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The pace is hotting up. Racing has started, the Cruisers are well into plans for their summer cruises, Easter will soon be here with the Easter Egg Challenge and then it's the 'big weekend'. Not only will the inaugural Duo Race start from the Club, but there will be an all day celebration of that Royal Wedding. Once you've read about all these exciting events, there's still plenty of news on important changes in the Club, from the work on the Library doors, the new phones for the boatmen to details of the new Club cards to be issued shortly replacing our current ones. There's space on the last mark laying course of the winter, details of sailing courses during the Easter holidays and the summer term, as well as the news from the fleets and reports on recent events.

Ann Brunskill

## Social

### Forthcoming events

The final Quiz Night before the summer break - Thursday 7th April



Vince Sutherland brings his usual humour and insightful questioning to a very entertaining evening.

Royal Wedding Day and the first Club Duo Race April 29th

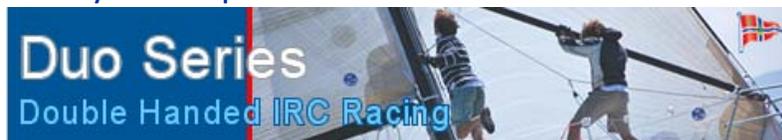


If you plan to celebrate William and Kate's Wedding, why not come to the Club and enjoy our event. The television coverage will be on the big screen in glorious High Definition, starting at 0900, going through until the crowds disperse in the afternoon. Enjoy the coffee, pastries, special lunch menu and drinks on offer. [Click here for details](#)

The first of the new Club Duo races starts at 1430 and the crews are expected back from 1730 onwards – why not finish of the day with a toast to the Club's newest race.

## Racing

Duo Series - First Race Friday 29th April



Entries to the Duo series are coming in thick and fast; to help us give you the best courses and racing we would appreciate if you can get your free entry in as soon as possible. You can download the entry form from [here](#).

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## Royal Engineer Yacht Club Visit - Saturday 14th May 2011

### Keelboat wanted to join the Club's team against the Engineers

One of the regular events the Club hosts is the annual visit from the Royal Engineer Yacht Club. It is traditional that three boats from our Club race against the visitors on Saturday afternoon and then join them for cocktails in the evening. Guaranteed to be a thoroughly enjoyable day. This year the Engineers will be visiting on Saturday May 14th. Two boats have already volunteered and we are seeking a third boat, preferably one whose IRC rating is below 1.000. If you would like to take part please contact the [Office](#).

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## Monday Evening Dinghy Racing early series

### 1st race Monday 18th April

The Notice of Race and Entry form are now on the [website](#).

Please download and send your entry in to the office as soon as possible so we can avoid too much of a rush on the 18th.




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## Thursday Evening Keelboats early series - 1st Race Thursday 21st April



To help you with any queries there will be a pre-event briefing on Thursday 14th April at 1815 hrs in the Library, so time to get a Happy Hour drink in before hand!

The Notice of Race and Entry form will be available on the [event webpage](#) shortly. Please download or pick up from the club, then send or drop off your entry to the office as soon as possible.

### Help Needed

We need more volunteers to drive Ribs for ferrying racing crews in the river between 1645 and 2030 on Thursday evenings from the 21st April to the end of August. If there are any PowerBoat Level 2 (or above) qualified Members who would like to do an occasional Thursday evening driving a Rib on the river, could you please contact [Jane Clegg](#) or the [Office](#).

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## Easter Egg Challenge - Monday 25th April



It is a bit of fun, Penguin Trophy style for families, with a minimum combined crew age of 35 and Mum, Dad, Granny or Grandpa on the helm, to be held Easter Monday morning. There will be a small Easter egg hunt for the youngsters and hot cross buns and coffee etc. for all. Notice of Race is now available on the [website](#).

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## Cruising

### Safety Day Saturday 9th April 0930 hours

The purpose of the event is to remind Members of standard safety procedures and safety equipment. We all get a little rusty and such revision from time to time can only be useful! The morning will be of interest to boat owners and crew, whether sail or motor, that cruise or race. The session starts in the Library. Further details are on the Club notice board, with a sign up list so that we have an idea of numbers attending, and on the [website](#).

