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Congratulations to our very talented junior sailors who have been and will be travelling this summer to compete against the world's best. The Club's newest keelboat event, the Duo Series for double-handed sailors got off to a flying start and is proving very popular. The Library project is well under way and should be completed shortly.

The sun is shining, there's plenty of breeze so let's go sailing or, if that's not possible, just come and enjoy our wonderful Clubhouse.

*Ann Brunskill*

## Summer Regatta and Ball Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th July

Preparations are well under way for the Summer Regatta and Ball. We have a great band lined up on the Saturday night for the Ball and, for the enthusiastic sailor, a Thursday-style race on Saturday afternoon 23rd and Sunday morning 24th July. We are sure that you will want to be there so put the date in your diary. More information next month and on the [website](#).

## Racing

What a fantastic start to the year! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Spring Series with its windward-leeward courses in blazing sunshine. Monday night dinghies and Thursday night keelboat racing have both got off to a flying start; if you haven't entered yet, you are missing out.



The sailors in the first of the Club's Duo Series races had a great day on the water whilst others were watching a certain wedding on the screens at the Club and elsewhere. This event was started after requests from both experienced double-handers and novices alike for some short-handed racing. The series comprises five passage style races on five days over the summer, with one discard. With an entry of 22 boats, it was decided to split the boats into two classes, all going off the same start line. Results are on the [website](#) and well done to William Newton and

Bill Darley and Robert and Christiana Weguelin for winning their respective classes.

*Chris Neve, Captain of Racing*

## Winning Ways



### Off to the ISAF Youth Worlds in Croatia

420 sailors Craig Dibb and Charlie Cox are heading for the ISAF Youth Worlds in Croatia this July after winning the RYA Youth Championships held at Hayling Island earlier this month. The ISAF Youth Worlds is a very prestigious event with only the top male and female boats qualifying for each country.

They picked up five race wins, one being the final race of the day which ultimately clinched the title from Tim Gratton and Ed Riley from Warsash SC. RYA Volvo Youth 420 National Champion for 2011.

Craig said: "It feels great and hasn't really sunk in yet, finishing first in the last race was the highlight of the week as that's when we knew we had won." Charlie went on to say: "We got off to a bad start so have been catching up all week. We knew we had to beat Tim and Ed

and that's what we did, it's just an amazing feeling!"

## RYA Youth Championships

Club Members who did well in the 420s are Tarra Gill-Taylor and (Christian Townrow) 4th, Annabel Vose and (Megan Brickwood) 6th and 2nd Girls, (Harry Derbyshire) and Tom Lovesey 8th. In the Laser Radial Gold fleet Tom Britz was 5th and Olly Porter 7th.

## Laser 4.7

The following Royal Lyngington 4.7 sailors have qualified to compete at the Laser 4.7 European Championships in Workum, Netherlands in July: Dan Bullock, Olivia Burt, Ros Mackely, Bradely McLaughlin, Ailsa Muskett, Hannah Muskett, Rafaella Quinton, Jack Rockett, Danielle Thomas and Freddie Verburgt.

## Royal Ocean Racing Club's Easter Challenge

Club boats would have come home with the Easter Eggs but they ate them on the way back. Chris and Hannah Neve's First 35, No Chance was 2nd overall in IRC Class 3, equal on points with the winner but with one less first place. Bob Baker's X332, Brightwork was 2nd in IRC Class 4

## Cruising

### Seminar on Weather and Climate: 1100 hrs on Saturday 7th May



Club Member Professor David Burgess will review some of the basics which underlie the weather and climate systems on Planet Earth, from atmospheric constitution and the storage of energy via latent heat, through jet streams, the origins of low pressure systems, the Coriolis Effect and the issues of synoptic charts, to local effects such as sea breezes. It promises to be a fascinating and worthwhile morning. If you have not already done so, please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in the Club, so that we have an indication of numbers attending.

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

This will be where we have been for a number of previous meets in Poole Harbour, south of Green Island. Full details are on the [website](#) and on the Club noticeboard where you can sign up if you have not already done so.

### Channel Meet - Saturday 11th to Tuesday 21st June

This has attracted a good number of boats, but there is still time for more to join. The Meet has been built around meeting up en route and/or cruising in company for some or all of the time and opportunities for shore excursions, which might include a little golf. The fixed points are dinner at Guernsey Yacht Club on Saturday 11th June and at a venue to be decided in St Malo the following Saturday, 18th June. Further details are on the [website](#) and the Club noticeboard.

