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Paul Limburn holding the Roughay Bowl. See page 4 for more details.

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Editorial

The choice seemed straightforward at the time.

Were we going to come out of the water in March or later on in May?

We could come out four weeks for the price of the lift out and lift in. So, March it was. Decision made! Out at the start of March and back in beginning of April. Easy! Plenty of time to get the mast down, check and replace what needed to be replaced, attach the lazy jack lines, clean and polish the mast and then re-step the mast. During this time the hull would be stripped back to the gel coat and would dry out nicely in the breezy March weather. Wrong! Nobody had told us that we were about to experience the wettest March since goodness knows when. Add to that the 'Beast from the East' and another mini 'Beast from the East' both bringing chilling cold winds and lots of snow.

That is why Macavity will not be joining the May Bank Holiday cruise. She will still be high and dry. Did I say 'dry'? Fat chance of that. Have you tried taking hull moisture readings in the pouring rain? Have you tried applying paint or polishing your hull in the pouring rain? At least washing the hull works in the rain.

Talking of washing, I have found that my washing machine is currently working overtime. Have I become more fastidious about the cleanliness of my clothing I hear you ask? Not a bit of it. Halyards, sheets, uphauls, downhauls and any other bit of cordage that seems to have turned green is currently soaking in biological washing liquid, being washed in the washing machine or drying in the bathroom. Can't dry them on the line as it is raining. What a surprise! At least they don't need ironing.



Our son likes to sleep on board his boat, even in winter. He possibly regretted this when he woke up the other morning on the RNSA pontoon at Fleetlands. As can be seen in the photograph he sent us things were a little chilly. He did appreciate his onboard heating.

Even the Roughay Bowl races had to be postponed as you can read about in the article by Charlie Coxwell on page 4. They managed to get the racing under their belt eventually as you can see by the photos. Activities on the water are now getting going as Charlie points out. Also the May Bank Holiday Cruise and the Spring Bank Holiday Cruise are currently being arranged by our Cruiser Captain, Lizzy Adams, soon to become Lizzy Bolan. Lizzy and Rob are about to tie the knot, getting spliced and hitched so they can drop anchor together. (Sorry about all the nautical marriage puns.) As you can see from the invitation on page 3 they are celebrating at the club's workshop with an American Supper and dancing to a live band. All are welcome.

Now we can all hope for a good Summer to make up for all this bad weather.

Forthcoming Events


Saturday April 21st
Celebrate St George's
Day at FSMBC
Starting at 7:30pm
Buffet & Raffle
Music by our
very own Creekers
Just come and
join in the fun



**May Bank Holiday
Cruiser Rally
to
The Hamble**
Berths booked at
Swanwick Marina
with a communal meal
ashore.
For further details contact
Lizzie Adams on
cruiser@fsmbcnet.org.uk

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For those not too hung over
Race home to Gilkicker on
Monday May 7th
Details from Charlie Coxwell

**Dick Kipps Cup
for Luggers
Sunday 15th April
&
Sunday 29th April
Come and take part
or come and watch**



**Saturday 12th May
Sally Brennan's
80th Birthday Party**
(Yes, she really is! It is not a misprint)
American Supper
More details in May Newsletter



Luggers on the Water

Charlie Coxwell

Roughay Bowl event had to be cancelled due to 2" of snow and ice! Many thanks to all who did much to reschedule the event for Good Friday and Easter Saturday. Special thanks go to Andy & Stuart who manned the Patrol boat, without their help we would not have had an event.

Friday started wet and cold, remained wet and cold throughout the day. However, we did have good Easterly winds, which allowed us to hold 3 races. Saturday saw less consistent winds, but at least it was not quite so cold or wet for the next 3 races.



8 Luggers participated on both days, with Paul Limburn taking 1st overall, closely followed by John Herbert in second – Well done to them both Nick How completely confused us all by achieving a 2nd place in R2!

Chris Hare, Martin Duffus, Phil Waldron, Kevin Abbott and Richard Payne made up the rest of Roughay Bowl race fleet.



April sees the, Dick Kipps Cup (Luggers) and Rylards (Cruiser Harbour races) race events

and marks the start of our Summer Sailing Fixtures.

Hopefully we will see many members bring their boats out of winter hibernation and joining in the fun. Check out the Club Web Site Calendar for latest dates and notices.

Finally a quick reminder that if your hopping to enter any races this year you will need to send in a Declaration form to Sailing Sec prior to participating. (Copy available on Club Web Site)

Focus on Cowes - excerpts from the Harbour Commission's Newsletter and Website

Cowes Harbour Commission Harbour Authority & Marine Services Newsletter 29th March 2018

Medina Yard Development Approved by IWC

As reported widely in the local media, the Harrison Trust's plans to develop Medina Yard in Cowes have been approved by the Isle of Wight Council Planning Authority. At the planning hearing, strong objections were raised by CHC and harbour stakeholders. However, the application was approved on the condition that phases one and four of the development run parallel to preserve the marine industry at the site. This means that the creation of the marine employment space (phase 4) will have to be given full planning permission before any work can begin at the site.

