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Club

At last we have had a decent summer and I hope you have all enjoyed the wonderful weather on the water. Although we are moving towards the end of the season, there are still plenty of racing and cruising events left in the Club calendar, including the Potter Ship our traditional end of season race. This is open to all Members, not just the hardened racers and I hope as many of you as possible will join in the fun.

Over the summer we were joined by our new House manager Claire Stennard and our Chef Robin Kitson refreshed his team in the Kitchen. Our House team are always working very hard to improve the menus and service on the first floor and if you haven't eaten at the Club recently, please do come and enjoy the food.

I would like to thank you all for your patience whilst we have managed some initial performance issues with our new IT system over the past month. We are making good progress optimising the system and, with our staff now more familiar with the new software, we are rapidly getting back to normal service.

Finally, we have a packed and exciting programme of social events scheduled for the autumn, with something to suit everyone, so please have a look at what is on offer and enjoy your Club over the coming months.

Phil Lawrence, Commodore

B&G Support

The Club is delighted to announce that sailing electronics specialist B&G has come on board to support the Club for at least the next three years. From furnishing the boats of Vendee Globe winners with tactic-winning software to helping Cowes Week hopefuls get the most from their instruments, B&G is well known to sailors across the world. So what does this mean for me, I hear you cry! Four of our Club RIBs will now be sporting brand new, top of the range chart plotters and instrument display systems, so races and rallies will all be supported by the latest navigational equipment. Our Cheetah is also being given the B&G treatment and will be kitted out to make her mark laying and race support unbeatable. The team from B&G will also be organising some winter season activity, giving talks on '*Sailing with Instruments*' and how to make the most out of your navigational equipment – keep an eye on next month's ePotterNews for more details.



Chris Neve, Rear Commodore Sailing

Autumn mailing

The Autumn mailing has now been sent out with the Winter programme, the notification of subscriptions and an entry form for the Art Exhibition (more about this year's exhibition further on in ePN).

Casual Dining

As most regulars know, reservations are necessary for Friday and Saturday night dining. If you are intending to dine during the week and have a party of more than six, can you please book as this will help the staff and there will be the right size table ready for you.

Slipway Repairs -from 16th September

The Bath Road slipway will be closed from the 16th to the 27th September inclusive. Full details are on the Lymington Harbour [website](#) and there will be a Notice to Mariners issued nearer the time.

Navitus Bay Phase 4 Consultation - Exhibition at Lymington Community Centre Friday 13th September 1400 - 2000

More details on the Navitus Bay [website](#).

Kevin Podger, Secretary

House

Well not a bad summer after all, and I think we deserved a little extra sunshine. The Club has been very busy and the staff have provided more sandwiches and meals than ever before, which is fantastic and well done everyone.

Claire our new House Manager is settling in well and I know plenty of Members have already had the opportunity to meet her. If you haven't please say hello and introduce yourself. Robin, our Head Chef, has now completed recruiting and has added several new people to the kitchen team. Robin said "I wanted several new people with great catering experience in order to keep producing great quality food all the time, our Members expect the best and I want to be in a position to deliver".

Autumn programme

September is the start of our autumn events programme and the House Team are already busy finalising bands and menus. The famous Quiz Nights start on Thursday 3rd October (sign up will be available from 12th September in person at the Club). The Laying Up supper, Wild West style, is on Saturday 5th October. This is closely followed by the first Movie Nights on the 8th October. We have a great selection this year, it's all looking fantastic. Elizabeth Cook and her team have done a wonderful job. The Ladies Annual Lunch on 16th October is "Tea at the Ritz" and not to be missed. For those who enjoy the formal black tie events we have our Trafalgar Dinner and speaker on Saturday 19th October. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Thank you

Thank you for all the great feedback on the new steel Lentune in the dining room, it really does set the red wall off to its best. A big thank you to Hannah Neve who arranged and managed the manufacturing and installation. It's inspiring, well done.

Help needed

For anyone who has a little time on their hands I'm still trying to build a team to look after the garden at the front of the Club and some enthusiastic people to develop a herb garden for the kitchen on the top balcony. Some help would be most welcome.

Geri Harris, Rear Commodore House

Social

Laying Up Party – Saturday 5th October

This year's Laying Up Party will have a 'Country and Western' flavor. Tickets £24.50 with dress code optional.

Movie Nights 2013/14 Film Series

This year Members are offered a Movie Night to include a glass or red or white wine or soft drink, a film and a one course supper for £10. It has been decided to offer one 'Vintage Film' every season.

Tuesday 8th October - ARGO. The film, staring and directed by Ben Affleck, won a 'best film Oscar'. It recounts a dramatic rescue of 6 diplomats from Tehran during the Iran Hostage Crisis.



