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Season's Greetings

Sitting at my desk looking at the snow outside, I'm pleased to be able to look down the ePotterNews and see so many things to look forward to. Not just all the Christmas festivities at the Club but the thoughts of next year's sailing activities cheer me up and I hope they inspire you too. Thank you to all the people who contribute articles and photographs, please keep them coming.

Ann Brunskill

Stop Press - Quiz Night Postponed to Thursday 9th December

The atrocious weather conditions even stopped the monthly Quiz Night and it has been rescheduled for next Thursday, same place same time.



Annual General Meeting Saturday 12th February 2011

The formal notification of the 2011 Annual General Meeting will be on the Club notice board by 18th December and the papers will be sent out with PotterShip on 18th January. The Rear Commodore Finance and three members of the General Committee will be retiring at the meeting. The General Committee will ensure that at least four good candidates will be available to fill the vacancies and Members are invited to propose other candidates if they so wish. Nominations should be in writing, signed by a proposer and seconder and accompanied with the candidate's CV of approximately 100 words.

The Commodore would be happy to discuss with Members any nominations they may have.

Annual Sailing and Club Review

The Commodore presided over the Annual Sailing and Club Review in the Library on Saturday 6th November 2010, joined by the other Flag Officers and attended by 56 Members. He told the meeting that the Club has enjoyed a very successful year, thanks largely to the efforts of the staff and volunteers. We have never been so busy on the water, the finances are sound, the social programme has flourished and the catering results are good.

Each Flag Officer ran through the highlights in his own area, and there were lively and wide ranging question and answer sessions on such topics as pontoon use, trailer parking, security, the Library project, energy strategy, and finally the bar – at which point the Commodore drew the meeting to a close.

Mobile Phones and Lap Tops

Club Regulation 22

Regulation 22 has been amended as below in order to align existing Regulations with current usage. Members are requested to ensure that they and their guests follow this regulation so everyone can enjoy their time in the Club.

"The use of Mobile Phones and Laptops is generally permitted in the Club, but not at any time on the staircases, nor in the Restaurant, River Room and Bar during lunch and dinner; their use should always be discreet and with full consideration for others at all times."

John Mills, Vice-Commodore

Social Events for December and the New Year

There are a huge number of social functions coming up, they are very popular so do book as soon as you can. A particular highlight in the New Year will be the "Easy Listening Jazz Evening" on January 15th featuring Dave Horler and his world class musicians. With a modestly priced supper it should be a great night. Click [here](#) or on the underlined events

[Friday 3rd December Wine Tasting Evening](#)

Enjoy a selection of wines from Majestic and a modestly priced supper.

[Tuesday 7th December Movie Night "Love Actually"](#)



Christmas themed romantic comedy with a whole host of stars

[Wednesday 8th December Club Closed from 1800 - Staff Christmas Party](#)

[Saturday 11th December Christmas Party and Gala Buffet](#)

Enjoy Peter and his team's legendary Christmas Buffet and dance the night away with the "Dixieland Jazz Band"

[Friday 17th December Turkey Dinner](#)

(Black Tie) Traditional Christmas Dinner

[Wednesday 22nd December 1200 Carols with Santa](#)

Bring the children or borrow a grandchild and sing Carols at lunchtime. Santa has said he may drop into the Club from the river to say "hello"

[Friday 31st December New Year's Eve Party](#)

A great party with live band "Time Out"

[Saturday 1st January 2011 New Year's Day Family Brunch](#)



Relieve that hangover with brunch at the Club

[Tuesday 4th January Movie Night "Elizabeth the Golden Age"](#)

A well-reviewed historical film

[Thursday 6th January Quiz Supper](#)

A popular quiz for the New Year

[Special Attraction - A fabulous Jazz Night at the Club](#)

[Saturday 15th January An Evening of Easy Listening Jazz](#)

Enjoy the sophisticated jazz of Dave Horler and his musicians, best described as a mixture between Dave Brubeck (Take Five), Stan Getz (The Girl from Ipanema) and Dizzy Gillespie (Salt peanuts).