Cowes Harbour Commissioners (CHC) will review the full implications of the Council's planning decision on the Medina Yard development and CHC's position, in consultation with the Harbour Advisory Committee and other key parties.

The Commissioners and I would like to emphasise that as Harbour Authority for Cowes and regardless of this planning outcome for Medina Yard, CHC has a firm ongoing commitment to work with all parties, to endeavour to maintain sustainable and deliverable marine employment sites and harbour facilities to enable both interim and long-term solutions for the Island's marine industry.

Meanwhile, this coming Easter weekend sees the traditional start to the Cowes racing season with the RORC Easter Challenge and also JOG's Cowes to Cherbourg Race. Plus, look out for the new Cowes Harbour Handbook that is due to be distributed around Cowes very soon.

Wishing all our readers a very Happy Easter and safe sailing in 2018.

Capt. Stuart McIntosh - Cowes Harbour Master

One team - one name

Cowes Harbour Services is the new division name for the marine services arm of Cowes Harbour Commission (CHC), encompassing moorings, boatyard, storage, fuel, and commercial.

Following the Marine Services Review last autumn, the Commission has taken the decision to amalgamate its marine services teams into one provider with one name. This new division, Cowes Harbour Services, will comprise what were Kingston Marine Services and Boatyard, Cowes Harbour Moorings and Cowes Harbour Fuels.

The change will enable CHC to further the Commission's ethos of one team working together to provide marine services to customers, all under the Commission's name and adhering to its core values and guiding principles.

The Commission's objectives going forward are to continue the same high levels of customer service and value for money, provided by an efficient and welcoming team – under the new banner of Cowes Harbour Services. Read the full article on the CHC website.

General Directions - what are they and why are they important?

"The Master of any vessel loading or unloading cinders, bricks or dung shall cause a canvas cloth or sheet to be fastened from such vessel to the wharf or quay". So said Cowes Harbour Byelaws as recently as 1972! See more on www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/harbour_news

In 2012 an Act of Parliament approved a new statute; the "Cowes Harbour Revision Order". This came into effect the following year and opened the way for Cowes Harbour Commission to give or amend "directions for the purpose of promoting or securing conditions conducive to the ease, convenience or safety of navigation, the safety of persons and the protection of property, flora and fauna of the harbour", in other words General Directions.

Cowes Harbour General Directions were updated as recently as 1st June 2017, when in response to submissions largely from the Day-boat classes, rules for sailing within the small craft moorings area were modified to meet the particular needs of unpowered sailing vessels. The full text of the latest edition of Cowes General Directions can be found on CHC's website.

Read online about the General Directions that are most frequently ignored by harbour users

Seasonal water taxi service

Cowes Harbour Commission has just granted a stakeholder subsidy contribution towards the operation of a 7-days-a-week water taxi service to run daily from Thursday, 29th March to 30th September.

The Cowes Water Taxis service will start on 29th March with a new charging system in place that is based on a zone method, similar to that used on the London Underground. The new charges have been simplified, and aim to be more transparent, with some fares working out cheaper than 2017 prices.

Read the full story on the CHC website

See our Water Taxis web page for 2018 fares

Key Notice: Safety of Navigation within Cowes Harbour

Local Notice to Mariners No. 05 of 2018 highlights the basic safety guidance that everyone should be aware of, whether they are just visiting Cowes or a resident mooring holder. It covers some of the key General Directions (regulations) that apply to all vessels using the harbour, as well as safety information on the Cowes Breakwater, tidal flows in the harbour, and the safe use of the Small Craft Channel and Shrape Watersports Area.

Read the full story online http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/local_notices_to_mariners

Date for your diary: British Marine "On the Water" event

Cowes Harbour Commission is pleased to be supporting the British Marine Isle of Wight "On the Water" event on Saturday, 12th and Sunday, 13th May at Cowes Yacht Haven.

This free event runs from 1000 to 1600 and is suitable for all the family. Come along and try paddle boarding, dinghy and yacht sailing, jet skis, kayaking, RIB rides, windsurfing and much more.

There will be a number of demonstrations, dependent on operational requirements and weather permitting. Learn about The National Coastwatch Institute, The Coastguard and The Maritime Volunteer Service. Find out about job opportunities in the marine sector, including case study talks.

Images of the Cruiser Dinner

Saturday March the 10th saw those club members of a cruising disposition sitting down to a meat at Lysses Hotel in Fareham. As you can see by these photographs much wine was consumed and a lot of chatting went on - some of which I am sure was on subjects pertaining to cruising anecdotes and cruising plans of the future.



It is rumoured that it was at the Cruiser Dinner a couple of years ago that our current Cruiser Captain caught the bug for cruising in company. So be aware! You don't know what you might catch at such an event.



My other half and myself were seated next to a couple who were new to the club so perhaps they will be inspired to cruise in company. I don't think we frightened them off.



There were, however, many crestfallen faces at the start of the evening. After all it was the date of England's defeat to France in the rugby Six Nations. My neighbour at the table was Irish so she was over the moon with Ireland's success and as for me, being Welsh, I was looking forward to a win over Italy the following day.



Thanks go to Nina Coxwell for taking the photographs on this page.