Tuesday 22nd October - HYDE PARK ON HUDSON. A biographical drama in which Bill Murray give a terrific performance as Franklin D. Roosevelt hoping to use a visit from King George VI and Queen Elizabeth to bolster America's support to the UK on the eve of World War II. The war broke out less than three months later.

Tuesday 19th November – Vintage Film Night. SWALLOWS AND AMAZONS. A film based on the delightful books of Arthur Ransome. It follows the sailing adventures of four children who spend the summer of 1029 in the Lake District.



Christmas Party Friday 13th December

Tickets £29.50. Join friends to the music of Zac and Zeros as well as Vince's usual fun quiz. Christmas Buffet from the chef.

Dress code: smart casual.

New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball

31st December. Black tie event. More details to follow.

Racing - Future events



The last of the series is on Saturday 14th September when the tides are ideal for a race round Christchurch Bay. Details are on the website.



The last of the series is on Saturday 21st October.



The excuse for everyone, cruisers and racers, to get out in their boats and enjoy a great morning on the water followed by lunch at the Club

Cruising - future events

Six boats have been chartered in the Ionian Islands and six Members with boats are already there, in all 36 people will be participating. The Bucklers Hard BBQ is on the weekend of 14th/15th September- all Members are welcome to this very popular event. Details on the [website](#).

Autumn Cowes Meet - Friday 11th to Sunday 13th October

Full details on the [website](#). If you have any queries please contact Peter Upcher on 01590 624353 or 07963 813594 or by [email](#).

Nick Olney Captain of Cruising

Cruising - Photographic Competition

It's not to late to enter

The theme is 'CRUISING.'

- Enter 1 A4 print per person. Please write your name on the reverse of the photograph.
- Closing date 31st October. Entries to placed in the 'W' pigeon hole for Bob or Harvie Woolley or handed to the office for our attention. Thank you.
- Photographs will be displayed in the Island Room on the 14th and 15th November.



- Judging – an invited, external judge will make the decision on the evening of 15th November.
- Judging to be followed by supper.
- Trophy to be presented at the annual Cruising Dinner.

Bob Woolley, Cruising Sub Committee

Racing

The Brewin Dolphin Thursday Night Series drew to a spectacular close last week, with over 60 boats crossing the finish line under a glorious setting sun. In a packed Club afterwards, competitors showed their appreciation to our sponsors, and to our superb race management teams: on the Platform, on the committee boat and on the RIBS.

The racing season continues for another couple of months. On Saturday 14 September, most of the keelboat classes will be taking advantage of the favourable tides to race round Christchurch Bay. This race forms part of well established series for the XODs and Folkboats and is included in the Saturday Series for the Cruiser Racers. This will be an attractive race for all Cruiser Racers and the details are on the [website](#).

It is not too early to be thinking about your entry to the Pottership Race, which will be on Saturday morning, 5th October. This famous race has a unique format: we all start together and sail as many laps as possible before the race officers finish their coffee and call a halt, usually after about a couple of hours. Scoring is on an average lap system and the Club handicaps ensure everyone has a chance to win the extraordinary Pottership trophy, which sits in pride of place in the bar.

Early notice about our Annual Prize-Giving on Saturday 12th October. Sponsored by Brewin Dolphin and Sanders Sails, a superb three course dinner will be followed by dancing to a live band. Tickets are £28 and are expected to sell quickly.

Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing

Members' Art Exhibition 8th – 10th November 2013

The annual Club Art Exhibition is an opportunity for all Members to display their visual artistic prowess, in whatever medium; or to view that talent. All of us who exercise a creative interest in visual art probably have a secret wish to show off our work, but either find it an expensive luxury to do so or a daunting prospect to hang alongside an accomplished artist. The aim of the Club's annual visual art exhibition is to release that wish in a sympathetic environment as well as to amaze the viewing Members with the undeniable breadth of talent, whether emerging or established, of fellow Members.

Whether you are in the early stages of developing skills in water colour, an imaginative artist in oils, creative in pastels or emotive through photography, the range of media is all but infinite. The Club's exhibition is a marvelous platform to build confidence as well as, perhaps, to sell a work or two.

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 and the winner of which could enjoy a bottle that will do much to release yet more creativity), in addition to the discerningly awarded Commodore's Selection and an extension of the viewing audience. So, there is something for everyone in the annual exhibition, whether showing or viewing.

Details for exhibiting have been enclosed in the Club's September mailing. 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

Members' successes and two very special birthdays

Gazprom Swan European Regatta

Ray Mitchell won Class B in his Swan 411 'Accomplice' with a superb performance on the last day in a very closely contended fleet.

