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2014 was a year of resurgence at the Royal Southern, with turnouts 20% higher across the board, encouraged by the better weather and our mix of new and 'traditional' events. Our July regatta saw the highest turnout since 2007 and our cruisers reintroduced their week-long cruiser race to the West Country. A big thank-you to everyone who sailed with us, Members and visitors, and a warm welcome to our 2015 programme which promises to be even better. For next year, we have scheduled great events for everyone who loves sailing – from Oppy's to Ancient Mariners, classic racing yachts to hot-shot IRC racers, and from cruisers to motor boaters.

Such a busy programme places great demands on our race management teams and committee boat volunteers, without whose support we simply could not maintain this level and quality of racing. We are planning an active management training programme over the winter, in collaboration with Hamble River and Warsash sailing clubs, to encourage newcomers into this rewarding activity and enable more Members to achieve Club and National RYA qualifications.

Next September, the club has been invited to compete for the second time in the New York Yacht Club Invitational event, competing against 20 of the world's top clubs. Edward Leask has agreed to represent the

WELCOME FROM THE REAR COMMODORE SAILING

The biggest event of the season will be the opening of our new Prince Philip Yacht Haven, with deep water berthing for over 60 boats and providing protection against rising sea levels for our club house. Construction is currently underway and on schedule for completion early in April. These facilities will enable us to host major events both off and on-shore as well offering enhanced facilities to visiting yachts. We will continue to offer dry berthing in our on-shore boat park, with fixed crane now able to launch boats at all states of the tide. Finally, a wide, floating slipway, will enable our youngsters to launch their dinghies, also at any state of the tide and without the mud which characterised our old slipway.

Last year we hosted the first Grade 2 Match Cup racing event in the UK for 6 years, attracting top-ranking teams from Australia, France, Ireland, Switzerland, Australia and New Zealand, as well as the UK. We will be running this event again next season – again by invitation only – with several of the world's top teams already confirmed.

Possibly at the other end of the spectrum, but just as competitive nonetheless, is the racing of classic 6 metre yachts. Our numbers built up during 2014 and next year, in addition to hosting this class at our monthly regattas, we will also be hosting the UK National Championships.

The May bank holiday will see our cruisers and motor boaters joining the racing fraternity for our Deauville event, followed by a return cruise home, calling in on ports around the Seine Bay before heading back across the Channel. Later, in July, the cruisers will be heading across the Channel again, this time to the Brittany coast.

In the summer months we will be hosting our normal summer series regattas, for IRC rated keel boats and sports boats; along with the classic XODs and 6 metre yachts, each on their own start lines. The June regatta, on mid-summer's, day will also see our Mid-summer Ball, with a dress code of black tie and Bermuda shorts. Intermingled with our regattas through the year, we will be hosting four National Championships, for the Sigma 38's, 6 metres, SB20's and the J/80's; as well as the Sonata Southern and the XOD Central Solent Championship.

Our Academy continues from strength to strength, with our young men and women winning major events at national and international levels. They continue to race the Academy J/80's, as well as crewing on larger yachts for Solent and international events.

club again, in his Swan 42 Magical Mystery Tour, with the aim of bettering the 5th place achieved in 2013.

Our Youth Group broke all records last year with 120 youngsters taking part in Youth Week. Next season it is scheduled for the 17-21st August, supported by a programme of monthly training days.

As ever, the great majority of our events are open to members and non-members alike. Indeed, our sailing programme is our primary vehicle for attracting new members, who start by taking part in some events and through them get to know members and the great camaraderie of the club. Pricing and entry procedures are described at the back of this programme, with easy, on-line entry available through our web site. Book early to take advantage of the early-bird discounts. If you need more crew, or would like to crew, our website has a crew register available. Alternatively, contact our Sailing Secretary who would be happy to advise on the right choice to match your aspirations.

I hope to see as many of you as possible on the water during 2015 and back in our club house afterwards. Join in, have fun and help us make 2015 a memorable year.



SUMMARY PROGRAMME

JANUARY

Fri 16-24 **Round Barbados Series**

FEBRUARY

Sat 21-26 **ICOYC New Zealand Summer Cruise**
Sat 28 **Race Officer Training Day**

MARCH

Sat 28 **Inter-Club Youth Keelboat Championships**
Sat 28 **Fitting Out Supper**

APRIL

Sat 11-12 **Match Cup Qualifier ISAF Grade 4**
Sat 18 **Jim Saltonstall Training Day**
Sat 18 **Start of Season Party & Boat Jumble**
Wed 22 **Ladies Afloat**
Sun 26-3/5 **Antigua Race Week**
Tue 28-29 **Mid-Week Rally to the Folly**

MAY

Sat 2-4 **Solent Cruiser Race**
Sat 2-4 **Sigma 38 National Championships**
Sat 2-4 **Motorboat Spring Rally**
Mon 4 **Spring Rally to Gins Farm**
Fri 8 **Friday Night Series**
Sat 9-10 **Harken May Regatta inc. Contessa 32 Class & 6 Metre Racing**
Fri 15 **Friday Night Series**
Sun 17 **Splash Sunday**
Tue 19-20 **Mid-Week Rally to Lymington**
Fri 22-25 **Cowes Deauville Race & Rally**
Fri 22-25 **Motorboat Open Weekend**
Sun 24-29 **May Cruise in Seine Bay**
Wed 27 **Ladies Afloat**
Fri 29 **Friday Night Series**
Sat 30-31 **Hamble/Yarmouth Cup & Rally**

JUNE

Thu 4 **Mid-Week Rally to the Horse & Jockey**
Fri 5 **Friday Night Series**
Sat 6 **Sailability Day**
Sun 7 **Club Day Pursuit Race**
Sun 7 **Splash Sunday**
Tue 9-10 **Mid-Week Rally to Bucklers Hard**
Wed 10-14 **Royal Southern Match Cup ISAF Grade 2**
Fri 19 **Friday Night Series**
Sat 20-21 **Royal Southern June Regatta inc. Sonata Southern & International 6 Metre British Open**
Wed 24 **Ladies Afloat**
Fri 26 **Friday Night Series**
Sat 27 **J.P. Morgan Asset Management Round the Island Race**

