



Lympstone Sailing Club

May 2015 Newsletter

BRAND NEW ENGINE FOR SAFETY BOAT

As many of you will be aware, we are now the proud owners of a brand new Suzuki DF30 engine for Safety Boat 2. This engine is of the very latest, lean burn, technology, providing better economy and quieter operation. It represents a significant investment for the club at over £4,000 and so all helms are strongly encouraged to attend one of the familiarisation and refresher courses being run by Chris Batson. To ensure equal use of both engines, it is intended that the Safety Boats will be used alternately between sailing events. Given a recent incident when one of the Safety Boats was used, left with the keys in, the radio on board in full view of passersby, and without any entry into the Safety Boat Log, it is worth reminding Members of the mandatory controls on the use of the Safety Boats:

- The log for the related Safety Boat should be completed after every use – without exception.
- Any problems or damage during use must be reported back to Alan Dixon, Bosun Afloat, to allow repairs to be scheduled before the following event.
- Safety Boats are intended for LSC events only - except in the case of emergencies.
- Requests to use the Safety Boats for other activities should be made beforehand to Alan Dixon. It is the user's responsibility to ensure that sufficient time has been scheduled to make contact.

Regards, Alan Dixon, Bosun Afloat

OPEN EVENING APRIL 24TH

There was a great turn-out for the Open Evening with lots of members welcoming new and prospective members into the Club. It was good to hear about the new sailing programme and social activities so thank you to everyone who contributed to the evening. Although the weather was cooler, the Pimms still went down well!

DINGHY RACING

The race calendar is upon us and the first toes will be dipped in the water this Friday. The evening for new members answered a few questions last week, but if anyone has any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us or speak to anyone who looks like they know what they're doing - you'll find it's a friendly and helpful bunch. Importantly, if anyone can't do their duty, please ensure you arrange a swap with someone else in good time. As in previous years, Margaret Turgoose will be emailing those who are down for a race duty about a week or so beforehand as a gentle reminder. The forum has been set up on the website to facilitate swapping duties, (although it has its limitations in that it only allows you to seek a duty swap; you cannot post the requirement and assume that someone will take your place!) Some members have offered their services as reserve for race duties where a member can't make their own. It would be really useful to put together a pool of people willing to be called upon. Please contact David Collett or Jim Trice if you're up for it. (dcollett001@gmail.com or jimtrice@yahoo.co.uk)

David and George Collett (dinghy captains)

DAYBOAT DOINGS

A new season, which started, at least, with some glorious weather. At the time of writing there are four luggers on their moorings: Alan C's Kingfisher and Tim M's Santoy, both quickly out of the blocks, followed by your scribe's Pula a short head astern and, since then a fourth lugger, new to the fleet - welcome to John Lomax. Not forgetting, perish the thought, John and Mai's Devon DB Abigail and, more recently, Ian's Devon Yawl T'Other Woman and Rosemary and Ed's Hunter Tracer Bizzy Lizzy. Great to see all the boats on the moorings once again.. Don't forget to pick up your good old-style printed copy of the Club's sailing programme, now available in the clubhouse (thanks to hard work over the winter by Dave Collett, Jim Trice and, as ever, Don Govan). For the DBs there is a series of races for the Jenkins Cup during the period mid-June to late July; the Commodore's Cup in early Sept (let's have entries for that event especially!); and opportunities, weather always permitting, for day sails outside the estuary in company with the cruisers - and anyone else in whichever type of craft! And if you are looking for a crew, or wish to swap a duty on the wall or on the safety boats or more: visit the new Members Forum on the website. **But, most of all, enjoy your sailing!**

John Bennett, Day Boat Captain

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FOOD ON RACE NIGHTS

This year, we plan to put on food to support sail training nights and some of the racing events. There will be delicious Lite Bites for all of the sail training nights (except July 31) so please sign up in the club house to give us some idea of numbers. It's a great way to feed the family AND sail!

- May 1st Lite Bites
- May 15th Lite Bites
- May 16th Fish and chips
- May 29th Lite Bites
- May 30th cream teas (3 - 5pm)
- May 30th bar and pasties (6 - 8pm)
- June 13th LSC Regatta and BBQ

Please note sharing platters on May 2nd has been postponed to later in the year but the bar will be OPEN on Saturday 2nd May - perfect if you are sailing in the first races of the season - the Smith Tankard 1 and Moore Cup 1.

Lesley Anderson

MEMBERS' FORUM

Please check out the new Members Forum on the LSC website. The Forum offers you the opportunity to communicate with other club members on topics that interest you. The more people using the Forum, the more useful it will be. For example, you can use the Forum to sell sailing kit, ask for a duty swap or offer to crew. Take a look! Your feedback is welcome.

DIARY DATES

Fri	1 May	1800	Dinghy training and Shakedown sail
Fri	15 May	1900	Dinghy training, Cruiser race, Lite
Sat	16 May	1800	Fish and Chips & music night
Fri	29 May	1900	Dinghy training and Lite Bites
Sat	30 May	1500 1800	Dinghy race, Cream Tea Pasties

Full race and events schedule available in club house and on website

Yippee, it's time to go sailing; rig those sails, flex those muscles (finely tuned in the gym over the winter) and let battle commence. Good luck on the water and may the best woman win. (The Editor)

FISH AND CHIPS NIGHT

We have a wonderful evening planned for **Saturday May 16th** when Jason is frying up for LSC accompanied by 3 musical talents from the village. We are fortunate to have 3 guest performances including shanties, opera, folk and whatever else takes their fancy. Food is available from 6 to 8pm with music starting at 7pm ish. Tickets are £10 pp (or £6.50 for a small) including a pudding. Please sign up in the Club house or email events@lsc.com giving your name, number of meals needed and likely time of arrival. Barrel of beer in the bar to lubricate the evening!
Lesley Anderson

CRUISER RACING

After a modestly eventful craning afloat (it put a few years on Chas) & mast stepping (we only dropped Don's mast so that we could repair it in record time) the cruisers are nearing readiness for the first race on Saturday 2nd May. The early season races are a good opportunity to shake the boat down ready for cruising further afield. See you on the water.

Roger Howell, Cruiser captain

COMMODORE'S CORNER

The first event of the new season begins this week, although I notice that several cruiser sailors have already got air in their sails (White Lady & Valkyrie for starters). Hopefully by now you should have picked up your programme sheet from the club foyer. If you find you need to do a duty swap then don't forget that the Club Forum on the website is now up and running; there is a whole area devoted to duty swaps. It's also the way to put items for sale and a convenient way to communicate with the committee. Both the programme creation and setting up the Forum has required several members to give up a lot of time. Many thanks then to David Collett, Don Govan & Jim Trice (Programme); Tony Gratton & Richard Crisp (Forum). I read recently that the RNLI rescued 4 people from a sinking speedboat off Exmouth and only one of them had a lifejacket...You may also have seen this too. It's a timely reminder that as our season starts please check and use your lifejackets or buoyancy aids. For the first time this year then; see you on the water

Brett