



Lympstone Sailing Club

October 2015 Newsletter

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Following the details of this year's fees included in the last newsletter, this is just a reminder that information will be coming out shortly to prompt you all to renew your membership. As part of this process we are asking you to make sure that when you fill in the forms you complete the sections relating to what help you can offer the club, including whether you are able to do race duties; either as Officer of the Day, Assistant, or Safety Boat Helm or Crew. A number of people this year were listed as available for duties and then said that this was no longer the case when contacted just before a race. If your circumstances have changed since previous years, then please do make sure that the form is completed with up to date information. If there are those of you who have not done duties, but would be willing to help, for example as Assistant Officer of the Day, we can ensure that you are with someone experienced who can show you the ropes. The dinghy sailors really do appreciate those of you who help out in this way. Given that at least four people are needed to enable any race to take place, we are very reliant on lots of volunteers.

WINTER WALKING GROUP

There will be a meeting in the Sailing Club on TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER at 7.30pm to discuss our walks for the next few months. Francis and Adrian Hurrell are planning a walk for October, date to be confirmed. If anyone is interested in joining this friendly group, just come along to the meeting or get in touch with me on 01395273211 or email: anne.crisp@gmail.com. Walks take place each month on a Sunday during the winter. They are relatively easy, 4 - 5 miles, finishing with an optional pub lunch.

Anne Crisp

DINNER DANCE 2016

Plans are just starting to cook for the next Dinner Dance, which was a fantastic success (and a sell out) in 2015, thanks to an enthusiastic team of helpers led by Lynn Batson and Lisa Arkinstall. We are recruiting a team of willing ladies and chaps to make the 2016 Dance just as much fun. It's not a huge commitment and you will get a lot out of being involved! We need people to help on the night as well, so if you only want to set up or clear away, please let us know. Our initial planning meeting will be on Oct 16th at 7pm at the Sailing Club. Please let Lesley know on bbwh04@hotmail.com if you're coming along (or if you'd like to be involved).

Lesley Anderson

SPUDDLE FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

A great way to celebrate the triumphs and disasters of the 2015 sailing season! Bring a plate supper - just turn up with your contribution at 7pm and cheer the worthy winners.

Lesley Anderson

DAYBOAT DOINGS

The end of another season - not that it has been a very inspiring summer by and large. It's been easy to forget the occasional shorter spells of relatively settled weather earlier in the season and now, as the boats leave the moorings and the boat park, we enjoy an Indian summer. Phrases that cover the situation spring to mind! Notwithstanding the difficulties in forward planning of days on the open sea that the up and down weather pattern has caused, there have been more DBs of various types on the water this year than for several years. (These were listed in an earlier issue of the Newsletter). Many of their crews have, however, made the best of the conditions even if restricted to the Estuary - which, let's face it, is no great hardship: we are blessed with our sailing area. And we can at least look forward to 2016 despite the rather gloomy recent prognosis of cooler damper summers to come from the Met Office. Finally, congratulations to Ian Scholefield for capturing both the Jenkins and the Commodore's Cups this year - he needs some proper competition! Winter well.

John Bennett

SKITTLES

The skittles matches kick off again in October. In September there was a presentation evening at the Police Club, Exmouth hosted by the Exe Rowing club. A very good evening with food, trophies presentation and a draw. Also an opportunity to complete the fixtures list. The Lympets are playing the Dolphins home on the 9th Dec 2015 and The Dolphins at home to Lympets on the 7th January 2016. May both teams have a good and enjoyable season.

Graham Wills

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FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Nov 6th - Spuddle
 Nov 20th - Quiz night
 Dec 11th - Xmas Social
 Jan 1st - New Year Day swim (10.30am)
 Jan 22nd - Wine Quiz
 Feb 6th - LSC Dinner Dance

WINTER TALKS

Any ideas for speakers? Have you done any sailing you'd like to talk about? Any skills or interests you'd like to share? Please email Lesley on bbwh04@hotmail.com

MARINERS' MUNCHES

Start again in January. We really need someone to coordinate the lunches and make sure things run smoothly. Judith has done this for a few years and will support anyone who volunteers to help with these popular lunchtime events in those gloomy months. Please email **Judith on judith_carter@hotmail.com**

DINGHY RACING

Sadly the racing season is at an end, so it seems a good time to publish what I felt was the best photo taken this year of one of the starts; excellent clarity and composition - oh and who is that in the lead?....



DIARY DATES

Sat	3 Oct	0830	Craning ashore; bacon butties in the morning, fish & chips in eve
Tues	13 Oct	1930	Meeting to discuss winter walks
Fri	16 Oct	1900	Meeting to plan Dinner Dance
Fri	6 Nov	1930	Spuddle and prize giving
Fri	20 Nov	1900	Quiz night—details next month
Fri	27 Nov	1900	AGM

RYA SHORE BASED DAY SKIPPER AND COASTAL SKIPPER COURSES

Stuart Scarborough, who has previously run the RYA Day Skipper and Coastal Skipper Course for us has offered to run either Course next year if we have sufficient people interested. Details of the course syllabus can be found on the RYA website. Stuart would run the course over 5 weekend days (3 single weekend days and one full weekend and proposed dates are Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th January and Saturdays 16th, 23rd and 30th Jan and 6th Feb for the exam. If we have sufficient interest we could offer this at a discounted cost to members of £200. Please email me if you are interested, by 16th October, specifying which course you would want to do, bearing in mind you are required to complete the Day Skipper Course before taking the Coastal Skipper Course. judith_carter@hotmail.com

Judith Carter

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Well it still feels like summer out there, but alas when you read this the sailing season will be over. Hopefully you had a good one, be it on adventures outside the river, racing round the cans, or just spuddling. I think I managed all three this year but can we improve on an already busy sailing calendar in 2016? Now is the time the committee are starting to plan for next year's sailing activities. We want to hear from you about what we can change or improve to encourage more club members to get out on the water. The best way to get your ideas across is to come along to the Spuddle on the 6th November. And when you come don't forget to bring a (filled) plate! There is also the big question to answer – which lucky club member will receive the infamous Darling Rock lamp? Only Alan Dixon knows...

Brett