

# LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

## August 2017 Newsletter

### Obituary: Bob Blackmore

I am sad to announce the death of Bob Blackmore. Bob, Pam & their family joined the sailing club in the 1960s. They sailed a GP14, "Cinzano", for many years, followed by "Hi Hopes" in the days when the GP14 fleet numbered up to about 20. Bob was very active in club racing and also put a lot of effort in assisting with the running & maintenance of the club. He served on the Committee from 1970, as Rear-Commodore from 1971 to 1973, then as Vice-Commodore until 1982 in the days when Norman Mitchell, our Founder, was Commodore. He later served as Vice-President and then President. Bob helped to organise and run some GP14 SW Area Championships at Lymestone. Bob & Pam were then living in Exeter, where Bob ran a garage and they later moved to Chagford. Sadly, in recent years, Bob had been suffering from Parkinson's Disease. Our sympathy and condolences go to Pam and the family. His funeral will take place at Exeter Crematorium on Tuesday 8th August at 1.15pm.

**Judith**

### Sea Rangers

We are glad to welcome Anne Baker and Tessa Bullimore and their group of Sea Rangers who are visiting our club on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July. They will be joining our races on Saturday and Sunday and will be using our Clubhouse during the day. Our sailors have been very helpful in welcoming and including them in our activities in the past and I know they will again this year. Please come down and join in over the three days either sailing or socialising.

**Judith Carter**

### Dayboat doings

Well done to Jim T, with Jamie R crewing, for participating in Jenkins 1 in his Devon Dayboat, competing against Don G in Helena, sailing the scheduled Cruiser event - both boats enjoying good sailing conditions. Jenkins 2 and 3 were not contested, race no. 3 (on 21/7) unsurprisingly so, as it was such a miserable day - but JT was on the water again later for pleasure (one assumes) as the weather had by then brightened (our meteorologist called it correctly!). Otherwise, to your scribe's knowledge, DB action since the last newsletter was largely limited to the launch of Sapphire (Lesley A's lugger), now safely on her mooring again; sails by John W and Mai T in Abigail, their Devon DB; and, if I am correct, Rob. H. and young crew in Zalophus, a classy Cornish Cormorant. (Any errors and omissions, my apologies - and please let me know!) To come, in August: The Commodore's Cup race on Sat. 12 August, 0930 start, alongside the Cruisers contesting the President's Cup. (Alternative 'fall-back' date Sat. 26/8, 0945 start).

**John Bennett**

### Sailing Activities

The sailing programme is in full swing with late July having seen the start of the Peters Cup. Fun Sails continue throughout August, although it should be noted that for the event on Sat 19 Aug it is important to opt for **either the Fun sail or the Trip to Exe Café**. Whilst safety boat cover will provide support to/from the Exe Café, for safety reasons those opting for the Fun Sail will need to remain within the designated sailing area on the day. Additional Improver Sailing sessions are running throughout the summer. These are proving very popular. There are still places left so if you are interested please sign up in the usual way. Next session is 9th August. The next Fun Session is 5th August and will include a "beginners' race".

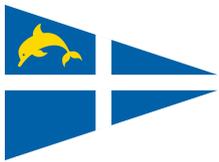
**Charlie Pilling**

### Help Needed

*Can anyone spare an hour to help in cutting down vegetation around the clubhouse? If so please contact [judith\\_carter@hotmail.com](mailto:judith_carter@hotmail.com) 07855908785*

### New For 2017 : Trip To The River Exe Cafe August 19

Fancy arriving at the Exe Cafe as a flotilla, by boat or kayak from LSC? Safety boat cover provided for the trip to the cafe. Please reserve your place online - we need to know well in advance otherwise we'll lose our booking so PLEASE don't wait until the last minute. Places limited to 30. We plan to eat at around 6pm to leave us with enough water to get back safely.



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## DIARY DATES

29/30	31 July		Sea Rangers
Sat	5 Aug	17:00	Fun Sail and race (Furry Dance)
Wed	9 Aug	18:30	Improver Sailing
Sat	19 Aug	16:30	Fun Sail
Sat	19 Aug	16:00	Trip to River Exe Cafe

## Craning Ashore Supper?

Traditionally we have had a supper on the night of the Craning operation. This used to be primarily for people who had had their boats lifted on the day, but also included others. This year, we have an end of Season Supper planned for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September (which is open for all) and are currently considering what to hold on the 7<sup>th</sup> October. Fewer boats are being craned into the harbour this year and many boat owners have not come to the evening event in recent years, (due to a combination of an early start, a strenuous day and the level of stamina required to continue into the evening!) It seems appropriate, therefore, to ask you all what sort of event you would like and whether this should be on 7<sup>th</sup> October? Also, if people would like a Supper, is there anyone willing to organise it? Please contact me with your ideas and if you are willing to help on the night. Thanks [judith\\_carter@hotmail.com](mailto:judith_carter@hotmail.com)

## RYA Safety Boat Training

Advance notice is given for RYA Safety Boat training on dates to be confirmed on Oct/Nov and after craning ashore. This is a nationally recognised qualification that ensures a minimum level of competence amongst safety boat crews. Competent boat handling in all conditions is a prerequisite because the focus of training relates to the safety of, and recovery of, other water users and not on boat handling. Watch social media and the website for details when the instructors confirm their availability. The course will be over a minimum of two days and minimum age is 16.

**Assumed knowledge:** Basic understanding of sailing boats and windsurfers. RYA Powerboat Level 2 Powerboat Handling certificate must be held prior to this course

**Course Content:** Preparation, boat handling, dinghy rescue, windsurfer rescue, kayak or canoe rescue (can be covered as theory), towing, end-of-day procedures, safety, suitability of craft, local factors, communication, rescuing other water users

**Ability after the course:** Able to provide safety or support cover to a range of craft, particularly sailing or windsurfing

**Mike Gall**

## LSC To The Rescue

Many thanks to Michelle Pryor & George Collett for recovering Wyvern from up the estuary and Jamie Dawson for securing her when found adrift.

**Richard Crisp**

*Starcross are holding a "mini festival" this year as an alternative to their dinner dance. It will take place on Saturday 9th September from 4 - 11pm. All (including families) are welcome. Adult tickets: £10, Family ticket (2+2): £25. Book on [www.starcrossyc.org.uk](http://www.starcrossyc.org.uk) from 1st July*