

# NEWSLETTER OF THE LR SCOW CLASS ASSOCIATION



## 2023 - ISSUE ONE

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

<b>Wednesday 1 March</b>	<b>Membership year begins. All subscriptions due. Details on page 4.</b>
<b>Friday 31 March</b>	<b>Cut off for paying your subs!</b>
<b>Saturday 1 April</b>	<b>Buoyancy Testing - Royal Lymington YC</b>
<b>Saturday 17 June 11:00 hrs</b>	<b>Travellers' Series - Leg One. Beaulieu - Needs Ore. Combined with Saturday racing. 11:00 am start.</b>
<b>Sunday 6 August 14:00 hrs</b>	<b>Travellers' Series Leg Two. Keyhaven YC</b>
<b>Sunday 20 August at 13:00 hrs</b>	<b>Travellers' Series Leg Three. RLymYC - combined with Figure of 8.</b>
<b>Sat - Sun 2-3 September</b>	<b>LRSCA Championships at Keyhaven YC. Event Organiser - Stuart Rowney.</b>
<b>Saturday 16 September</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting and Dinner</b>

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CLASS ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN, CHRIS KNOX:

Dear Members.

Our last Newsletter, as our website reminds us, was published in the summer of 2018. We have had difficulty finding a successor to our very able Editor, Wendy Stickley, but we feel it is important to continue sending out news of our activities several times a year. The Newsletters were very much appreciated by those not associated with the three West Solent clubs and by others who visit our website for news of events, past and future.

Allan Hill and Jose Nieves have kindly agreed to begin a new series of Newsletters, provisionally scheduled for early 2023, Spring 2023, late Summer 2023 and late 2023. These will be posted on our website.

Contributions from all fleets and, indeed, from all individuals are most welcome. We plan to identify a correspondent in each of the Clubs (Royal Lymington YC, Keyhaven YC, Beaulieu River SC, Emsworth SC, West Wittering SC and Dell Quay SC). Any member who feels they would like to be one of these correspondents should contact Allan Hill or Jose Nieves via the LRSCA email (LRSCA.sec@gmail.com)

*Committee and other posts after 2022 AGM: President: Sebastian Chamberlain; Chairman: Chris Knox; Vice Chairman: Allan Hill; Hon Sec: Jose Nieves; Hon Treasurer: David Linsell. Other members - Jo Edwards, Phillip Gossage, Rory Heron, Stuart Rowney (Co-opted), Bill Vance. Webmaster: Brendan Nellis*

## LRSCA 2022 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2022 LRSCA Championships were held on 3-4 September at the Royal Lymington YC. The good entry of 27 boats was split into Double handed, Single-handers and Juniors. The tide was flooding and a moderate breeze co-operated by shifting into the SW for the duration, giving very good racing conditions. The first two races went off without a hitch and were close-fought affairs, with a fair degree of position changing, particularly among the top five Double handers.



Unfortunately, Race three's first start resulted in a General Recall. Mindful of a forecast of bad weather the following day, PRO Vince Sutherland was hoping to get in the plus one race allowed for in the SI s and the restart was under Black Flag (unheard of for Scows). Sadly, the tide turned earlier than expected, the wind and waves were increasing and it was becoming a bit 'hairy'. A Scow tea was beckoning so there wasn't time or inclination for an extra race. Ashore, the stalwart partners of the sailors - staunch supporters of all things Scow - laid on splendid tea of immense calorific value, which was naturally very much appreciated and complimented.

As forecast, the following day was very blustery. The PRO put to sea to review the sea state and found the conditions too rough for safe and enjoyable sailing. Thus the Championships were decided on positions in 3 races with no discards.

- Results: Double Handers, it was all parent/offspring pairings: 1st Rory and Alex Paton; 2nd Laurie and Harry Draper; 3rd Chris and Sam Cecil-Wright.
- Single Handers: 1st Ben Muskett; 2nd Sarah Gosling; 3rd Andy Ash-Vie
- Juniors: 1st Holly Pritchard, Olivia Maguire and Florence Newbury; 2nd Annabel and Maisie Hutchinson.
- The Builder's Trophy for Single Handers: Ben Muskett
- The Sailmaker's Trophy for Double Handers: Rory and Alex Paton
- The Lymington Town Sailing Club Trophy for Juniors: Holly Pritchard, Olivia Maguire and Florence Newbury
- The President's Trophy for the Masters Single Handed Winner: Peter Blick
- The President's Trophy for the Masters Double Handed Winner: Jeremy and Max Vines.
- The Keyhaven Commodore's Trophy for the Best Newcomer: Andy Ash-Vie



*Photos courtesy of Paul French.*

## TRAIL SAIL AND TELL TALE TROPHIES

**Entries are invited for 2023.** If you have taken your Scow away to sail elsewhere, please write about your experiences for the Trail Sail Trophy, which was won last year by David Linsell, describing his adventures on the Norfolk Broads. If you



simply have a great story to tell about life with your Scow, please tell the tale and enter the Tell Tale Trophy. Jo Edwards won last time, writing about the KYC potter in Poole Harbour. We would love to hear from you. This year's winners will be announced at the next AGM. Please send your entries, stipulating the appropriate Trophy, to Jose Nieves at LRSCA.sec@gmail.com

The original Trail Sail Trophy, designed and made by the late Jane Pitt-Pitts, has sadly gone missing. The Chairman has commissioned a handsome replacement, reflecting some of the original design.

## THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Chairman's report (see website for full details) drew attention to our 25<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary. The Class is flourishing, and new Scows continue to be ordered and sailed at all the Clubs. The first leg of the Travellers' Trophy was combined with the Beaulieu River SC's annual Down River Race, from Palace House to Needs Ore. The other two legs, at Keyhaven and Lymington, provided some very exciting racing, the trophy itself being won by Nick Griffin, in Scarlett. Following the rule change agreed at the February 2022 EGM, we welcomed to the Annual Championship the first ever Scow to race with the WS logo on her mainsail. Michael Doherty in Hullabaloo blazed a trail and is all set to encourage others from BRSC to enter. The AGM, held on 10 September at the Royal Lymington YC, dealt with a number of issues. In summary, the main decisions included:

- The final main sheet block 'shall be attached to the centreboard case not further forward than the aft end of the centreboard slot',
- An 8m towing line shall be carried - in place of or in addition to the 5m painter
- Jamming cleats (cam cleats) for the headsail are allowed
- Crews and/or helms only need to be members of the LRSCA when racing in LRSCA-organised events unless otherwise specified in the Notice of Race.

## TECHNICAL GROUP.

There are several on-going issues concerning the materials and fittings used in building Scows and relating to the Class Rules. For example, teak is increasingly difficult to source so alternative hard woods are being considered. Therefore, your LRSCA committee has decided it is appropriate to re-establish the Technical Group and the committee is currently working on a suitable framework and terms of reference. More details, including membership, will be circulated as soon as possible.

## NEWS FROM THE CLUBS.....

*Liz Sagues, the Chichester Harbour Representative, writes:*

Scows abound on the sheltered waters of Chichester Harbour. The biggest Lymington River fleet, (14 boats), is at West Wittering SC, where they enjoy good racing as well as happy pottering. Emsworth SC has 12, but only two are raced (in a handicap fleet), with the rest happily used simply to explore local creeks. At Dell Quay SC, the owners of the two LR Scows are minded to race - again in handicap races - more than they currently do. Mengeham Rythe SC may still have one, and there could be others; in all there are 11 dinghy sailing clubs based around the harbour, sailing Keyhavens, Avons and



Sunset at Emsworth - John Tweddell

assorted others as well as the Lymingtons and, of course, the local Chichester Scows, which are by far the most numerous. We would like to know of other local LR Scows; we can carry out buoyancy testing (Ann Carnegie at WWSC and me at DQSC) to reassure owners and meet open race entry requirements. Tide constraints and the distance between each club make joint events difficult, though there have been multi-club potters and social gatherings in the past; we hope more in the future. We welcome the support of the WS LR sailors and hope to welcome you to our beautiful harbour in 2023.

**Liz Sagues. 517 Fubbs.**

*from [www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk)*

## LATE NEWS...

Liz Sagues is eager to stand down as the Chichester Harbour Representative but we are delighted that Ann Carnegie of West Wittering SC has kindly agreed to succeed her. Welcome Ann!

## MEMBERSHIP FEES ... THE HON TREASURER WRITES...

The LRSCA constitution specifies that the Membership year starts on 1 March. Most members pay their subscriptions by Standing Order, as requested, and most are paid on 1 March each year. Many thanks for this! Sadly, about 20% of members are late paying their subscriptions. This may partly be due to their joining the LRSCA mid-year and so their Standing Orders are dated annually from that mid-year date. PLEASE would all members please review the Standing Order instructions held by their Bank to ensure subscription payments are made on 1 March each year? If you have on-line banking facilities, this review and any associated adjustment of date should be simple to effect. The Standing Order form can be downloaded at <http://lymingtonriverscow.org/documents/Forms/LRSCASOMandate-August2022.pdf> from the website and should be sent to your bank. Please do not send the form to the Honorary Treasurer.

**Please note that payment of the membership fee entitles each full member to free buoyancy testing each year. Non-members coming forward for buoyancy testing are charged a fee. Membership lists will be finalised at the end of March 2023 to determine membership and for inclusion in our annual Yearbook.**

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