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Happy reading!

A message from HRH Princess Anne



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

As I have had to postpone my visits for this spring and summer, I did just want to record how much I appreciate the difficulties you all face over the next few weeks and months.

Many of you will have found ways to adapt your skills, which are so important to the organisations you either work or volunteer for, to help in your own isolation or to help others cope better in those many jobs that cannot stop.

I was planning another charities forum this summer to underline the value of understanding each others strengths and achievements as well as the added value of working better together. The next forum will be especially interesting, with many important lessons to be shared.

I look forward to hearing from you and catching up as soon as possible. Thank you for all you do, wherever you are.

Club News



The Club re-opened our catering operations on 21 May introducing a takeaway brunch/lunch service. Bacon & egg buns, sandwiches, crisps, cake and teas, coffees and wine & beer from 'Ship Stores', are all on offer to Members.

Now also offering: Scampi & Chips or Ham, Egg & Chips.

House Wines: £9.50 per bottle

Commodores Selection: £14.00 per bottle

Opening hours are Friday-Sunday between 9am-11am and then 12pm-3pm

Please Remember...

- Keep a 2 metre distance for your and our safety
- 1 person at the till point at one time
- This is a take away service and so all items should be consumed on boats or off site only
- Please mention any specific dietary requirements when ordering

- You can pre-order lunches for the following day
- Contactless payments only – I am afraid I cannot do any levy card, top-up transactions at the moment
- To take rubbish home with you

This was just in time for those playing musical boats in the PPYH to get their boats in the right berths for the season. Thanks to Robert Vose, David Greenhalgh, Pete Smith and Paul Ward, for helping with this logistics problem. All those in the PPYH were then able to have their take-aways on their boats.

Our thanks go to Becky and Josh (pictured behind their masks) who worked through the week to relocate all the necessary equipment to the doors opening onto Den's Deck. Covid-19 safety precautions were implemented to comply with government guidance and ensure everyone could safely make the most of the glorious weather over the bank holiday weekend.

But the nation is not out of the woods yet, so please observe social distancing guidance whenever you take advantage of the Club's facilities as we re-open step-by-step over coming weeks.

A group of members from the Ladies Committee (socially distancing) armed with rakes and gardening gloves were on hand to help member James Allan with some hedge cutting.



Sailing Update

There has been a great deal of enthusiasm from our members to hold an event within the current social distancing guidelines*. Club member Matthew Richardson is organising an informal, single-day, central Solent, round-the-cans race this Saturday at 1100.

Please note: the we will be using the **VPRC handicap system** for club-class this year, so if you haven't already done so, please contact Ruth Kelly (ruth@vprs.org) with your:

- boat name
- sail number
- make and model
- copy of IRC certificate if you have one

Ruth will provide a certificate for £20.

The Notice of Race and Sailing Instruction documents are available from Matthew Richardson (matthew@ayaya.co.uk)

* single household crews, or if mixed households a maximum of 6 persons whereby persons from different households must maintain a social distance of more than 2m. Due to SD guidelines, the Club building is closed and there will be no post event party or prize giving.

NEWS FLASH – THIS RACE HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL SUNDAY 7 JUNE AND WILL START AT 1130.

Sailing Committee

We are looking at racing formats for Club racing to start again in the next few weeks. Please keep in touch and let us know on sailing@royal-southern.co.uk if you would like to race

- Club Yacht Racing – families or crews of up to 6
- 2 Up in a J70 or dayboat
- Junior dinghies
- And if you would like to volunteer to help run racing on the water or ashore.

Everything we do will be organised to put safety first and follow the guidelines from the Government and our Harbourmasters.

Larger Club regattas are not possible at this time and we have cancelled the following events

- Women's Open Keelboat Championships 13-14 June
- Summer Series June Regatta

The Club Pursuit Race has been rescheduled to 27th September and we are looking forward to getting as many members as possible out on the water.

Club Yacht Haven Update

All of the members boats in the Yacht Haven are now moored in their allocated berths. Thank you to all of our berth holders for your help with this and your patience while we have reorganised the Haven.

We will be sending out 2020 Stickers for all Rib Berth holders. Please move any ribs which are out of position to the allocated berths and display your berthing sticker as soon as possible.

We have had a number of requests to increase the hours of operation of the Club Launch Service and from Friday 5th June the Club Launch will operate as follows

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 1000 to 1200 and 1400 to 1800

Monday to Thursday 1000 to 1200 and 1400 to 1600

Please note that the last pickup time at the end of the day will be 30 minutes before the end of service. The last pickup time on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be 1730 and on Monday to Thursday 1530.

Please observe the CV-19 Club Launch Operating Guidelines

- Pre - book the Club Launch with the Bosuns on 07900 872461
- 2 persons per trip
- Passengers must wear gloves and a face mask
- Please wait for the Launch at the top of the ramp. Do not wait on the launch pontoon.

