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## Much To Do In The Winter Months

There's a superb programme of social activities planned for the next few months' dark evenings with something for everyone, so sign up now. The Cruising Division are starting to plan next year's cruises and the Juniors will be getting into their winter training mode.

Two important local environmental issues are raised in this edition and both will need Members' support in one way or another. The Navitus Bay Wind farm proposals will be going to consultation soon and the Royal Yachting Association is actively involved. Further restrictions at Newtown Creek are again on Natural England's agenda. So sharpen the quill pens!

Ann Brunskill

## Social - Forthcoming Events



It's that time of year again and as the season draws to a close, the Club is planning to celebrate in the only way we know how; with our Annual Prize Giving Party. Tickets are selling fast and cost £28 per person for a welcome drink, three course meal and entertainment provided by the fabulous 5 piece band "Soul'd". For the full menu, click on the banner above. Prizes will be awarded throughout the evening for the Brewin Dolphin Thursday Night Racing, Monday Evening Dinghies, Spring Series and Duo Series. Book now to ensure you and your crew get all the glory from your successes. If you didn't quite make the chocolates this year come and celebrate the season anyway, then start planning next year's campaign before the cold nights set in.



The Club is celebrating this year's Trafalgar Night with a traditional themed three course meal on Saturday 20th October. Our guest this year is Vice Admiral Sir Tim McClement, KCB, OBE. Tickets are £39 per person which includes all wine and port at the table. Click on the banner for details. Book your tickets at reception.



The Laying Up Supper and Party is the perfect opportunity to celebrate putting your boats to bed after another successful season. The evening consists of a two course meal, with live music provided by popular Lymington Band "Dorsal Fin". Tickets are £22.50. Again, book your tickets at reception and click on the banner for details of the evening.

## Social - events in October

## Annual Ladies Luncheon - Wednesday 17th October

Details will be on the notice board and website shortly.

## Quiz Nights

It's that time of year again for Vince Sutherland to pick up the mike and deliver his quiz questions. First Thursday of the month and the sign up sheets are on the board a week before.

## Movie Nights



Start the season with the showcase of British artists which is 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' on Tuesday 9th October, then on Tuesday 23rd October it's the Oscar winning film 'The Artist'. Meryl Streep is Margaret Thatcher in 'The Iron Lady' on Tuesday 6th November. Off to Hawaii for George Clooney in 'The Descendants' filmed in Hawaii, on Tuesday 20th November. On Tuesday 18th December 'The Dish' tells the story of an Australian radio telescope that is recording the Apollo 11 Moon landing for TV and the trials and tribulations of the event. Sign up sheet on the board at the Club.

## Bridge Suppers

These start on Monday 8th October then fortnightly until the 8th December. Sign up sheet on the board at the Club.

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## Social events in November and December

Thursday 15th November - Beaujolais Nouveau evening

Saturday 24th November - Annual Dinner

Friday 30th November - St. Andrew's Day themed menu

Saturday 8th December - Christmas Party Buffet

Friday 14th December - Turkey Dinner

Monday 31st December - New Year's Eve Party with Zac and the Zeroes

Full details of all these events will be on the notice board and website shortly.

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## Sunday Dining in the Library

The Library has been opened up to casual dining on Sundays and some other days. Why not have Sunday Lunch with the best view in town?

The Restaurant will now take bookings for tables so please ask for your favourite location when you telephone for a reservation.

And finally .....



Matt's Bistro Nights are proving very popular and usually sold out before Friday. Please ring the Club to make your reservation.

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## House

Mark Fishwick has tendered his resignation after 18 years serving the Club as he is now in a position to be able to give up working split shift and weekends. We have received 27 applications in answer to our advert for a new House Manager, many of which are very

promising and we will be starting interviews next week. We aim for the new House Manager to start in time for a handover with Mark before he leaves at the end of November.

Members will have the opportunity to share a glass with Mark before he leaves.

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## Club

### New Chairman of Lymington Harbour Commissioners

With effect from 1st November 2012, Geoff Holmes will succeed Peter Griffiths as the chairman of Lymington Harbour Commissioners.

Details are on their [website](#).

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## Cruising - Forthcoming events

### Tuesday 16th October Day - Sail to Warsash

Sail to the Warsash Sailing Club. Please sign up on the notice board or telephone the office, Skippers briefing 9.00 on the day at the Club.