### Cowes Meet - Friday 15th to Sunday 17th April

Our summer season starts with the, by now, almost traditional gentle breaking-in cruise to Cowes. The meet will commence on Friday afternoon on the pontoon opposite the Folly Inn, with early evening drinks on the pontoon, followed by supper either at the Folly Inn or on board with friends. On Saturday we move to Shepards Wharf Marina, before going to dinner at the Royal London Yacht Club at 1930 hrs.

(Dress code is reefer jackets.) All the details are on the Club notice board and on the [website](#). Tickets are available from the Club office.

## Seminar on Weather and Climate - Saturday 7 May 1100 hours

Prof. David Burgess, sailor, physicist and Member of the Club, is giving what promises to be an informative, entertaining and not too 'heavy weather' talk in which he will review some of the basics which underlie the weather and climate systems on planet Earth. David's talk will be of interest to a wider audience than just the the Cruising Division and all Members are welcome. Details and a sign up list are on the Club notice board, and the [website](#).

## Spring Anchor Meet - Friday 13th to Sunday 15th May

Just a reminder of the dates of this meet, for which details will be available shortly

## Summer Cruise - Saturday 11th to Tuesday 21st June

Members who have expressed an interest in taking part in the cruise are being keep informed as the details are worked up. The intention is that as Members plan their programmes, which might or might not include participation in the whole cruise, other Members intending to join the cruise are informed so that there are opportunities for meeting up and/or cruising in company for all or some of the time, or for on shore activities such as walking, garden/museum visits or light hearted golf. If you have yet to register an interest in joining the cruise, please contact either [Ken Claydon](#) or [Peter Lowe](#). Details on the [website](#).

*Richard Wood, Captain of Cruising*

## House

### Library Doors

The Library Doors project has begun and is currently on schedule. The inner protective wall inside the Library will remain until the folding doors have been installed and are watertight. In the meantime the Library has had additional security measures implemented. The majority of work should be finished by the end of April in time for the Royal Wedding party.

### Balcony Tiles

There is a problem with the tiles on the new balcony. This was discovered during investigation work prior to the removal of the old external staircase. It is likely that some time next year we will have to remove the existing tiles and substrate and replace them. Little is known as yet, so further research is being undertaken with a view to putting forward a project. In the meantime maintenance of the balcony surface will be undertaken only where there is a safety issue. Once we know more we will issue a further update in a ePotterNews.

### Ladies Wet Room

Despite numerous delays, the Ladies Wet Room is all but finished. There are one or two small parts of the project still to do, but it is now in use and much appreciated by the Ladies. Thanks to Denise Moore and Kevin Podger for masterminding this difficult project.

### New Club Cards

With the advent of the new automatic inner front door, the opportunity for better security presents itself. New Club Cards were required and these have been ordered. They should come in two to three weeks. The cards will be phased in, since the tills will work on either new or old cards. It is intended to issue the new cards on a replacement basis, the system will be simple; exchange your old card to receive the new one. Once the new cards are all issued, any defective cards will be exchanged free of charge, but replacements for lost or physically broken cards will be available for a cost of £5. It is hoped that Members will notice an increase in the speed of the till operation since the new proximity system should be more robust and the cards should not wear out like the old ones!

### New Menu

Since the Club now has a new colour printer and photocopier, we have begun to produce menus in house. These are smaller in size and are much more easily varied than the pre-printed menus, thus we will be responding to the requests Members made on the questionnaire to change our core dishes more often and vary the offerings. Please let a member of the House Committee know if you have any comments about their appearance or contents. Some prices have been varied carefully, but any increases really reflect the current food inflation which most shoppers will know is rather high at the moment.

### Budget and Drinks Price increases

Regrettably the Chancellor increased duty on alcoholic drinks in the recent Budget. We have had to reflect the full increases in the bar

prices, and Members may notice a slight increase in the cost of House Wines above the duty increase. Similarly spirit prices have been slightly increased. This is because we need to maintain our First Floor margins. It is worth noting that any contribution the First Floor makes to the Club finances helps maintain the level of subscription increases at a reasonable level.