The red club dinghies have new oars. Please look after them making sure that the oar protection is in the rollocks. While the bosuns are working shorter hours the dinghies are being used more than usual.

Ladies Committee

Many members of the LC have been busy recently, and here's some proof - in action at our May on-line Committee meeting.



Our current main concern is to promote and support our fund-raising effort for **Solent Mind**. We remain grateful to, and in awe of, all the members of the Hamble Cycling Team: currently 'heading' for Bangkok, with approximately 12000 miles still to do on their Round the World Lap 2 challenge. Two of our LC members are in the process of joining the team in order to add their daily walking miles into the constantly growing total: and since such things as jogging and rowing miles, plus steps per day from a fitness App can also be 'converted' into the cycling miles total, we hope that more of you will consider contributing in this way. More information about how to earn miles can be found easily at www.hamblecyclegroup.co.uk , where you can also catch up with recent news.

We are also delighted to report that, to date, £500 has already been raised (20% of the set target). We warmly thank all those who have already made generous donations, and hope that others will also do so by visiting the JustGiving page, set up by Lynn Fisher on behalf of the Ladies Committee: you can follow this link to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hamblecyclesforsolentmind

As Chair of LC Marion O'Malley continues to liaise with our contacts at *Solent Mind*, and they are extremely grateful for all that we are doing. Their most recent initiative is the development of a Wellbeing App, designed to support people who are struggling with the present situation, primarily through mutual sharing of coping strategies. Like most charities *Solent Mind* is facing some tough challenges, but their services remain as vital as ever.

Secondly, the keenest gardeners amongst us have been hard at work tidying up various areas around the club house. Jo Ward writes: 'With the recent hot and dry weather, some watering of the pots on Den's Deck has been essential. Jo and Nicky (LC) spent some time last week with hose and watering cans to ensure the newly planted flowers will survive, and also trimmed the long box hedge by the Prince Philip plinth. The two big brown pots are now empty following the removal of the dead corkscrew fir trees (thanks to Rob Bottomley), and two new shrubs are waiting to be planted once the correct compost is available to buy - the garden centres are currently awaiting deliveries!'

It is great to see such positive outcomes resulting from our joint efforts, and we are especially pleased to be able to contribute towards some of the returning signs of life at the Club.



Cruising Committee

The Cruising Committee is having their weekly fun quizzes mostly on a Thursday evening at 1800. If you would like to join in please contact Maggie Widdop (maggiewiddop@btinternet.com).

Quite a few of the Cruising members have been going out for day sails and anchoring in bays or in Newtown Creek.

The welcome news is that Harbours are opening up for day visitors. This is the information from Cowes:

“Daytime visitor boats now welcome at Cowes In brief: Cowes Harbour Commission’s visitor moorings are now open for daytime and short stay visitors” and the following information from Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners,

“Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners are now in a position to accept short stay/day sailors in the Harbour. Please call our berthing team on VHF 68 or approach for guidance to your berth. No large gatherings of vessels will be permitted including rallies, regattas and racing unless the organiser can demonstrate to the Harbour Master that all guidance relating to Covid-19 can be adhered to”.

Splash

The Splashers have been very active in their oppies and other dinghies during their half term holidays.





Golf Society

There are a couple of spare places for the golf game at South Winchester on June 8th. All welcome. Please email Rebecca.Butler@mac.com

Cycling Group

Welcome to new cycle team members, Richard White, Marion O'Malley & Lynn Fisher who are helping us around the world for a second time. Please tell your pals to get in touch and join the challenge at:

<https://www.hamblecyclinggroup.co.uk/hamble-cycles-the-world>

As we see Boris easing the lockdown regulations other distractions are coming in to play such as sailing!, but our progress is still impressive and as of Wednesday 2nd June at 15.00 in the afternoon we have completed 9,423 miles of our 19,531 mile second lap - almost half way in 25 days & 15 hours. This means we are a little off the pace of the last lap (approx 1.5 days behind).

We need to make the time up! The Team are currently approaching the Myanmar - Bangladesh Border, a politically fractious place at the best of times and there is every chance we will have to return to Mandalay again and fly over to Dacca with all our kit, and then onward to India & North to the Himalayas. Bangladesh is the most populous country on the planet, much poverty, but very generous people. Last lap we were escorted onward by the Bangladesh Cycle Club - (or over 100 of them). Quite a moment. We would very much like your help to beat our target. So if you are walking, jogging or cycling or working out during the lockdown - join the team and give your exercise more purpose by adding your miles to our progress.

Other great news is that the Just Giving site for "Solent Mind" set up by the Ladies Committee at RSrnYC is benefitting from our efforts with £500 raised already for this amazing charity. Can you help us raise this towards their target of £2500 as we cycle the world - If so go to:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hamblecyclesforsolentmind

See You Next Time!

