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## The Autumn Activities Begin

PotterShip 5th October

Congratulations to Sir Ben Ainslie and to William Hancock

Members Art Exhibition

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Training courses and events to fill the long winter months

Ann Brunskill

## Social

It's Autumn and you know what that means, yes plenty of great social events at the Club. We have a packed programme so please check with your social calendar and come and enjoy yourself.

### Trafalgar Dinner - Saturday 19th October



### Art Exhibition - Friday 8th November

### Beaujolais Nouveau – Friday 21st November

### Annual Dinner – 23rd November

### Christmas Buffet Party with Zac & the Zeros– 13th December

### Carols and Santa - Wednesday 18th December 16:30 in the bar

The St Nick's 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. His little helpers will have a Christmas present for every child and the adults can enjoy complimentary mulled wine and mince pies while the choir lead us in some festive carols.



### 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.

*Gerri Harris, Rear Commodore House*

## Movie Supper Nights - Tuesday 8th October - 'Argo'

Come and enjoy Ben Affleck's smart comedy about a bogus film shoot cooked up by the CIA to rescue Americans trapped in Tehran which takes an unfortunate last turn and enjoy supper afterwards. Tickets are £10 each for the film, one course supper and drink (wine, beer or soft drink).

Coming up - 'Hyde Park on Hudson', 'Swallows and Amazons' 19th November, 'Quartet' 3rd December and 'Sleepless in Seattle' 17th December as the Christmas film.

## Racing

# POTTER SHIP

Saturday 5th October 13



A blazing August was followed by the sort of September when we might wish more events had been planned. The XODs and the Folkboats have been out there in goodly numbers, happily extending their summer. The final race of the Duo Series for Cruiser Racers continued to be well supported. Ray Crouch's indomitable 'Boomerang' won overall in IRC 1; consistent results from Denis Bates' 'Rollercoaster' paid off in IRC2; The Truscott's on 'Unity' carried the series in LH2.

The demand for Saturday racing from Cruiser Racer owners did not translate into significant numbers on the water. The Long Race West in mid-month was a great opportunity but, on the day, only four Club boats came to the starting line. We will have to re-think this for next year.

The prestigious Potter Ship race for all keelboats is coming up next Saturday, 5th October and, as always, entries are lagging behind expressed interest. Remember that we need time to allocate handicaps properly, so please get that entry in as soon as possible. Then the Champion of Champions event on Saturday, 12th October will be followed by the annual prize-giving party: click on the banner in Social for details.



Racing can only take place if we have well qualified race teams, including trained Mark Layers. There are numerous training courses coming up over the winter, with the first Mark-Layers course on Sunday, 6th October. Vince Sutherland will be running this course and we would urge qualified RIB drivers to add Mark Laying to their skills. Details [here](#).

*Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing*

## William Hancock wins RYA Honda Rib Championship

William Hancock made light work of tempestuous conditions on 15th September to be crowned 2013 Honda RYA Youth RIB Champion at the PSP Southampton Boat Show. Competing in front of a packed crowd, 28 young power boating finalists from across the country showed great skill and speed at the throttle of the two Honda powered Ribcraft 4.8m RIBs, tackling the difficult championship course in blustery winds and at times heavy rain. In the 8-12 age group 12 year old William blasted his way a winning time of 01:02:28. William skilfully manoeuvred around the tricky and testing course, which included a slalom run, a 360 degree reverse around a buoy and a stop exercise. William wins a fantastic Honwave T40 RIB with a Honda BF20 engine for the Club. Presenting the prizes were Steve Morris, Head of Power Equipment at Honda, Charlie Chan from Ribcraft and RYA CEO, Sarah Treseder. Full details on the RYA [website](#).

A delighted William commented: "It feels great to be a champion today; I'm very pleased with the result. I've been training quite a lot at our Club but I didn't expect to win, I was hoping to get into the top three maybe so I'm really pleased. My Club have been really supportive so I think they will be really happy when they find out I've won the RIB!"



