



LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

December 2018 Newsletter

Winter Talks

Winter talks all began again in November. Do you have an interesting talk to share? Could be sailing or something totally different. Please do get in touch events@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk and we can try to put an interesting programme together for you. We have 6 talks already booked in, but are always keen to hear ideas for others. On December 14th Jilly Francis is giving us "Tales of heavy weather". Come down to hear Jilly's experiences of sailing in the South China Seas.

Commodore's Drinks, Friday 7th Dec

Time to start the Christmas season with a few drinks at the club and the chance to get out that festive jumper. Mulled wine, savoury nibbles and mince pies from 7.30pm, courtesy of the Commodore.

Skittles

The Dolphins have started with two wins and two losses and individual averages are down on last year, so we are expecting things to improve soon. Lympets have four wins and two losses, and the new look team seem to have settled to a good start. It appears that the team to beat this year is Starcross Men who have won all four matches to date.

Don Govan

Prizegiving and Spuddle

Congratulations to all of this year's winners, but a special mention must go to Chris Atkins who, as can be seen from the photo, won rather a lot of cups...



Boxing Day Swim: 10am

This year the swim will take place at 10 am on 26th December. This is very much part of the sailing club tradition now at Christmas and is a great opportunity for a little festive catch up. It's always a fun event and a breath of fresh air over Christmas. Everyone welcome, hot drinks will be available and changing facilities in the club house. A collection will be made towards club funds for club boats with 50% being donated to Exmouth RNLI. Bring the family down to watch even if you are not planning to go in the water yourself! If you want to be part of the action but keep dry at the same time, I am looking for a couple of people to help with tea, coffee and hot chocolate on the Boxing Day morning. It is good fun and only a couple of hours. Please contact me if you can help, judith_carter@hotmail.com or 07855908795

Judith

P.S. Any kayaker willing to join the Commodore in providing on water support also very welcome.

Mariners' Munches

Start on Jan 11th. Last year, these lunches were very well attended and are a valuable boost to club funds - as well as being great fun! All dates are now catered for apart from 8 February. If anyone can do this date please contact Lesley.

New Rear Commodore: Jules Evernden

I am delighted to be appointed as Rear Commodore and anyone who knows me will know that my skills definitely lie shore side! With the aim of ensuring a full social programme, in the hope of raising funds for our thriving club, please do catch me and let me know what social activities would appeal to you to ensure you get the most from your club. And a plea ... the Committee can only achieve a full and active social calendar with the support of members willing to do their bit both on and off the water! See you in the Galley! Cheers!

Jules.



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DIARY DATES

Fri	7 Dec	19:30	Commodore's drinks party
Fri	14 Dec	19:30	Jilly Francis: "Tales of Heavy Weather"
Wed	26 Dec	10:00	Boxing Day Swim
Fri	11 Jan	12:00	1st Mariners' Munch

Darling Rock Trophy Award 2018

The one entertaining task for the annual holder of the Darling Rock Trophy & Goblet (the 'wooden spoon' of LSC prizes) is the choosing of the new recipient at the end of one's year of tenure. Traditionally awarded, not necessarily as intended, to the skipper who performs the most hazardous or unfortunate manoeuvre on the water. However, it is often awarded as much at the whim of the current holder than to the most deserving. As a recipient, I would say that, wouldn't, I? So who to award it to in 2018? I started by asking a select few - no suggestions. So I asked a wider group, still no nominees! My only option was to widen the 'wooden spoon' connotation of the award. In this respect I was offered, in conversation, a lifeline in terms of the positive aspect of stoic endeavour. Your esteemed Membership Secretary, Cheryl Scudamore fitted the bill exactly for her persistence in sailing whilst notching up the greatest number of capsizes! Arriving towards the end of the Prizegiving evening, after receiving a seriously prestigious professional award in Cambridge the same afternoon, Cheryl thankfully accepted this comparatively trivial and parochial bit of nonsense in good grace and humour, in the spirit in which it was awarded.

Richard Crisp

For Sale/Wanted

For sale:

a) WIZARD, Newbridge Venturer, 6.7m.

Enquiries: 01395 279669.

b) Get your toys early for next season!

Malibu II XL kayak. Bright green, 2 paddles, 2 seats £350 ono.

2 junior Musto buoyancy jackets. Suit 10yr olds. £5 each.

Call Rory 07564 386556

Wanted:

An old, dead, inflatable dinghy. Need the hypalon material for a project. (*The mind boggles, Ed.*)

Call Rory 07564 386556

Commodore's Corner

You will recall an earlier Commodore's Corner in which I described the first in a series of opportunities to shape the future of the club and to influence next year's programme. The last two weeks have seen the Spuddle and more recently the AGM, so your committee has gleaned a little more about what some members want. Firstly - Congratulations to all our prize winners and sincere thanks to all those who managed the races and provided safety numbers. Without you all, we could not have delivered the core racing programme and sailing development opportunities. Should you be interested, my Annual Report presented at the AGM will be available on the website. Secondly - Sometimes a delta exists between what we want or expect and what we get. Personally I'd like to keep that delta as small as possible. Sadly the AGM attracted only seventeen members and only deft interpretation of our rules regarding a quorum and support from those in attendance allowed the meeting to progress. We welcomed Jules Evernden as Rear Commodore and she is looking forward to leading off-the-water activities. Perhaps some of you will be more inclined to chat to us in the less structured environment of Commodore's Drinks on Friday 7 Dec. See you there and at the Boxing Day Swim. I close with Seasons Greetings to you all.

Mike Gall