Richard Bagnall was called in to helm the Chris Frost's Class C Swan 36 'Finola' after their young top Hamble helmsman had been urgently called away to help race aboard a large Maxi yacht in the South of France during the event. Chris's crew included his 15yr old daughter, his father, Roger (who joined Richard at C & N on their Yacht and Boatyard Management 3 yearcourse, in 1969) and a top team of Hamble friends. Richard. Richard maintained the success rate with 'Finola' winning a record with being first in all eight races.



80 years and still winning

Stuart and Ado Jardine cutting their cakes at a surprise birthday party hosted by John Miller the Captain of XODs and Dunlop Stewart, the Vice Commodore. An up-market 'XOD tea', with sandwiches, scones, cake, Prosecco, some short speeches and some interesting music followed the Wednesday race, which was won by Stuart with Ado fifth. The party was reported in YachtsandYachting.com. (Photo Douglas Robertson)

470 and 420 Junior European Championships

Annabel Vose and Kirstie Urwin were 5th overall in the Women's 470 Junior European Championships and 2nd GBR boat.

There are some notable results to report for our youth sailors at international level at the just completed 470 and 420 Junior European Championships in Pwllheli last week. In the 420 Open Junior European Championships Tim Riley with Luke Burywood, were 5th overall and Boy's bronze medallists. Scott Wallis and Josh Voller were 10th overall.

Rosenn Wins Old Gaffers Golden Jubilee at Cowes

'Rosenn', the 117 years old Solent One Design gaff cutter of Barry Dunning and Bob Fisher, won the prestigious OGA Jubilee Festival Regatta at a lively Cowes recently. Over 200 gaffers ranging in size from small 18 footers up to twin masted yachts of over 130 feet gathered at Cowes for the culmination of a year of celebration. With wind blowing 25 to 30 knots the course was set in the Western Solent with the start between the Island Sailing Club starting box and Prince Consort buoy. Rosenn at only 33 feet on deck started in Class 2 with the larger boats starting 10 and 20 minutes ahead in class 1 and 0. Dunning tacked for the stronger westerly going tide and Rosenn stretched out from all the class 2 boats laying the first mark, CraftInsure, to perfection. The fetch to Saltmead extended her lead and she started to catch up the larger boats in classes 1 and 2. (Picture shows 'Rosenn' on a calmer day) The exciting run to Gurnard Ledge was where the race was won with the crew of Rosenn setting her genoa as a spinnaker which provided a nail-biting, exhilarating ride. A beat back to Elephant and a final run to the finish line between Gurnard buoy and Egypt Point gave Dunning and crew the ride of their lives and the Golden Jubilee trophy was theirs. At the finish the crew opened the champagne and toasted absent friends as Bob was in San Francisco with another regatta called the Americas Cup! Rosenn was built in 1896 for members of the Island Sailing Club and the Royal Yacht Squadron. 22 were built and the fleet was raced until 1907 when the metre rule took over. Rosenn is the last one left afloat. Fisher and Dunning bought her 7 years ago and with the expert help of Symon Woods, have fully restored her to her former glory.



29er Nationals

Mimi El-Khazindar and Ben Batten took third place overall at the hotly contested National Championships at Hayling Island. More details on the website.

Optimists

The Club's Oppies have been travelling around Europe over the summer returning with an impressive range of trophies. Details below in the Oppie section.

Honda RYA Rib Challenge

The recent regional finals held at Lymington produced a win for William Hancock in the 8-12 age group, with a time of 1:02.82 beating his nearest rival by some 15 seconds, set the fastest time in the country this year by 14 seconds, and in the process booked himself a place at the National final at the Boat Show on 15th September. Ollie Tait came third in the group with a time of 1:01.32, again a really fantastic time anywhere else in the country bar the super competitive southern region.

James Eady in the 13-16 age group was beaten into second place with a time of 0:58.06, being beaten



by 0.12 second or 12 hundredths of a second, by last year's national champion from Parkstone YC, now racing for the Royal Motor Yacht Club, with a time of 0:57.94. The times set by the two are the fastest set anywhere in the country this year, but James will not get to compete at the National final.

