



# Lympstone Sailing Club

## July 2015 Newsletter

### JESTER BALTIMORE CHALLENGE

We (Jill & Alan Dixon, Karen & Tony Gratton) travelled down to Plymouth on Sunday 14th June to cheer on Rory for his departure from Tamar River SC on the Jester Baltimore Challenge (more information here <http://www.jesterinfo.org/jesterbaltimorechallenge2015.html>). For the uninitiated, the Jester Baltimore Challenge is a shorter distance event than the Jester Azores Challenge or the Jester Challenge (transatlantic) with their unique, gentlemanly small boat ethos. Nevertheless it is a 250 NM race past Wolf Rock, Bishop Rock and the fabled Fastnet Rock. It is an event for single-handed sailors in boats up to 30ft; a wonderfully low key event featuring some truly great sailors. We found Rory on the quay with his fellow competitors (see pic) ready, following a hearty breakfast for the off. One of his competitors had trouble with a cap shroud at the worst possible time, but in the best traditions of "getting on with it" someone was soon hoisted up to the spreaders, and the problem fixed in no time. A cool breeze was blowing as Rory cast off on Cookie for his latest adventure. Clive, the Commodore at Tamar River SC kindly arranged a trip out to the start line for us, courtesy of Heather and Shaun on Smile, a Dehler 34. They were both charming, and full of useful local knowledge. This was very useful for Tony as it was new territory for him, and on the list of places to visit. On the way out to the breakwater the wind died, but the sun came out. The start was run from a classic gaffer with a very dapper chap armed with a shotgun. Luckily for us it was only firing talcum powder! It turns out that this was one of the competitor's boats, who following the start promptly transferred his crew to another boat so that he could join the race! There was only the odd zephyr of wind for the start, but Rory managed to skillfully manoeuvre Cookie into prime position. From our vantage point on Smile, Cookie looked to be ahead of the fleet on the line. As we turned back into the river we caught sight of Rory paddling Cookie (allowed under the rules). Luckily the wind filled in over the next hour or so and the fleet disappeared out to sea. We had a pleasant trip back to Tamar River SC, followed by fish and chips at Rockfish! At the time of writing Rory is on his return trip having finished fourth on the water behind a couple of racing trimarans, including an F27, and Foxy Lady who finished two hours ahead. Rory arrived in Baltimore at 20:20 on Tuesday 16th June.

**Tony Gratton**



### RIVER EXE REGATTA

The River Exe Regatta is fast approaching (11th and 12th July). The regatta website is up and running and taking entries... [www.river-exe-regatta.org.uk](http://www.river-exe-regatta.org.uk). There is a band, a bar, and other festivities on the Saturday night, so even if you're not intending to race, please think about coming along to support the event - don't forget that the cycle path now runs all the way from Lympstone to SYC!

**Jim Trice**



### NEEDED.....

Has anyone got any old sails for use as a windbreak on the end of the wall?

Any child sized track suits for use in as emergency clothing?

**Alan Dixon**

### SAIL TO TURF BBQ: FRIDAY JULY 31ST

Please sign up in the club house for this annual event! We need to know numbers as soon as possible in order to get this booked and organised. It is always a good event, but we do need to know the level of commitment in order to ensure the event runs smoothly.

**Lesley Anderson**

### SEA RANGERS: AUGUST 10TH

For several years now the Mermaid Sea Rangers unit have visited Lympstone for their annual sail weekend. To help with this I'm looking for a couple of people to provide Safety Boat cover for Mon 10th August (daytime). If you can help please get in touch.

**Brett**

## LSC CONTACTS

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## SOCIAL EVENTS

It's been a busy few weeks with the LSC Regatta at centre stage. Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this such a fun day! The cakes were delicious and much appreciated. The BBQ went smoothly and we catered for around 80 people. Big thanks to the BBQ team of Simon Pryor, Peter Newton and Paul Burke and our wonderful helpers, especially Eileen Wintrell, Isobell Candy and Judith Carter. The catering was deftly arranged by Michelle Pryor. The range of salads were impressive - well done (you know who you are!). We are looking for helpers for the croissants on 4th July and pasties on 30th - please let Michelle know if you can spare a bit of time to help.

**July 2nd** - Lite Bites

**July 4th** 10 - 12 am Croissants and drinks on the terrace watching the sailing? How delightful.

**July 30th** : Have a go at Racing. Pasties and a drink on offer!

**Lesley Anderson**

## VISITORS TO LSC

Will members who invite visitors to the Club please remember to enter their names in the Visitors Book, kept by the Bar. This is in order to comply with the Club's licensing requirements. A maximum of 3 visitors per member is allowed at any one time, no visitor to exceed 4 visits per year. Thank you for your cooperation. **John Bennett**

## DIARY DATES

Thurs	2 July	1900	Racing for learners: Lite bites
Fri	3 July	1900	Dinghy training
Sat	4 July	1000	Chandis Bell to Torquay: Croissants
Sat 11th and Sun 12th July: River Exe Regatta			
Sun	12 July	1130	Sea Sunday service
Sun	17 July	1900	Dinghy training and lite bites
Thurs	30 July	1815	Have a go at racing: Pasties
Fri	31 July	1800	Sail to Turf and BBQ
Full race and events schedule is on website			

## DAYBOAT DOINGS

Another lugger due to grace her moorings shortly (Lesley Anderson) and 3 of the fleet, at least, have been enjoying regular sailing opportunities during June, as have members of the Devon Yawl family. Jim Trice's Devon Dayboat has just taken to the water and John Spree's Dory and the handsome Lune Pilot (please correct me if I've got the class wrong, David?!) have also been out. The first Jenkins Cup race took place on 16th June, the second is scheduled for Tues 30th, then 2nd and 31st of July. Unfortunately only one entry for the first race (no names, no pack drill), racing in company with two cruisers - a select fleet! Maybe July will entice other entrants? Looking ahead to September (I am not intending to "wish the season away" when it is only really just beginning!), the Commodore's Cup is scheduled for Sat. 5th September. Please do your best to be on the water for that one especially! In conclusion, and nothing to do with DBs, but there is now a spanking new Tideway 10 in the club (making 3 of us!). Welcome afloat, Dunkleys! Your writer is envious and looks forward to seeing under her wraps and especially under sail on the estuary! **Happy sailing John Bennett**

## COMMODORE'S CORNER

'Sign up' is the first topic this month. So far this summer the social team have been working hard providing many a delicious spread; teas, barbeque and this last weekend a ploughman's lunch. There's more to come as the season continues and it would really help us for planning if you could sign up in advance so we know numbers to cater for. Normally there is a sheet at the club or email contact advertised in advance. It'll also avoid disappointment for hungry sailors...and you get a table with the best view of the Exe. A lot of sailing recently has gone on that should be reported. Well done to Chas & Alasdair (plus crews!) who competed in Topsham's race to Torbay. Chas saw off two other Westerlies and came third in his class. On Valkyrie Chris and Judith have ventured down to Dartmouth for a few days too. I can't leave out Rory & Cookie who participated in the Jester Baltimore Challenge; Plymouth to Southern Ireland (and back of course, via Fastnet Rock). This weekend was LSC's contribution to racing in the Exe as it was our turn to run the Squire's Cup. 30 boats took part (mixture of monos and cats) and a race report is included elsewhere in this esteemed publication. Thanks must go to the safety crews and those on White Lady, our committee boat for the day - especially Jim and Simon who set the course and ran the race. Also Don for crunching the numbers. They certainly all showed "Grace under Pressure". **Brett**