COLOUR CODE KEY

 RACING IRC & CRUISER CLASS
 CRUISING & MOTORBOATS
 ACADEMY & YOUTH

JULY

Fri 3 **Friday Night Series**
Sat 4-5 **Royal Southern July Regatta inc. International 6 Metre British Open**
Wed 8 **Ladies Afloat**
Fri 10 **Friday Night Series**
Sat 11-12 **XOD Central Solent Championships**
Fri 17 **Friday Night Series**
Sat 18-19 **Poole & Back Race & Rally**
Sun 19 **Splash Sunday**
Tue 21-22 **Mid-Week Rally to Newtown**
Fri 24 **Friday Night Series**
Sat 25-1/8 **Cruiser Race**
Fri 31 **Friday Night Series**

AUGUST

Sat 8-15 **Aberdeen Asset Management Cowes Week**
Sun 16 **Splash Sunday**
Sun 16 **Under 21s Race**
Mon 17-21 **Splash & Junior Cadet Week**
Tue 18-19 **Mid-Week Rally to Bembridge or Chichester**
Thu 20 **Ladies Afloat**
Sun 23 **Family Fun Race Day**

SEPTEMBER

Wed 2-3 **Mid-Week Rally to Yarmouth**
Fri 4 **Friday Night Series**
Sat 5-8 **SB20 National Championships**
Wed 9 **Ladies Afloat**
Fri 11 **Friday Night Series**
Sat 12-19 **New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup**
Sun 13 **Splash Sunday**
Thu 17-20 **J/80 National Championships**
Fri 18 **Friday Night Series**
Sat 19-20 **Royal Southern September Regatta**
Fri 25 **Friday Night Series**
Sat 26-27 **Hamble Scramble Race & Rally**

OCTOBER

Fri 2-10 **ICOYC Cruise in Chesapeake Bay**
Sat 3 **Ladies Race**
Sun 4 **Ancient Mariners Race**
Sun 11 **Splash Sunday**
Sat 17-18 **Folly Rally**

NOVEMBER

Sat 14 **Annual Prize Giving**
Sat 21 **Laying Up Dinner**
Sat 28 **Annual General Meeting**

DECEMBER

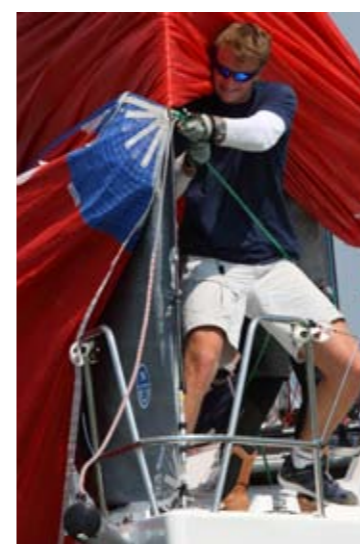
Sat 5 **Motorboat, Golf & Shooting Societies Christmas Dinner**
Tue 15-16 **Cowes Rally**
Sat 26 **Foxer Racing**

The Royal Southern has almost 1,600 Members with over 600 boats. Our sailing activities span the entire range, from children in Optimists, through Academy Members racing our J/80s, classic yachts, cruisers and motor boats, to teams campaigning grand prix race boats. One could easily get confused about where to start. So the programme opposite has been colour coded by interest group to help you find the right sailing events for you and your family.

Our most intense racing is held in our Summer Series of monthly regattas. Racing is divided across two starting lines, the white line for one design racing (J/109s, J/80s, J/70s, SB20s etc) and the black line for IRC racing and cruisers using the Club handicap system. Generally there are two or three races per day on Saturday and Sunday, with class prizes for the weekend and accumulative trophies for the whole season awarded at the annual prizegiving.



SAILING WITH THE SOUTHERN



Passage races are generally longer to a destination port, with fewer marks to round. They vary from 12 miles to Yarmouth to 130 miles to Deauville. The racing is usually, weather permitting, more relaxing and again the IRC and cruiser fleets compete for their own prizes.

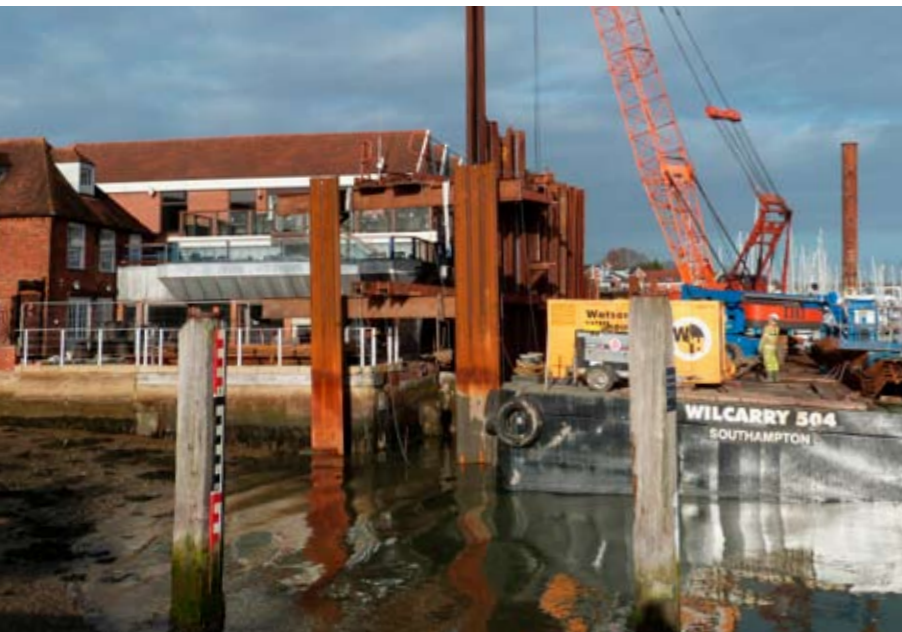
The cruising programme does 'exactly what it says on the tin', cruising in company to one of the Solent harbours, where Members are welcomed by one of the local Clubs before cruising back the following day. With one exception, these events are not competitive. As each year passes, more emphasis is being placed on family cruising, with dates and destinations chosen to fit in with school holidays and childrens' need to get ashore and burn energy. The 'fly-cruises' are aiming for warmer climes when Members jointly charter local boats to explore these more exotic cruising grounds.

