



# ePotterNews



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## The Nights Are Drawing In

The clocks have gone back and thoughts are turning to laying up the boats for the winter and opening the charts and pilots. The Club is as busy as ever with a full social programme and planning for the 2010 season underway. The Annual Business Meeting is on Saturday 7th November and this is a great opportunity for Members to learn about the Club's plans for the future.

As you can see, we have listened to everyone who asked for an easier to read format for ePotterNews and I hope you like our first attempt at this. Please email me your comments and suggestions. The For Sale and Wanted section has had a 50% success record so far, and this month's advert could be somebody's Christmas present.

Ann Brunskill

## Club

### Annual Business Meeting

The Club's Annual Business meeting will be held on Saturday 7th November at 11 am to talk about what's been happening over the last twelve months and what's planned for the future. Members are encouraged to attend and contribute to the meeting, it's a great opportunity to pass on your views to all the Flag Officers at the same time.

### Regulations

Following complaints about the use of Club owned tenders and queries about the application of discounts to Bar and food purchases, the General Committee at its October meeting has agreed to the following additions to Club Regulations:

- Regulation 5. Use of the Pontoon and tenders Club owned tenders may not be taken out of the Lyngby River.
- Regulation 17 Payments Discounts on prices for purchases in the Club may only be obtained by use of a Club Membership Card.

Phil Batten, Vice Commodore

### Peter Lowe's fantastic forty years

Peter Lowe, the Club's Head Chef recently celebrated 40 years working at the Club with a party in his honour on the 28th October. He was presented with a very large box from the Club, which was revealed to be a bandsaw (I didn't think the steaks were that tough - ed) and a water feature for his garden from the Staff. The Commodore and the Rear Commodore House thanked Peter on everyone's behalf for his long and dedicated service. This was followed by supper cooked by Fergal, the menu included Chicken Vinda-Lowe with P-Lowe Rice and Peter's slow-cooked lamb perfected over forty years. The dessert was a cake beautifully decorated by Fiona Fishwick, with Peter's name spelt out in a collection of miniature cooking utensils and vegetables.



Peter with his present



Not quite life size

## London Boat Show

Date for the Diary - Travel and tickets Thursday 14th January 2010

Harken are again offering their excellent coach trip and show tickets at £20 per head. The coach departs from outside the Club at 0730 on and leaves the show for Lymington at 1800. Details on the notice board.

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## Social

- The Racing Prizegiving and Laying Up party took place on the 10th October and the new format proved a great success with the event being over subscribed.
- The Gentlemen had a great time and their first informal lunch and are looking forward to next month's gathering.
- Bridge Suppers- Monday 12th October 17.45. Suppers are on the second and fourth Monday of the month from October through March, with the exception of December, when it's the first and third Monday.

## Informal Ladies Lunch Thursday 12th November

This is the first Lunch in the monthly winter series, so come along, catch up with friends and enjoy some of Peter and Fergal's excellent cooking.

## Movie Night Tuesday 17th November

The film is [Angels and Demons](#), the latest blockbuster from Dan Brown author of The da Vinci Code.

## Annual Dinner, Saturday 21st November

The speaker is Admiral Sir Jock Slater, recently retired Chairman of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. [Tickets are £38.50 each, available from Reception.](#)

## Informal Gentlemen's Lunch Thursday 26th November

The first of the Informal Gentlemen's lunches took place on the 29th October. A great time was had by all, enjoying the company of old and new acquaintances. The next lunch takes place on the 26th November

## St Andrew's Day Dinner, Saturday 28th November

Time to get out the kilts and sporrans for some food and drink from north of the Border.

## Bridge Evenings and Quiz nights

These are well under way and often fully subscribed, so book early.

For up to date information on all these events, check the noticeboard at the Club, the printed Winter Programme or the website <http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Social>

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## Cruising

### Cruising Dinner - Correction

Please note there was a mistake in the last newsletter in that the date for the Cruising Dinner is Saturday 20 February and not 14 February as published – apologies for the confusion.

### Winter Meets

#### Cowes, Tuesday 24th November

A meet is planned at Sheperds Wharf with lunch at the Island Sailing Club. Details will be published shortly.

#### Needles Relief, Saturday 19th December

The Cruising meet will be held in conjunction with the Racing Division to thank and give donations to the local crews of the Rescue Services. Race or cruise over and watch the lifeboat and helicopter demonstration from the Royal Solent Yacht Club. Final details will be published soon.



