



# *Lympstone Sailing Club*

## *April 2015 Newsletter*

### **HARBOUR OPENING FOR THE SUMMER SEASON**

Craning will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015, commencing with the safety briefing at 0600 which all owners of vessels being craned, or their nominees, must attend. The crane will be arriving late afternoon on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, so no vehicles should be at the Harbour at that time and all the sailing dinghies and tenders must have been removed. The Harbour will not be open for summer berthing arrivals until Monday 20<sup>th</sup> so as to minimise obstruction during the clearing & clean-up operations on the Sunday. However, once the clean-up operations are finished, licensed vessels may arrive thereafter. Please remember to affix 2015 licence labels to each vessel's transom from the moment your vessels arrives on site. If paid, your licence(s) will be available from a box on the LSC foyer windowsill from 14<sup>th</sup> April. Those prefixed with "d" for dry-berthed dinghies & tenders, "w" for moored or wet-harbour berthed vessels. For last-minute information watch the LF&HA website or Noticeboard. If you have yet to pay your invoice please do so now. Those who have not paid by 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015 will be re-invoiced with a 20% increase and those who have not paid the increased fee by 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 will not be licensed.

**Richard Crisp**

### **STARCROSS STEAMER EVENT 2015**

3 members of Lympstone Sailing Club crossed the river to take part in Starcross Yacht Club's annual winter pursuit race. Michelle and Simon Pryor manned one of our rescue boats in support and Basil Strickland helped ashore and afloat (it's the Starcross catamaran sailors who organise the event). Last year, for the first time in its 22 year history, the Steamer had to be postponed due to the forecast gale force winds, with still plenty to go around on the re-scheduled day. This year at least it was dry, a little warmer would have been nice, but a steady North Easterly of about 12 to 15 knots greeted the competitors. The steamer is a 150min pursuit race with the first boat (this time a Mirror) setting off at 12noon, followed by progressively faster boats. Just about every minute until 12:57 a class would start, the largest fleet again this year was the Laser with 13 boats, followed by 11 Merlins, 8 Laser Radials, 8 RS 100's, 6 RS 400's and 5 RS 200's. My own start time in the Vortex was 12.50 and then the final boat away at 13:03 was the RS 800 helmed by Russ Gibbs and crewed by Jamie Dawson. The other familiar face milling around before the start whilst bacon sarnies were eaten and tea was drunk was Ian Smith (apologies Ian - I can't find you in the results to see which boat you sailed). Russ and Jamie did a good job of chasing down the fleet but the wind didn't quite hold and they finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place (out 79 starters). Despite staying ahead for the first 2 hours the Mirror didn't quite manage to fend off the pack and eventually finished in 77<sup>th</sup> place. For my own part I had a great sail but had a couple too many swims to do well in the results (57<sup>th</sup> and 14 places behind the other Vortex). However, at least there was a photographer on hand to catch me 'pointy end up' momentarily.

**Jim Trice**

### **DINGHY TRAINING**

Sign up evening for this year's training is 6-7pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. If you can't make this date contact David Hawes; djahawes@googlemail.com. This year there will be 7 sessions starting on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May and ending in July (see the club programme for details). There is a maximum of 18 spaces so sign up before 1<sup>st</sup> May is essential. This training is for beginners or improvers and for both children and adults, but only for children in Year 5 or older. There will be a small charge for the sessions this year—details will be available on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**David Hawes.**

### **HELMING FEES**

With the new season fast approaching this is a reminder for all LSC Helms to pay their Helming Fee for 2015. You probably already have, at membership renewal time, but there is some confusion as to the nature of this fee. It is currently £5 and is for all those who helm in an organised LSC racing activity. The fee is designed to offset some of the club expenditure which is specific to racing, for example new marks, radios & safety cover.