Dave, John and their friends have played with star names such as John Dankworth, Cleo Lane, Stan Getz, Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie and a host of other world famous artists.



[Tuesday 25th January Burns Night Supper](#)

A traditional Burns Night for ex-pats and admirers of Scotland's most famous son.

House

Bar and Restaurant staffing

Members may like to know that, in order to contain costs in these times of austerity, we are reducing casual staffing on evenings when we think there will be few people using the Club. Clearly we could sometimes underestimate usage, so Members are asked to be tolerant on these rare occasions. If you have difficulties, please let the Secretary or Rear Commodore House know.

Winter Lectures

Thank you for supporting the hugely successful Cruising Division Winter Lectures. A great many people are signing up for the lectures and supper, but we have recently had a considerable number of Members and their guests not turning up. Unfortunately this deprives those on the waiting list from the chance to come. Furthermore, of those who do attend, a significant proportion fail to have the supper which they booked. This causes the kitchen to waste food and affects Club income. Members who have booked are requested to inform the office or restaurant if they are not able to attend, or do not wish to eat.

VAT increase

On January 4th 2011 VAT will be increased to 20%. As a consequence of this the Club will have to raise prices to reflect the increase.

Cruising

Needles Relief Saturday, 18th December

Full details are on the [website](#) and Club notice board. The traditional search and rescue display by the Coastguard helicopter and the Yarmouth and Lymington lifeboats will start at about 1215. There will again be a raffle for a trip for two in the Yarmouth lifeboat on the 18th, proceeds to the RNLI. Tickets are available at Reception, the Bar and at Club social events held between now and the 18th.



Winter Cruise Monday, 24th January 2011

We are intending to cruise to Newtown Creek and, with the help of Club rib(s), go ashore to the New Inn at Shalfleet for lunch. Details will be put on the website and the notice board in early January.

Winter Lecture programme

The next lecture is on Wednesday 5th January. Details of this and the rest of the programme are on the [web page](#)

Cruising Meet emailings

Following comments by Members attending the Cruising Forum, the current email list of about 200 Members will be expanded from January 2011 to include a further 400 or so Members who have, according to Club records, cruisers or cruiser/racers. It is hoped this will improve awareness of cruising events. If you do not wish to receive these emails, please advise the office, or when the first one arrives, simply reply to it "no thank you".

Log and Seamanship Awards

We already have some good entries, but there is still time to submit your log either to me or to the office. Details of the award categories were included in the last ePN and are on the Cruising [website](#).

Proposed Charter Cruise in the Baltic August 2011

A meeting of those who have expressed an interest has been arranged at 1800 on Thursday 16th December in the Club. If you are interested in finding out more, please come along to the meeting or contact [David Houlton](#), who is progressing the project.

The Cruising Dinner and Awards Presentation - Saturday 19th February

If the date is not already in your diary, please put it in. Our guest speaker is Cmdr David Evans, RN (Retd), Marine Director and River Hamble Harbour Master.

Recent Meets

Winter Cruise to the Hamble Thursday, 28th October

Over 50 people in 14 boats enjoyed an excellent cruise to Warsash Sailing Club. For those with sails it was an easy reach all the way. A very convivial Trafalgar Day lunch was provided by the Club followed by the Toast to the Immortal Memory. The return passage was a beat from off Cowes back to Lymington to round off another successful winter cruise.

Yarmouth Fireworks Friday, 5th November

Members travelled to Yarmouth by yacht, motor boat and ferry for this popular event. After the preliminary festivities in the Square, we moved by torchlight to the Green to watch the spectacular firework display launched from a barge anchored off shore. Then to the Royal Solent YC for a good and warming supper before returning to Lymington or sleeping on board in Yarmouth Harbour.



