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It's that grey time of year when you wonder if the winter will ever end. But look below, we've a busy social programme with Parties, Movie Nights, Quiz Nights and the regular lunches and bridge sessions to cheer us up until the nights get shorter. On the water there is a full cruising programme in the planning as well as some winter cruises, the Keelboat Spring Series starts at the end of March and there's a new short-handed series starting at the end of April.

*Ann Brunskill*

## Club - AGM

Just to remind everyone that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Club on Saturday 12th February at 11.00 a.m. You will have received the papers with the January mailing. The green ballot paper for the election of the Rear Commodore Finance and four General Committee Members must be received in the Office by 12 noon on Friday 11th February for your vote to count. Your name and address must be on the back of the envelope containing your ballot paper - no name, no vote. Sadly several forms have already been returned without this essential information and cannot be counted. Please also return the proxy forms as soon as possible if you cannot attend.

## Waterfront

The boatmen have made great progress with the winter maintenance programme. One of the major projects has been a major refit and complete engine overhaul of 'Valliant'. 'Viking' and 'We're Here' have also had considerable attention. The toast rack inflatable storage has also been looked at, amid concerns about the number of under-inflated dinghies which obviously haven't seen salt water for a long time and do not improve the view.

## Next Mailing 3rd March

The Volunteers' List for the next mailing is now on the Notice Board and anyone with a little time spare would be most welcome to help distribute this year's Club Handbook and List of Members and Yachts.

*Kevin Podger, Secretary*

## Sponsor one of our Marks



Sadly last year someone stole our inshore racing marks, much to our amazement, as well as that of the police and our insurers Towergate-Mardon. The silver lining is that the replacement marks have a big enough surface area to add a sponsor's logo. The Club's Insurance Broker has signed up and so have local chandlery, Nick Cox Yacht Chandler Ltd and Ropewalk Marine Ltd, a marine engineering firm based at the Haven Marina. You too could sponsor a racing mark. You get a full colour logo on the buoy and your sponsorship name appear on the racing chartlets we issue each year. Not only will this provide regular publicity to the racing sailors of both Clubs but also to all small craft coming in and out of Lymington

Harbour. Please call Jon Chittock for details.

## Racing

### Spring Series 2011

The Club's Spring Series will start on Sunday 27th March for four consecutive Sundays, with two races each morning. On the first Sunday we will have the Olympic coach Cathy Foster reviewing the racing and then running a "video wash-up" session in the Club House afterwards. Always a chastening experience but well worth watching!

There will be separate committee boats for the start and finish which will ensure a quick



turn round between the finish of the first race and the start of the second, thus ensuring an intense morning's racing and back in time for lunch at the Club. Is there a better way to start the year's sailing programme?

There will be classes for IRC, Lymington Handicap, Folkboat and RS Elites, with the first start scheduled for 0930 hours. The entry fee for the series is only £75 or £20 per day.

The Notice of Race is on the [website](#). Entry form and sailing instructions will be available in due course.

*Chris Neve, Captain of Racing*



## Social

The winter social scene continues with a variety of evening social events. Click on the individual banner or the [website](#) for more details.



*Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House*

## RACING

### RLymYC Duo Series

The Club has responded to requests from some of our existing two handed sailors to run a five race series, with one discard, over the summer of 2011. The races will be open to Members and non-members. All the boats will race as one class using the IRC handicap system and the ISAF Category 4 safety standard.

It is hoped that using courses with relatively long legs and a minimum number of marks will encourage those less experienced in two handed sailing and possibly, some "cruisers" who are used to sailing two handed, provided they have a rating certificate, and comply with

the safety requirements to take part.



All the races will be day races to be held on April 29th, June 4th, June 18th, July 30th and September 24th. Please note the race on the Friday Bank Holiday (April 29th) is the day of the Royal Wedding so this race will be a must for those who are looking for an alternative to a day in front of the TV! We understand in certain circles this particular race is already being referred to as the "Katie Cup"! All the dates are, as far as possible, arranged to avoid clashing with the very successful Royal Southampton series of two handed races

All races will start and finish in the vicinity of the river entrance, with a proposed start time for the races on the 29th April and September 24th at 1430 hours. The remainder of the races will start at 1130 hours. It is intended that we will all be back in time for an early evening drink in the club.

Entry will be free to Club Members and members of Lymington Town Sailing Club and The Royal Solent Yacht Club. For all others, the entrance fee will be £10 per race or a discounted £40 for the series. The Notice of Race is on the Club [website](#).

*Chris Neve, Captain of Racing*

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## Classics and Gaffers Regatta Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd May

The Classics and Gaffers regatta will take place on the 21st and 22nd May. Even if you can't find a boat to sail, come down to the Club and enjoy the sight of these beautiful boats on the water.

Further details on the [website](#).



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## House

February sees many projects going ahead to improve Members' facilities in the Clubhouse.