**LSC Committee**

### **SKITTLES**

The skittles season has ended and, once again, both teams from LSC have maintained high positions in the League, coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Beachcombers (formerly Exmouth Rowing Club) have won the shield for the first time in their 15 years in the League. They won 11 games whilst the Dolphins and Lympets each won 10, lost 3 and drew 1 but on 'pin difference' the Dolphins came out ahead by 200 to 170. The new skittles have proved very satisfactory - 'thank you LSC' for them from both teams. The Dolphins marked their successful season with an excellent supper at the Club, with Martin & Adrienne Hebdige winning the trophies for top scorers.

**Diana de la Rue**

## LSC CONTACTS

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## SOCIAL EVENTS

### Club Open Evening: April 24th

Following on from registration for the sail training programme (6 - 7pm), we would like to invite members to join us for a welcome Fruit Punch and brief introductions to the social and sailing programmes for 2015. If you are able to offer your help with catering, clearing up, making cakes, helping on safety boats etc - please come along and talk to us! If you are new to the Club or haven't had a chance to get involved yet, this is a great opportunity to put faces to names and find out more about what goes on. Please invite prospective members to come along and join!

### Lite Bites on Race or Training nights

There are going to be 5 or 6 evenings when we have events going on at the club on Fridays or Saturdays and we'd like to offer simple suppers; pasties, pies or pizza etc! We need a team of catering volunteers to organise, cook and serve for a couple of hours over the sailing season. Contact Michelle on 01395273706.

## MARINERS' MUNCHES

Mariners' Munches finished on Friday 20th March, after 11 pleasant social occasions and delicious lunches. We made c. £700 for the club. As we badly needed a new dishwasher, which has now been installed, that contribution to the club coffers is much appreciated. A big thank you to all the cooks and helpers that made these Lunches such a success. **Judith Carter**

## COMMODORE'S CORNER

As I advertised last month we had a club spring clean in the second weekend of March. Many thanks to all those who turned up. The main thing we wanted to get done was a repaint of the Men's changing room and we managed to achieve this and spring clean both the bar area plus check over the club boats. A huge amount of work, but well worth it, in readiness for the forthcoming season (only a few weeks away now!). I hope that we will do another work weekend at the end of the season, date and work plan to be announced later on in the year. This last weekend also saw the start of a series of safety boat sorties on the river in readiness for their use supporting this year's sailing activities. The upgraded engine on Safety 2 is being run in and initial feedback has made us come to the decision that boat helms must be familiarised with the engine before use. Chris Batson has agreed to set up some dates which will be advertised in events. Please come along. Finally many thanks to all those over the last few weeks who have given a Friday night talk. Recent offerings have included, rules refreshers (found useful to both cruisers and dinghy sailors alike!) and reports on cruises, both in the Med on Dragonfly and also closer to home on a Wayfarer 14ft dinghy. Here's hoping for a successful start to the season.

**Brett**

## DIARY DATES

Fri	17 April		Crane arrives
Sat	18 April	0600	Craning afloat briefing
Sat	18 April	tbc	Craning afloat supper
Mon	20 April		Dinghy park opens
Fri	24 April	6pm	Training sign up
Fri 1st May 6pm			 
Shakedown sail			

## CRANING AFLOAT SUPPER 18TH APRIL

We need a team of volunteers to organise the craning afloat supper, to celebrate the start of the cruiser sailing season. If you are able to help, please get in touch with Michelle on 273706 or this event will NOT happen.

## DINGHY RACING

The sailing programme is going to print and will be with you soon. We have tried hard to spread the duties fairly, but inevitably there will be some people that need to change their dates, so please get on the phone to others to swap if you find you can't make it. The club is developing a secure members area on the website that will contain 'phone numbers to make that easier. Jim Trice has spoken to the local representatives for RYA dinghy race training and they are willing to hold a couple of sessions; one for single handers and one for others, so please let one of us know if you're interested in joining in. Thanks **David and George Collett**

The club has bought a brand new engine for one of the safety boats. It is a Suzuki and has several different features to the Yamaha engines. The committee has asked that all safety boat helms attend a quick familiarisation session before they use the new engine, which will be on 2nd and 3rd April from 4 -7pm. Please contact me on batsons@talktalk.net if you can't make these and I will try to arrange some more dates. **Chris Batson**