Winter Cruise to Cowes Friday, 26th November

Although some potential participants might perhaps have been intimidated by daily forecasts of arctic weather, six boats sailed to Cowes on a sparkling winter's day. A little more wind would have been helpful, but with a good tide under us some thirty Club Members met up in the bar of the Island Sailing Club soon after midday before sitting down to a very enjoyable lunch.

Richard Wood, Captain of Cruising

Chart Room

New Pilot books

The 2010 editions of the RCC Isles of Scilly Pilot, the RCC Atlantic Crossing Guide, N Featherstone's West France Cruising Companion,

Imray's Cruising Guide to the Netherlands and their reprinted Italian Waters Pilot, have been added to the Club's stock. Also new in, thanks to donations by Members are the two RCC Med Spain Pilots and the RCC Islas Baleares plus for really intrepid sailors the RCC Cruising Guide to West Africa! Current editions of North Sea, East Coast and Med France and Greece pilots complete this annual review of our stock.

A full index of all pilot books will be found on the Club [website](#).

Peter Lowe

Racing

Needles Relief Saturday, 18th December

Race, cruise or get the ferry over to join in the fun. Full details are on the [website](#) and Club notice board. Two lucky people will win the opportunity to go out on the Yarmouth lifeboat on the day. Raffle tickets at £1 each for this are available in the Club with proceeds going to the RNLI.



Tomorrow's Champions in Scows - Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th December



Two special Club racing events over the Christmas period, which are well worth watching from the comfort of the Club House, are the Peter Andreae Trophy on Monday 27th and the Penguin Trophy on Tuesday 28th. Both events are sailed in Lymington River Scows and run in the River.

The Peter Andreae Trophy, for Club Members under 21, is hotly contested by our leading young sailors. Click [here](#) for full details.



The Penguin Trophy the following day is for Members of the Club with a minimum age of 14 years. The boats will be raced double-handed, and the combined crew age must be at least 35. Competitors will be allocated a different boat for each race. Click [here](#) for full details.

XOD's

2011 is the XOD's Centenary Year of racing and the amount of sailing that they have done this year show the class to be in great shape. On Friday 3rd June 2011 there will be a Commemorative Race of the first XOD Race which took place in Southampton Water when I understand everyone entered a Sweep Stake before the start!

The 2010 season has been a record year for the Lymington XOD Division with 76 races and only two cancelled due to bad weather. There have been 14 – 19 boats regularly racing on Saturdays and Wednesdays from the Royal Lymington Yacht Club. The early season saw a lot of tricky easterly winds which tested both Race Officers and sailors with big wind shifts and large holes, some boats going from hero to zero at times.



Cowes Week was again a great success for Lymington, securing six of the top twelve places with Ben Paton, 2nd overall and winning the Under 25 Trophy. Lymington beat the other five Divisions to win the Philipson Shield and also had a resounding victory in the Team Racing, winning all six races. XODs were, yet again, by far the biggest single fleet in the regatta – in fact they make up 25% of all the White Group entries.

The XODs had their Annual Prize Giving on Friday 5th November and the season's results are on the [website](#).

X56 Xanthus is regularly sailed in Lymington by William Westmacott, grandson of the designer, Alfred Westmacott.

Fenella Lees

Youth and Juniors

Another Successful Season

Congratulations to Tom Britz who came 2nd in the Laser Radial End of Season Championships in November at Grafham Sailing Club. Congratulations to all the Club's Junior and Youth Sailors who have achieved training places in the RYA National squads. This is a tremendous achievement.

National Youth Squad		National Junior Squad	Optimist	
Laser Radial	420	Laser 4.7	National Squad	Intermediate Squad
Tom Britz	Craig Dibb and Charlie Cox	Hannah Muskett	Jenny Cropley	Josh Atherton
Olly Porter	Tarra Gill-Taylor		Ryan Orr	Emilia Boyle
Robbie Urwin	Tom Lovesey			Max Moyles
	Annabel Vose			Tom Reid
	Matt Wallis			

Congratulations too to all the younger sailors who have gained a place in the Zone Regional squads and Girls training squads. The Transition squad places are currently being selected across the classes - good luck to all those sailors who are transitioning between the Junior and Youth classes.