We have an active motorboat society, with boats based at Hamble and in the Mediterranean. Members

often team up with the cruisers to head for the same destination, and this year they are also planning a trip to Deauville and a Mediterranean rally. The RIB society is planning a number of 'rib-raids' in 2015, to take advantage of the ability of these boats to get to Yarmouth and back in the day, while still leaving time to get ashore and go exploring.

If your children are into Optimists, Fevas or Lasers the Youth section organises monthly training days and Splash Week, which caters for all age groups and attracts over 100 children. The older 18-25 year olds join our Academy where they can use the Club's J/80s for racing and match race training.

If you feel the need to upgrade your sailing skills or revalidate your first aid and VHF, then the Club organises a comprehensive range of training courses, focused on classroom study in the winter and on-the-water training from the Spring.



On the 1st October 2014 construction work started on the Royal Southern Yacht Club's Prince Philip Yacht Haven in Hamble. Work is progressing on schedule and the Yacht Haven is due for completion in April 2015, ready for the new sailing season.

The new sea wall will protect our waterfront, land and clubhouse for generations to come whilst the Yacht Haven will provide over 60 deep water walk-ashore moorings directly in front of the Club as well as dry berthing facilities for up to 25 dayboats in a re-levelled and landscaped car park.

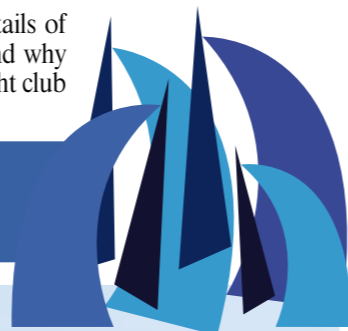
A new floating slipway will provide access to the water at all states of the tide so no more muddy boots. The refurbished crane and pressure washing facilities along with fresh water and electricity on the moorings

will be available to all yachtsmen and visitors, and for the first time people with disabilities will have direct access to boats afloat.

The Clubhouse will have a great new Quarter Deck overlooking the Yacht Haven with no mud in sight, providing the perfect location for Parties on the Pier, Hog Roasts and BBQs. With spectacular views over the River Hamble the Royal Southern will be the ideal venue for National and World Championships as well as for our own Regattas, drinks receptions and prize givings.

Please contact the Sailing Office for more details of our comprehensive facilities and amenities and why not come and see for yourself what a great yacht club the 'Royal Southern' has become.

PRINCE PHILIP YACHT HAVEN



PASSAGE RACES



event promises to get the season off to a flying start with a great weekend of sailing and socialising for full-on racers and cruising yachtsmen alike. All classes will be racing for a range of prestigious trophies. For further details and to enter please contact the Royal London Yacht Club on: 01983 299727

HAMBLE/YARMOUTH CUP 30-31 MAY

A great weekends racing for all! The Hamble – Yarmouth cup offers an IRC & Cruiser Class. Much as ever, this will be a relaxed but competitive, half day race to the western Solent, scheduled to take advantage of the tides to get the fleet there on Saturday afternoon for the pontoon party and back again on Sunday morning. Those who wish to rally are also very welcome.

POOLE & BACK RACE 18-19 JULY

A mid-distance passage racing weekend designed for family and friends with a warm welcome in the centre of Poole and a good test of your tidal strategy in both directions. Berthing is booked in Poole Quay Boat Haven, giving 24 hour access and perfectly positioned for a pontoon party with a stunning view of Brownsea Island. Lively bars and restaurants are also close by, but remember the early start on Sunday, if you're to make it back before the tide turns adverse in Hurst Narrows. The Cruising & Motorboat sections are planning to rally to Poole on Saturday to join in the fun; so it promises to be a really enjoyable weekend.

HAMBLE SCRAMBLE 26-27 SEPTEMBER

This is always a great weekend, with fun racing followed by great socialising in Yarmouth, berthed on the walk ashore pontoons; with a return race to Hamble on Sunday morning in time for a late lunch at the Club. Those who wish to rally are also very welcome.

Contact Sailing Secretary - Natalie Gray

This series of longer races is aimed at Members and non-members of all tastes and abilities. The series consists of:

COWES/DEAUVILLE RACE 22-25 MAY

Now in its 53rd year, we will be joined for this event by the Deauville Yacht Club, Royal London Yacht Club & Yacht Club de France racing in IRC and Club Classes, alongside a Cruiser & Motorboat Rally. This



SUMMER SERIES

IRC CLASSES

The Royal Southern organises one of the largest and best supported IRC racing programmes in the Solent, and the monthly Regattas span the full range of competition levels. Two days of racing, over each weekend during each month between May and September, across two starting lines, which enable us to deliver competitive racing for four IRC classes, sports boats, one designs and Cruiser class yachts.

The Black Line handles boats with a current IRC certificate within the bands:

- Class 4 IRC 0.820-0.960**
- Class 3 IRC 0.961-0.999**
- Class 2 IRC 1.000-1.035**
- Class 1 IRC 1.036-1.360**

racing a mix of windward-leeward and round-the-cans courses, while Cruiser Class uses a Club handicap system, predominantly racing simpler round-the-cans courses.

Our White Line hosts the one designs including J/109s, Laser SB20s, J/80s, the new J/70s and a new Sportsboat Handicap class, with the 6 Metre class also joining our fleet for the early summer months; racing predominantly windward-leeward courses.

Each Saturday there will be food and drink available on the Quarter Deck (weather permitting) and, in the evening, a lively party open to all entrants - Members and non-members alike and friends and family are welcome. After racing on Sunday, prizes will be awarded to class winners, with Series prizes awarded at our Annual Prize Giving ceremony.

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| MAY | Sat 9-10 | <i>(sponsored by) HARKEN UK</i> |
| JUNE | Sat 20-21 | |
| JULY | Sat 4-5 | |
| SEPTEMBER | Sat 19-20 | |

The Barbados Tourism Authority Champion of Champions prize is awarded to the top boat across all four Summer Series Regattas.