*Andrew Eady*

## Members' Art Exhibition 8th – 10th November 2013

This year the intention is to develop the established format with the introduction of audience appreciation (with all exhibitors getting immediate feedback on how their work is viewed) So, there is something for everyone in the annual exhibition, whether showing or viewing. If you haven't yet entered there is still time.

For those not exhibiting, do note the dates and what better excuse for dropping in on the Club for a drink or a meal than to enhance the experience with a visit to this annual display of Member talent.

*Charles Holden*

## Racing - Past Events - Duo Series

Seventeen boats arrived for the last Duo race of the year on Saturday, with a great turn out from the Lymington Handicap fleet. It was a grey day but with a flood tide and 10 -14 knots it made for good conditions. A running start for all three classes to Quinnell allowed Andy Robert's Jin & Tonic in IRC Class 1 to head high and go for more tide while the rest of the fleet one-lined it in order to avoid gybing too much or even at all. IRC Class 1 then tight-reached with spinnakers down to Peel Bank, which proved quite tricky for the symmetric boats with the wind funnelling down the Medina River off Cowes and the tide just beginning the ebb. Only 1 boat in IRC Class 2 and LH boat flew a spinnaker as they reached across to Norris but not for long as the rest of the fleet white-sailed it. For the whole fleet it was then a case of beating to pass Elephant to starboard in the strengthening ebb tide. Finally a fetch to Yacht Haven which surprisingly was quite tactical judging the lay line with several place changes as some had to put in a short hitch at the end, before a beat up to Colten finished off a very interesting race.

In IRC Class 1, William Newton's Jelly Baby took line honours and the win on handicap but it was still not enough to beat Ray Crouch's Boomerang which won IRC Class 1 overall without doing this race! IRC Class 2's Rooie Rakker was first but could only finish second to Rollercoaster in the overall standings. Unity finished a great two-handed year winning the race and the series overall from Andriilot II and Dynamic third in the LH Fleet. The bottle prizes for both helm and crew were gratefully received in the bar afterwards, with the overall trophies and prizes from Harken and Spinlock due to be presented at the Club's Annual Prize-Giving party on October 12th.

*Hannah Neve*

## Cruising



September has been a busy month for cruising boats starting with the Poole overnight meet and a visit to the Air Show in good weather. In the second week we had our overseas meet in the Ionian Islands Greece with six boats being chartered and six Members' boats joining the meet: altogether we had 36 members attending including our Captain of Racing. We had three group meals: at Vathi on Meganisi on the first night, Kalamos, and Sivota for the final meal and meet up.

### Future Events

Our next meet in October is at the Folly overnight and then down to Cowes; see the signup sheet on the Club board.

### Cruising Forum - Sunday the 20th October at 11 am

This is Members' chance to give the Cruising Committee their views on what they would like us to be organizing, including where you would like a meet overseas next year.

Also on October 21st we have our Trafalgar day sail to Warsash S.C. for lunch; see the sign up sheet on the Club board.

Don't forget winter lectures start on the 23rd October.

Full details of all events are on the Cruising [web page](#).

*Nick Olney, Captain of Cruising*

## Winter Lectures

The first lecture is on Wednesday 23rd October when Nick Bubb is giving his Epic Shackleton Lecture. Then on 13th November Jonathan Hutchinson reminisces of life as a Cold War fighter pilot and Rob Struznya is 'Connecting the world, a Maritime Adventure' on 20th November. The full programme is on the [website](#).



## Cruising - past events

### August Day Sail



This had been planned as an anchor meet in Alum Bay, but was changed to a 'flexible day on the water'. Local high water at about 11:10 made for a short crossing to Newtown harbour for morning tea. The team in 'Trilogy' took the opportunity to test their anchor for the first time and a slow motor on the turning tide en-route to Yarmouth provided a chance for David Houghton in 'Elinor' to catch some mackerel before lunch. Sixteen mustered at the Royal Solent Yacht Club for a convivial lunch, during which the afternoon sea breeze filled in.