### Solent Meet centred on Chichester Harbour: Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th July

We intend to assemble off Itchenor Sailing Club on Monday night, with sundowners ashore on Bosham Hoe followed by informal on board/ashore arrangements for dinner. On Tuesday we will move up to Chichester Marina, with time to go walking ashore or perhaps to visit Chichester, followed by dinner at Chichester Yacht Club. We had intended, as last year, to combine the cruise with a suitable shore based evening activity, such as the Chichester Festival, in mind. In the absence of a suitable event when the programme was published, it was decided that Chichester Harbour was well worth revisiting on its own merits. Further details are on the [website](#).

### Cruise to Holland - June 2012

There is already substantial interest and some valuable advice on the make up of the cruise. All those who have expressed an interest will be included on a database and kept up to date by email as planning progresses. We will call a meeting in September/October to discuss the programme. So, if you are interested in taking part in the cruise or have experience of cruising that area and you have not yet registered your interest, please contact me [direct](#) or through the [Club office](#), by the end of May if possible.

*Richard Wood, Captain of Cruising*

## Club

### Reporting Incidents on the River

If you are involved in an incident on the river with a ferry or other any craft, please can I ask you to complete an incident form (available from the Club Office or via the [website](#)). This only takes a few minutes and the Club will liaise with the Harbour Master on your behalf.

This will help us to continue to work with the Harbour Commissioners to monitor potential safety issues on the river

*Phil Lawrence, Rear Commodore Sailing*

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### Are your Children Members of the Club?

Don't forget that if you and your partner are Full and Family Members your children are also eligible to be Members of the Club, but we need to know who they are. If your children are over 8 and under 25 and you haven't yet notified Karen Blachford, the Membership Secretary, please send a message to the office with the names of your children and their dates of birth. Click [here](#) to contact the Club.

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## Social

### Thursday Lunches

The popular Ladies' and Gentlemen's lunches continue throughout the summer and the next will be on Thursday 12th May and Thursday 26th May respectively. To confirm your reservation please call the Restaurant.

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### Royal Wedding Celebrations

Dressed overall, the Club was buzzing all day on April 29th as William and Kate became the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. The event was shown live on two big screens with the sound piped throughout the Club. A wonderful special lunch was laid on and there were many toasts to the happy couple throughout the day. The Commodore graced the occasion by bringing his boat "Silver Trail" alongside the Club Pontoon, also dressed overall. Many thanks to everyone who made it happen, Jon, Kevin and the boatmen who provided the technology, and Mark, Peter and the first floor team who provide such wonderful food and drink.



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## House

New menus and dishes are being introduced which will hopefully tempt Members to use the Club facilities over the summer.

### Club Cards

New Club Cards will be with us very soon and distributed by post. In the letter you will find all the information you need. Ladies Wet Room Is now finished and in operation.

### Library Doors

This major project is now well under way and should be finished very soon. There will be a new coat of paint on the Library ceiling to lighten things up. New curtains will be ordered to complete the job, but they must wait until we have a good view of what is required.

### Balcony Floor Tiles

The winter has taken its toll on the balcony floor tiles, and there seems to have been a problem with them since they were laid. We have decided to leave things as they are to allow Members to enjoy the balcony this summer, and then tackle the problem in the autumn.

### Volunteers and Committees

With the social scene now over for the summer the various committees are going off sailing. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to those Members and staff who have helped organise the splendid social programme over the autumn and winter; those who have worked tirelessly to suggest new menus and wines for us to enjoy; those who have provided such splendid flowers to brighten up the Clubhouse and those who lead the various hugely successful building projects. Your hard work and enthusiasm is much appreciated by us all.

*Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House*

## Cruising - Past Events

### Safety Day Saturday 9th April

The event was well attended by Club and LTSC Members who took part in a varied programme covering an introduction to Safety at Sea, Distress Call on DSC, Tips for Engine Maintenance, First Aid and Demos on life rafts, flares and life jackets. Our thanks to Jo Blachford, Robin Pratt, Clive Rochford and representatives of the RNLI and to Ocean Safety, as well as to the organiser, David Houlton.

