



Lympstone Sailing Club

February 2015 Newsletter

DINGHY CAPTAIN (S)

This is the first slot for the new 'shared' dinghy captain (George and David Collett). Yes, two for the price of one - please feel free to catch either of us or Sailing Secretary, Jim Trice, with ideas, questions or feedback relating to the dinghy fleet. The dinghy sailing programme is almost complete and due for publishing in March. Feedback from the spuddle has been incorporated; the main features being more races overall, plus a series of three 'Have a go at racing' sessions, where an inexperienced helm is paired with an experienced crew to help build confidence and develop their skills, encouraging participation in the race calendar. The usual social sailing events are included and David, Emily and Alan are putting together the training sessions to match the allocated dates.

David and George Collett

THE RACE SCHEDULE 2015—REQUESTS FOR HELP

In order to include a few additional races this year (see above), we need sufficient support for wall and safety boat duties. We're aware some members who don't necessarily race, enjoy safety boat and race official duties and would be prepared to cover more races. **If you are willing to do more than the usual allocation of duties we'd be very grateful if you would let us know.** Even if you're not confident as helm or Officer of the Day, we'd be glad of your help as crew or Assistant Officer of the Day, where you'll be able to learn more about the roles. Equally, we may be missing individuals who are willing to take some duties but haven't notified through the annual subscription form. If you are able to offer your help we'd be very pleased to hear from you. Please reply to this email to Jim Trice or David Collett by Sunday 7th February, so we can include you in the sailing calendar. Thank you in advance.

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LSC FORUM

The Club plans to roll-out a new "Members" section to the LSC website, incorporating a new LSC Forum. This will be a secure area accessible only to members, via a password, allowing exchange of information available only to them. For those of you used to using Fora on the web, the format follows the usual standard. For others, not so familiar, a Forum is an on-line notice board providing information of interest to other members directly, such as; requests for crew or wishing to crew, duty swaps for OOD, AOD, safety boat helm and crew, bar duty swaps, and boating stuff to sell and buy. You can also use it to send your ideas to the Committee. The beauty of the Forum is that it will be visible to the entire membership, but you can post your notices from the comfort of home. Additional topics can be added or taken away according to your requests. It is your Forum, so it is easy to adapt to your needs! Roll out of forum will be mid-February. Your password will be sent to you via the email you registered with the Club. This gives access to the secure part of the website and read-only access to the Forum. If you wish to make a post on the Forum then you need to define a second password, but this can be the same as the one used to access the "Members" section. We will post more information regarding the changes in February on the website, and via eEvents. We hope that you will find this new facility exciting and useful, and that everything will be in place well before the start of the season. **Tony Gratton**

SKITTLES

The skittles are off and running again and the Dolphins have started in great form. The Dolphins and the Lympets met in the last match of last year with honours shared in a reasonable high scoring match, 376 pins each. However, this year after a disastrous first leg the Lympets failed to recover and lost in a close finish by 364 to 360. Congratulations must go to the Dolphins for their consistency.

Graham Wills

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

30th Jan: 7.30pm (45 mins) Cruising to Plymouth. Roger Howell will be sharing photos, sailing suggestions and stories to inspire us to travel our beautiful coastline.

20th Feb: 7.30pm (45 mins) Get Knotted! Know your bowlines from your rolling hitches? Come along to a relaxed knot-tying session with some of our salty sea dogs.

22nd Feb: 7pm Antiques quiz night. Interested in antiques or haven't a clue? Either way, you'll enjoy this relaxed and fun evening. A series of objects will be handed round by our local expert and auctioneer, Rick Hall. Each team in turn will guess the purpose, age and value of each object. £10pp including a delicious meal. Proceeds to LSC dinghy training fund. Book a table by contacting Lesley on 222849 or events@lsc.com

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DIARY DATES

Fri	30 Jan	7.30pm	Talk "Cruising to Plymouth" Roger H
Fri	13 Feb	8pm	LFHA AGM, agenda on website, noticeboard and clubhouse
Fri	20 Feb	7.30pm	Talk/practical on knots: Chris Cooke
Sun	22 Feb	7pm	Quiz "antiques"
Fri	6 March	7.30pm	Talk "Family sail in Wayfarer" Fiona and Nathan Upchurch

This month's **Winter Walk is Sunday morning 22 February**. 5 mile undulating walk in the Newton Poppleford/Venn Ottery area, followed by an optional pub lunch. If interested please contact Anne Crisp, tel. 01395273211.

OBITUARY—MARGARET MIDDLETON

We were saddened by the news of the death of one of our oldest members, Margaret Middleton, on 26th December 2014 at the age of 92. Margaret had been a member of the Club since the 1960s and had been a very active member over many years. Her husband Dick was President of the Club from 1999 to 2007 and Margaret was a very supportive partner; fully involved in the club and attending just about every club event, organising and running many of the social activities. She was full of life and laughter which she was ready to share with all members. She had a great Yorkshire sense of humour, coming from Skipton, and no event that she was involved in could ever be described as solemn. She welcomed everyone and made them feel instantly at home - perhaps our tradition of being such a friendly club stems from these days. She did not get about a great deal in her later years, especially after reaching her 90th birthday. Margaret was a valiant stalwart of the club for decades and deserves remembering with special affection, as without her the Club would not now exist in its present prosperity. Our condolences go to her two children, Jon and Janet and their families.

Judith Carter

OBITUARY—JOHN BALDING 1935—2015

It is with deep sadness that we learn of the passing of John, a long standing and much respected member of our club; an active sailor, skittler and walker. Although he loved sailing his Hunter 19' "Cyranka", he was mostly occupied in his children's sailing activities, including building a mirror dinghy with his son Nigel. He watched with understandable pride as Chris progressed from Club Optimists to Mirrors, culminating in his becoming the Mirror world champion in Ontario, Canada in 1997. More recently, John took on the unenviable task of rostering the Club's sailing duties—not easy! A quiet, family loving man, we shall miss you John. Rest in peace.

Martin Hebdige

COMMODORE'S CORNER

This month is all about preparation for the forthcoming season, yes I know it seems ages to craning afloat, but it will soon come around. Programme planning is well underway by a sub group of dinghy and cruiser sailors, trainers and the social team. They are working hard, trying to include as much input from the Spuddle as possible, whilst also including a few events to attract novice sailors on the water. Last year the Turf camp was a success and we will run it again this year, but we need an organiser for this to work, specifically the booking with the pub. If you are interested in helping us run this event let me know; it is a great weekend. The committee has decided to purchase a new Suzuki outboard to replace the old 30 horsepower safety boat engine. It has done good service and Alan Dixon has put in a lot of time keeping it running, but now is the time to change it. Last year we saw an increase in the amount of S/B damage, specifically the props, so we ask all drivers in the forthcoming season to be careful manoeuvring in and out of the brook. We are looking at attaching guard rings around the props, but the S/B crew also has a part to play in reducing prop damage. On the IT front, as you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, work is underway by IT experts in the club to get the new forum up and running. We hope that this will be another means to interact as a community of club members; such as finding crew for your next voyage and to help handle duty swaps. I look forward to see many of you at the dinner dance in early February. It should be a great night.

Brett