IRC LIMITED VALIDITY TCCs

A Single Event Rating (SER) is designed for owners of boats of 22m or smaller, who may be thinking twice about getting an IRC certificate because they only wish to do one or two events a year; perhaps a one day event such as the Round the Island Race, an annual regatta week or one or two of the IRC Championships (note it is not available for a series over several weekends). All Royal Southern racing events qualify for this. The cost of a Single Event Rating TCC in 2015 will be £1.50 per metre plus £5.00 per day of validity. Further information can be found on the RORC Rating website:

<https://www.rorcrating.com/component/tags/tag/3-ser>

Contact Sailing Committee
Racing Representative Bill Blain





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CRUISER CLASS

Fancy giving racing a go in 2015? Why not try your hand at our Cruiser Class racing? This is open to anyone not wanting the cut and thrust of the IRC class racing, whether you're new to racing or down-tuned your boat, or simply want sail with the family rather than a full racing crew. It is easy to enter, just tick Cruiser Class for the events you would like to enter and we will then assign you a Handicap. There is no charge for the Handicap and non-members are very welcome. All our racing events have socials attached so if you are new to the Southern this is also a great way to meet new faces. Short of crew? Please use our popular online Crew Register:

www.royal-southern.co.uk/Afloat/Crew-Register

HOW HANDICAPPING WORKS

But how does a 28' family cruiser compete with a 45' race boat? The answer lies in the handicap or rating applied to each boat and the division of competitors into different classes. In yacht racing it is the boat that is handicapped rather than the skipper. There are two handicapping methods used by the Club; cruising boats are given a Club handicap, while race boats usually apply for an 'IRC' rating produced by the RORC Rating Office in Lymington.

After a race the race officer multiplies each boat's elapsed time (starting time to finishing time) by its rating factor to produce a 'corrected time'. The boat with the lowest corrected time is the winner.



To avoid too many boats starting simultaneously, we divide competitors into different classes. There could be 50 boats ranging from 32 to 55-footers, with the bigger faster boats completing the course in a lot less time than the smaller boats. So we use the ranges set by the SCRA to divide the fleet into classes, with each class starting ten minutes after the preceding class. The race officer then allocates longer courses to the faster classes, so that all boats finish around the same time, ready for the next race. The race committee has discretion to reallocate similar boats to the same class if their ratings fall across the class split, to create as competitive and evenly balanced racing as possible.





SIGMA 38 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2-4 MAY

The Sigma 38 Class Association is delighted to be holding its 2015 National Championships at the Royal Southern Yacht Club. Regularly one of the biggest keel boat Nationals in terms of participants last year saw the largest entry this century. Encouragingly seven boats were competing in their first ever championships. With the 2015 Championships being held "locally" attendance is expected to be high for this fiercely competitive one design fleet.

CONTESSA 32 CLASS INSHORE POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP 9-10 MAY

This year the Contessa 32 Class have included the Royal Southern Yacht Club's Harken May Regatta as one of the rounds of its Class Inshore Points Championship. The series consists of six two day racing events and is included with the class's three day National Championships and Cowes Week results for the hotly contested Victor Ludorum Trophy. The Contessa 32 is a one design and all competing boats are level rated.

MATCH CUP QUALIFIER ISAF GRADE 4: 11-12 APRIL

ROYAL SOUTHERN MATCH CUP ISAF GRADE 2: 10-14 JUNE

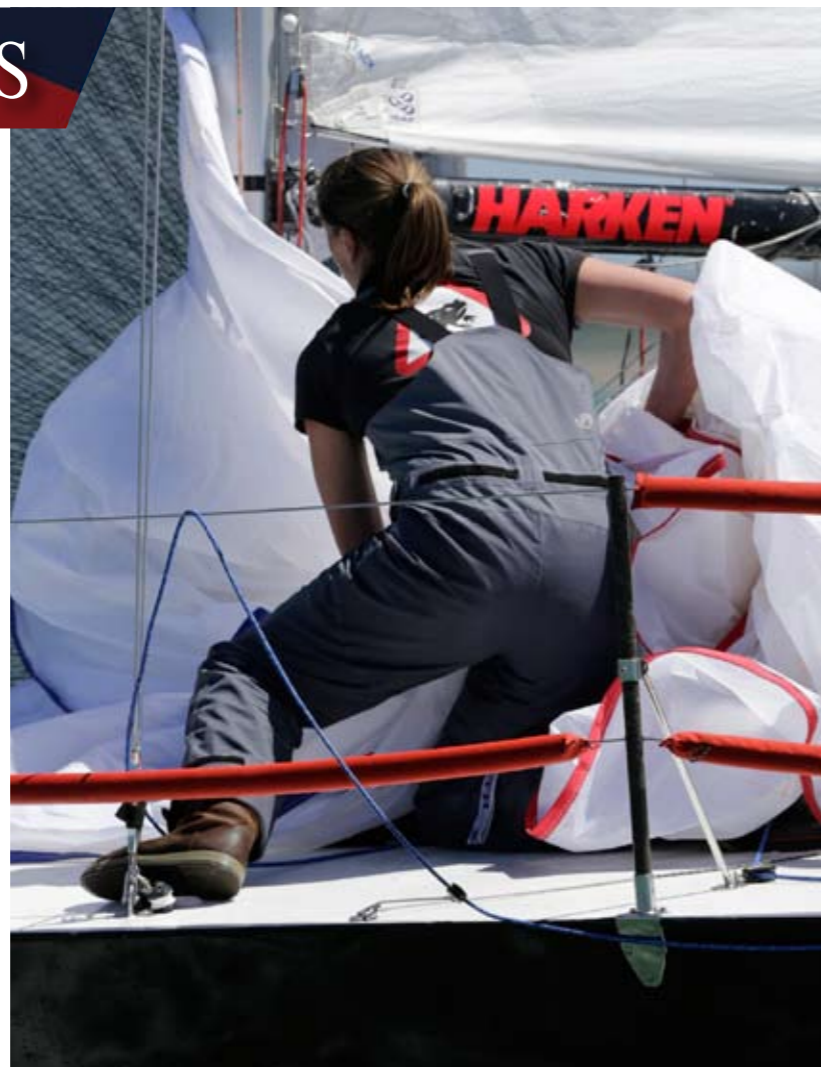
With entries from Australia, New Zealand, France, Denmark and Ireland, as well as the World No.1 from GBR, plus umpires from Croatia, Italy, Germany and Australia as well as GBR, the 2014 Royal Southern Match Cup was probably our most International event for some years. It brought some of the world's best match racers to us for the first time and gave our own young match racers the opportunity to sail against them on home waters.

