

# LR Scow News

Newsletter of the Lymington River Scow Class Association



Spring 2018

## 2017/18 Committee & other posts:

**President:** Gordon Stredwick    **Chairman:** John Evans    **Vice Chairman:** Jon Harvey  
**Hon. Secretary:** Dorinda Nellis    **Hon. Treasurer:** David Carslaw  
**Other members:** Jane Cook, Meriel McCarthy, Angus Raby, Chris Knox  
**Web Master:** Brendan Nellis.



Dear Members

*After what feels like a long wet winter, perhaps summer is in sight! Thoughts turn excitedly towards the prospect of spending time on the water ... whether racing or pottering; and maintenance jobs are being attacked in earnest.*

*As well as smartening up your boats, you might like to brush up on your knowledge and understanding of racing rules. John Doerr has been kind enough to let us have his 'Brief Guide to the Main Racing Rules 2017-2020'. Our wonderful Webmaster assures me that it can be found on the website [www.lymingtonriverscow.org](http://www.lymingtonriverscow.org), so you can print and laminate it for yourselves, should you want to.*

And Brendan has, himself, contributed an article about the website (page 6) So there's plenty to keep you interested and entertained in those moments when you're not working on your boat!

And while we're on the subject of being entertained, please feel free to send in those entries for the Tell Tale Trophy, and the Trail Sail Trophy ... you know, the ones you've been toiling on all winter as requested! The Trail Sail Trophy is exactly as you would imagine – a piece of writing about any occasion on which you have trailed your scow to waters new; while the Tell Tale Trophy is even more open – a piece of writing related in any way to your scow. It can be poetry or prose, long or short, happy or sad ... your choice. But PLEASE consider writing something for us this year!!

I wish you all fair winds, fair play and fun on the water

Wendy Stickley

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### **Dates for your diary**

The annual **Lymington River Scow Class Association Championships** are to be hosted by **Keyhaven Yacht Club**  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018.

**(Much earlier in the season than last year – BE AWARE!!)**

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**A Celebration of the Scow – 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 (see below for more details)**

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The **2018 AGM** will be held at 18.30 hours on 15<sup>th</sup> September at the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, to be followed by the Annual Dinner

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## Association matters

### NEW MEMBERS December 2017 – April 2018

#### Full:

Pam Gratton	Morwenna	541
Michael Hampton	Lancer	562

#### Associate:

Penny Caswell (joint owner)	Scowler	434
Howard Paskins (joint owner)	Magic Moon (ex Jibelet)	336
Zoë Darby	Poppy B (ex Kim II)	470

#### Transfer of Ownership:

Anthony Graham	Hallmark	343
Claire Sowry (Associate to Full)	Olina	488
Chris Caswell	Scowler	434
Bruce Usher	Sunshine	328
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#### Nominations for LRSCA Committee members:

\*By this year's AGM a number of committee members will have reached the end of their term of office. We would welcome nominations for general committee members, and so far we have had no suggestions /volunteers for the position of Secretary. So if you are interested in joining us, please let someone on the committee know!!



**\*\*NEW\*\* A Celebration of the Scow**  
will be organised by **LRSCA** and hosted by **RLymYC**  
21<sup>st</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018



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Visitors will be temporary Members of the RLymYC for the week-end and will have full use of the bar and restaurant. There will be tea and doughnuts when competitors return after the Saturday racing, awards for the day's winners and then an informal supper in the Clubhouse later on. Sailing will finish around 1300 on the Sunday along with a Paella BBQ and more awards.

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## Event Programme

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018

1100-1200	Registration – Island Room (Coffee and Danish Pastries on arrival, snack lunch from the Bar)
1215	Briefing (Island Room)
1345	Warning Signal for Race 1 Each Race should last about 20 minutes. Race 2 will follow closely on the finish of Race 1. Handicaps will be applied.
1500	Seamanship Race (details at the Briefing)
1630	Afternoon Tea (River Room)
1700	Day 1 Presentation of Awards
1930	Informal supper (not included in Entry Fee) – Island Room

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

0900	Coffee and Danish Pastries (Club Forecourt)
0950	Briefing (Club Forecourt)
1045	Warning Signal for Race 3. Each Race should last about 20 minutes. Race 4 will follow closely on the finish of Race 3
1200	Pursuit Race (details at the Briefing)
1300	Competitors back at Clubhouse
1330	BBQ lunch and Presentation of Awards

Entry Fee: £30.00 per boat to include launching fees and trailer parking if required, coffee and Danish pastries, afternoon tea and awards.

