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Looking Forward To An Exciting 2011

It's the time of year when the media review the previous year and we've had a very good one at the Club. Some excellent cruising meets in spite of sometimes difficult weather conditions, some National and Regional racing events and a full social programme. 2011 promises to be as good if not better, and some of the details will be in the next mailing package. None of this can happen without the Members and the Staff, and it's been a busy Christmas season again with Santa Claus and carols as well as a some excellent evening events.

Ann Brunskill

Commodore's New Year's Message

I would like to take the opportunity presented by the first 2011 edition of our excellent ePN to wish you all good health and happiness for 2011. It will inevitably be a challenging year for everyone with political uncertainty, economic gloom and the probability of social unrest. However, with goodwill and a positive attitude I am sure we will all pull through. Thank Heavens for the social oasis of the Club and the many friends we make through our sailing activities. Good fortune to you all.

Rod Perry, Commodore

Club

January Mailing

The next mailing will be on 18th January, this year being sent out by a commercial mailing house and it will be a bumper pack. There will be the papers for the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 12th February, including voting papers for new committee members; the latest PotterShip, the 2011 Sailing programme and the volunteer forms. Plenty to read, digest and act on.

Mobile Telephones

Some Members have expressed concern about the amendment to regulation 22. The use of mobile phones should at all times be "discreet and with full consideration for others". If anyone makes or receives a call or uses any other electronic device whilst in the Club then both courtesy and practicality suggest they should endeavour to find a quiet spot (and there are plenty around the Club, even during a busy time).

Committee Membership

We always need new blood to keep the Club as successful as it is and Members are always needed for various areas such as the Sailing Committees and their Sub-Committees: Racing, Cruising, Training and Junior. If you are interested in helping and have specific expertise to offer in any area, please contact the Secretary, [Kevin Podger](#), to discuss this. It is not always easy to find time to fit these meeting in, particularly for those at work, but it need not take a huge amount of time and it would certainly be good to see some of the younger Members helping to keep the Club up to date.

New Club Lottery launches soon

Each month over £450 of prizes are to be won

1st Prize £200
2nd Prize £100
3rd Prize £75
4th Prize Dinner for 2 worth £35
5th Prize Dinner for 2 worth £35
6th Prize Wine worth £11
7th Prize Wine worth £11

But - you have to be in it to win it!

Each ticket costs £2 per month, payable annually by Direct Debit and you may purchase as many tickets as you like!

To participate, contact the Office - [just click here and send them a message](#).

NB - if you already subscribe to the old Club Lottery by Standing Order, you will receive a letter shortly inviting you to transfer to the new system of Direct Debits. Please do nothing until you receive the letter.

Sailing Success Down Under

It's not just the England cricket team winning in Australia. Club sailors Ben Ainslie and Nick Thompson won their classes in the first of the 2010-11 ISAF World Cup events, Sail Melbourne, winning the Finn and Laser classes respectively. For more detail see the [website](#). The picture shows Nick enjoying the conditions at Sandringham, Victoria, where the event was held.



Social House

Thank you for supporting the many autumn and Christmas events held at the Club in the last month. I hope you will enjoy our offerings on the Social side for 2011 – there is a Calendar below. The Christmas decorations have really cheered up the Club in these cold and snowy times, but we have to take them down before Twelfth Night, so if you fancy lending a hand at 0930 on January 5th, please come along and help.

In mid January we hope to begin refurbishing the Ladies Wet Room – this will necessitate some inconvenience to Members, but we hope to keep this to a minimum.

Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House

Social Calendar



Cate Blanchett, Geoffrey Rush and Clive Owen star in our first movie of 2011.

[For more details click here](#)



January 6th - the first Quiz Night of the New Year with Vince Sutherland.



Famous musicians Dave and John Horler and friends play a very special blend of easy listening jazz. There is a simple supper of fresh Fish 'n Chips included. [For more details click here](#)



January 18th's Movie is "Deep Water" - the tragic story of Donald Crowhurst's fake round the world voyage in the Golden Globe race.



Tuesday 25th January – Burns Night Supper – a traditional supper celebrating Scotland's most famous bard.



February 8th the movie is "Robin Hood" starring Russell Crowe and Cate Blanchett.

Christmas Buffet Swansong

Members enjoyed Peter Lowe's magnificent Christmas buffet on Saturday 11th December with a tinge of sadness as Peter is retiring in 2011 and this would be his last Christmas buffet. The photograph shows the groaning table spread with all Peter's masterpieces. Perhaps he should become a celebrity chef!