It was a great success, so we're doing it again - only even better - from 10-14 June 2015. All last year's overseas entries and umpires have been invited to return, and we'll be holding the Match Cup Qualifier on 11/12 April to see which of our young stars get to compete against them in 2015. The Notices of Race for both the Match Cup and the Qualifier are on the Club website - now.

A few 'spin-offs' from the Match Cup: Annabel Vose and her Academy crew, fast becoming match racers to contend with at the highest level, won the FISU Student World Match Race Championship; David Gilmour (AUS, World No 11) won a free entry to our Match Cup by winning the Warren Jones Youth Invitational in Perth; our Academy Member and U25 winner Mark Lees and crew won the reciprocal free entry to this year's Warren Jones event in February 2015. This will be held at ICOYC member Club, the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, so bringing together a number of international strands. Could this be something to build on?

As an ISAF Graded event, European Championship equivalent, the Match Cup has come a long way since we started match racing just five years ago. Now that we've done it once, and thanks to all our volunteers, it will be even better in 2015, and we'll be working on better spectator opportunities for all. Entries and spectators welcome!

SPECIAL EVENTS



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INTER CLUB YOUTH KEELBOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS 28 MARCH

Now in its third year, this youth regatta is becoming a firm fixture in the calendar of many. In 2014, we welcomed 14 entries which provided exciting racing on the Solent. Teams included; RORC, Poole YC, Parkstone YC, Hamble River Sailing Club, Royal Yacht Squadron and the Royal Southern Academy. We look forward to welcoming many more teams to this fantastic event on the 28 March 2015 (the day before the start of the BUSA Student Yachting Nationals). The rules are simple; 60% of the crew are to be 25 years old or under, including the helm. This rule allows owners to supplement their current crew with young sailors, helping to increase their crew pool, and presents the young sailors an opportunity to meet owners.

JIM SALTONSTALL TRAINING DAY 18 APRIL

The Club has secured the services of Jim Saltonstall, one of the country's top coaches, to provide on-the-water training. This is a great opportunity for all crews to get back into racing mode before the season starts! The day will start with a briefing for all boat crews and skippers, followed by five hours of intense activity on the water, and a debrief with video footage at the Club before finishing at 1700. Space is limited and entry is on a first-come-first-served basis, so please book early.

FRIDAY NIGHT RACING

Our Friday Evening Racing is back for its third year. It is easy just pre-register with the Sailing Office, turn up and take off at our informal, short, sharp races round the cans, starting near Bald Head and finishing at the end of the River. After racing everyone is welcome back in the bar for a beer, banter and a tasty supper. This series is aimed to give extra racing for those short of time, maximum fun in the minimum time. To enter please contact the Sailing Office.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SAILABILITY DAY 6 JUNE

A popular event with the Deaf Sailing UK and we usually host around 30 guests on Club members' boats, both sailing and motor, for a fun day for everyone - with no shouting! Geoff Holt is the Club ambassador for Sailability and we hope that he will bring his Wetwheels to the Club again in 2015.

CLUB DAY PURSUIT RACE 7 JUNE

A fun race to Cowes where the first boat home is the winner. If the handicappers have got their calculations right, expect a close finish. Lunch after the race is at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, on the terrace with one of the best views of the Solent. Separate classes and prizes for sail and power will be up for grabs!

INTERNATIONAL 6 METRE BRITISH OPEN 20-21 JUNE & 4-5 JULY

The 6 Metre class has managed to retain the heritage of international class racing in thoroughbred boats that don't have to break the bank. There are some



SONATA SOUTHERNS 20-21 JUNE

You can race it, you can cruise it. It comes in both fixed keel and lifting keel versions. The Sonata is very seaworthy and fast for its size. Sadly, it's no longer built, but Hunter Boats made over 400 Sonatas during a period of about 20 years and you'll find Sonatas all around the UK. Many sailing clubs have adopted the Sonata as a one-design class and most of the major regattas have a Sonata start. The Class will be joining in with the June Regatta, so why not come and join us for great sailing on the Solent.

1,500 6 Metre boats around the world today, and the UK has one of the largest fleets. Early Fife boats built in 1907 are still racing - often against new Moderns. Some classics have been beautifully modified for cruising; several race only occasionally. The class has managed to cover a wide range of sailing need. All have one thing in common: their distinctive sailing silhouette and an adherence to a tried and tested formula. A tribute to the designers and builders.

There is no doubt the class generates a passion and devotion driven by the stunning appearance of the boats and their historical significance. For 2015 the Class will run their nationals in conjunction with our June and July Regatta weekends.



J/109 SERIES JUNE, JULY & SEPTEMBER

Racing will be provided on both Saturday and Sundays of the June, July and September Summer Series Regatta weekends. For the May Regatta the class is welcome to race on the Black Line using their IRC Rating.

XOD CENTRAL SOLENT CHAMPIONSHIPS 11-12 JULY

These Classic wooden boats with a very competitive edges return to the Hamble for their Central Solent Championships. With a fleet of more than 20 in the Hamble Division it is now a regular sight to see a number of the Class out racing both midweek and at weekends.

For more information on the Class please contact John Sparshatt Worley. New comers are always welcome whether it is occasional crewing, invitation helming or boat sharing/owning.

SB20 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 5-8 SEPTEMBER

The SB20 National Championships returns to Royal Southern from 5th to 8th September 2015 for the first time since 2011. The SB20 Class is renowned for enjoying their racing both on and off the water. Royal Southern member Jerry Hill will be defending his title but a large and competitive fleet is expected to contest the Championship.

The SB20 has been the largest Sportsboat Class and one of the largest classes at Cowes for some years and we are hoping for competitors from some of the many overseas fleets.



J/80 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 17-20 SEPTEMBER

We are very excited to confirm the Southern will be hosting the 2015 Nationals, with a number of J/80s already based in and around Hamble we expect a high turnout.

