

LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

August 2018 Newsletter

On Water Fun Activities

Many thanks to all those who came along to voice their wishes for different sailing events in the club. The main conclusion being to have more family based activities run alongside the existing racing programme. The committee will endeavour to implement some of these activities this season and to build a family sail programme for next season without reducing any of the existing dinghy racing programme. So.....we can announce that on the fun sail evening of **Friday 24th August** there will be a 'Swallows & Amazons' theme. Come along in your pirate & buccaneer outfits for some fun. Water pistols & cannons encouraged but please no water balloons for the sake of the environment!! A sausage sizzle will be on for the hungry swashbucklers!! So come on LSC, dust off yer cutlasses and come have some fun! Also on **Saturday 8th September** there will be a point to point fun sail with safety boat support for those not racing. A suitable course will be made on the day to suit the conditions.

Rory

Navigate the Exeter Ship Canal

I am exploring possible **weekday** dates for boat owners who wish to share **the costs** of navigating the Exeter Ship canal to Haven Banks, returning the following day. **Likely dates are 1 & 2 October.** Please contact Richard Crisp [mailto:r@rgtcrisp.plus.com?subject=Canal options](mailto:r@rgtcrisp.plus.com?subject=Canal%20options) if you are interested. Thanks.

Richard

Forthcoming Events

Fun Sails Saturday 4th August 11am, Friday 24th August 6pm.

Coinciding with a Fun Sail on 24th August - can anyone run Lite Bites for us? Please email events@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk

Sea Rangers at LSC - 18th, 19th, 20th August. As we do every year we will be hosting the sea rangers again in August. Our sailors have been very helpful in welcoming and including them in our activities in the past and I know they will again this year. Please come down and join in over the three days either sailing or socialising.

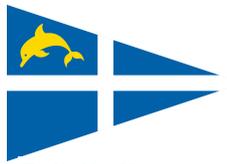
Around the Exe in Company - Saturday 25th August, contact Chas for details

Talks in the winter series Any suggestions for talks or activities October - April 2019? Please email events@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk

Calling all Cruisers and Dayboats

The summer break is well and truly with us and, as can be seen from the comings and goings on the club moorings, the fleet has been doing what Cruisers and Dayboats do best and sailing away to distant shores around our coast, across the channel or to the Isles of Scilly. In waters closer to home with the two day trip to Torquay having to be a cancelled and your fleet skipper grounded due to an old knee injury flare up, two of the Cruiser Fleet, Liz and Marleen on Wizard and Don and Debbie on Helena, took the opportunity to venture out of the river for a day sail to Babbacombe on 30 July. Albeit a dreaded easterly swell that tested the constitution of those aboard Helena, both crews had a great sun drenched day out, anchoring off Babbacombe beach before returning on the evening tide. More recently has seen the Man Overboard Drills session with two club boats under sail and power practicing their MOB skills in the waters north of the club moorings with varying degrees of success. Whilst there is some question as to whether any of the MOB's would have survived some of the particularly enthusiastic approaches of the would be rescuers or the methods of retrieval back onboard, it would be fair to say that everyone went away having learnt something about their own strengths and weaknesses and with plans at least to develop more effective methods of MOB recovery for their own boating. How would you have coped? Do you have a well practiced method of returning to a MOB and getting that person safely back onboard? Those with us thought they had but now know otherwise. Certainly a session to be run again. Looking ahead for August: for those who like a racing challenge we have the final race in the Darling Cup series and the LSC Cup series to test your tactics and for those with more leisurely interests 'Around The Exe in company' on the 25th might take your fancy. Fair winds and great sailing.

Chas



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DIARY DATES

Sat	4 Aug	11:00	Fun Sail
Sat - Mon	18, 19, 20		Sea Rangers
Fri	24 Aug	18:00	Fun Sail: Swallows and Amazons
Fri	24 Aug	19:30	Lite Bites - if someone volunteers!
Sat	25 Aug	18:00	Around the Exe in company

For Sale/Wanted

If anyone has any items they wish to sell or are looking to buy, email margaretturgoose@aol.com

For sale:

- 24.6l fuel tank with gauge £10
- 2 x mono skis £10 & £15
- Wetsuit to suit age 10 to 13 good condition £5

Contact: Dave Collett 07920 844629

- Wood clinker built Bantham dinghy (2013) including road trailer £5000. For full details see: woodenships.co.uk under small craft.
- Inshore mooring buoy suitable for day boat (new chain and other new equipment).

Contact: paul@sauven.com or 01395267198

- Free to a good home - Lark two-hander dinghy, with aluminium mast. Comes with a launching trailer that could use some TLC.

Contact: David Mountain dmmountain@gmail.com

Wanted: A Laser 1 - contact sjadams1000@gmail.com

Sea Sunday Service

This year's Sea Sunday Service was led by Rev. Geoffrey Wrayford, assisted by the Lymestone Training Band. Soft drinks, teas and coffees were provided courtesy of LSC this year, thanks to Alison Gall and Sarahleen Strickland for 'manning' the galley, collection raised c. £156 in equal support of the Mission to Seafarers and the local RNLI.

Commodore's Corner

Wow. I didn't expect the depth of feeling, suggested by feedback, triggered by your committee's efforts to expand the range of sailing events open to its 300+ members. I am however delighted by the high levels of engagement from everybody and the suggestions offered to complement the published racing programmes. Firstly for the regular and occasional racers in all classes - this is not an attempt to reduce the race card. The committee are simply looking toward greater use of the club and responding to a demand for a wider and more inclusive programme of events. Turning to the non-racers- thank you for all your suggestions. Two of your proposals are already being worked into the schedule on dates allocated for 'fun sailing.' In the meantime, please don't be put off from trying to follow racers around the course and retiring from the course when you've simply had enough. The safety boat crews and racers are a welcoming bunch and have all been novice racers at some time in their sailing past. I understand you want greater freedom to sail and to practice new skills. If you do this within the race area, the safety boats will keep a look out should you come unstuck or need assistance. The committee will look for further opportunities to offer the river orienteering and point-to-point sailing opportunities you suggested. Some proposals will need us to man a second safety boat and crews are in short supply. RYA Power Boat Level 2, represents the minimum level of competence demanded by LSC to helm a safety boat. The small team of instructors will provide heavily subsidised training if you'd like to be involved. Keep an eye out for announcements on the usual social media feeds and enjoy the last three months of the 2018 season. Rarely do we have as many 'champagne sailing days' as 2018 is delivering. Fair winds, following seas and don't forget the Factor 30!

Mike