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## Happy New Year

A great start to 2010 for our Junior Sailors. Phil Sparks won the YJA Pantaenius Young Sailor of the Year Award for 2009, Ross Mackley won the 25th Internationale Del Mediterraneo Championship in his Optimist, reciving not only a trophy but also a very large jar of chocolate spread, and Annabel Vose was 2nd girl and 6th overall in the 420 International Grand Prix Vila de Blanes.

The papers for the AGM on Saturday 6th February and the 2010 volunteering forms will be posted this week. The winter social programme continues with the regular activities including the informal lunches and more of the Famous Chef's evenings. Please keep sending your comments, requests for information and ideas. The Club's Members have a vast store of knowledge to be tapped and shared.

Please see the section under the AGM notice for news about the Lymington Harbour Breakwater and Yarmouth Harbour

Ann Brunskill

## Club

### Annual General Meeting, 1100 Saturday 6th February

You will be receiving in the post shortly your pack of documents for the Annual General Meeting. Obviously we would like to see as many Members as possible at the AGM. Even if you don't intend to come to the AGM at 1100 on Saturday 6th February in the Library, reading these documents will give you:

- minutes of the last AGM and Notice/Agenda for this one.
- the report of the Committee on what has been happening at the Club in the last year.
- the audited statutory and Members Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2009 and indicative budgets for 2010 and 2011.
- recommended subscription and entry fee changes.
- nominations for Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore House, Trustee and six General Committee posts, with CVs and photos, together with your voting paper.
- some important resolutions for rule changes which are mainly aimed at encouraging new joiners and younger Members to stay on.
- information about a range of volunteering roles to support sailing events, and your chance to sign up and learn new skills.
- the sailing programme of all of the sailing events planned for 2010, with start and tide times. Please note: This programme details the sailing events only. The social and other major Club events will be included in the Club summer programme card to be issued in the March mailing.

So when you receive your rather weighty A4 envelope, I would be grateful if you would give it a read and complete the voting form.

May I wish you all a happy and successful New Year, and we look forward to you making full use of the Club in 2010.

Kevin Podger

## Lymington Harbour Protection

Yesterday (11 Jan) Lymington Harbour Commissioners issued their Stakeholder Update announcing the signing of the contract for phase one.

"After many years of hard work and much appreciated public support we have today signed a contract with Trant Construction Limited to build the first phase of the harbour protection breakwater at a cost of £1.4m. "

[See this article for details](#)

## Yarmouth Harbour

The RYA have issued a response to the Yarmouth Harbour proposals - see the document by [clicking here](#). Note there is still time to submit your own comments to the Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners on their [website here](#)

## Photographs

The Club is working as usual during the arctic weather which has blanketed the country. Phil Baker and John Husband stopped for a moment for this picture. The office staff were nearly persuaded outside for a photo but the pressure of work prevailed as they were busy with the January mailing. The Club and the editors of PotterShip and ePotterNews always welcome pictures of Club Members and activities. Photos with a detailed caption can be used in many ways including Club publications, for inclusion with articles to go to the press and the archives.



## Volunteers

We need many volunteers on and off the water and planning is already under way for the 2010 racing season. This is a great way to meet new people and see the Solent in all sorts of weather as well. Without volunteers the Club's racing programme could not function. We have an ongoing training and mentoring scheme and new volunteers are welcome.

The racing volunteering form is included in the January mailing. This year there will be separate forms for the 'Series' events, which will be sent out where the relevant box (es) is/are ticked. For families where more than one Member helps, please either call or contact [Kirsty](#) in the office for more forms. The form and further details will be on the [website](#) shortly. You should receive an acknowledgement from the office within a week of returning the form. If not, please get in touch with the office.