Ros Urwin, Captain of Juniors

420 End of Seasons, Grafham Water,

A light dusting of snow greeted the competitors for the 420 End of Seasons at Grafham Water on the 28th and 29th November. Temperatures did not rise above -2c with a wind chill of -13c and 15 knots of winds all day Saturday providing challenging conditions. With four races planned for Saturday, all competitors wrapped up warm and went for it. Sunday morning arrived and everyone's trolleys were frozen to the ground, ropes frozen solid and blocks seized up, various techniques were deployed to defrost their boats, but when the call came to launch all surged into the cold water for the final 2 races.

Race 1 saw a RLymYC clean sweep of the top places, with Annabelle Vose and Megan Brickwood finishing 1st, Tarra Gill-Taylor and Christian Townrow following in 2nd and Charlie Cox and Craig Dibb in 3rd. Newcomers James Dodd and his crew Joe Butterworth (pictured right) won Most Improved since the Nationals.



A number of club sailors now await to hear if they have been selected for the RYA Volvo Transition Squad with offer letters expected early December.

Cherie Dodd, Captain of 420s

Optimists - winter training

The winter training squad places have now been finalised and training has started. In total we have more than 30 sailors in squads, of which four in the National squad, eight Intermediate, one Development and 18 South Zone. Well done to all of them; hopefully they will enjoy and benefit from their training through the winter – it's all good character building stuff!

In addition to these International Optimist Class Association and RYA programmes, Lymington Optimists have their own winter training weekends, run by head coach Ben Muskett and others from the Olympic Development Squad. The children need to be Members of the Club, and are split into training groups of six to eight, all racing together on the Sunday afternoon.

The month also included a "boys invitational squad"; as well as some intense Oppie training, the camp included dawn cross-country runs, windsurfing, and target shooting using bows and arrows. Will Heritage won the pirate's galleon for accumulating the most points throughout the two day team building programme. Thanks also to Nick Rogers for designing the training programme, Chris Atherton for marshalling the troops, and Stephen Jarman for assisting with coaching.

The Winter Championships, the last of the season's major events, were held in Cardiff Bay. 33 sailors travelled up from Lymington to compete against 160 other hopefuls. 22 of our sailors made the Gold Fleet, with Jenny Cropley (11th) as usual our top sailor and heading our very strong contingent of junior girls. Ella Bennett retained her crown as Queen of the Silver Fleet, and Tom Reid won the final race. Points accumulated from the End of Seasons and the Winter Championships were used to determine who will represent Team GBR (U13) at the Irish Nationals next year; of the five girls selected, all are from Lymington, plus four of the boys. So that's 9 out of 15, 60% of the entire British Junior Team. Well done Lymington Oppies.

Wednesday Junior Sailing

WJS 2011 Season Dates and situations vacant

It's only four months until [Wednesday Junior Sailing](#) starts again, so now is a good time to think about when to go on the power boat and assistant instructor training courses. Dates of available courses are on the Club training [website](#) page.

New team members are needed for a new role in running an Information Desk at WJS, to help educate parents on the role of WJS and the way it is run and offer those attending the many other opportunities that exist at the Club. They would also deal with RYA literature and information, Club information, sailing course information and Club branded clothing.

Also, we are in great need of a couple of new people who could help with the shore based Ropework and Rules of the Road. This would suit someone with lots of knowledge they would like to pass on but who don't necessarily want to go out on the water.

Dates for 2011

Wednesday 6th April	1400 - 1600 WJS Safety Briefing
Wednesdays 13th and 20th April	1400 - 1700 WJS Volunteers Training Afternoons
Wednesday 27th April	1400 - 1800 First WJS
Monday 14th to Friday 19th August	Youth and Family Week
Wednesday 28th September	Last WJS, Prizegiving and Helpers and Parents Evening Supper

Edward Harrison, Head of Wednesday Junior Sailing

London Boat Show

Harken's coach and ticket offer

Harken's excellent coach and entrance ticket for the London Boat Show is again on offer how tickets at £25 per head. The coach leaves from outside the Club at 0730 on Thursday 13th January and departs the show for Lymington at 1800. To download the ticket pro-forma click [here](#).

