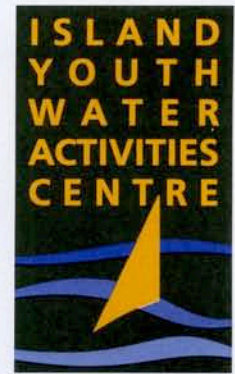


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12th January 2012

Dear Rodney

I enclose some information about the projects that the Royal London Yacht Club sponsored last year as well as our latest Annual Review. In 2011 we were able to do more work with young people than in previous years, and it is thanks to supporters like the Royal London Yacht Club that we are able to keep doing so.

We are planning a busy programme in 2012 and I hope that the Royal London Yacht Club will be able to support "Paddiywack's" entry into the Asto Small Ships race on the 6th October as well as some support for individuals undertaking yacht voyages this summer. We will also be entering the ASTO Small Ships Passage Race from London to Portland in June.

We have a team of volunteers all set to start work on the Flying Fifteen to ready her for the ISC Tuesday evening series. I have also been speaking with Andrew Millband at Cowes Corinthian YC about berthing our Fifteens at CCYC.

Yours Sincerely

Mike Acton
Centre Manager

Dear Royal London yacht club,
thank you for giving me the
chance to help me sail on Puddingwack so
I could progress from COMP crew and start work-
ing towards day skipper.

I Really enjoyed being able to sail for the week
with the fun crew on board. My best day
is Tuesday because on our way to Poole, I
was helming with a mission in mind. The wind
was strong and the waves were big, because
of the conditions I hit a wave, the crew were
drenched, Mission accomplished.

For me the only thing I didn't enjoy
is when it was raining, only because I
lost feeling in my hands. Apart from that
there was nothing whatsoever I didn't
enjoy.

The things I learnt this trip were:
Dead reckoning, course to steer & passage
planning using a chart. I also had
a re-fresh on how to do Man over
board Drill while under sail.

I thank you for the opportunity
and enjoyment of the week and a helping
hand for me to advance on to day skipper.

Adam Shorey

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Adam came on board with his competent Crew Certificate already. He had some interesting knowledge on seamanship. He turned out to be a strong and valuable member of the crew. Very reliable especially on the helm in windy conditions.

He was able to join in in all aspects of life on board including working, and I have very much enjoyed having him on board.

Hilary Thorne
skipper.

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- Josh Robbins (age 17) – Crew
- Charlie Ward (age 16) – Crew
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Race day dawned with light winds with an increase to moderate predicted. We enjoyed some banter with the Gypsy Moth crew who were the only other competitors in class D. Also next to us on the pontoon were the two Little Brigs both crewed by local youngsters (many of whom had raced on Paddiywack in the ISC Tuesday Evening series). Paddiywack was one of the last to leave the Marina as we were on the last of the three start times.

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the inshore end of the line was favoured for tide, the wind favoured the North end of the line. We started on port tack at the North end of the start line and were able to cross the entire fleet with the exception of John Laing who crossed just ahead of us on starboard.

We exchanged tacks with the 72' Challenge yachts who seemed to be surprised by a 32' yacht getting in their way. As we rounded the first mark we were surrounded by class C2 yachts as we had caught them up. The run down to Lee Point saw us overtake all the yachts in our class. From there it was another beat to Ryde Sands followed by a run back down the Solent with a few reaching legs thrown in to mix it up a bit.

We eventually finished mid-afternoon some 10 minutes in front of the next boat in our class. We took Paddywack back into Cowes Yacht Haven and scrubbed the decks before going to the prizegiving party.



At the prizegiving the crew were pleased to win a 2012 almanac for first place in class D and the Seven Sea Trophy for first ASTO member yacht on elapsed time.

All of the boys had a great time and were thanking IYWAC and the Royal London YC for the opportunity. They are all very keen to do more racing and have set their sights on a cross-channel race in May 2012.

Mike Acton Skipper of "Paddywack"