## Social

### Forthcoming events include

[Tuesday 19th January - Movie Night - Beautiful Mind with Russell Crowe - Sign up for supper](#)

[Saturday 23rd January - Burns Night - Traditional Food with Entertainment and Verse](#)

[Saturday 6th February - Horse Racing Night with supper](#)

[Saturday 13th February - Valentines Supper with music from Herbie Crab](#)

[Saturday 27th February - Famous Chef's evening.](#) This evening will feature our very own famous chefs Peter and Fergal strutting their stuff - menu currently a secret they haven't shared with anyone!

Details of these and the Quiz Nights, Bridge Suppers and Ladies and Gentlemen's informal lunches are on the Club notice boards and [website](#).

## Cruising

### Urgent - Log Competition

Only a very small number of logs have been submitted for the competition so far. We need lots more. There are plenty of trophies to be won - please do your best to submit a log as soon as possible. Details of the requirements are on the Cruising Section of the Club [website](#) and on the notice board. Your attention is drawn in particular to the XII Bar Blues Trophy where we are looking for a log in the form of a blog - for which at present we have no entries. Quills and keyboards at the ready and get cracking - thank you!

### Cruising Dinner

The Cruising Dinner will be on Saturday 20th February. Mike Golding and his wife will be guests of honour. (For the latest news on Mike's sailing activities go to [Mike Golding](#). Details will be now on the Cruising page of the Club [website](#) and notice board.

### Winter Rally

The next Winter Rally is at Newtown Creek on Tuesday 19 January. Anchor in Western Side and pub lunch at the New Inn, Shalfleet. Water taxi organised in the form of Club Rib. Meet at the Club at 1000 hours. More details on the notice board and [website](#).

### Croatia Charter Rally

We had a meeting on 12th December. It was made clear that the Club would play no part in the financial arrangements. David Houlton would act as co-ordinator, but it was the responsibility of individuals to charter boats directly with the company and pay any deposit etc. The following was agreed by those present:

1. The charter would be through Adriatic Holidays as they were cheaper than Sunsail and well known to some members of the Club.
2. The charter would last a fortnight. The dates would be 18th September to 2nd October 2010. Those who wished could of course charter for a week.



3. The charter would start at Trogir which was only ten minutes from the airport and was an attractive town with all facilities easily available.

4. Sasha King of Adriatic Holidays will be at the Boat Show on 14th January to discuss matters with any members who are interested and going on the Club Outing.

There will be a further meeting to finalise arrangements after the Boat Show visit on Saturday 16 January at 11.00 hours in the Club.

Anyone interested in participating in this Rally should join us on 16th January. [David Houlton](#) has details of costs etc so please contact him if you require any further details.

## Winter Lectures

The Jo Blachford lecture on 6th January was cancelled and will now take place on 20th January. The lecture on Circumnavigating the World by Ged and Jim McNulty will take place on a later date. Check the [website](#) for updates.

Lectures will take place during January commencing at 18.30 on Wednesdays:

13th January - Lymington in Old Photographs – Steve Marshall

20th January - RNLI Lifeboats – Past, Present and Future – Jo Blachford

27th January – Cruising the River Plate – Angie Coham

3rd February - Andrew Wilkes and Maire Breathnack - Arctic Tern to Greenland and Baffin Island

9th February - Peter Bruce - XOD and Folkboats - Solent Hazards and Tides (Tues Lecture)

10th February - Mike and Liz Redfern - In Search of Trolls - Baltic Cruising

## Captain of Cruising

Just to remind you that Richard Wood will be taking over as Captain of Cruising next month and Clive Sparrow will be his Deputy.

## Racing

### Needles Relief



Pictures from the 2009 Needles Relief at Yarmouth (thanks to Rick Walters and John Metzner, the editor's camera failed to work). A great sunny day, albeit cold, was enjoyed by both the cruising and racing sailors. The Royal Solent YC extended their usual excellent hospitality, and sea shanties could be heard coming from several locations later in the afternoon.