Further information from: Dick Moore, 01590 678334, [richard.john.moore@outlook.com](mailto:richard.john.moore@outlook.com)

Or: Vicky Leen, Sailing Manager, RLymYC, 01590 672677, [Vicky@rlymyc.org.uk](mailto:Vicky@rlymyc.org.uk)

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# LRSCA Championships 2018

## 2nd & 3rd June



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For Further Information see:  
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## An Article about the Website for LRSCA – by our Webmaster, Brendan Nellis

Back in October 2010, on exactly the same day as Dorinda and I moved to our house in Lymington, the LRSCA committee were sanctioning the development of a website to “keep Class Association members informed of all matters relating to the Lymington River Scow dinghy and provide a focal point for information”. This was proposed by Brian Buckingham and he agreed to initiate/ progress the project. Now, I am the one responsible for the website. Fate!

The initial tasks for Brian were to source a web hosting provider and choose a website (domain) name. There is a plethora of web hosting providers who provide you with space on a server to store your web pages and files and provide access via the Internet to the public. They additionally provide a web page building tool to create the pages yourself. Pages are typically made up of text, images and links to documents and to other websites. For example the LRSCA website has many images, not surprisingly, of LR Scows, as well as links to documents such as the Rules and Constitution and other sites such as John Claridge, Peter Saunders, RLymYC, KYC etc.

Today there is a large choice of providers some of which you might recognise from TV adverts such as GoDaddy and 1&1. Back in 2010 the number of providers would have been more limited and Brian and the committee selected a company called PickaWeb. As might be expected the ‘Budget’ plan was chosen and is still the plan used today. It currently costs us the princely sum of £37.99 per year (+vat). The key limitations of this plan are that there is only 1 email address provided and there is no database support (more of that later).

PickaWeb also provided the ability to choose a website (domain) name. The much loved “lymingtonriverscow.org” name was coined and registered. The registration of this name (so no one else can use it) costs us £41.37 for 3 years.

The LRSCA website has evolved over the years mainly in-line with the new version and new features provided by PickaWeb’s web page building tool.

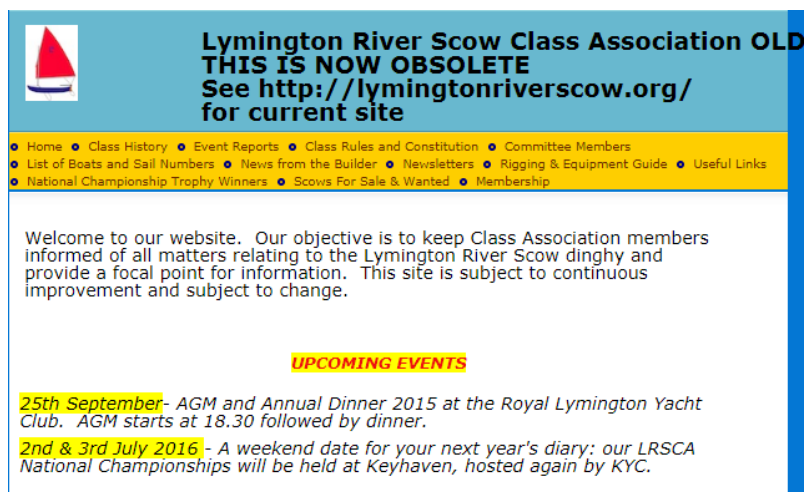
### **Initial Version 2010 – Sept 2015**

Brian Buckingham’s original version was in use between 2010 and September 2015. I took over the website when Dorinda was co-opted as LRSCA Hon. Secretary in 2015 following Brian’s illness. During the subsequent few months I mainly kept the site up to date in terms of events.