The J/80 is easily controlled, forgiving and sea-kindly but at the same time they are incredibly exciting to sail and race. The Class is competitive, but at the same time extremely friendly. People are happy to encourage, offer advice, and lend a hand. Join the J/80 Class if you are looking for serious yet friendly racing!



LADIES RACE - 3 OCTOBER

Calling all Lady helms! This is an event exclusively for you. Men are allowed as crew although there is a prize for the leading all female crew.

ANCIENT MARINERS RACE 4 OCTOBER

The helm must be entitled to a bus pass; the crew's average age must be at least 50, with none under 40. This is a morning race with the aim of getting back to the Club for a Carvery Lunch.





RACE MANAGEMENT



The Royal Southern has an enviable record for the quality of its events and their race management in particular. Planning and delivering a racing programme on this scale demands people and equipment resources to match. Our race management teams are staffed exclusively by volunteers and we are fortunate to have a strong team of national and international race officers, umpires, judges and mark layers to call on, supported by our staff in the Sailing Office and our bosuns.

Members volunteer their vessels to act as committee boats and their time to assist with the myriad of tasks, both afloat and ashore, which are essential to the smooth running of major events. It all helps to get to know each other and build a sense of one team, working together to deliver top class racing to Members and non-members alike.

New to Race Officering or want to learn more? We plan to run Race Official training workshops during January to March, again jointly with the other River Hamble Clubs and the RYA. We are most keen to encourage more people to aim for the various official grades, through to National and International Race Officers. Further details for these training events for Race Officials and Members aspiring to be Race Officials can be found on the RYA Race Officials website page.

Working as part of a race management team is a great way to meet other Club Members and together deliver top-flight events for Member and non-member competitors. We aim to make the programme enjoyable as well as challenging, and to provide support and mentoring at all levels to enable you to build up your confidence when handling more complex situations. We are particularly keen to encourage more women to take up race management.

We are again collaborating with the RYA, Warsash SC, Hamble River SC and the RAF YC, to provide a series of local training opportunities. This will make our training more efficient as well as providing development and networking events for all race officials and Members aspiring to be race officials. For race management volunteering and training opportunities please contact:

Sailing Secretary - Natalie Gray



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

CLUB RACE OFFICER
SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY
ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB

A one day seminar followed by race official appointments in club calendars and supported with ongoing mentoring. The seminar will provide you with the understanding and confidence to work within any Club race management team. It will cover all aspects of running a successful day's racing for either dinghies or keelboats.

RACE TEAM ROLE DEVELOPMENT
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The workshops are planned to teach and develop your understanding of what is required of each role. Each day will cover associated racing rules, processes and best practices whilst having the opportunity to test your ability in simulated race starts and finishes. Participants are encouraged to attend more than one workshop.



RYA REGIONAL RACE OFFICERS SEMINARS

17-18 JANUARY - ERITH YC
 24-25 JANUARY - QUEEN MARY SC
 31 JANUARY - 1 FEBRUARY - CHEW VALLEY SC

For more information please contact the RYA.

RYA NATIONAL RACE OFFICERS SEMINARS

23-25 JANUARY - RUTLAND SC

For those Members who are already active race officials there is an opportunity to attend either a RRO or NRO seminar. Club members are encouraged to work towards this qualification and will receive regular mentoring to assist them. For more information contact: *Robert Lamb - robert.lamb@rscs.org.uk*

RYA UMPIRES COURSE

DATES TBC

A course for aspiring and current umpires. This will provide participants the opportunity to provide support to a regular series of racing events in 2015.



CLUB AND REGIONAL MARK LAYER

DATES TBC
 WARSASH SAILING CLUB
 ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB
 HAMBLE RIVER SAILING CLUB

A series of workshops based around the RYA Regional Mark Layers syllabus including use of GPS, boat handling techniques, and setting marks in position using the latest techniques and technology. Participants are encouraged to attend more than one workshop.

RYA TRAINING CENTRE

For 2015 we will be offering both practical and theory courses to Club Members and non-members. The RYA courses we hope to run will include: Diesel Engine, Sea Survival, GMDSS VHF, First Aid, Yacht Master Theory & Powerboat Level 2. All courses are run by fully qualified RYA Instructors. If any of the above courses are of interest or a course not listed (supplementary courses can be run if there is sufficient numbers). Please register your interest with the Sailing Office.

Contact: *Serena Alexander or Sailing Secretary - Natalie Gray*



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MOTORBOATS



SPRING RALLY 2-4 MAY

After discussion it was agreed that combining Yarmouth and Gins Farm was more practical than using Bembridge on this occasion. Bembridge might be an additional rally if there is interest.

MOTORBOAT OPEN WEEKEND 22-25 MAY

This year the MBOW will be combined with the RLYC/RSrNYC/DYC Cowes Deauville event. There will be a predicted log commencing towards the approaches to Deauville but using the race/cruiser yacht finishing line. In an attempt to overcome non starting due to bad weather, the MB start line will be open up to five days before the official race start time

POOLE & BACK RALLY 18-19 JULY

In conjunction with the Royal Southern Yacht and Cruiser Race, bringing motor boats & sailing boats together.

TRAFALGAR DINNER AT HMS NELSON OFFICERS MESS 24 OCTOBER

EURO RALLY AND/OR WEST COUNTRY RALLY TBC



RIB RALLIES

20 June - Rally to Seahouse at Bromwich Shore
Travel by RIB/cycle/walk from Hamble to Sea House for a relaxed BBQ overlooking the Solent. A contribution to the cost of the food will be requested for a wildlife charity.

Date TBA - Mudeford Event

Rally to Mudeford to BBQ at a Members chalet. This event is open to RIBs, motorboats & sailing craft. The chalet can also be reached by road and the Mudeford ferry. This is a fantastic location and great place for swimming. A contribution to the cost of the food will be requested for a charity.

Date TBA - Lunch at Gurnard

Further details on this rally will be available shortly. To register your interest or for more information about any of the RIB rallies please contact:

Louise Sproule - louisesproule@yahoo.com

Our Cruising Committee has once again been busy planning and as a result, the 2015 season promises an eclectic series of events with something for everyone. These range from a potter up to a pub on the River Hamble, to two international charter cruises; in the Southern Hemisphere and the Eastern seaboard of the USA... and plenty in between.