Fleets

RS Elites

Crewsaver RS Elite Stadium Cup

Jono Brown in *Aeolus* from the Royal Burnham YC began a successful August by winning the Stadium Cup just off the Green on the first Saturday of Cowes Week. With strong tide and an ultra short course, winning the pin was critical in the dash for the shore. *Escapade* from the Hayling fleet was runner up after a leeward mark dust up with ex National Champion Donald McLean sailing *E'Tu*, but our home team remained in the frame with the Proctors in *Wombat* taking the final podium position. (Picture shows start line action at the Brewin Dolphin RS Elite National Championships)



Cowes Week

Five Royal Lymington RS Elites competed at Cowes Week, with Crauford McKeon's *Kandoo III* (still technically a Club Member although Cowes based this year) following up on their win at the Southerns with another solid victory. In fact, every race was won by a Lymington boat, with *E'Tu* and *Wombat* also scoring bullets on their way to 3rd and 4th places overall, respectively.

Brewin Dolphin RS Elite Nationals

August concluded for the Class with a trip to Belfast Lough and the Royal North of Ireland YC for the Nationals - another fabulous event with the famous Irish craic in full, full flow. Congratulations to the Brown's from Essex for an incredibly consistent performance; winning with a day to spare. Behind them Irish home team on *Kin*, sailed by Tiffany Brien (ex Miss Northern Ireland) and her Edinburgh Cup winning dad Simon battled it out with our own *Kiss* for second and third overall until the dying seconds of the final beat. Sadly, I have to report that Tiff is not just a pretty face – she can match race too!

Solent Points Autumn Series

We're expecting a strong turnout for the Autumn Series – Freebie is still available for charter as we speak (although at least one team is sniffing), so get your skates on if you'd like to get involved. Call the Club office to book.

Martin Wadham

Scows

Inter Club Challenge

The Scow fleet's annual Inter-Club Challenge series was hosted by the Club for the second time on Saturday 31st August. Six visiting teams



came (from Beaulieu River S.C., Bembridge S.C., Brading Haven Y.C., the City Livery Y.C., Keyhaven Y.C. and Lymington Town S.C.) to sail against each other and the home team in boats provided by the host Club. The weather could not have been better, warm sunshine, a sleepy tide and a gentle NW breeze, although the wind swung through 60 degrees at times which made course setting something of a challenge for Race Officer Vince Sutherland.

The fleet returned to a splendid tea, provided by Gillie Pearson and a team of willing helpers.

Keyhaven Y.C. were overall winners with 57 points. Second place went to Brading Haven Y.C. with 70 points, just ahead of Bembridge S.C. with 71. Our team came 4th this year with 82.

Dick Moore

Juniors

Oppie News

With well over 300 sailors, and teams from USA and Ireland, plus individuals from Bermuda, Spain and India at the Optimist National Championships in Largs, Lymington's finest displayed an impressive depth of talent, especially amongst the girls. In the Seniors, Lymington's team took the top girls places - Hattie Rogers (7th), Milly Boyle (9th) and Ella Bennett (13th), and in doing so won the "Talbot Fleet Trophy" for the best performing club.. Worlds Team sailor Robbie King was 2nd overall. In the Juniors (U13), despite a brace of black flags, Vita Heathcote beat the fleet to become National Junior Champion, with fellow Club Members Arthur Fry 5th and first U12, Alex Schonrock 14th. In the Regatta Race Fleet Nicklas Host-Verbraak came 3rd, and Hector Bennett 9th. (Picture shows Club winners at the Nationals: Nicklas; Vita; Ella; Milly; Hattie.)



Further afield a number of Lymington's sailors went into battle with their team that they had been selected for: for the Euros Team Vita Heathcote (16th) and Jenny Cropley (56th) went to the Chocco Cup in Hungary; the Development Team Alex King (50th), Haydn Sewell (59th), Pippa Cropley 73rd), and Hattie Rogers (120th) went to Bodrum; and, in Flanders, sailors from the Club completely dominated the event, taking 5 of the top 10 places, including the top 2 girls – Milly Boyle (6th) and Ella Bennett (8th). Worlds Team sailor Robbie King (2nd) in particular enjoyed the strong tidal conditions in a big sea.

The British Junior Team went to the Irish Nationals in Dublin; well done Alex King (3rd) and Vita Heathcote (4th). In the Seniors Robbie King (3rd) and Milly Boyle (7th) continued their impressive form. Milly hasn't had a result outside the top 10, nationally or internationally, all year.

At the European Championships, held on Lake Balaton, Hungary (248 sailors from 40 countries), Vita Heathcote achieved the best result by any British girl ever, coming 6th European, 8th overall.

Finally to the European Team Racing Championships, held in Lago di Ledro in the Dolomites, Lymington's girls (Vita Heathcote, Hattie Rogers, Ella Bennett) fought gallantly against the top 20 teams in Europe, but in the end found the championships to be more valuable for gaining experience than gathering silverware!

George Heathcote

RNLI

[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](#)

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Ann Brunskill

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