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The founders of the Royal Lyminster Yacht Club would be astonished and delighted if they could see their club today. From small and uncertain beginnings, the club has become one of the largest in the country. Its members are active in almost every aspect of the sport and recreation of going to sea in small craft, and its burgee has been carried around the world.

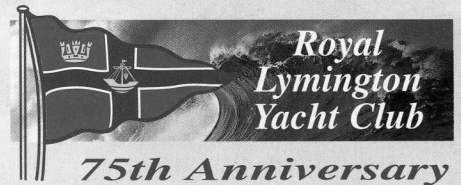
Recreational sailing has grown far beyond the limits known to those founding members. But in doing so, it has become a pastime accessible to, and to be enjoyed by, all the family. In a world where open space is ever harder to find and the search for adventure is increasingly circumscribed by regulation, the wind and the sea remain, infinite and untamed, to challenge those who set out in small boats, and to reward them with a unique fellowship.

I congratulate the club on its successful first 75 years and I wish you all continued comradeship and good sailing in the years to come.

## FROM THE COMMODORE

From small beginnings, through the endeavours of its Members, the Royal Lyminster Yacht Club has grown into a World renowned club. Many Club Members have participated and excelled in Olympic and other important events, including ocean races. The strong Junior Sailing sections of the Club have had outstanding successes, particularly recently. Club Members have cruised the oceans widely, both single-handed and in company. The Royal Lyminster Cup has also given the Club a high profile. However, throughout our seventy-five year period of evolution and growth one thing has remained constant: the Members and the staff of the Club have come together as a family. Like a family they may have had their differences from time to time, but essentially they would never let each other down. It is this basic feature which produces in the Club such a happy and mutually supportive atmosphere. Long may it continue.

Desmond Dewhurst



## Happy Birthday, Everyone Seventy Five Years

*This special anniversary issue of Pottership celebrates more than just the passage of time - it positively rejoices in where we've been, in what we are and in what we do. Herein lie tales of derring do and falling flat (just who was Lady Laceholes?); of Olympic medals and record runs (did you know that this Club shareholds the records for both fastest and - potentially - slowest circumnavigation under sail?); of junior ambition and senior achievement; of curious dress and sartorial splendour (can you guess who it was arrived in the Azores single-handed to row ashore in reefer and flannels?). Herein is the vibrant life of a vibrant Club.*

*Herein the anniversary celebrations themselves. Fireworks and fizzy drinks, bunfight and Fleet review, vintage dinghies and classic jets. Pardon? Did we say classic jets? Well, it makes all those former Brylcream Boys in office past and present feel at home. It will be a day to remember for another seventy-five years.*

*Herein, too, the secrets you've always wanted to know but been afraid to ask about the other half of the Royal Lyminster family - and do we mean family - our Club's splendid staff. Just how many names does Buzzer have? What can it be that Donna is smiling at? And just who was that wind-ride Member?*

*Herein our Club's splendid 75th Anniversary contribution to the ever-growing lexicon of yachting acronym: ReFAG, ultimate splendid body of men and women, the Review Fleet Action Group. Let us heed their sound advice, Head Up and shout Hurrah.*