### Cowes Spring Meet: Friday 15th to Sunday 17th April



For the second year running we were blessed with fine warm weather for the traditional start of the Club cruising season, although for the yachts a little more wind would have been welcome. But if this is global warming, it can't be all that bad. 15 boats attended the meet, 9 yachts and 6 motor boats ranging in length from 26 feet to 47 feet, with 38 people in total.

After a benign passage from Lymington on the flood tide on Friday we foregathered at the pontoon in Folly Reach for early evening drinks before dispersing to boats or ashore at the Folly Inn to eat. On Saturday morning we moved down the river to Sheppards Wharf Marina in Cowes for further socialising and relaxation before going to dinner at the Royal London Yacht Club.

The tide did not turn until late morning on Sunday so there was plenty of time for a leisurely breakfast and a walk ashore for the Sunday papers before going back down the Solent under a clear blue sky, but still with no wind for those who would have liked a good sail. All in all a very enjoyable and sociable start to what we hope will be a successful season of cruising together.

## Racing Events

### Monday Evening Dinghies and Thursday Evening Keelboats

Both early series have started and there are excellent fleets in every class with over 60 dinghies out on a Monday and 80 keelboats on Thursday evenings. Even if you aren't racing come down and enjoy the atmosphere. Results so far are on the [website](#).

### Gaffers and Classics



This is becoming a Club Classic in more than one way. The sight of these beautiful boats alongside the Club and the spectacle of them racing is quite outstanding so come and join the fun. Full details now on the [website](#).

### Dinghy Open Regatta



More details on the [website](#).

## Fleets

### XOD

#### Saturday 30th April - 1st XOD Race

A fine day with light easterly winds enticed 15 XODs to the line for the first race of their Centenary

Year. With the last hour of the neap ebb, the Race Officer set the first windward leg to Sowley buoy against the tide so the fleet were forced to hug the shallowing shoreline past Pylewell Creek before striking out. Clair de Lune found the mud early on and was duly forced to retire as the fleet reached off under spinnaker towards Solent Bank. Ado Jardine in Lucrezia, pulled out a lead over William Norris in Beatrix, which he kept on the long run to Lymington Bank as the tide slackened. On the next beat up to Jacksons the fleet closed and Rory Paton in Diana, and Stuart Jardine in Lone Star, threatened the two leaders with the tide now flooding. A battle between these four boats ensued on the run to Colten, Beatrix pulling out a lead to finish 1 minute 44 seconds ahead of Lone Star which had passed both Diana and Lucrezia to leeward on the last run who finished 3rd and 4th respectively.



[Results](#) 1st Beatrix, William Norris, 2nd Lone Star, Stuart Jardine, 3rd Diana, Rory Paton, 4th Lurezia, Ado Jardine.

*Fenella Lees*

## RS Elites

### Spring Series



Nearly all of the RS Elite fleet were afloat for some or all of the Spring Series (we'll forgive Steve Powell for not turning up because he was getting his Oyster's doors blown right off in the Southern Ocean) and the racing was excellent. Place changing in every race - some front to back of the fleet on one leg tactics (mention no names - Peter and David) and generally closer than ever competition.

Well done to team Wadhams and various crews in RSsailing.com for winning overall from Crauford McKeon (Kandoo 2) in second and John Boddy (Matterhorn Jack) in third.

Top fun - and I can only see it getting better as we share set-up and sailing experience, recent teams get more time in the boat and new boats join the fleet. We've just welcomed another new owner/boat (Simon Cavey) who is set to sail a pretty full Lymington season plus a likely trip to Scotland for the Nationals.

### Thursday Evening Keelboats

Thursday evenings are underway and have already produced drama in both races – when firstly Kandoo snatched defeat from the jaws of victory by rounding a final mark the wrong way in Race 1 and then RSsailing.com pulled a similar trick in race 2 by heading off to the wrong final mark. There is a pretty

simple moral in the story for two supposedly experienced teams! But it was all worthwhile for the banter.

### Charter the Club's RS Elite for Thursday evening racing

The Club has the fantastic facility of its own RS Elite, Freebie, that is available for [charter](#). Book now through the Club office on 01590 672677 for Thursday evenings, Cowes Week and the Solent Circuit Autumn Series races.

*Martin Wadhams*

## Nordic Folkboats

### Spring Series

There was a good turn out of 9 boats for the windward/leeward courses set over a period of four Sundays, thus enabling two races to be run each day except on the last Sunday when little or no wind forced the cancellation of both. Notwithstanding this the series, sailed in light to middling wind conditions, was closely contested with Tak taking the honours closely followed by Crackerjack and Padfoot just pipping Aurora for third place.

