

LR Scow News

Newsletter of the Lymington River Scow Class Association



Summer 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

*What a wonderful summer we've had ... well, most of it, anyway!
Wonderful weather for most of the sailing activities on offer around the locality, including Club Regattas and, most importantly, the LR Scow Championships. Well done to all who took part. A full report of the event from the hosts, Keyhaven Yacht Club, (written by Sarah***) can be found on page 2.*

Sadly, not all activities on offer were as well subscribed. The 'Celebration of the Scow' scheduled for 21st - 22nd July had to be cancelled due to lack of support. Many thanks to those who had already put in hours of work ahead of time in organisation of this event ...

With the Association AGM nearly upon us, 15th September marks an end to the term of office for many of the Committee, including the

current Chairman and Secretary. While we have nominations for most positions, so far no one has come forward for vital role of Secretary. If you know of a suitable (and willing) person, please contact the current secretary, Dorinda or any committee member asap. Without a secretary, the Association cannot survive.

On the subject of replacement persons, having offered to cover the role of Editor for a year, I find that already two years have elapsed ... how time flies when you're having fun!! I will be stepping down at the end of this year. If you, the reader, feel inspired to take up the mantle, please let me know. I will offer any help you might need to get started! Failing a replacement, I have every confidence that the excellent website we have will keep members fully informed about LR Scow matters past, present and to come.

Wendy Stickley
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Dates for your diary

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

The annual **Lymington River Scow Class Association Championships** are to be hosted next year by the RLymYC
20th - 21st July 2019

Association matters

NEW MEMBERS
Since



LR Scow Championships



Super Solent Sailing for LR Scow Championships

The LR Scow Championships came to Keyhaven YC on June 3rd/4th this year and what a weekend they all had. Rigged and ready on the start line were 9 single handers and 17 double handers lighting up the Solent with a mix of colours and enthusiasm. The competitors were treated to 2 days of solid Solent racing under the expert race team led by Robin Dent in a Championship dominated by Claridge and the Patons.

Day one was a mixed weather bag; proceedings started in warm sunshine with a F2-3 to play with, but as racing got underway, a thick bank of fog rolled in, dragging the temperature down and threatening a suspension in racing. The race team reacted quickly, shrinking the course length and setting up support boat patrols to ensure no boat wandered off into the ether. Within half an hour however and almost as quickly as it arrived, the fog evaporated, and everything returned to normal.

In the single hander class, Robbie Claridge set the pace leaving Eric Williams, Jon Harvey and John Chaundry sharing the next three places all weekend. It was a similar story of domination in the double hander fleet, Rory and Alex Paton establishing a firm hold on the racing, managing to fend off valiant chases down each leg by Sarah and Leo Gosling, Chris and Sam Cecil-Wright and Jo and Freya Hutchinson.

The (very) light wind on Sunday, made life a little difficult for some boats. With reduced propulsion and a building tide, the start lines became a little chaotic and a large shift in wind direction demanded some judicious course shortening. It was Jon Harvey who came out on top for day two bagging himself two wins and nudging Robbie Claridge down into 2nd and 3rd place for the two races but this wasn't enough to topple the lead Claridge had already earned the day before. Over in the double handers, despite posting a 4th place in race four, Rory and Alex Paton had also done enough on Saturday to keep their top spot and take the trophy.

Results:

Single Hander Fleet

- 1st Robbie Claridge
- 2nd Jon Harvey
- 3rd Eric Williams

Double Hander Fleet

- 1st Rory & Alex Paton
- 2nd Sarah & Leo Gosling
- 3rd Chris Cecil-Wright & Grace/Lily/Sam Cecil-Wright

Masters Trophy: Eric Williams (SH)
and Max & Jeremy Vines (DH)

Best Newcomers: Sarah & Leo Gosling



Photo by Nick Boxall

Fleet News



Photo by Sarah Desjonqueres

Pirates and the Palace Quay Scow

Much excitement and skulduggery went on over at Keyhaven Yacht Club earlier this August. As part of Keyhaven Week, the club laid on a Fun Day for all the little sailors in an event which launched an armada of paddle boards, kayaks and anything that floated really, out into the river to contest a battle of wits and wile to solve clues, win the word hunt and take the treasure tucked away in the club Scow.

Towed back to shore like a proud prize, Albert Ross made the perfect pirate ship as she was escorted home by a fleet of excited adventurers, all pleased to have played a part in her capture.

The Treasure Hunt was the pinnacle of a fantastic day of boat building, paddle board racing and splashing about in the river and ended with many tired pirates settling down to a film to the end the day. What did they watch? The Pirates! Of course.

Sarah

Tell Tales

Many thanks to these two contributors:

Lymington River Scow National Championships 2018 A very odd thing happened....

Of June it was the first weekend
To Keyhaven with Zacantha our way we did wend
First race at one, briefing at 10.30
Getting out of the river, the route is quite quirky
The sun was shining and the sky was blue
Until we spotted the sea mist like a wall it grew
As it got closer the air got chillier
The race underway and the wind got windier
On Saturday it was races one, two, three
And then back in to the Club for biscuits and tea
On Sunday the sun was shining and the sky was blue
But the wind stayed lazy so support boats had little to do
It was race four and five
On a falling tide
When prize giving was announced, trophies were presented for winners one two and three
Imagine our surprise and it must be said our glee
Our names were called for the Masters trophy
And all we had to do was to be over seventy
All admired both trophies, stainless sails on a wooden bases with winners' names below
But hello....
Looking again we were somewhat aghast - what had been done?
The single handed was sporting a very fine jib while the double handed had none!
The welcome was great, and the racing too

And so to the LRSCA and KYC a big thank you.

Max Vines

‘A Champagne Potter...was this the best ever?’

This was our first Potter and surely it could not have been better.

A dozen or so Scow Potterers with three accompanying RIBs set off in bright sunshine and a 3/4 North Easterly for a fast run across the Solent to Yarmouth. Met there by the RIBs we were towed through the harbour to stop for a comfy coffee break. Then on through the folding bridge and a gentle run up this beautiful winding river to the causeway. For this part of our voyaging we were joined by a local Yarmouth Scow. Next we had an interesting beat back to attach to the anchored RIBs and a very sociable picnic lunch en masse. Tuna sandwiches for us.



A long pause for the bridge and we were on our way again and guess what? The wind had veered to the East to give us a long fetch back. Thanks to everyone for a great day!

Jeremy Vines

Trail Sail Reports

No contributors. Does no one trail their scows for fun anymore??!

**Fingers crossed for
an Indian Summer!**