Departing at 14:30 the tail end of the ebb tide and a steady southerly F3 gave ideal conditions for a beat down the Needles Channel to Alum Bay. The approaches to the Solent were bathed in sunshine as the flood commenced at 16:10 allowing a gentle run back up through Hurst narrows and a timely return to Lymington.

*Perrin Towler, Cruising Sub-committee*

### Poole Harbour Meet

Constant sunshine and clear visibility ensured delightful conditions for the 3-day meet. Fourteen boats moored in the Poole Harbour



Marina within the shadow of a magnificent 28m Sunseeker motor yacht and under the safe protection of two Royal Navy Archer Class boats. We learned that the Sunseeker is the first ever to have an unspoiled 270 degrees of vision aft thanks to British technology in the use of structural glass. Meanwhile the navy boats were so thoroughly and so constantly cleaned that we were amazed that there was any grey paint left on them.

Saturday offered many opportunities including a boat trip to Brownsea Island, walking or shopping. Those on Brownsea were treated to some interesting flying by the Red Arrows and other aircraft. It was a pleasure to welcome those who had not previously 'tried' a weekend meet to the pontoon party in the evening sun and it is hoped that they will come along again. The party was followed by dinner at the Poole Quay Thistle Hotel, adjacent to the marina, where an excellent meal and good wines were enjoyed by all.

Sunday saw departures at different times with several boats having lunch at anchor whilst watching the Air Show off Bournemouth beach. One, that had moored in a 'correct' position, was asked by HMS Mersey to shift position. This he did willingly given the difference in size and availability of fire power. Such three day events as this provide opportunities for individual enjoyment as well as for yacht sailors and motor boaters to share sea time and social time together.

*Bob Woolley, Cruising Sub-committee*

### Beaulieu Rally – 13th- 15th September 2013

Despite the adverse weather forecasts we had a very good turnout for the BBQ Rally at Bucklers Hard. An impromptu walk to the Turf Cutters Arms was arranged on the Saturday morning with lunch being a necessity after all that exercise. The wet weather on the Friday evening was not conducive for drinks on the pontoon so this was postponed to the Saturday night and started off the proceedings with jolly social gathering. As promised the sun made an appearance and shone on the 39 members and friends who displayed a variety of food preparations for cooking on the traditional charcoal BBQ. Sunday morning saw a hasty departure of the boats back to Lymington so as to beat the forecast storms due later in the day.



*George Johnson, Cruising Sub-committee*

## Fleets

## Folkboats

The highlight of the Season was of course Folkboat Week organised and held under the auspices of the Royal Solent Yacht Club and generously sponsored by the Lymington Yacht Haven. The week cracked off with the Christchurch Ledge race, sailed in ideal conditions with a decent 15-20 knot breeze. Once through Hurst the pecking order settled down and with very few changes 'Crackerjack' (Stuart Watson and Matthew Jones) led the fleet home followed by 'Madelaine' (Ed Donald) 'Tagomago' (James Harrison) 'Box Clever (with guest helm Chris Hills) and 'Tak' (Jeremy Austin) somewhat surprisingly having to settle for a relatively lowly fifth place. Monday saw the first of two back to back to back races round the cans with sterling performances from 'Madelaine', 'Samphire' (



James Hoare and Graeme Coulter) and 'Strider'(Andrew Salanson). Tuesday morning saw the Ladies and Crews demonstrate their helming skills, in some cases embarrassingly for the regular helms, with Titch Blachford bringing Samphire home first in both races The afternoon race returned to the status quo with Tak returning to the front of the fleet closely followed by 'Strider', 'Good Shepherd' (Keith Whitelaw). After a lay day Thursday was the Long Solent Race which 'Crackerjack' won by a whisker from 'Tak' strengthening her overall lead. Friday was reserved for three windward /Leeward races when crewing skills would be severely tested in the short time available between legs. It was here that 'Crackerjack' and 'Tak' showed why they are consistently at the top of the fleet taking the gold and silver respectively. The final race on Saturday was a "round the cans"and 'Tak' romped home followed by 'Madelaine' and 'Crackerjack'. Chris Hills described the week as 'champagne sailing' and congratulations and thanks go to the race committee and the back up brigade without whom events such as this would not be possible. Final results were 'Crackerjack' first, 'Tak' second and 'Madelaine' third - and what a truly heartwarming performance from Ed and his family - with sterling performances from 'Samphire', ' Strider' and 'Tagomago' taking the next three places. (Pictures are courtesy of Eddie Mays who has some fantastic photos on his [website](#).)