### Thursday Evening Keelboats

At the time of writing the Thursday evening Series is underway with a similar turnout for the first race which again saw light conditions with an East/Southerly wind. The race committee wisely set a windward/leeward course making a shorten course relatively easy which indeed proved to be the case as the evening breeze gradually died away and we were finished at the leeward mark on the second round.

Even then there were a couple of non-finishers with Tak managing to glue itself to the putty. If Ado and Jeremy can't negotiate the shoals what hope is there for the rest of us! In the event Crackerjack took the honours by a whisper from Bonnie followed by Strider for a creditable third Consistency and time on the water is most important if the monopoly at the top end is to be broken and an earlier launch would benefit all of us, yours truly included, particularly as this year, perhaps exceptionally, the weather has been so mild.

### Measurement Certificates

There seems to be some confusion over measurement certificates. They need to be up-dated every 2 years - make sure they are.

*John Whyte*

## Lymington Oppies

The Easter holidays have been extremely busy for the Oppie sailors. 3 day intensive courses at Lymington and Spinnaker provided great training for all standards, immediately followed by the Hayling Island Oppie Open. Winds were light and the first day of racing didn't happen because the breeze didn't fill in until the water had gone. This wasn't a disaster, however for the 120+ children who held massed rugby, football and rounders matches on the vast fine sandy beaches, in between breaks for ice creams. Clearly sailing was only going to be a part of a full weekend's hectic social and sporting repertoire.

The next day dawned very hot but the breeze filled earlier and four good races were completed. Lymington sailors made a very good showing taking 2nd (Lauren Miles), 3rd (Karyna Manuel), 4th (Robbie King) and 5th (Hattie Rogers) in the main fleet.



The following week 10 Oppies travelled from Lymington to Italy for the Lake Garda Meeting. With nearly 1000 over-excited optimist sailors from 30 nations, the sailing and the atmosphere really is jaw-dropping stuff for even the most hardened dinghy sailor. Huge mountains plunge straight down into an azure lake, topped by a 15-20 knots blast furnace breeze – fantasy sailing. Our best result in the "Juniore" (12 and over) was Ella Bennett (422nd) but it was in the "Cadettis" (under 12) that we had some really outstanding results, with Vita Heathcote 3rd girl, and Millie and Charlotte Boyle only just behind.

*George Heathcote*

*Vita on the podium in third place to Finnish superstar Ronja Gronblom and Brazil's top junior Olivia Belda*

## Contessa 32, 40th Anniversary Celebrations

Saturday 18 June and Sunday 19 June 2011

The first Contessa 32 hull was moulded in the autumn of 1970, the boat fitted out during the autumn/winter and she, Contessa Catherine, made her first public appearance at the London Boat Show in January 1971. Hence, 2011 is the 40th anniversary of the Contessa 32. To celebrate the 40th anniversary, there will be a major birthday party and the celebrations will be centred on Lymington. For details contact [Anthony Burdall](mailto:Anthony.Burdall@rlymyc.org.uk)

## Croquet

If you would like a very pleasant evening in the garden at the rear of Moore Blatch's beautiful premises on the High Street on Wednesday 27th July or Wednesday 3rd August, please sign up on the notice on the board to make up a team of four to play croquet against other amateur Lymington teams. Take your own picnic for a most convivial outing.

Lymited Editions 

## New for 2011 – RLYMJC Tax Disc Holder

Only available to Members of Royal Lymington Yacht Club

Also ideal for the New Forest Car Park Permit

Available from Reception – only £2.50

View from the outside



View from the inside includes useful telephone numbers



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## RNLI

### Lymington 10K Run - 10.00 am Sunday 8th May

Final reminder that the RNLI 10K Run is this coming Sunday, come and support the runners at the Woodside Start and Finish. More details on the [website](#).

### Open Garden Moore Blatch, Solicitors - 2 pm to 4.30 pm Sunday 26th June

Admission £3.00 to include refreshments. Plants for sale and souvenirs.

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#### FOR SALE

Rooster hike shorts. Size small. Suit teenage Laser sailor, fit over wet suit. £30.00. Contact [Amanda Otway](#)

#### Small Ads

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.

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