### Croatian Cruise 2010

If this is of any interest please let David Houlton know by the end of next month. Details are on the website <http://www.rlymyc.org.uk/Cruising>

### Winter Lectures

Just a reminder of the [Lectures in November](#):

- Wednesday 11th - Felicity Herring Lady Elizabeth Butler – The Marine Artist
- Wednesday 18th – Richard Lassen – Cruising Around Denmark
- Wednesday 25th – Admiral Sir Robert Hill – Clippers and Windjammers

### Request for information



One of our Members wishes to contact any Member who has recently cruised on the East Coast of America, is planning on being there in 2011, following the winter of 2010/2011 in the Caribbean. Hence the need to look ahead. He is seeking advice and up-to-date paper charts of the area New York to Newfoundland. They come in folio sized books, two in number. Also Sailing Directions and any books by somebody called Hank Taft.

If you can help please contact Jonathan Bradbeer at [brad.inboldre@virgin.net](mailto:brad.inboldre@virgin.net).

## Racing

### XOD's



RED CORAL leaves the best to last. In perfect autumnal conditions "Red Coral" (Robert Young) won Race 4 of the XOD Autumn Series winning the Dean Maiden Cup which is awarded to the boat that has not won a points race during the Season. A very convincing first victory she finished a good way ahead of an eighteen strong fleet.

### RS Elites

The RS Elite fleet had a highly successful first season. The fleet now consists of 8 boats, with every prospect of more boats joining the fleet for next year. The racing has been close and exciting, it is a very friendly fleet; the experts are always willing to help and advise less experienced owners – or even each other!

The Thursday Evening Late Series was hotly contested, with any one of five boats in a position to win the series at the start of the last race. In the end Martin Wadhams in "RS Sailing" won by 2 points from "Fuzzy Duck". 6 Elites competed in the Equinox Regatta, with "Fuzzy Duck" a close winner from "RS Sailing", with Crauford McKeon third in his brand new boat "Kandoo". Congratulations to Martin Wadhams on his second place in the Club Champions Race, held in XODs on October 11th.

The RS Elite Nationals will be held at the Club in July 2010 and "Freebie" is still available for charter for this event so book now to ensure you don't miss the chance to compete against 25 to 30 boats in the Nationals.



### Cadets

The year started with the Cadet Inland Championships held at Grafham Water and saw them travelling to Stone SC, Pwllheli YC and Parkstone YC for their Indicator Series. The Club's Cadets rounded off a successful year with most qualifying for National or Zone squads.

#### Congratulations to:

- James Dodd and Max Crowe – RYA National Junior Squad
- Ed Cummings – RYA National Junior Squad
- Andrew Smith – UKNCCA National Squad
- James Marsh and Henry Marsh – UKNCCA National Squad
- Will Davis & Jack Collings – RYA South Zone Squad

They will be training throughout the winter; the training squad events include the RYA NJS sailors going to a 'Land Day' at Chichester University for lectures on



fitness, stability, nutrition and even a cooking session in "Hell's Kitchen". The UKNCCA National Squad have a three day residential team building trip to Bradwell-on-Sea, and the RYA South Zone Squad have a 'Land Day' at the National Sailing Academy at Weymouth. Training for Cadets at the Club will continue as usual through to December so a busy time for all this year.

## Optimists



Lymington Optimist sailors gave a very good account of themselves at the End of Season Championships at Rutland Water. Sailing conditions were excellent, though gusts up to 27 knots challenged the young sailors to hike and bail continuously.

Emilia Boyle led the way, starting her first race on port to cross the entire fleet of 84 boats (wonder who her coach is - ed) and score her first of four 1st place finishes in the 10 race series, giving her 2nd overall in the Regatta Fleet. Further bullets came from James Eady (9th), Charlotte Boyle (10th), Hattie Rogers (11th), James Eales (12th) and Vita Heathcote (13th), making Lymington by far the strongest – and youngest Club in the regatta fleet.

## Training

There will be a number of training courses during the winter both on the water and ashore. Contact Jane Clegg (01590 629929, jane.clegg@btinternet.com) for information on Race Management courses and Marietta Pinto (marietta@healinghouse.com) for RIB courses. Marietta would also like to hear from any Powerboat Instructors who would be willing to help with this winter's courses.

## RNLI Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 14th November from 9.30 am to 2 pm at t Thomas Parish Hall. The ideal place to buy some Christmas goodies (the cake stall is fantastic - ed) and support the RNLI.



### FOR SALE



Club Scow 'Valmai'

The Club invites offers from Members only for the Lymington Scow 'Valmai'. The boat is offered on a 'sold as seen' basis including launching trolley & cover. 'Valmai' is white with her name on the transom and can be viewed in the Balance Pond Dinghy Park.

Offers should be delivered to the Office in a sealed envelope marked 'Offer for Club Scow'. The closing date for offers is Noon on Monday 23rd November and the successful bidder must complete the sale by 30th November.

The Club has set a reserve price for 'Valmai' and may withdraw her from sale if no offer reaches the reserve.

### 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

Elmers Court Hotel Lymington - discounts by negotiation

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