

# LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

## April 2016 Newsletter

### Powerboat Level 2 Course

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The club will be running this course on 14th & 15th May from Exmouth Marina. Available for a total of 6 students with a reserve list of 2. The fee for LSC members will be £25 and includes course Log Books, Practical Course Note Books and a small donation towards fuel costs. We are running this at cost price with Instructors donating their time in order to encourage more of our members to become qualified. In particular we want to encourage members who would be prepared to help with Safety Boat duty in the future. For non members the fee would be £200. You will need a life jacket or buoyancy aid, foul weather gear with hat and gloves and a change of clothing. Bring your own food and warm drinks. Payment will be at an introductory session on Friday 6th May at LSC at 1930. To book go to [lympstonesailingclub.co.uk](http://lympstonesailingclub.co.uk) and book under Events. Any problems, email [PeterTurgoose@aol.com](mailto:PeterTurgoose@aol.com) with your booking. **Judith**

*Printed copies of the 2016 Sailing Programme now available. Pick up a copy from the windowsill in the lobby*

### Forthcoming events

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**15th April:** An invite to all members to join us for our Open Evening at which you can meet the committee, welcome new members to LSC and bring along anyone who is thinking of joining. Brief talks on the sailing programme, social events etc. Please do come along.

**22nd April:** LSC is hosting the Exe Regatta on July 16/17 2016. Please join us to meet our sponsors and hear all about the plans for the Regatta!

*Huge congratulations to Rory McDougall who has been awarded the Jester Medal for "an outstanding contribution to the art of singlehanded sailing in a vessel of 30ft or less". Rory built his own boat and made a Solo circumnavigation in it. He also holds the record as the person who has sailed the smallest catamaran (21ft LOA) round the world. He sailed long stretches single-handed and some of it with one crew. He did a remarkable voyage, encountering very severe weather on a number of occasions. This is a real honour and much deserved!*

### LFHA: Return to the Water

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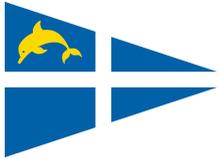
Last minute checks for harbour & mooring users

1. Make sure you collect and apply your license label. Labels in LSC foyer from 1<sup>st</sup> April. No payment, no label! You should have had an invoice and reminder - if not contact LFHA membership secretary.
2. **Harbour Open** for dinghies & canoes/kayaks from 15:00 on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Tenders to moored vessels exempted.
3. The issue of a label does not guarantee space at the harbour. There are more applicants than there are spaces. When the harbour is deemed full, (see LFHA website and noticeboard) no further dinghies & canoes/kayaks can be brought to the harbour without specific authority from Harbour Board. Refunds will be available to unlucky licensees.
4. First LFHA license checks will take place on May 1<sup>st</sup> or soon after. **Richard Crisp**

### Working party: sanding club floor

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Bill Boaden and Jamie Reeves are organising and hiring a sanding machine for the weekend of the 16th/17th April. We need some willing helpers to take a turn on the sander on Saturday or help with staining on the Sunday. You can just turn up at 10am on the day, but if you can let Bill know [wboaden@millcombe.com](mailto:wboaden@millcombe.com) when you are coming that would help. You do not need to be available for the whole day, but if you can help for an hour or two that would be great. Email Bill and let him know when you could help - it will be reassuring for them if they can feel they are not alone! **Judith**



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## LSC Contacts

Commodore Judith Carter

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Rear Commodore. Michelle Pryor

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## Respect the Water

Lifejackets and buoyancy aids save lives - all the evidence indicates that - but only if they are properly maintained and correctly fitted. Check out <http://completeguide.rnli.org/lifejackets.html>! A really bad time to discover a faulty lifejacket or buoyancy aid is when you are in the water and dependent on it for survival! **Chas**

## Commodore's Corner

Winter is behind us now and the boats get Craned Afloat on 9th April - it really is the start of the season and a cause for celebration. If you have not seen the Craning operation come down about 8am and have a Bacon Buttie and watch activities from the comfort of the club room. There will also be a start of the season supper which is open to all - the only restriction is the number of places so book now on the website. The clubhouse has been quiet recently on Friday evenings but with the start of the season I hope to see you down there, particularly on 15th April when we have a welcome evening for new members and also on 29th when we are inviting our sponsors of the Exe Regatta, Tozers, Stormpress, Wilkinson Grant, and Exe Sails and Covers to join us for a glass of Pimms and an outline of what is planned for the Regatta.

**Judith**

## DIARY DATES

Fri 8 Apr 19:00 Pre season "gathering"

Sat 9 Apr 07:00 Craning afloat briefing

Su 10 Apr 10:30 Clean up boat park

Su 10 Apr 15:00 Dinghy Park Open (hurrah)

Su 10 Apr 18:30 Craning afloat supper

Fri 15 Apr 19:00 New members' eve

Tu 19 Apr 18:00 Shakedown sail

Fri 29 Apr 19:00 Exe Regatta thank sponsors eve

## Craning Afloat Supper

This year, we will be offering lasagne with salads and garlic bread along with some yummy desserts. Tickets are £10pp available through [www.lympstonesailingclub.co.uk](http://www.lympstonesailingclub.co.uk). **Book tickets before 3rd April.** Bar open from 6.30pm with food served 7 pm (or thereabouts!). We look forward to seeing you there whether you sail a cruiser, dinghy or pirate raft!

**Lesley Anderson**

## Skittles

The Lympets and Dolphins needed to win their last matches in order to be the joint winners of the League this season, but, sadly, failed to do so, and ended up in 3rd place with 9 matches won and 5 lost. However, the Lympets are slightly ahead of the Dolphins, knocking down 50 more skittles during the season. Topsham SC is this year's winner with the Beachcombers (Exmouth Rowing Club) second. The Dolphins marked the end of the season with an enjoyable meal at the LSC. Martin Hebdige retained the Men's Cup and I received the Ladies' Cup. Chas, in his first skittling season, was awarded the trophy for the best newcomer, much to the surprise of his daughter & son-in-law who have also enjoyed being part of the Dolphins team.

**Diana de la Rue**

(P.S. I understand that Diana has stepped down after ten triumphant years as Captain. I hope Don, who replaces her, will be as prompt with his newsletter copy! Ed)