- Planning permission was granted for the Library doors scheme in January and the tender process has now begun.
- The acoustic panels have been hung below the ceiling in the Bar, significantly reducing the noise at busy periods.
- We shall soon see the restoration of the burgees in the River Room, together with the first of the new pendant lights.
- The Ladies Wet Room is currently being refurbished and is due to be finished towards the end of the month, just in time for the beginning of the sailing season.
- A new automatically operated inner front door has been ordered, the installation will necessitate the closure of the car park entrance for two or three days for preparatory building work. During that period Members will be asked to use the Wet entrance on the north side of the building.
- In order to restore card access to the front entrance which broke in September, a replacement system of access control will be fitted and, as part of the improvement, a new type of Club Card will be rolled out. Gone will be the magnetic stripe and in will come "proximity cards" which will be more reliable and speed up transactions at the tills.

Please do not worry about all this work affecting your enjoyment of the Club; normal bar and restaurant service continues, together with our extensive programme of Social events.

Thank you to everyone who submitted their answers to the first floor questionnaire. The answers were interesting and give us "food for thought". We are analysing the results and will take action on many of your suggestions. Further information will be given shortly.

Finally, our popular Head Chef Peter Lowe has decided to retire later in the year. Peter has been with the Club for over 40 years and deserves our gratitude for his outstanding service and excellent food. He has become a friend to many of us and we will miss him. It is intended to mark the moment in style with a celebration, so please do come to the Club at lunchtime on Saturday, September 10th to wish Peter well for the future.

*Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House*

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## Cruising

January Cruise to Newtown Creek/Shalfleet

The first event of the New Year attracted a record turn-out of thirteen boats and 59 people, who enjoyed a relatively warm, dry sail to Newtown Creek. A fleet of RIBS then ferried them ashore for lunch at the New Inn in the medieval hamlet of Shalfleet.

### [Cruising Dinner Saturday 19th February 1900 - Prizegiving at 1930](#)

Details are on the Club Notice Board and [website](#). Our speaker is Commander David Evans RN (Ret'd), Marine Director and Harbour Master, River Hamble Harbour Authority. Although the reception starts at 1900 hours as usual, there is a change to the evening as the Cruising Trophy Awards will be made at 1930 hours, followed by dinner at 2000 hours. So please be there in good time for what is always one of the formal highlights of the Club year. Tickets are available from the Club office.



### [February Mid-Week Cruise](#)

Our next cruise will be on Thursday 24th February, taking the flood to Gins Farm in the Beaulieu River for lunch at the Royal Southampton YC, and back on the ebb. Details are on the Club Notice Board and on the [website](#).

### [June Cross Channel Meet Planning Meeting](#)

A meeting will be held at the Club on Saturday 5 March to shape the programme for the meet. If you are intending to join for all or part of the 10 days, please join us on the 5th March and let [Ken Claydon](#) know beforehand so that adequate seating arrangements can be made. Provisional plans are for a dinner at the Guernsey Yacht Club on Saturday 11th June and for a dinner in St Malo on Saturday 18th June. The expectation is that some of us will meet up en route and/or cruise in company for some or all of the time. Others may already be in the area and want to meet up in St Peter Port and/or St Malo. Potential ports where we might get together during the cruise are Cherbourg, Alderney, Jersey, Granville and St Quay-Portrieux. We also hope to organise a light hearted golf competition at some stage during the cruise for those who can find room to stowaway a half set of clubs!

### [Baltic Charter Cruise - August 2011](#)

Currently two Halberg Rassy 342s have been chartered for a one week cruise commencing on 1st August. There is still time for more Members to sign up. Please contact [David Houlton](#) or see the [website](#).



### [Chartroom](#)

We have added the current Small Craft folio set of charts covering the area selected for the June Cross Channel meet - the Channel Islands and adjacent coast of France. Some of the more detailed charts for that area have also been purchased, to further assist Members in planning their itineraries. The [website](#) lists all charts and Pilot books available in the Chartroom.

*Richard Wood, Captain of Cruising*

## Lectures

The Club winter lectures continue on Wednesday evenings at 1830. Details are on the [website](#). Please sign up on the Notice Board.

### ['The MCA in the 21st Century' at the Club on Thursday 24th March](#)

The Royal Institute of Navigation will be holding a lecture on 'The MCA in the 21st Century' at the Club on Thursday 24th March at 1800 for 1830. The talk will be followed by an informal supper. HMS BLAZER will be alongside the Club for this event. Further details on the Notice Board.

## English Raid 19th - 23rd July



Members may have seen the report on the 2010 'English Raid' in the latest PotterShip. 'Raiding' is a journey, designed for light displacement, shallow-draft sail and oar boats. They need to sail well and to be able to make progress under oar in light airs.

The organisers of last year's event have been encouraged to promote another Raid for 2011 from 19th to 23rd July, offering longer (roughly 20-mile) sailing legs, more competition for those that want this and an additional day's sailing. The likely course is Lyminster/Wootton Creek/Bembridge Harbour (day 1); Bembridge/East Head/Itchenor (day 2); Itchenor/Portsmouth/Hamble (day 3); Hamble/ Newtown/Keyhaven (day 4).

They will accept a proportion of light cruisers which don't row and can beach at mid-day stopovers. There are no size limits and last year's

entry ranged from 11 foot Scows to 28 foot whaleboats. There is a strong international flavour, with crews from Russia, Austria, France, Italy and the Netherlands in last year's fleet.