### New Head Chef

Peter Lowe is sadly retiring in early September as previously reported and we have begun the process of recruiting his replacement. Members may see advertisements in the Lymington Times and specialist catering outlets and on the Club website. If you are interested in the process, please ask any member of the General, House or Catering committees for details. Any candidate seriously considered for the position will be asked to provide demonstration meals for a short period and we will be seeking professional advice on the recruitment.

*Neil Eccles – Rear Commodore House*

## Secretary's Notes

### Boatmen

In order to improve communication with the boatmen, please note that they now have two mobile phones which they should be able to answer throughout their working day. The numbers are 07579 004021 and 07579 004022. You will still be able to reach them via the Club's land line, but you should be able to talk to them directly if you call one of these numbers.

### Dinghy Park

Thank you again to Stuart Jardine and his dinghy park team who spent the day on Saturday to improve our dinghy parking by moving nine panels of fencing, complete with posts which had been concreted in.

### Library doors

The library doors work is well under way so we will be using what is left of the library for some events when the Club is busy. For safety reasons, please obey the signs and consult the staff before trying to enter the library for any reason during this project.

*Kevin Podger, Secretary*

## Fleets

### Spring Series - two down two to go

The first races were the day the clocks went forward but there were no reports of anyone oversleeping. The weather rewarded everyone with an almost perfect spring morning in the Solent. A north easterly breeze, occasionally getting up to 17 kts, and an ebbing tide for the first race gave Race Officer Roger Wilson the opportunity to set a couple of laps 'round the cans'. A separate finish boat produced a quick turn round between races and although the tide had changed and the wind dropped during the second race everyone managed to complete their two windward-leeward laps and get back to the Club in time for lunch.

Another fantastic day's weather awaited the sailors on the second Sunday. With a SW 10 knot breeze building as forecast, the race officers were able to set two snappy windward-leeward courses on the mainland shore to allow the fleet to dodge the Spring tides.



Results after 4 races: Class 1 IRC: 1 No Chance, Chris/Hannah Neve; 2 Jibe, Robin Taunt; 3 Zarafa, Peter Schofield. Class 2 IRC: 1 Boomerang, Mike Beggs; 2 Jacobite, Steven James; 3 Hepzibah, David/Fenella Lees. Lymington Handicap: 1 Stren, Roddy Steel; 2 Jungle, Geoff Stock; 3 Red Kite, Roger Harford. Nordic Folkboats: 1 Crackerjack, Stuart Watson; 2 Tak, Jeremy Austin; 3 Aurora, Claude Hamilton.

Full results can be found on the [website](#).

## RS Elite

### RS Elite tuning clinic - Saturday 9th April

National Champion Crauford McKeon will spill his tuning and sailing tips for various conditions, including, Rig settings across the wind range, Control system settings, Sail battens, Internal layout tweaks. This clinic is a must for anyone keen to make an Elite go fast – owners,

crews and potential Freebie charterers are welcome to attend. Contact RS Elite fleet captain [Peter Lister](#) to book yourself into the clinic at the Club.

### National Championships 2011

Following last year's hugely successful event hosted at our Club, this year the Nationals will be hosted by the Royal Forth Yacht Club, Edinburgh from 20th to 24th July. The event will be sponsored by...wait for it...Talisker Whisky. All those who've raced out of the Royal Forth say that the sailing waters are among the best in Britain – and the course will be only a few minute's sail from the harbour. Full details available from the [RS Elite Class Association](#).

### Race an RS Elite for the price a decent meal!

You've seen the RS Elite's in action - you know they look good, go fast and can imagine how they feel. The Club has the fantastic facility of its own RS Elite, Freebie, that is available for charter – so make the most of it! All details on the [website](#).



*RS Elites delivery Antigua style*

## 420's

Annabel Vose and Megan Brickwood won the 'Seahorse' Magazine 'Sailor of the Month' Competition in April, joining an illustrious list of Club Members who have won this hotly contested award (and winning some sailing gear as well).