A social get together and BBQ at Newtown Creek held on the 7th September proved highly successful with one or two (notably the ladies and the more youthful of those attending) venturing into the water (picture left). The Thursday evening late series concluded on the 5th September with Tak in first place followed by Crackerjack and Bonnie and although, apart from the Pottership, this may be the end of the Season for some, let us hope there is a good turnout for the Town Clubs Autumn series.

*John Whyte*

## Dinghies

The Monday Evening Dinghy Racing series is now finished after a great season with only one race out of 18 lost to the weather. We also had excellent racing at the Lymington Dinghy Regatta and the inaugural Potter Dinghy Race, all thanks to our volunteers. If you would like to get involved in helping to run dinghy races next year, come along to the courses which will be run over the winter months - keep an eye on ePN for more details. Also if you have any comments on this year's dinghy racing or suggestions for next year, please pass them on to me.

## Slipway Closure

Lymington Harbour Commissioners have advised that the planned slipway repairs which were scheduled for September have now been delayed until 1st-8th November. The slipway will be closed during this period. See the LHC [website](#) for more details.

*Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies*

## Potter Dinghy Race

The inaugural Potter Dinghy Race, sponsored by Solent House Dental Centre, was held on Saturday 24th August and could not have been better. As the competitors headed out to the west of the Lymington River entrance, the wind piped up to a perfect force 4 from the north-west and the sun came out. The concept

of the race, thought up by the event race officer Jane Pitt-Pitts, was for all the Club's dinghies to race together on the same course with an average-lap scoring system, so Optimists and Teras could pit themselves against the big fleet of Scows and the faster boats such as the RS800, which is rated twice as fast as an Optimist on handicap.

The wind continued to build in strength, gusting force 6 and capsizing several boats. After 72 minutes of racing, the committee hoisted the blue flag so all the boats were finished at the end of their next lap, with David King's Laser and Ian Sanderson in his Blaze taking line

honours. The fastest boat had sailed 11 laps; the slowest did 3, so after correcting for laps and handicap ratings the results were: Luke and Emma McEwen in the RS 800 were first in Class 1 and 1st overall with the lap record of 11, second overall and 1st in Class 2 - Ian Sanderson in the Blaze on 8 laps; 1st Class 4 and 4th overall - Jonny Tait in the Tera Sport, on 6 laps and 7th overall and 1st Scow - Jon Harvey. Voted a great success by all the competitors, plans are already being made for next year's event.



## Juniors

### Oppies

Lymington's oppie sailors have continued to create waves at the various regattas and championships they attended last month. While the top 24 sailors were training at their Summer Squad, a further 86 lined up at Burghfield for the South Zone (winter training squad) indicator. Whilst Club Members Nick Walters came 5th and Johnny Thompson 9th, it was fledgeling Ted Ward who put in the most impressive performance to come 16th.

The following weekend there was an exodus to Nieupoort for the Belgian National and Open Championships. With the top sailors from Holland, France, Spain, Switzerland and Malta also lining up, a northerly gale created massive, RIB-swamping, waves. Sea sickness took its toll on the fleet, as did impromptu swampings, pitch-polings and sheer terror, yet Milo Gill-Taylor became overall champion with Pippa Cropley (3rd) first girl, closely followed by fellow Lymington girls Charlotte Boyle (4th) and Milly Boyle (5th). "If I could have just ONE of your girls!" the Belgian National coach pleaded with me.

We then found ourselves in the very much tamer environment of Spinnaker Oppie Open, where subtle shifts and even subtler puffs dance around the pond. In the main fleet (63 sailors), Milo Gill-Taylor once again showed his total domination, with Hattie Rogers 3rd, Charlotte Boyle 4th and Haydn Sewell 5th. In the regatta fleet (31 sailors) Sam de la Feuillade won, with Santiago Cosby 3rd.