A Welcome Visitor

Father Christmas stopped off on his delivery route to spend some time at the Club with some very enthusiastic children. Arriving just after some delightful carol singing from St Nicholas' Singers, he made his way from the pontoon up to the packed Clubhouse (where he left the sledge and reindeer remains a mystery as he hitched a ride in the Club's boat We're Here).

Racing

2011 Sailing Programme

Coming out in the January mailing will be your copy of the 2011 Sailing Programme, which has this year been kindly sponsored by Sanders Sails. There are some great new events we are starting by popular demand, which I hope you will take part in and enjoy. On Easter Monday morning, 25th April we are running the 'Easter Egg Challenge'. Using Club dinghies we hope this will be a fun family event and will involve lots of Easter Eggs.

As two-handed racing becomes more popular, we are for the first time running the Royal Lympington Duo series which will consist of 5 races throughout the summer, with the first being held on April 29th, the royal wedding bank holiday. A lot of Club members have already signed up for this series and for some it will be their first two-handed racing; we promise to make the courses quite easy with not too many mark roundings and possibly longer legs going out into Christchurch Bay.

The last new event is the Summer Regatta and Ball which is being held on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th July. The racing will be fun and friendly just like on Thursday nights, with one race on Saturday afternoon and another on Sunday morning and using the same class divisions. A black-tie ball on Saturday evening will make this a classy event; we will also make sure racing on Sunday doesn't start too early.

Chris Neve, Captain of Racing

Setley Cup and Seahorse Trophy Junior Model Yacht Regatta - Boxing Day 26th December



Race Officer Stuart Jardine was undaunted by the thick ice and NFDC car park maintenance at Setley Pond which necessitated a hasty move down to the Salterns although even this was iced over and three rowing dinghies were roped in as ice breakers. Word had got round about the change of venue and the Salterns was crowded with competitors and their supporters. As in previous years boats came in all shapes and designs, from classic shop-bought monohulls to multihulls fabricated out of drinks bottles. The very light north westerly wind favoured the lighter hulls with larger sail areas. The number of entries was down a little from last year, but the standard of design had improved, probably due to the

recent weather and more time indoors. 14 mono-hulls and 10 multi-hulls finished the three race series, more than for many years.

The top two mono-hulls in 2009 swapped places this year with "Robyn 2" sailed by Connie Stock losing out to "Robber" sailed this year by George Dunsdon who won the Setley Cup, third place going again to "Planet" sailed this year by Jack Chartres. The multi-hull class was dominated by Maya Gill's "Don't Know" winning all three races to take the Seahorse Trophy, followed by Matty Gill's "Codfish" second and third "Maxicat" sailed this year by Meg Flynn and Annabel Luxton.

Once again many thanks to all the helpers particularly to our stalwart on-the-water team of Christopher Markes, Chris Baldwick, Chris Neve and ashore Robin Markes, Ado Jardine and our scorers Jane Pitt-Pitts with Hannah Neve. Photos by Michael Derrick.



Peter Andreae Trophy Monday 27th December



14 Junior Sailors turned out for this year's event although the poor weather may have deterred both the very youngest, 8 year old sailors and those nearing the maximum age of 21. A cold day with a moderate Southerly wind helped the RO, Stuart Jardine, set up a good starting line and gate off the Southern end of the Club pontoon which resulted in some very close racing and a clear view for all the parents and friends watching from the first floor. Starting with a beat down the river, they then reached across to run back up river with a beat from the leeward mark to the finish a reach across, a run up the river and a beat back through the gate with two laps for each race.

The Junior and Senior divisions each had two races with the three leaders from each group moving forward into the finals. It has been very rare to have four way ties but this year the senior group managed it twice as the helms were so evenly matched. There were also a couple of shortened races due to the inbound and outbound Wightlink ferries.

For the finals the top four were tied after two races and it went to a tie-break. After a very close race, Andrew Smith was declared the winner of the Peter Andreae Trophy, and in second place was Junior Sarah Jarman, a young lady who we will all be watching in the

future. Hannah Muskett just pipped her twin sister Ailsa to third.

Once again many thanks to all those who helped make this year's event another great success: Jane Clegg, Jane Pitt-Pitts, Annie Littlejohn and Hannah Neve in the Office and Robin Markes, Rick Walters and Ado Jardine on the pontoon; Phil Lawrence/Chris Neve and Chris Baldwick/ John Elphinstone in the RIB's, with Kristy Powell organising the seven scows.

The Final Results were:- 1st Andrew Smith (Senior), 7pts, 2nd Sarah Jarman (Junior) 8pt, 3rd Hanna Muskett (Senior) 9pts, 4th Ailsa Muskett (Senior) 10pts, equal 5th, Ryan Orr and James Eales on 11 pts, both Juniors.