### Sunday 21st October "Cruising Forum" in the library

This is your opportunity to comment on our cruising events, let your cruising committee know what activities you would like to see organised and learn what our plans are for 2013. We want to take this opportunity to introduce our proposed chartering opportunity, "Messin' about in the Med". We do hope you will join us.

### Monday 5th November Cruise to Yarmouth

Bonfire and fireworks, supper at the Royal Solent YC . Please sign up on the notice board or telephone the office.

*Clive Sparrow, Captain of Cruising*

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## Cruising - past events

### Bucklers Hard Yacht Harbour



The Meet was blessed with mainly fine weather with light airs from the west on Friday and Saturday and stronger winds on Sunday, inconveniently also from the West. This year seventeen boats took part with the majority arriving on Saturday, giving a total 52 Members and their guests, including those who arrived by car. The weather was perfect for the barbecue, clear sky and a bright moon rising over the tree line to emphasise the beauty of the Beaulieu River. Two very smart brick built barbecues have replaced the old oil drums we had last year. This has traditionally been a BYO event which results in a huge variety of food being cooked, from the healthy options to the not so healthy. The evening ended at about 10.00 with Members

returning to their boats probably for coffee and a nightcap.

The Harbourmaster and his staff, who provided the support throughout, made this weekend a delightful and memorable event, definitely to be repeated.

*Michael Coombes, Cruising sub Committee*

### Gins Farm Autumn Meet and Buffet Supper

Forty people and 10 boats attended over the Friday and Saturday evening. The good weather at the beginning of the meet enabled the crews to enjoy walks up to Beaulieu. The threatening weather forecast for the Sunday persuaded some boats to head back on Saturday afternoon then drive back for the evening. Pre supper drinks were taken on the balcony and after the meal the Royal Southampton put on a light hearted quiz, which added to the evening fun. Our thanks to Peter Upcher for coping with the many changes and ensuring all had a very enjoyable evening.

*Clive Sparrow, Captain of Cruising*

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## Racing

## Duo Series

The last race of the Duo series for 2012 provided perfect conditions for the 2 handed racers; sunny, flat water, and 10-12knots. The building flood tide provided an interesting conundrum for the run to Needles Fairway as to which side of the Needles Channel to run down. That battle was won by No Chance and for Class 1 it became a game of snakes and ladders between Jelly Baby and No Chance. A poor spinnaker hoist at North Head by No Chance allowed Jelly Baby to catch up on the run to Christchurch Ledge and they remained close on the beat back to North Head and finish at Colten. Both boats finished on identical times on handicap so close was the race; 4hrs, 10 mins 34 secs! In IRC Class 2, Eskymo led the class off under spinnaker but was quickly overtaken by Gemstone who led off the Solent. At Hurst, as in Class 1, the fleet split three ways. Simplicity headed for the island shore while Wookie headed west through the North Channel into Christchurch Bay. Gemstone continued on the direct route over the Shingles acting as trail blazer and depth sounder for Eskymo, Islay and Impro. At Shingles Elbow the gap between the main channel and the overfalls on the bank narrowed giving rise to a split in those taking the middle road. Gemstone and Islay, who had pulled level with Eskymo, continued into the main channel while Eskymo gybed and pushed through the overfalls into Christchurch Bay followed by Impro where they came out just behind Wookie. On the fetch to Christchurch Ledge Wookie overtook Islay. At the buoy, Simplicity, Gemstone and Islay initially headed inshore while Wookie, Eskymo and Impro headed offshore. Inshore paid and Islay overtook Wookie by North Head. The places stayed the same on the swift beat with the tide through Hurst to the finish.



Overall Results; IRC Class 1; 1st, Jelly Baby, William Newton/Bill Darley; 2nd, No Chance, Chris/Hannah Neve; 3rd, Just in Time, Andy Roberts/Mark Etheridge. IRC Class 2; 1st, Eskymo, David Cowell/Peter Rogers; 2nd, Islay, Richard Down/Neville Holloway; 3rd, Impro, Richard/Lindsay Breese. LH Class; 1st, Charlotte of Lymington, Peter Blick/Ali Husband; 2nd, Andriilot II, Tim/Robert Stevenson; 3rd, Vegas, Chris Harris/K Noble.

