



Lympstone Sailing Club

June 2015 Newsletter

HAVE A GO AT RACING' – SUNDAY 7TH JUNE

Anyone who is interested in having a go at racing can come along (including juniors) for a friendly race. We will run a race briefing to explain the start, the course, and the basic rules and club boats will be available to book for the race. More experienced racers with double-handed boats and room on the pointy end are encouraged to turn up to offer crewing opportunities (please email Brett if you are able to offer help in this way). A sign-up sheet (for helms, crews and single-handers) will be available outside the club so that we have an idea of numbers. **Race Start is at 10am Race Briefing is at 9.45am**

(Suggest you come down at 9am to rig your boat)

Jim Trice

BOOKING CLUB BOATS

There is now a section on the LCS Forum (under 'Dinghies General') where you can book club boats. Please check the forum to see which boats are available (there are normally some free if the early season is any indication) and book a boat by posting your name and details e.g. Sunday 21st June, Fred Bloggs, Yellow Pico. The system will operate on a 1st come, 1st served basis, and replaces the need to phone the Sailing Secretary to book club boats.

Jim Trice

RIVER EXE REGATTA

A brand new website for the River Exe Regatta has just been launched, and along with it entries for this year's regatta are now open. You can find the regatta website at www.river-exe-regatta.org.uk. We hope you enjoy the new look site! To enter the regatta click on one of the 'Enter' links, fill in and submit the form, and then pay the entry fee via the PayPal form. The PayPal payment form will appear after you've submitted your completed entry form. Unlike in previous years, you will not need to log in or register before you are able to fill in the entry form. Entry fees for this year's regatta are £15 for singlehanders and £20 for all other boats, with these fees discounted to £10 and £15, respectively, for entries received before 21st June. Entry for all Juniors is FREE (but you must still fill in the entry form!). This year the regatta is hosted by Starcross yacht club.

NOTE THAT ALL ENTRIES CLOSE ON 9TH JULY.

Jim Trice

SQUIRE'S TROPHY

This year it's LSC's turn to host the Squire's Trophy. All clubs on the Exe compete for the trophy in a winner-takes-all single race – we're expecting plenty of boats and some closely contested racing. Chas has generously offered the use of White Lady so that we can have a proper committee boat start/finish and we're expecting to set a nice big course in the middle of the river. We're planning a ploughman's lunch in the clubhouse for post race refreshments. No need to sign up – just turn up on the day and make yourself known to the committee boat. The Notice of Race is up on the LSC website and the Sailing Instructions will be available from 1st June.

Jim Trice

DINGHY PARK OPENING FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

To newcomers to Lympstone, entering the boating community can be confusing. A dinghy sailor might join the Sailing Club and think that's the end of it. However, Lympstone is different. LSC owns the Clubhouse but not the surrounding land, the slipway, the harbour or the moorings. Thus being an LSC member does not give a boat owner any opportunity to bring, launch, or berth a boat, because the facilities to do this are owned separately by the Lympstone Fishery & Harbour Association. Making the point, whilst not advocating it, to be a boat user in Lympstone, one has to be a member of LF&HA but one does not need to be an LSC member. Whereas the boat is on the other foot when it comes to all matters to do with racing, training and social which are all in the hands of LSC. The LF&HA charges for annual licenses for use of the facilities. This year, the issuing of invoices and licenses has gone smoothly (as usual) for about 90% of our 200 members. That said, a significant number of vessels are still not displaying a license and are at risk of having a mandatory removal notice placed on them. The two issues this season were non-payment and the late occupation of dry berths. As there is a waiting list for dinghy dry berths late occupation of a space stops others from sailing and is not acceptable. With dinghy ownership increasing, as Lympstone develops, the waiting list is probably here to stay. Because of this pressure, members who do not pay and do not keep to the rules are risking their membership. To find out more about LF&HA, do browse our website <http://www.lympstoneharbour.org.uk>

Richard Crisp, LF&HA Membership Secretary

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LSC REGATTA

Plans are underway for the LSC Regatta. Get the date in your diary and then put your name down to help in some way. The Regatta is THE big social event of the year and many hands make light work. Are you happy to make a salad or a cake? Flip some burgers? Help sell tickets on the night? Collect glasses? Help get things ready beforehand? Run some silly games for the kids? We need a team of about 20 to make this the success we would all like it to be so PLEASE email Lesley on eventslsc@mail.com to offer your time or skills. Initial timetable is:

1530 'Bring a plate' tea

1700 Sail past - prizes for the best dressed boat etc

1800 BBQ

The racing programmed for the same day (Short Courses 1 - 7,8,9) is cancelled due to conflict with the other events planned and lack of resources to run the racing

CRUISER RACING

The season has got off to its usual flying start. Chas has been laid up replacing his old roller reefing, Tony's new main won't fit, Bill had a sticky centreplate & Don has just had his first sail. On a more serious note the Ashtons asked for my emails in larger print - when they ask for them in brail I promise to contact their insurance company! On a positive note Rory is preparing for the Jester Baltimore (Ireland) Challenge which takes place in June - good luck & fair winds. **Roger**

DIARY DATES

Sat	30 May	1500 1800	Dinghy race, Cream Tea Pasties
Sat	6 June	1000	Plymouth City Coach race to Torquay
Sun	7 June	1000	Have a go at racing (arrive 0900)
Sat	13 June		LSC regatta
Sun	21 June	1000	Squire's cup and Ploughman's lunch
Full race and events schedule is on website			

Don't forget: Saturday 30th May; Cream teas 3—5pm and Pasties 6—8pm

DAYBOAT DOINGS

We were spoiled by hints of summer in April, blown and washed away during mid-May by fresh, squally westerlies and now the month is rapidly disappearing. What will flaming June bring? Well, the Club programme, at least, is looking pretty full, and offers options for the DBs, with the first Jenkins Cup race scheduled for Tuesday 16th at 1900, sharing the line with the Cruisers. The second in the series follows on Tuesday 30th at 1745. Before those events, on Saturday 13th, the annual Club Regatta will take place, with teas (bring a plate), the Sailpast at 1700 hours, and the BBQ to follow. All DBs are invited to join in the fun! (See elsewhere in this edition of the Newsletter also, for requests for support with the onshore activities: please help if you can.) There is also a possible offshore date in company with the Cruisers on Saturday 20th, 1000 hours dep, out on the ebb and back on the early evening flood tide. This event unfortunately missed entry in the DB column of the programme when it was finalised. As always it will be dependent on the weather. I can also report the arrival of a third Devon Dayboat, now on its mooring (the second, belonging to Jim Trice, is still to make her debut!) – but Lasers beware: the Devon Yawl and variant fleet is growing! Happy sailing
John Bennett.

COMMODORE'S CORNER

This comes from Madrid where I am at a work meeting - about as far as I can be from water. The club sailing activities on the water are starting to come alive, with a full month of racing already completed. There has been a full range of conditions, both too strong and too drifty. The new RS Vision club boat has been out there too, good for a mix of experienced helm and novice crew. Training is busy as always, with lite bites popular. For those of you with children benefiting from the training could we ask that you sign up to help with the lite bites. We really would like to keep this running, but it needs your help. Good also to see that the Club Forum is being used for duty swaps & even racing rule discussions...Finally it's worth mentioning that some serious river races are on the horizon, both the Squires Trophy, which this year is run by us, and of course the River Exe Regatta in July. If these whet your appetite and you wish to learn more about racing then don't forget to come along to the try racing event on 7th June. There's a sign up sheet in the club Foyer. That's it for this month—am off back to my Tapas. **Brett**