

LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

July 2017 Newsletter

River Exe Regatta 8th/9th July

The River Exe Regatta is hosted by Exe Sailing Club this year. They have an exciting programme of races at sea. The first Cruiser Race starts at 11am on Saturday 8th July from the Safe Water Mark off Exmouth and the races for catamarans and dinghies start from beyond Pole Sands at 13.30. Various water based activities, Gig Racing and Kayaking will be held in the river outside Exe Sailing Club from 18.30 followed by music and then fireworks at 22.00. On Sunday there will be cruiser pursuit races at 11.30 and 13.45 and a pursuit race for dinghies starting at 14.00. All the races on Sunday should finish at 16:00 off the sea front. It will certainly be worth going to watch. The main sponsors of the River Exe Regatta this year are: Exe Sails, St Peter's School, Tozers Solicitors and Whitton & Laing. The Regatta raises funds to support sail training on the Exe and each of the sailing clubs on the Exe take it in turns to host the event. More information about the Regatta can be found at www.river-exe-regatta.org.uk

RNLI visit

The RNLI crew from Exmouth are planning to bring their Lifeboat to Lymptone Harbour for a visit on Wednesday 23rd August at 2000. Put this date in the diary if you want a chance to look around the lifeboat and show support for the lifeboat crew. The club bar will be open.

Sea Rangers

The Sea Rangers Group will be visiting on the weekend of 29th/30th/31st July (not August as specified in our Sailing Programme). They will be joining in with our races on Saturday 29th at 1030 and Sunday 30th at 1100. They will also be sailing on Monday 31st around 1130. Please come along to any of the sailing activities over the 3 days.

Dayboat doings

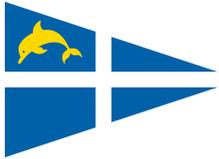
Storms over? Summer heatwave No.2 - who knows? But July-August see 4 races for the Jenkins Cup (7, 10, 21 and 24 July) and then Commodore's Cup (12 August (with a back up date 26 August). Two pieces of silverware to aim for! The normal procedure is to sail both events with the Cruisers, but with the flexibility to shorten/adapt the course by mutual consent of the DB crews participating, if deemed appropriate once afloat. How about giving it a go? If you wish to do so please contact me for more information (see the 2017 Programme or at ttenneb@talktalk.net). Meanwhile, happy sailing: make the most of your summer on the water! **John Bennett**

Flotilla Visit To SFCC

We have been invited to visit Starcross FCC clubhouse in the Brunel Tower on Thursday 13th July. HW is 2210 and is 3.7m so it would be an evening trip, leaving Lymptone at 2000. SFCC have a new pontoon where we can moor and boats can stay overnight if they wish. It is open to all and we will travel as a group. Sunset is about 2115 so it will be dark for the return journey. In order to give SFCC an idea of how many might visit and whether we will need Safety Boat cover, please email me if you are planning to go judith_carter@hotmail.com.

Lymptone Regatta

Lymptone Regatta was action packed both on and off the water. Special thanks go to the Colletts for the first Regatta 'Series' in a long time. Races on the Friday evening, an early start on Saturday, and then back out again in the evening just prior to the sail past. A good strong wind, and a hardy bunch helping with the duties. A great success, let's try and do something similar in future years. The sail past happened in 2 stages. First the dinghies looped Goldbeater, and then a more traditional and organised sail past by the bigger boats. Chas (White Lady) took the prize as the best dressed boat, and Nathan and Fi for picking up over 10 crew just before the start, and joining (almost seamlessly) at the rear. A great range of other activities, with the BBQ on Saturday evening and a good game of rounders spanning generations on the Sunday. For me the only slight disappointment was how well our Commodore was protected on Goldbeater! **Charlie Pilling**



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DIARY DATES

Sun	2 July	11:30	Sea Sunday Church Service
Sat/ Sun	8/9 July		Exe Regatta
Fri	21 July	19:00	Light bites
Sat	22 July	16:00	Turf BBQ
Sat	19 Aug	16:00	Trip to River Exe Cafe

Proposed Exclusion Zones On River: Re-Badged as Wildlife Refuges

Consultation continues regarding the proposed exclusion zones for craft and others using the estuary. There is minimal support for the proposals from Sailing Clubs, the RYA and other respondents, who have repeatedly pointed out why the proposals are unworkable and that the research provided doesn't support the proposals being made. Local residents, businesses and users of the Exe Estuary are invited to a **drop-in event on Thursday 29th June, between 2pm - 8pm at County Hall, Exeter.** People can view recommendations on new 'Wildlife Refuge' areas for the Exe Estuary, with staff on hand to answer questions. More details can be found at <http://eastdevon.gov.uk/news/2017/06/come-to-a-public-drop-in-event-to-review-new-proposals-for-the-exe-estuary>. Final detail of the proposals are unknown so it is important that all interested parties continue to make their views known and keep the pressure on. Exe Sailing Club is the most affected by these proposals for exclusion zones on the Duck Pond and the strip from Dawlish to Cockwood. ESC's view was that they would go along with the refuges as long as there were substantial alterations to the boundaries, so that sailors were unlikely to stray into them. However the size of the areas are still large and so ESC are continuing to resist the proposed areas on the grounds of lack of evidence and the need for sailors to keep safely out of the tide. If you want to find out more RYA has also a web page <http://www.rya.org.uk/newsevents/news/Pages/boaters-urged-to-attend-drop-in-event-to-review-new-proposals-for-the-exe-estuary.aspx>

Fun Sail

The next Fun Sail is on 5 August and this will have 2 safety boats. Ground rules have been finalised, so please familiarise yourselves with these. These will help maintain health and safety as our priority, whilst giving a little more structure to the sessions. They are available in the club house. **Charlie Pilling**

Improver Sailing

There are more Improver Sails planned for 10th, 11th, 24th and 25th July. The first session was very successful, so do sign up if you want to have the opportunity to brush up on your skills. Fraser is a very good instructor.

Probably The Best Venue On The Exe?

The LSC clubhouse makes the perfect venue for a private party or a business meeting. As an LSC member you can book the clubhouse for your own private event at the discounted rate of £30 for the first 4 hours and then £7 for each additional hour including unlimited Wi-Fi. The booking form is on our website <https://www.lympstonesailingclub.co.uk/clubhouse-room-hire>