*Hannah Neve*

## Juniors

### 420 Harken Youth Regatta



Whilst the Cadets are away the 420s will play! This year's Harken Youth Regatta consisted of only 420s this year as the Cadets, Laser 4.7 and Laser Radials were away at class selectors. This allowed a clutch of new 420 sailors to test the water at Lymington. With 8 out of the 16 entries absolute newcomers to the class the ex-Topper, Cadet, Oppie and even 29er sailors opted for a one day training one day regatta package. Training on Saturday started with a light breeze enabling the sailors an easy passage out of the river and a gentle introduction into the 420 with the training session taken by Charlie Cox and James Dodd both 2012 420 World Team members. The wind picked up after lunch and three practice races were run in the afternoon, the sailors were quick to adjust to the faster pace of the 420 than their previous classes and revelled in trying to beat each other to the finish line. The weather on Sunday started light with the 420s being towed to the race area east of the river. But, as forecast, the wind built from zero to 15 knots gusting to 22 knots. The conditions challenged the newer 420 sailors but all hung on and acquitted themselves very creditably in tricky conditions. With most of the race and support team having only returned from the Paralympics the previous day, the sailors were in safe hands and the scheduled three races were completed on time in spite of having to dig some masts out of the seabed. Ice-cream with sprinkles awaited the sailors, race team and safety crews who had all worked incredibly hard to make this year's Harken Youth Regatta so successful.

Overall Result: 1st James Taylor HISC and Tom Lovesey Warsash SC, 2nd Ben Hazeldine RLymYC and Rhos Hawes RLymYC, 3rd Tim Riley, RLymYC and Luke Burywood RLymYC.

*Cherie Dodd*

## Club Fleets

### Scows

#### Potters

The brief summer weather of the first week of September gave the Scow potterers the opportunity for one of their picnic lunches. Eleven scows launched under a cloudless and windless sky and were towed across to Hampstead Ledge by the safety ribs manned by Chief Potterer Graham Neale, David Dale and Melanie and Tony and Denise Moore and then made their own way into Newtown Creek, although most boats had to resort to their oars to avoid being swept past the entrance by the tide. Determined to sail the whole way Zacyntha found the arrival of the sea breeze just in time to save getting the oars out. Three ladies and two gentlemen actually braved the waters for a swim which they said that they had enjoyed! Going home meant a lovely reach across the tide to Sowley before a splendid beat home through Pylewell. The second week was equally kind to us and fifteen Scows had a balmy sail against the start of the ebb up Pylewell Creek before a lovely beat down to Oxey and run back home through Crooked Lake. We were delighted to welcome Mark and Melanie Cubitt in Valmai II. This was a first for them and they enjoyed being able to join us all by chartering one of the two Club scows. The third Thursday saw grey skies but light winds for the potter up Pylewell creek and run with the tide up to land at Pitt's Deep. Driftwood makes a splendid fire to warm us all. An increasing wind and orders to reef, tested everyone's skills to launch from a lee shore but there was a splendid beat home, again through Pylewell Lake, on the start of the ebb.

### Scow Challenge



The gorgeous weather of the following Saturday at long last saw the completion of the very first Scow Challenge. For two years it had come to nothing, the first through lack of support, the second because of too much wind. Five visiting clubs, Beaulieu River Sailing Club, Bembridge Sailing Club, Brading Haven Yacht Club, The City Livery Yacht Club and Keyhaven Yacht Club sent teams for three boats, kindly lent by the Wednesday Junior and Scow Divisions. Our own team triumphed, a better knowledge of our tides certainly helped, with Bembridge second and Brading Haven third. A glorious tea followed thanks to the ladies of the Division. All our visitors, who had quite clearly thoroughly enjoyed the occasion, said that they wanted to challenge for it again next year. That the event was such a success was only possible thanks to Vince Sutherland, his race team and all the supporting event team so ably put together by Vice Captain Chris Knox. Without their wonderful support none of our events would take place and the Scow Division are mindful and very grateful to all our unsung heroes behind the scenes.

*Sebastian Chamberlain, Captain of Scows*

### Nordic Folkboats

The Southern Area Championships were sailed within the Taittinger Regatta. It was an excellent week-end's racing with a turnout of fifteen boats. Aries took second place and Tak third but both were overshadowed by a master class performance from Padfoot who, with three bullets, not only won the Southern Area Championships but also the overall regatta honours.