During the course of each month throughout the season, we have such a multitude of events planned, that there is something going on just about every week. For example:

CRUISING

LADIES AFLOAT APRIL - SEPTEMBER

Another mid-week event on a selected Wednesday each month from April through to September, where this time the Ladies take centre stage. These outings are open to any female Member who would like to enjoy a very pleasant day out in company – usually up to about 6 per boat. You don't need to be experienced and we only go out in good conditions. We start with a chat over a coffee in the Club Upper Bar where we plan our destination. Then, during the morning, we sail to an anchorage or mooring where we enjoy a splendid lunch (kindly provided by the Ladies) before sailing back to the Club, returning around tea-time. Furthermore, while this is specifically not a training exercise don't be surprised if your skipper offers you the opportunity to participate in the running of the boat, whether it be helming, sail trimming or anchoring. Or if you prefer, you can simply sit back and enjoy a good natter – no pressure, just good company. We just need to know one week in advance if you would like to attend so that we can recruit volunteer skipper/owners.



MID-WEEK RALLIES

To Buckler's Hard, The Folly, Lymington, Newtown Creek, Bembridge (or Chichester) and Yarmouth. These highly social rallies are for both Motor and Sailing boats and are well attended & much enjoyed, away from the bustle of the week-end and busy anchorages. These rallies now extend over a 3 day period to give maximum flexibility if the weather does not co-operate and also offer Members more options as to when to arrive and leave. Simply let the office know when you're coming and we'll book your mooring on your behalf.

SOLENT CRUISER RACE 2-4 MAY

This is a 'taster' for the Cruiser Race proper and takes place on the first May bank holiday weekend, starting with a Spring Cruising supper at the Club on Friday 1st. There are three legs, going to a different destination in the Solent each day. The first one on Saturday is to Buckler's Hard, followed by Cowes & The Island Sailing Club for supper on Sunday, then back to the Hamble on Monday. It is a real fun event for all the family with the added bonus that you may use your engine for part of the race. That way, nobody misses the pontoon cockpit parties where (occasionally embellished) tales of "how we dun it" (or failed to) abound!



ROYAL SOUTHERN CRUISER RACE

In July, the Cruiser Race starts in Cherbourg and proceeds in sailing legs to selected ports in North Brittany, followed by a cruise in company should there be takers.

This event has the emphasis on family participation with plenty of lay days to relax. A novel feature is the special concession of permitted calculated engine use during the race so that you don't miss the parties (and there are lots!). This is a real opportunity for newer Members and families to mix in and experience the Southern hospitality and fun at its' best!



WEEKEND EVENTS

These include a May Cruiser Handicap & Cruiser Race to Deauville, followed by a cruise in the Seine Bay, two Cruiser Handicap race & rallies to Yarmouth and aa Club Pursuit race to Cowes. There is a long-weekend family rally to Poole in July and the highly popular Folly Rally with its October Sunday Morning home-made model boat race to test your creative imagination, followed by warming mulled wine.

EXTENDED CRUISES

Following the highly successful International Council of Yacht Clubs' sail around Elba in 2014, the Royal Southern has a contingent joining the ICOYC charter cruises to New Zealand in February and to Chesapeake Bay, USA in October 2015. See the Club website for details. Oh... and that pub trip by launch and dinghy up the River Hamble on a June Summer's day!

CRUISER DINNER

Held in October, when we reminisce with friends old and new and display Members' photos on the giant screen to relive those happy experiences.

Please see the programme for details and book in with the Sailing office to let them know you are coming. You are welcome to join in as many as you wish. We welcome your company!

Bryan Hughes - Cruising Sub-Committee



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J/80 CHARTER



The Academy owns two J/80s, thanks to generous donors, and these are available for charter to all 'approved' Members for just £100 per day.

Charters are booked through Reception, and if you are not yet on the 'Approved List' speak to Karen Henderson-Williams or Colin Hall who can add you to the List. All of your charter fee goes towards maintaining the boats - *Swallow* and *Seafire* - and paying their berthing charges.

Unless needed for an Academy or Club event, the boats are available on a 'first come, first served' basis, and this includes Club Regattas and other local Series. The boats are insured for Members only unless taking part in a Club event, e.g. the Match Cup, and charterers have to fill in a condition report before and after each use so that we can keep the boats in good Class condition.



This is a really inexpensive way to go sailing in any event, or just for fun. The boats are stable but fast enough. To give it a go, check availability with the Bosuns. They are still in use from HYS while the PPH is being built.

P.S. - We also have the use of a third boat on a similar basis. If we had a fourth, we could organise two boat team racing - increasingly popular. Any further donations towards another boat or the use of a boat would open this opportunity up in a way that we can't do with just three boats. Any offers? Please contact Natalie and we'll get back to you.



ACADEMY & YOUTH



ACADEMY

The Royal Southern Academy is a section of the Royal Southern Yacht Club in Hamble which is open to 18 to 25 years old sailors. As Members, sailors have the opportunity to participate in training, for fleet and match racing, and events on the Club's J/80 keelboats. We also organise crew placements on IRC boats and regular social events at the Club. Academy Membership is through an interview process and the current annual subscription is £52.00. Members come from local Universities, where the Academy has close links with their sailing clubs, and also from the surrounding community, many of whom live and work locally.

YOUTH

Calling all Splashers, Junior Cadets and parents, please take note of the dates below for the days that Splash & JCs will be sailing in 2015.

17 MAY	16 AUGUST
7 JUNE	13 SEPTEMBER
19 JULY	11 OCTOBER

SPLASH WEEK 17-21 AUGUST

As you are all aware Splash and Junior Cadets are a credit to the Club, and without the assistance of the Members this would not happen. We arrive at the end of each season and a great game is talked about doing more sailing - but just like going to the gym, the hardest part is committing to going! But with all the Splash and Junior Cadet days available in 2015, there is no excuse to miss out on all the fun and camaraderie.

The past seasons have seen people being turned away from Splash Week due to being at capacity, preference will be given to those who attend the Splash and Junior Cadet days. If you are a non-member we can provide temporary Membership to cover these events in conjunction with Splash Week. I am delighted to hear that several of our temporary Members have joined due to the success of attending Splash and being back in the sailing arena in such a fantastic Club, amongst like-minded people.

