Navy with enclosed Ship Logo in White £26.10

Rugby Shirt Size XL Royal Blue with enclosed Ship Logo in White £23.65

2 Colour Hoodie Size S Hot Pink/Navy with Single Ship Logo in Navy £20.40

Adult Hoodie Size S Bottle Green with Ship & 'RLymYC' Logo in Navy £18.75

Please contact Reception to take advantage of this offer

* Sale price relates to stock items listed above only. New orders will be charged at full price.

The Lymington Challenge

The third Annual BIBOA Lymington Challenge was hosted by the Club on Saturday 3rd September. The weather in the morning was showing signs of deteriorating during the day and the organisers and the Officer of the Day had the added responsibility of deciding whether to send the fleet out into Christchurch Bay. By lunch time the weather looked a little more settled and 17 race boats set down the river for the starting mustering area in mid Solent. The start through Hurst Narrows was interesting with a number of boats taking to the air in dramatic fashion. At the first turning mark, Bridge Buoy, the seas became even rougher with the Sydenham twins from Poole running neck in neck in separate boats. This continued for all

three laps. James in the ZRC Project boat just pipping his brother by two seconds after 42.68 nautical miles averaging over 100 k/m an hour. Other local drivers did well with Hot Lemon, driven by Dave Deacon, coming third overall. Rob Lister pictured in his Lucky Seven rib passed the chequered flag to win Class 2. A spokesman for the race thanked the Club for hosting what has become a great one day event. The Club made it run like clockwork and some 22 safety boats crewed mainly by Members did a very professional job and our thanks go out to them. After prize giving at the Club a curry supper was served rounding off a very enjoyable day.



Martin Lister

RNLI

Christmas Fair at the Community Centre, Saturday 22nd October 10 am - 4 pm

This replaces the old Christmas card and calendar event and has been opened to more craft people and others allowed to sell produce and Christmas items.

Bridge Drive at the LTSC - Noon - 4.30pm Monday 31st October.

£38 per table. Contact Sandra Allpress on 01590 643268.

Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 12th November 9.30 am - 1.30 pm

at St Thomas' Church Hall Christmas. Christmas Cards, souvenirs, paperback books, Craft stalls, cakes and produce. Raffle, Coffee/tea, sandwiches and mince pies. Donations of good condition books, cakes or jewellery are welcome. Delivery to the RNLI Shop or contact Dorothy Bishop on 01590 677102.

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Satisfied customers will be requested to make a small donation to Sailability or the RNLI.

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Ann Brunskill

Club Discounts

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