Folkboat Week, hosted by the Royal Solent Yacht Club and sponsored by Lymington Yacht Haven, saw thirty Nordic Folkboats come to the line for a week's racing in some very heavy weather. In particularly difficult conditions the race committee set well managed courses which provided excellent and challenging racing. In the long Solent race on Sunday Tak took the gun ahead of Good Shepherd & Madelaine. On the second day Tak again showed her superiority taking the morning race ahead of Madelaine, Tagomago and Strider. The afternoon race was even closer with the first four boats finishing inside a minute after 100 minutes racing, Tak taking another win followed by Madelaine, Samphire & Strider. Tuesday saw three short windward/leeward courses

which dictated some slick crew work with Tak emerging as overall winner. The Christchurch Ledge race substituted by a long race in the Solent due to the conditions. Once again a strong ebb tide played a leading role and Samphire, with a well judged move to the island shore on the downwind leg, took line honours with Tagomago second and Madelaine third. The ladies' and crews' races were held back to back on Friday and Sarah Fraser piloted Samphire to win both. The afternoon trophy race was won by Tagomago followed by Strider and Paloma. The last race in the series on Saturday called for some very close tactical work; the first three boats continually changed position throughout the race. Eventually Strider came from behind to pip Madelaine by the narrowest of margins to take first place with Tagomago third. Tak did not compete for the whole week but with five firsts, and a second to discard, one can speculate what might have been, but that's racing. Final results were: 1st Tagomago, 2nd Madelaine, 3rd Strider.

*John Whyte and Andrew Salanson*

## RS Elites - Super August

With the Southern Area Championships at our Club followed by Cowes Week, the Crewsaver Stadium Cup and the Wight Vodka National Championships hosted by the Royal Yacht Squadron, there has never been a more full-on month for the RS Elite class.

Cowes Week kicked off with a downwind start in over 25 knots to demonstrate there would be no let-up. Crauford McKeon's Kandoo and Martin Wadhams' Kiss teams battled it out all week, with Kiss winning the first four days but Kandoo taking the Week.

The Stadium Cup gave a taste of a new format... and the Elite sailors loved it. Two knock-out heats and a final, all run with commentary and within an hour off Cowes Green, gave a whole new excitement to Sunday evening at Cowes Week. Then after getting quickly back ashore for a prizegiving at the Sail For Gold bar it was off to the Yacht Haven to watch the Olympic closing ceremony on a big screen with hundreds of other happy sailors.

The Nationals were all they'd promised to be, and more. The biggest and by far the most competitive ever RS Elite fleet flocked to Cowes crewed by regular teams, hired guns, local rock stars, Gold Medallists, nearly every past Elite champion... oh, and the reigning Miss Northern Ireland - just to add even more glamour on and off the water. It went to the wire, but full credit to Crauford McKeon, Paul Bowen and Rupert Harding in Kandoo III who kept their nerve after some wobbles in the middle of the series to lift the trophy at the end of the regatta from Tiffany Brien, Graham Bailey and Simon Brien from the Royal North in second. With Kiss in fourth and Peter Lister, Pippa Wilson and David Hayles in Pipefish in sixth, The Club had three boats in the top six making us the top club. This event will take some beating, but next year the Class heads back to Ireland - and they know how to race and party, to be sure.



*Martin Wadhams*

## XOD Fleet

September saw a full programme of XOD racing mostly in excellent sailing conditions for a change. An XOD regatta was held in Southern Brittany, attended by several members of the local division. It was a fantastic, well organised, event and should be entered again. The winner was Stuart Jardine who, we suspect, was not entirely unfamiliar with the local waters or restaurants! Praise must go to William and Lesley Norris for organising our attendance.

The Bobby Bongers Trophy was held on 15th September with three short sharp windward/leeward races, once again beautifully managed by Ken Hay with the committee boat kindly leant by Peter and Jane Burchill. Rory Paton sailing Eric Williams's Diana won the event by one point over Paul Woodman and Oliver James, sailing the recently restored Ibex.

Going into the last of the Wednesday series, Eric Williams and Rory Paton sailing Diana could only take the series by winning the race and beating Stuart Jardine in Lone Star by at least three places. As so often happens, sailing up the river had a dramatic effect on the final placings: Rory slipped into the lead from second place and Stuart dropped a place to give him a fourth. So victory to Eric and Rory. An honourable mention must also go to big boat sailor Martin Gee sailing Mersa, who has adapted quickly to helm an impressive series, rarely out of the top three and third overall.

Stuart Jardine has won the Summer series this already ahead of Eric and Rory in Diana. The Saturday series provides a wider variety of racing, including not only our regular round the cans, but two long distance races, two "away" events at Yarmouth and two

windward/leewards.

We now look forward to another month of twice weekly racing through October against some "hot" visiting competition, before putting our wooden toys back into their boxes for the winter and much needed TLC.