Members should complete the application form on the [website](#) and send it to Siân Neilson at Harken or alternatively [email](#) her.

Discounted Boat Show Tickets every day

Yachting journalist John Goode's discounted tickets offer is again available. Valid for any day including preview day at £10, see the Club noticeboard for details.

Laser Fleet Deal for 2011

[LaserPerformance](#) are offering a deal on Lasers, where by the more you order the more you save. A minimum order of 6 Lasers is required to qualify for the 2011 Laser Fleet Deal, beyond this, individual packages will be tailored to your Clubs needs. To register your interest contact Marc Malanaphy, Captain of Dinghies, by emailing the [Club](#). Marc will coordinate the requests.

Volunteers and Training



The 2011 Sailing Volunteer Form will be going out with the January mailing. Volunteers both new and experienced can take part in the courses planned for February, March and April. These include VHF in Race Management on Thursday, 17th March, Tony Blachford's popular and highly instructive Course Setting for Race Officers on Saturday, 26th March and the 'Hands On' Race Team Training and Refresher Evening on Thursday, 24th February. This is where the Library turns into a Committee Boat! There will also be an RYA Club Race Officers Courses over three sessions, two on the evenings of Tuesday 15th and Tuesday 29th March and the third on the morning of Saturday 9th April.

For further details click on the individual courses on the [Training page](#).

As well as the Race Team courses there are the usual First Aid, RIB and Sailing Courses available. Click on the [link](#) for further details.

Lymited Editions 



Three new ideas for making Christmas Shopping Easy

Avoid the crowds this Christmas and buy your presents and stocking fillers whilst enjoying your lunch or glass of wine at the Club



Mini Square Decanter & 2 Tot Glasses Gift Set £35.00

(will be engraved with Club Burgee and for an extra £12.50 and have a personalised engraving on the reverse)

Lambswool V Neck Jumper £35.00

(Available in 8 colours with the Club Burgee logo)

Classic Sailing Jacket £95.00

(Available in Navy or Ecu with a choice of logos. Similar Jackets retail in Crew and Henri Lloyd for £180.00)

Also available:

2011 Desk Diary £7.50, 2011 Pocket Diary £6.00, 2011 Calendar £9.95

Please contact Reception for further details of these new products and our full range or visit our [website](#).

Members' Art Exhibition



The Members' Art Exhibition was more successful this year than last year and sales of paintings, works of art, and cards produced returns such that the Royal Lymington Yacht Club was able to donate £420 to the RNLI. This was a great effort and thanks must go to the artists, the helpers, and the Club staff for having made the show a success. Thanks too must be given to those Members who purchased and through whom we were able to make the donation.

Robin Leuchars

Calling all City of London Liverymen and Freemen

On Sunday 21st November there was an enjoyable informal Liverymen's Lunch in the Library. The Club has many Liverymen and Freemen of the City of London, and there are meetings twice a year for a convivial conversation about former life and times in the City. Eventually, as is the way of things in our Club, talk turns to sailing.

If you are a Liveryman or Freeman (of either gender) not on the list, and wish to be invited to the next occasion, please contact the organiser Peta Walmisley (Information Technologist) via the Club.

Club Discounts

There is a new offer from Elmers Court for Membership of the Gym from £39 per month, contact Michael on 01590 646506

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 Discounts

(15% on production of your Club Card)

- Brasserie Gerard (French Restaurant) High Street

club pigeon holes in Reception.

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

The listing of items for sale or wanted in ePotterNews does not indicate that RLymYC has knowledge of the authenticity of the advertisement and does not recommend or guarantee the items advertised and the Club cannot accept any liability in this regard.

- 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
(Discounts by negotiation)
- Elmers Court Hotel Lymington