Accommodation overnight is camping, B&Bs, accommodation barges, or on board the boats themselves. Costs are reasonable, designed only to cover the food, moorings and accommodation which the Raid bears on behalf of the Raiders. We have a ceiling of 40 boats taking part, and 15 had signed on as at 23rd January.

For those who don't want to enter a boat but would like to join in there is a requirement for: Rib Drivers, Rib owners (just one), hosts for the first and last nights, a driver for a minibus/baggage wagon, designers (for flags and logos), musicians and race officers ( probably rotating within the fleet). If you are interested email [George Trevelyan](mailto:George.Trevelyan).

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## RS Elites

### RS Elite fleet build-up

Following such a successful 2010 season, interest in joining the RS Elite fleet is strong and the class is offering a variety of help to make this as easy as possible.



- New boats - A special new Elite purchase deal with RS Sailing for new Lymington fleet members
- Used boats - information list about boats available around the country
- Boat Share - log of those interested in boat share with a view to pairing up suitable owners
- Crew list - available crew keen to be sail in the most exciting class

So, if you'd like to know more about any of these points or would like to be added to the Boat Share or Crew lists, please contact our Fleet Captain [Peter Lister](mailto:Peter.Lister)

### RS Elite tune-up day

Current fleet members are looking forward to a pre-season tune-up day in March run by National Champion, Crauford McKeon, when Crauf will spill the beans on all the tweaks he learned last year to squeeze the best performance from a one-design RS Elite. He will be wired up and his brain continually scanned during that day, ensuring that any misinformation is immediately detected and a short high voltage shock administered.

### Sail the club owned Elite - Freebie

Don't forget that you can charter Freebie for the Spring Series, Thursday Evenings or Cowes Week racing. Prices are very reasonable and she has a new suit of competitive sails. Please contact our Fleet Captain [Peter Lister](mailto:Peter.Lister) if you are interested in booking. This is a fantastic Club facility so make the most of it!

### Cowes Week

The RLymYC fleet has offered to put up a smart new trophy to be awarded to the leading Elite after the first four days of Cowes Week. This will allow teams short on leave or Brownie points to compete for a shorter period and still potentially walk away with some chocolates.



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## XOD's - 100 years young and stronger than ever

The XOD Class Winter2010/11 [Newsletter](#) is available for downloading from the XOD page of the Club's website. It's a very good read with a great deal of information about the various events planned to celebrate this remarkable anniversary.

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## Juniors

### New Junior Class - the RS Tera

An [RS Tera Junior Class](#) has just been included in the Club's Junior Classes (the Tera is a small, robust, boat aimed at children weighing from 30 kilos up). Nationally the RS Tera is a rapidly growing fleet and was recognised as an RYA junior class in 2010. The Club's Tera group initially will be aimed at children with at least RYA Level 2, the Wednesday Junior Sailing Red card or equivalent.

The aim is to organise coached training sessions at weekends, starting this spring with lots of opportunities for fun on

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the water. If your children are interested in joining in, please email the class captain, [Gina Bassett](#), click on the Tera link above or phone 01590 610420.

## Lymington Optimists

The [Oppies](#) have enjoyed a full month of training in near spring-like conditions. The flotilla continues to grow and up to 60 Oppies can now be expected at a regular training session. The coaches try to make winter training as painless as possible, and in fact we have all been really enjoying the unmissable bird life and peace of the winter around our West Solent lakes.

Even just a little training allows the sailors to stay in touch with their game, and to start the new season with a level of confidence and competence greater than they finished the previous. And for those who have managed to get out more often, the new season promises great things

## Apology



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## RNLI

### Lymington Station 10K Run, Sunday 8th May

Details and entry form on the Station [website](#).

### Lymington Branch and Guild Social Evening Thursday, 10th March at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Speaker Eddie Neylon - Attempted Rescue of the "Kursk K-141" Russian Submarine.

To be held at Lymington Town Sailing Club, Bath Road, Lymington, incorporating the Guild AGM and Annual Reports from Branch and Lifeboat Station. Light supper, raffle tickets £8.00. Numbers are strictly limited and entry is by ticket only. Please telephone 01590 679205 or 01590 643268 for tickets.

### Quiz Night at RLymYC, Thursday 31st March.

Details and sign up list on the Club Notice Board shortly.

### Beaulieu Boat Jumble, Sunday 17th April

We offer a good, if temporary, home to all those unwanted or redundant boat bits. Please take them to the Club, where the boatmen will arrange for them to be stored until April when we have a stall at Beaulieu.



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

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## Club Discounts

(15% on production of your Club Card)

- Brasserie Gerard (French Restaurant) High Street
- Crew Clothing (full priced items only)

(10% on production of your Club Card)

- Yachtmail (Chandlery and Clothing) Town Quay
- Henri Lloyd (Yacht Clothing) High Street
- Kew Electrical Unit 730 Ampress Park
- Rivaaz (Indian Restaurant) High Street
- Rainbow Copy Ampress Park Lymington

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- Elmers Court Hotel Lymington