Here is a snippet of the website home page is below. It is still accessible using

[www.lymingtonriverscow.org/old](http://www.lymingtonriverscow.org/old).

In fact we still use the Newsletter page at the moment to view old Newsletters. Note, the header text shows the user that this site is now obsolete. The site provided information on upcoming events, Championship winners, and links to documents such as rules, constitution, rigging guide etc. as can be seen in the yellow area at the top of this sample page.



The screenshot shows the header of the website. On the left is a logo of a red sailboat on a blue and white background. To the right of the logo, the text reads: "Lymington River Scow Class Association OLD THIS IS NOW OBSOLETE See http://lymingtonriverscow.org/ for current site". Below this is a yellow navigation bar with a list of links: Home, Class History, Event Reports, Class Rules and Constitution, Committee Members, List of Boats and Sail Numbers, News from the Builder, Newsletters, Rigging & Equipment Guide, Useful Links, National Championship Trophy Winners, Scows For Sale & Wanted, and Membership. Below the navigation bar is a white box with a blue border containing the following text: "Welcome to our website. Our objective is to keep Class Association members informed of all matters relating to the Lymington River Scow dinghy and provide a focal point for information. This site is subject to continuous improvement and subject to change." Below this is a yellow box with the text "UPCOMING EVENTS". At the bottom, there are two lines of text: "25th September - AGM and Annual Dinner 2015 at the Royal Lymington Yacht Club. AGM starts at 18.30 followed by dinner." and "2nd & 3rd July 2016 - A weekend date for your next year's diary: our LRSCA National Championships will be held at Keyhaven, hosted again by KYC."

## Current Version - September 2015 to date

Having got to grips with the vagaries of PickaWeb I rebuilt the website during the summer of 2015 using the then latest web page building tool. This is the version currently in use today. It generally retained the same content but was revamped and restructured as below. New 'widgets' such as a website hits counter were added and a 'contact us' page where someone can send us a message. It is easier to view on a smart phone than the old site with the pages adapting to the size of the device being used.

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- Programme**
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Download the event programme
- Race Documents and Entry Form  
to follow



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## Future Version

There is now a more up to date tool providing more modern looking pages which work (even) better on mobile phones and tablets. I am currently playing with this with a view to revamping the website. I have experimented with this to create a website for the Celebration of the Scow event in July 2018 as depicted on the left..

The Celebration of the Scow website can be seen on:

[www.lymingtonriverscow.org/ScowCelebration](http://www.lymingtonriverscow.org/ScowCelebration)

There is a link to it from the main LRSCA website.

I have been asked about having a members' only area where things like the member list could be seen. Whilst this is possible, it would bring a lot more complexity to the website by setting up a members' database and having a secure login mechanism plus of course upgrading our hosting plan at a higher cost to support it. This would entail more expertise and time to support the website and time – responding to members who cannot log on, forgotten password etc.

The demands imposed by the Data Protection Act, and the even more stringent GDPR coming into effect in May 2018, bring many responsibilities on security and privacy. We have only just over 200 members so cannot compare with those Clubs with far more members than us who have a professionally built and supported website and staff to administer it. Added to which ... the volunteer role of LRSCA 'webmaster' will at some point pass to another LRSCA member and we would not want the job to become too complex and onerous. I certainly don't!

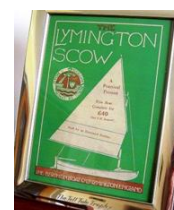
Over the next few months, when I am not out on the water, I plan to revamp the full LRSCA site using the style of the LRSCA Celebration of the Scow web page. Watch this space...

### Fleet News

**None as yet ... but the season is young! I would love to hear news from your area whenever you feel like sending it to me ...**

### Tell Tales

We welcome contributions for this 'prestigious' Trophy. Write to us in poetry or prose about anything and everything to do with your scow – trials and tribulations or joys and jublations!



### Trail Sail Trophy

An equally fine trophy can be won for stories about times when you have taken your scow to more distant waters.  
*Please join in with these two fun competitions - designed for reliving your own memories and inspiring and / or entertaining the rest of us.*

**May you be blessed with fine weather  
and happy times on the water**