## 2009 Setley Cup and Seahorse Trophy Junior Model Yacht Regatta



For those sailors not setting off from Sydney Harbour for Tasmania, Setley Pond was the place to be on Boxing Day for the annual Junior Model Yacht Regatta. As in previous years, boats came in all shapes and designs, from classic shop-bought monohulls to multihulls fabricated out of drinks bottles. The gusts on the water make for tricky sailing at times suiting some and capsizing others. Rupert Stock and his crew in the rescue boat were kept busy especially between races recovering those that could not make the crossing. Hector Hurst was probably one of the unluckiest with his super "Seahorse" catamaran, rushing into an almost unassailable lead with two firsts and a second only to fail to finish in the last two races and having to count an 18th to finish 4th overall, so back to the drawing board with his Dad, Andrew.

In the Multi-hull class "Rascal" sailed very consistently by George Russell dominated the event to win the Seahorse Trophy, followed by last year's winner "Maxicat" sailed by Amy Clark. One point behind her came Matthew Gill with "Don't Know" in third place. Once again many thanks to the main finishing team of Robin Markes, Chris Baldwick, Chris Neve and Ado Jardine and our recorder Jane Pitt-Pitts. (Photos courtesy of Michael Derrick)

Stuart Jardine, Principle Race Officer

## Peter Andrae Trophy

24 Sailors under 21 years old turned up for the annual Peter Andrae Trophy on the 28th December.



A bright but cold day with a light to moderate easterly wind made for some close racing. Run off the Club pontoon, the fleet was divided into three groups - Junior, Intermediate and Senior and two races were held for each group; the three leaders from each group moving forward into the finals.



In the finals Sophie Weguelin was on top form, winning both races to beat last year's winner Oren Richards by three points, leaving Hanna Snelgrove in third a further three points adrift. Only two points separated her from Hannah Muskett and William Bedford, respectively first Intermediate and first Junior. Once again many thanks to all those who help make this another success: particularly Jane Clegg, Jane Pitt-Pitts, Annie Littlejohn and Mary Ann Jardine in the Office; Robin Markes and Ado Jardine on the pontoon and Phil Lawrence and Chris Baldwick in the RIB with Kristy Powell organising the nine scows.

The Results were: 1st Sophie Weguelin - 2 pts (Senior), 2nd Oren Richards - 5 pts (Senior), 3rd Hanna Snelgrove - 8 pts (Senior), 4th Hannah Muskett - 9 pts (Intermediate), 5th William Bedford - 10 pts (Junior), 6th Ailsa Muskett - 13 pts (Intermediate). (Photos courtesy of Mary Ann Jardine.)

Stuart Jardine, Principle Race Officer

## Penguin Trophy



Strong winds and driving rain marked this year's Penguin Trophy. Race Officer Chris Baldwick and his team on the pontoon worked valiantly ensuring prompt starts to races and rapid transfers as competitors changed boats between races.

A stellar group of the Club's most experienced sailors, including Phil Lawrence, and Mike Urwin (the latter compromised his rating by sailing part of one race with a distinctly unorthodox rig). Six pairs won through to the finals, with the top three prizes being



scooped by Connie Stock and Nick Cherry (1st), Sophie Weguelin and Chris Sanders (2nd), Mike and Robbie Urwin (3rd). Connie and Nick were presented with the silver Penguin Trophy by Annie Littlejohn, still an active volunteer as she approaches her 90th birthday.

## XOD's

Date for the diary - Tuesday 12th January at 6.30 pm (Apologies to all who received the email saying it's on the 19th January. This was due to a technical problem)

Lecture on Sail Design and Setting by Richard Bell and Toby Barnsley-Dale, One Design and XOD specialists from North Sails. Followed by supper to continue the discussions.

### Prizewinners

The XOD prizegiving for Cowes Week was held on Saturday 5th December. Lymington Division took 1st Stuart Jardine, 3rd Adrian Summers, 4th Steve Whiteman and 6th Ado Jardine positions overall out of a fleet of 80 boats. Lymington winners from left to right Robin Balme, Steve Whiteman, Adrian Summers, Christian Brewer, Stuart Jardine, Mark Jardine, Ado Jardine



## Juniors

### More successes for our Junior Sailors

#### YJA Pantaenius Young Sailor of the Year Award for 2009

Phil Sparks and Ben Gratton were presented with the [YJA Pantaenius Young Sailor of the Year Award](#) for 2009 at the London International Boat Show on Saturday 9th January 2010. The award was presented by fellow Club Member, Ben Ainslie CBE, a previous winner himself.