*George Heathcote*

## Wednesday Junior Sailing

I have just taken over from Edward Harrison as Head of WJS and would like to thank him for all his hard work over the past four years. I'm delighted that Edward will still be working with WJS so we shall not be losing him altogether. Peter Salisbury will be Deputy Head so we shall still have a strong team.

We are always looking for more volunteers to come and help us, both on and off the water, and would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested. We need more dinghy instructors in particular. Training is available for sailing instruction and safety boats.

Please [email](#) me if you can possibly help and if you would like to learn more about what roles are available.



*Alison Husband, Head of WJS*

## Volunteers - Race Teams

What a fantastic summer it has been for all the volunteers on our race teams. Most of us have stayed in home waters however some of our members have been involved in running racing in Europe and beyond. Of course these trips are planned months in advance but just occasionally there are unexpected opportunities. Jenny Wilson found herself dusting off her language skills when someone was needed to run timing for a race team in Germany (in German) and Ann Brunskill was probably looking forward to sitting in the sun with a good book when a jury secretary was needed in Valencia. (Ann tells me that luckily proceedings were conducted in English). So keep your ears open when you are at sailing events as it is a good way of meeting like minded people and sometimes includes a sneaky front row view of the

sailing action.

We are looking towards next year's sailing programme and, most importantly, how we communicate with potential race team members. The 'one size fits all' approach often seems to do exactly the opposite and personally I know it is frustrating to get an email asking for help at an event that one has already committed to. Kirsty and I are looking into whether the new software system can help us to be more targetted in our emailing. We are also going to have a much more robust process for handling the data from the volunteers forms, as you are all far too valuable a resource to be lost to an administrative error!

The XOD Autumn series runs on Wednesdays and Saturdays until the end of October so if you looking for an excuse to be out on the water they would be very pleased for your company on their race team. Don't forget that getting onto the platform has improved immeasurably since the new steps were installed at the start of the season and, thanks to regular cleaning by the boatmen, the steps are weed free.

*Jane Corden*

## Race Management Training

We have added a new date and topic to the list of sessions for this coming Winter: onThursday 27 March, we are planning a session on the role of the support boat. So, just when you thought you had put all the dates in your diary .....!

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

## Next Level Training

We are planning to run a Regional Race Management Seminar at the Club over a weekend in March 2014.

At the time of writing, we are still in the initial stages of getting this set up so, for additional details on the nature of this Seminar, please do take a look at the Race Management section of the RYA [website](#). It is very informative and explains what qualifications are required and what to expect on such a course.

*Frances Evans, Training Committee, Race Management*

## Training - more

Do look at the Club's [Training page](#) for details of the wide range of courses offered. Upcoming courses include the Mark Layers course on 6th October. This one-day course provides the skills and background knowledge needed to develop the principles of laying and anchoring marks. The course also highlights areas such as Race Management & Methods of using GPS in mark laying. Mark Laying is a fundamental part of race management and is key for ensuring competitive and good racing.

The RYA First Aid course is on 13th October and of value to cruising and racing Members alike. There's a Power Boat Level 2 course on 2nd and 3rd November. We also have a variety of sailing courses available so contact the [office](#) for details of what's available.

## RNLI

[Bridge Drive 7th October at the Lymington Town Sailing Club](#)

Contact Sandra Allpress (01590 643268) to book a table.

[Thursday 10th October Supper and Talk by Dennis Skillicorn at the Lymington Town Sailing Club](#)

Tickets: £18 from Dorothy Bishop (01590 677102) or Sandra Allpress (01590 643268)

[Sunday 27th October Christmas Card Sale](#)

Royal Lymington Yacht Club

[Saturday 9th November Lifeboat Christmas Fair - 9.30am – 1pm](#)

St Thomas' Parish Hall, Lymington, Christmas cards, Souvenirs, Cakes and Produce, Craft Stalls, Books, Raffle, Drinks, Sandwiches

and Mince Pies

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