Charlie Davis - Youth Committee Chairman



EVENT ENTRY FEES

EVENT	Members (IRC & One Design) Entry Fee		Non-Members (IRC & One Design) Entry Fee		Club Class Members Entry Fee		Club Class Non-Members Entry Fee	
	EARLYBIRD	STANDARD	EARLYBIRD	STANDARD	EARLYBIRD	STANDARD	EARLYBIRD	STANDARD
Entire Summer Series Regattas (4 weekends)								
Up to 9.99m	£140	£175	£184	£230	£104	£130	£136	£170
10m and above	£168	£210	£216	£270	£136	£170	£168	£210
Individual Summer Series Regatta Weekends								
Up to 9.99m	N/A	£45	N/A	£60	N/A	£35	N/A	£45
10m and above	N/A	£55	N/A	£70	N/A	£45	N/A	£55
XOD Racing								
Entire Summer Series (4 weekends inc. Friday Night Series)	£140	£175	£184	£230	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Individual Summer Series Weekends	N/A	£45	N/A	£60	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
XOD Central Solent Championships	N/A	£55	N/A	£70	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Friday Night Series	N/A	£10	N/A	£15	N/A	£10	N/A	£15
J/109 Series (June, July, Sept Regattas)	£100	£125	£132	£165	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Individual J/109 Weekends	N/A	£55	N/A	£70	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Events & Passage Series								
Inter-Club Youth Keelboat Championships	N/A	TBC	N/A	TBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Royal Southern Match Cup Qualifier ISAF Grade 4	N/A	TBC	N/A	TBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jim Saltonstall Training Day	N/A	TBC	N/A	TBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sigma 38 National Championships	N/A	TBC	N/A	TBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Solent Cruiser Race	£44	£55	£52	£65	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6 Metre Racing	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cowes/Deauville Race	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Hamble/Yarmouth Cup*	£20	£25	£32	£40	£21	£26	£32	£40
Club Day Pursuit Race	N/A	£10	N/A	£15	N/A	£10	N/A	£15
Royal Southern Match Cup ISAF Grade 2	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sonata Southern	N/A	£45	N/A	£60	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6 Metre Nationals	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Poole & Back Race	£25	£31	£36	£45	£20	£25	£32	£40
Cruiser Race/Cruiser Challenge	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
IRC Solent Series - July Regatta	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Under 21s Race	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Family Fun Race Day	£20	£25	£32	£40	£20	£25	£32	£40
SB20 National Championships	N/A	TBC	N/A	TBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
J/80 National Championships	N/A	TBC	N/A	TBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hamble Scramble	£20	£25	£32	£40	£20	£25	£32	£40
Ladies Race	N/A	£10	N/A	£25	N/A	N/A	N/A	£25
Ancient Mariners Race	N/A	£10	N/A	£25	N/A	N/A	N/A	£25

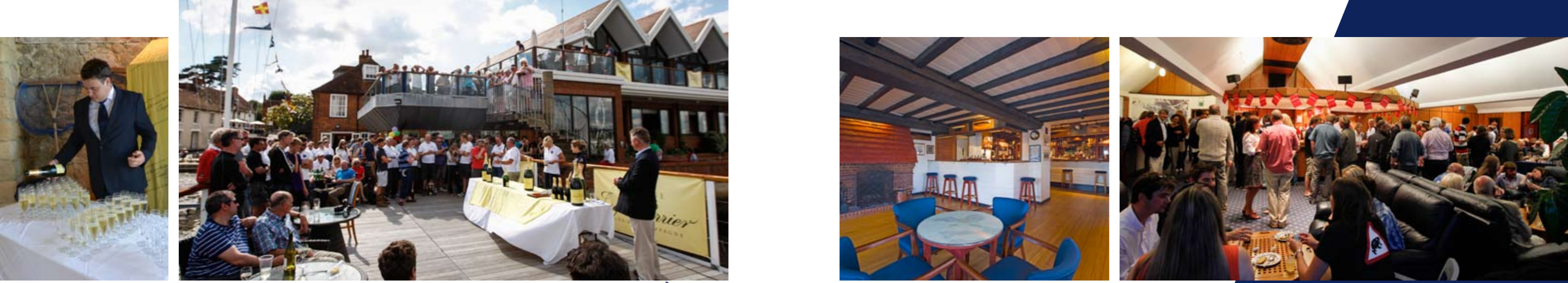
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ROYAL SOUTHERN APRES RACING

The Club prides itself on the warm reception and hospitality offered to all competitors and their guests. Visiting competitors can berth on the walk ashore pontoons immediately in front of the Clubhouse, which can be booked on a first-come first-served basis through the Bosuns on VHF Channel 37 or 07900 872 461, with power and water available. Showers and changing rooms are located in the upper floor of the facilities block.

Once ashore after racing, the Club buzzes with lively chatter between competitors and their guests exchanging views on the whys and wherefores of the day's activities, while the Sailing Office processes the results. On sunny afternoons, hot food and drink is normally available from the barbeque and bar on the Quarter Deck or pier, providing stunning views of the river panorama and great socialising.

The Upper Deck bar provides a range of lighter meals and, in the evening, the dining room caters for regatta parties, while the River Room restaurant offers a more elegant and formal setting.

All our Summer Series Regattas and major events are supported by crew parties on the Saturday evening, hosting up to 400 guests, and spilling over into an adjacent marquee when numbers require this.

To save that journey back home after the party, the Club has a number of well appointed, en-suite rooms in the renovated period cottages facing the quay, barely 50 metres from the dance floor. Again, they may be booked in advance through the Reception.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Our 200 seat dining room is available for Members and guests as a venue for conferences, trade shows, banquets, wedding receptions and private parties. The dining room can be split into 2 separate private areas for smaller functions by the use of a moveable partition. It has a small bar and direct access to the large kitchens where our chef and his staff can cater for all your needs.

The River Room is also ideal for private functions and has doors opening onto the outside deck and the Members Bar alongside. The Yeoman Room on the first floor is also ideal for more intimate meetings and dining.

ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB

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