Phil and Ben were voted RYA Southern Regional Young Sailors of the Year 2009 last autumn. They won Gold in their 420 on the final day of the 2009 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championships in Brazil. They also won first place in the Kiel Week regatta and third place in the 420 Class Worlds at Lake Garda.



## International Grand Prix Vila de Blanes



Annabel Vose (with Megan Brickwood) and Matt Wallis and Tarra Gill-Taylor were 6th and 16 overall in their first 420 International event at Blanes.

With better wind, three races were in the bag on final day at Grand Prix Vila de Blanes 2010. Annabel Vose & Megan Brickwood, new to 420s in the latter part of last year and up against several experienced and successful teams, notably the Austrian women and last year's bronze winners from Barcelona, managed to hold on in 6th overall and 2nd girls overall plus 4th British boat at the end of a full day's racing. Matt Wallis & Tarra Gill-Taylor were 16th.

Warmer event than the Penguin Trophy.

## The 25th Internationale Del Mediterraneo Championship 30 December 2009

Ross Mackley has won the Mediterranean International Optimist Regatta at Sanremo, Italy. He was crowned champion at the grand prizegiving, winning himself a great trophy and 5 kg of Nutella.



### Optimists

As well as decorating an Oppie and joining the Lymington Christmas celebrations, the Optimist fleet have a full winter training programme mainly at Lymington but also at Warsash and Spinnaker. The Oppie sailors are regular climbers at Calshot (climbing wall) through the winter and many are in their Junior competition climbing squad. The sailors also make up the core of an ice hockey team that have even had the opportunity of playing on the frozen Forest ponds. Visits are planned to HMS Victory, to the tank testing facility at Gosport, the submarine museum, to a sail maker, a boat builder, and talks on foil science and the natural history of the Solent. These extra-curricular interests help to round the young sailor and make them feel part of something more than just a race training programme.

## Training

### Power Boat training

There are one or two places still on the Power Boat instructors' courses on weekends of 6th/7th and 27th/28th February.

The Club is running Power Boat Level 2 Plus one day courses from 30th January to the end of February, which are for RYA Power Boat 2 certificate holders who wish to build on their skills and work toward the Safety Boat qualification.

Contact [Vince Sutherland](#) or [Marietta Pinto](#) to book places or for further information on these courses and for details of the next Safety Boat course.

### First Aid Course

The next course is on Saturday 13th March. Contact the office to book a place.

### Course Setting for Race Officers

Tuesday 23rd March and Tuesday 30th March, both at 6 p.m. Club Library

Two seminars led by Tony Blachford (the Club's resident expert!). These very popular practical sessions focus on course setting for both dinghy and keelboat events.

If you would like more information on these events, or to register your interest, please contact [Jane Clegg](#) or call her on 01590 679929

### RYA Regional Race Officer Course

Weekend courses run by the RYA for the more experienced volunteer and those who want to get the relevant qualifications to go on to the National level 1st and 2nd May 2010. Again contact [Jane Clegg](#) for more details.



## RNLI Spring Market Saturday 14th March

This will take place from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm at St Thomas Parish Hall and the Lymington Guild are collecting the following: Prizes for the Prize Draw, Books (paper and hardback), Jewellery, White Elephant, Toys, Cakes & Produce. Please, no electrical goods or clothes. If you can help, please call any of the following numbers: Lymington: 679205, 677102, 677034 - Brockenhurst: 623029 - Sway: 682126 - Everton: 643268

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### 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. 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.

Ann Brunskill

### Club Discounts

(10% on production of your club card)

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

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