Congratulations to the Craig Dibb and Charlie Cox who won the 420 Winter Championships at Datchet, taking wins in three of the six races and giving themselves a 9 point lead to set their team selection campaign off to a great start. Tarra Gill-Taylor & Christian Townrow were 2nd and Annabel Vose & Megan Brickwood, the 2011 Ladies' World Champions, took 3rd. The 36 GBR boats were joined by four from Ireland, and Emma Geary & Niamh Connolly led them to 13th overall, having, we understand, conceded a 2nd place in Race5 to Messrs Gratton & Riley

For the results from the Datchet weekend, see [Winter Championships](#) and [Selector Series to Race 6](#)

*Ros Urwin, Captain of Juniors*

## Scows

The Scow Division is looking forward to another hectic sailing season including hosting the National Championships, but the winter has passed quickly. We had an excellent turnout for the AGM and dinner in November; when the Thursday morning Potters finished at the end of October the Thursday Walks began. From walks along the sea wall with Chris Willard telling us about the birds we were looking at to George and Julia Trevelyan taking us north of the A31 for a wonderful walk around Amberwood Inclosure and Fritham Plain, Members have had plenty of fresh air, good exercise and the best of company. Winter lectures ended with (poacher turned gamekeeper) Mike Urwin taking us through the racing rules and remind us all that we are out there to have fun and that if we do infringe them then it is much better to do that turn rather than be disqualified.

As I write this we are looking forward to those last few walks and the Spring Back to Scowing supper before once more getting back on the water. I wish everyone a very happy and successful new season.



*Sebastian Chamberlain, Captain of the Scow Division*

## March Oppie news

With the culmination of all winter training comes the reckoning; winter is behind us and we can look forward to adventures galore and a feast of regattas and open meetings from the Shetland Islands to Lake Garda and beyond.

The RYA's South Zone winter training programme concluded with Sarah Jarman and Sophie Heritage winning places at the Worlds Team Selection trials in May. Millie Boyle and Vita Heathcote were also offered places but opted to join the South Zone Team for the Eric Twiname Trophy – the inter-zone championships. All eight of the squad selected are Lymington sailors so another clean sweep for RLymYC.



A final training regatta was held in Lymington, with Simon Rogers as Race Officer. Around 40 sailors were blessed with a full weekend of glorious weather. At the top end of the fleet the racing was ferocious, eventually Charlotte Boyle squeezed ahead to finish first, followed closely by Hattie Rogers, Pippa Cropley and Sarah Jarman. I'm afraid the boys didn't get a look in. (Picture shows Charlotte Boyle receiving her prize from Simon Rogers)

The culmination of all this training is the Spring Championships: more than 40 of our young sailors travelled from Lymington to Weymouth – one in five of the entire fleet – to do battle with the country's finest, plus a few of the top sailors from France. Ryan Orr (14th) made the best of it, with Mimi El-Khazindar 16th and Tom Reid

19th also finding their way through the murky, fickle conditions.

*George Heathcote*

## Sailing Courses

### Easter Holidays

Kristy Powell, the Club's Sailing Instructor is running the following courses during the Easter Holidays. Great for children and grandchildren.

#### RYA Stage 1 - 11th and 12th April

A safe, fun filled action packed introduction to sailing. Suitable for complete beginners.

#### RYA Stage 2 - 14th and 15th April

Finish off the starter skills, progress through the basic skills and get in control.

#### RYA Stage 3 - 18th and 19th April

Sail in all directions and feel in command of your boat.

All courses are for ages 8 – 16 and cost for £75 for Members and £95 for non-Members.

Book all courses through the [Office](#). More details on the [website](#).

### Ladies First starts on Tuesday 26th April 1000 - 1230

The first course runs for 5 weeks. Unlike previous years you will not be able to just turn up on the day, so book your course with the [Office](#) now. The course is aimed at ladies who have some basic skills and want improve and to build confidence.

### Go Sail - after school sailing fun

There are still a few places left on Go Sail - the after school sailing session in Optimists and Teras. Tuesdays 1600-1900. Ideal for those wanting to get some practice sailing on the river. Sessions packed full of games, challenges and treasure hunts. Book with the [Office](#).

## Training

### Stop Press - Mark Layers Course on Sunday 10th May

A few place left on the next course on Sunday 10th May. Learn both the theory and practice from the experts. Free to Club Members and key volunteers. Contact the [Office](#) for further details.