Penguin Trophy Tuesday 28th December 2010

The third of the RLymYC's post Christmas sailing events was the Penguin Trophy sailed in Lymington River Scows which were allocated to competitors from a pool of loaned and Wednesday Junior Sailing boats. Competitors changed boats for each race. Helmsmen had to be Members of the RLymYC with a minimum age of 14 years. The boats shall be raced double-handed, with a minimum combined crew age of 35 years.

Race Officer Chris Baldwick and his team were faced with heavy mist and very little wind in the Lymington River, although it was rumoured that there were 15 kts of wind out at the starting platform at the mouth of the river. The breeze, however, stayed out at sea and the wind dropped to a flat calm.

So after all competitors had managed to drift their way round the race course once it was decided to change from sail to manpower. Club dinghies replaced the scows and with everyone out in rowing boats for their final races keen competition ensued. A mixture of the old and bold and young and enthusiastic led to some interesting encounters on the water.



Chris Baldwick was ably assisted by the three Janes; Clegg, Pitt-Pitts and Corden plus Robin Markes ashore, with Gill Baldwick in charge of registration. The boat marshalls were Ado and Stuart Jardine, Ali Husband and David Thompson were in the mark laying rib with the support ribs manned by Dick Thorn, John Elphinstone, David Brunskill and Morris Richards. Anne Lawrence presided over the hot drinks, mince pies and other festive food provided by various competitors and their families and Annie Littlejohn presented the trophy to Rory and Alex Paton.

Needles Relief Saturday 18th December



Morning snow and ice had caused Heathrow and Gatwick Airports to be closed and the roads were gridlocked; but for those of us lucky to be on the Solent, the sun was shining, everyone was wrapped up well, the waters were calm and the Island was a magical 'Isle of White'. There had been enough snow that it was impossible to see where the snow covered land ended and the cliff began either side of the Needles. Boats were brushed clear of snow, mince pies and mulled wine were put on board and we were ready for the 2010

Needles Relief. The cruiser race had been cancelled but a number of spinnakers were seen out beyond Hurst amongst those who elected to go to Yarmouth the long way. Watched by a large crowd on the balcony of the Royal Solent Yacht Club, the Lee-on-Solent search and rescue helicopter and the Yarmouth and Lymington lifeboats put on their usual fantastic display including not one but two immaculate landings of personnel from the helicopter to the lifeboat. There was an excellent and convivial lunch at the Royal Solent, followed by presentations to the lifeboat crews from the two stations and thanks to the organisers on both sides of the Western Solent.

(Photos courtesy of Jane Clegg and Angus Bishop)



Lymington Optimists

December is the quietest month of the year for the Oppies, but we have still managed two full weekends of training. The second weekend there were three different squads here – a girls' Invitational run by National Coach, Alan Williams; the Welsh squad under Nick Sawyer;

and our own winter training flotilla run by Ben Muskett. It was an impressive sight with over 60 Oppies enjoying perfect winter training conditions – sun, gentle breeze, high water, kingfishers galore in Oxy, and the finest coaches in the land. Well done Ian Jarman for putting it all together.

We have been enjoying plenty of action on the frozen water too, as the junior girls have morphed into a fearsome ice hockey team, romantically named the “Ice Angels” which, I can assure you, they are anything but! They have demolished allcomers, including the “Ice Warriors”, then the “Angel Destroyers” (no comment) and are now relishing a challenge from the somewhat more professional “Solent Tigersharks.” Watch this space.

Happy New Year from the Oppies. We’re looking forward to 2011 being even half as good as 2010.

George Heathcote

Dinghy Parks

Winter Storage

Users of the Dinghy Parks are reminded that if they would like a £20 rebate they are required to remove their boat and trolley from the Dinghy Park by the 31st December 2010 and leave their space vacant until 1st March 2011.

Winter Maintenance - Volunteers Please!

The annual winter maintenance of the Dinghy Parks will take place on Tuesday 4th January 2011 and we are looking for volunteers to help.

It is a 0930 for 1000 start and will finish by 1230. Please bring gardening gloves, equipment and waste bags with you.

If you require any further information please contact Stuart Jardine.



Don't miss out! We still have a few 2011 Calendars
A Calendar for Lymington
2011



Produced for



Royal Lymington Yacht Club

Also available are 2011 pocket & desk diaries.

Please contact [Reception](#) for details.

Small Ads

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

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- 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

(28% on production of your Club Card)

- Elmers Court Hotel Lymington