There can be few fleets in the world that get quite as many racing opportunities as the Lymington XOD division and if you are interested in joining us or just having a go please contact Liz Field on 01590 642518 or our Divisional Captain Rory Paton on 07836 677855. We are always pleased to meet new people and given the amount of sailing, invariably there is somebody that needs a crew for the next race. We now look forward to another month of twice weekly racing through October against some "hot" visiting competition, before putting our wooden toys back into their boxes for the winter and much needed TLC.

If you are interested in joining our competitive but friendly fleet or just having a go, please contact Liz Field or our Divisional Captain Rory Paton . We are always pleased to meet new people and given the amount of sailing, invariably there is somebody that needs a crew for the next race.

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*Karl Thorne*

## Newtown Creek

Natural England (NE) have changed their original undertaking that the lower estuary of Newtown Creek (i.e. the anchorage area) should be unaffected by any conservation concerns and not be designated as part of a marine conservation zone. The precise sets of recommendations are buried in the 1,455 page Natural England and Joint Nature Conservation Committee recommendations to Government.

Particularly concerning is the following:

“Natural England advise that peat and clay exposures should be considered to be added to the features list.

The boundaries of this recommended reference area were subject to repeated stakeholder discussions, and the final recommendations are unclear. However, it appears that the boundaries do not include the full distribution of estuarine rocky habitats and lagoon sand shrimps. Further, the boundaries exclude other additional, and yet important, features that could be protected, such as *Ostrea edulis*. [native oyster]

The boundary follows the ENG, however, it excludes the lower estuary, and this will potentially weaken the ecological functioning and connectivity of the estuary. Natural England advise there would be more ecological benefit if the lower estuary was included but this may have impact on stakeholder support".

Following our original discussions we believed agreement was clear.

- It would be reasonable to protect the South end of Newtown Creek (being beautiful and unspoilt and having things worthy of protection). There was nothing worth additional protection in the anchorage area. So why protect it?
- We believed we had agreement with NE on the boundaries.
- Where is the evidence on distribution of estuarine rocky habitats and lagoon sand shrimps? What is the need to add peat and clay exposures in the lower estuary?

Of course there will be an impact on stakeholder support. NE is endeavouring to protect flora and fauna which have not been established as being present in the anchorage area. If NE's plan is carried out it could limit or prevent recreational use of Newtown Creek. Should Natural England gets authority over the anchorage area our ability to influence usage will be limited.

Next month's issue will have details on how we plan to resist this proposal. If you have some spare time and wish to see the report in full click [here](#) for the website, download the 24.1 MB article and pay particular attention to the pages numbered 783 and 784.

*David Brunskill*

## Navitus Bay Windfarm

RYA Southern Region hosted a meeting at the Club on Monday 24th September. As an indication of the level of concern within the RYA, Stuart Carruthers, their Cruising Manager led the discussion with Gus Lewis, their legal advisor and Caroline Price, their Planning and Environmental Advisor were also present. In addition to Club Members there were representatives from other clubs in the Western Solent, the Christchurch Sailing Club, RORC and RYS and concerned individuals came from Swanage and Poole. The detailed report of the meeting

can be found on the RYA Southern Region [Website](#).

The main findings of interest to Members can best be summed up as follows:

1. The RYA is lobbying continually in terms of the RYA policy - set in RYA Council and shown on the RYA website. The policy is directed towards ensuring that yachts' freedom and safety of navigation are not unduly hindered.
2. The argument is that Government has already set National policy - and through National policy the Government is already contractually committed to developers such as Eneco in Navitas Bay.
3. Hence at this stage all that can be done is to mitigate the impact of the site insofar as it impacts on recreational boaters. The RYA will have recommendations on its main website within the next month.
4. However the way that the consultation process works means that objections are taken into account from locally affected individuals – the RYA as a national body cannot take part in the local consultation process.
5. The message therefore is clear. A Club can object – but it only has one vote.
6. Any individual can register an objection and state concerns. To really influence the development the more individual objections the better!! All individual objections have to be registered and taken into account.

As soon as the main RYA recommendations are available, we will let you know what further action needs to be taken and how you can help.

*David Brunskill*

## RNLI

### Monday 22nd October, 12 noon to 4.30 pm Bridge Drive and Ploughman's Lunch

Lymington Town Sailing Club, £38 per table

To book contact Sandra Allpress on 01590 643268

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##### Yacht Cradle



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

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

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Aquamarine. Spare spinnaker guy, lightly if ever used.

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Ann Brunskill

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