## Wednesday Junior Sailing Starts again on 27th April

### Registration

This year Registration will be available [online](#) and in the Old Sail Loft on the following dates and times:

Saturday 9th April - 1400 - 1500 hours

Wednesday 13th April - 1400 - 1600 hours

Saturday 16th April - 1200 - 1300 hours

Wednesday 20th April - 1400 - 1600 hours

### Important Dates

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|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 06 April        | Safety Briefing (1400) | Library                            |
| 13 and 20 April | Training Days for      | Junior Registration also available |

## Volunteers

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| 27 April       | First WJS session     |
| 14 - 19 August | Youth and Family Week |
| 17 August      | NO WJS                |
| 28 Sept        | Last WJS session      |

## Social - Past events



### The 60's Night Fitting Out Party

Whoever said "There's absolutely nothing like nostalgia" could only have been referring to the terrific 60's atmosphere that rocked the River Room one Saturday in March. Everyone made a superb effort to match their looks and attitude to the theme and the clothes were certainly more Quant than quaint.

That glorious era was reflected in mini skirts, flared trousers, vibrant patterns, kaftans and of course Flower Power – so cool!

The Clubhouse became a 'time machine' that had jettisoned the partying crowd some forty years ago. Zac and the Zeros

provided brilliant music that kept the dance floor packed with each and every person proving still able to Da Doo Ron Ron in a fashion that would greatly have impressed The Crystals and Phil Spector.

The kitchen excelled with a true 60's supper of Prawn Cocktail and Chicken Maryland followed by a choice of either Black Forest Gateau or Lemon Meringue Pie.

The end of the evening came far too soon. Zac had to play three encores and state "You should all be in bed now!" before energies were at last exhausted. Always best to go home whilst still enjoying the party and we certainly did.



*Harvie Woolley – Social Committee*

## Cruising - Past Events

### March Meet at Gosport 21st - 22nd March



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Twelve of us (five yachts and one motorboat) left early on a misty morning for Gosport for the final winter meet, but all had to motor as there was not a breath of wind. Helped by the biggest tide of the year, the yachts make 8-10 knots and all arrived in a sunny Haslar in time for lunch. That afternoon some in the party indulged in retail therapy at Gunwharf Quays. An informal wine and nibbles party was held on the pontoon before supper at the Mary Mouse lightship. Next morning we viewed the Medusa, an old general purpose Navy boat moored nearby, being restored by Rodger Cruttenden-Woodhams, who is bringing her to the Club for a Wednesday lecture in the autumn. Leaving at noon, the sea again like glass, we were disappointed again to have to motor

*Duncan MacAlister, Richard Wood and Nick Olney relaxing on Tiger Lily*

*Nick Olney*

Lymited Editions 

With the recent glorious weather we've been having and the promise of more to come, don't forget the Club's 'Lymited Editions' clothing range... [click here for more](#)



## RNLI

### Beaulieu Boat Jumble - Sunday 17th April

Still time to bring your unwanted 'boat bits' to the Boatmen at the Club. Don't forget to visit the RNLI stall on the day; charts and an huge selection 'must have' equipment all on sale.



### Lymington Lifeboat Station 10K Run - Sunday 8th May

This annual 'chip timed' event is now in its 10th year they are hoping to top last years record entry of 1100. Over 463 pairs of feet have already entered – why not add your name to the list by going to the [link](#). As it's a chip timed event they cannot accept entries on the day and have to close for postal entries on Monday 2nd May (but you can still enter on line until Friday 6th May). If you want to cheer on the runners, come and join the fun at Woodside Park. Details on the [Station website](#).

## RNLI Shop

The shop next to the Lymington Lifeboat Station has opened for the 2011 season. Lots of new stock in store and there are bargains to be had with a few of last year's Christmas cards for the early birds! Opening hours are on the [Station website](#).

### FOR SALE

PRACTIC two part Optimist trolley (used one season only for tender!). £50:00 ono

KARCHER K2.900 Pressure Washer (Boxed and unopened [recovered from relative's garage]) 1400 Watt, 330 Litres/Hour, 20-100 Bar Max. £70:00 ono

Contact [Peter Mills](#)

### Small Ads

The listing of items for sale or wanted in ePotterNews does not

Email me the details and any photos and the ad will be in one month's ePotterNews. If you don't want your contact details published, interested parties can be asked to contact you via the club pigeon holes in Reception.

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

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Ann Brunskill

Club Discounts

[please see list on website](#)

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