



# LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

## June 2020 Newsletter

### Dinghy sailing and racing

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We're really pleased to be able to start sailing, but we will need to make some significant changes to ensure that everybody stays safe. The committee has put together revised procedures for sailors, rescue boat crews and OODs as a result of the Coronavirus, having reviewed advice from the RYA. Here are the main changes:

Sailors, and indeed everyone, must maintain the 2m social distancing at all times. That means, for example, keeping boats apart on the slipway, and launching in sequence rather than all together. Please be more cautious than you usually would be when assessing whether you can safely tackle the conditions. The changing rooms will be closed. Toilets will be open, but only one person can enter that area at any one time. If you have any of the Coronavirus symptoms, **please don't come to the club at all**. Rescue boat crews must be from the same household. A rescue boat will be kept afloat in the harbour to avoid people having to team up for launch and recovery. The approach to rescuing sailors will be different too: more standing by, and towing boats to safety; with any intervention involving approaching sailors, or bringing them on the rescue boat, only as an absolute last resort. Guidelines for rescue boat crews will be laminated and kept in the rescue boat. OODs and AODs will need to keep 2m apart from one another, unless they are from the same household. Though there is space to remain 2m apart at the end of the wall, it is not possible to pass 2m apart along the wall. We will provide wipes for OODs to wipe down the stopwatch, horn etc. Instructions for OODs in light of coronavirus will be posted in the OOD's cupboard. We have gone through the sailing programme to assess whether there are types of events that we will have to cancel. This year we had a full and varied programme: e.g. we had trips to the Turf and the River Exe Cafe, camping trips, three video training sessions, and family afternoons with a BBQ. Some of these can't go ahead: for example, we can't go camping and at present the pubs and restaurants are shut. Others we will need to modify: e.g. we may be able to organise a family afternoon, but the children's activities will need to comply with social distancing and families may have to bring their own portable BBQ. Others, such as the racing and training, can in principle go ahead much as planned, but we may be constrained on how many we can run, due to lack of rescue boat crews. The plan is to restart sailing, review procedures, see how many rescue boat crews we have available, and then re-issue the programme in the second half of June. **Dougal Scott, Sailing Secretary**

### Timeline for harbour return to summer "mode".

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Many thanks to all members who are co-operating in these unusual times.

1. The daily socially-distanced bringing & launching of light craft is permitted as long as said craft are taken home again overnight until 14 June after which normal summer licensing conditions apply.
2. Licence Labels will only be available from 2 June, so unlabelled permitted boat use before then is OK.
3. DIY-launchers of summer-moored dayboats and any dinghies now on hard standing must vacate the Hard Standing by end of 7<sup>th</sup> June.
4. Only tenders to already moored vessels allowed to be brought to the Harbour before 14<sup>th</sup> June, stored only on Ted's Folly or in racks. All other vessels to await 14<sup>th</sup> June.
5. Kayaks/canoes/paddleboards may only be stored on racks. If racks become full, take your craft home again & inform Membership Secretary [lframemsec@gmail.com](mailto:lframemsec@gmail.com)
6. There will be a Hard Standing tidying-up work-party from 1400 on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Anyone willing to help would be most welcome, in a social distancing manner of course.
7. LF&HA has gratefully received notices of 8 dinghies that will not be brought to Hard Standing this summer, so things might work out fine for dinghy sailors; fingers crossed.
8. As more members are about, it is easy to forget social distancing, so please keep alert, especially to covid-vulnerable individuals or family groups that may be blocked by your position on a constricted route.
9. Information and queries to [me](mailto:lframemsec@gmail.com)

Let us hope that our summer does not end on June 15<sup>th</sup>!

**Richard Crisp, LF&HA membership secretary.**

Dinghies will be allowed into the dinghy park on Sunday 14 June. The sailing programme for the first couple of weeks, until we re-issue the programme for July onwards, will be as follows:

- 1300 Sunday 14 June: warm-up race
- 1800 Saturday 20 June: Moore Cup 1, 2
- 1900 Sunday 21 June: Moore Cup 3
- 1100 Saturday 27 June: Moore Cup 4
- 1200 Sunday 28 June: Moore Cup 5, 6

In the next few days we will confirm with OODs and AODs, and arrange rescue cover from those crews who have volunteered (**please see request for volunteers on p. 2**)

**Dougal Scott, Sailing Secretary**



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## Call for rescue boat crews!

We're really excited to be able to get dinghy racing and free sailing underway again, as the lockdown measures ease. But we need your help, please! The two crew in the rescue boat will need to come from the same household, because it's impossible to maintain a 2m distance between people in the boat. This will significantly constrain the number of crews that we can muster, and we will need to trim the sailing programme accordingly. One of the two crew needs to have a PB2 qualification, and the other needs to be over 16. If your household can form a safety boat crew, and you're willing to help, please email Dougal Scott on [dougal.scott@usa.net](mailto:dougal.scott@usa.net). Once we have an idea of the number of safety crews available, we will revise and re-issue the sailing programme. The more safety boat crews, the more of the programme we will be able to run. Many thanks in advance for your help!

**Dougal Scott Sailing Secretary**

## Skittles

The Exe skittles league ended abruptly with some teams unable to complete their programmes. However, the Beachcombers, formerly the rowing club, based in the police club in Exmouth, won 12 out of 14, could not be caught, so were outright winners of the league. Starcross Men and Lymphets both won 9 out of 13 so were runners up. Dolphins completed the season with only 4 wins, but just avoided the wooden spoon. Unfortunately, Dolphins had to postpone the end of season meal, which will now become a start of season meal, hopefully in October.

**Don Govan**

## DIARY DATES

Sun	7 Jun	21:30	DIY-launchers of summer-moored dayboats and any dinghies to vacate the Hard Standing
Mon	8 Jun	07:00	Craning afloat
Sat	13 Jun	14:00	Clean up the hard standing
Sun	14 Jun	am	The dinghies return
Sun	14 Jun	13:00	Warm up race

## Calling all Cruisers

Finally, launch date (number 3) approaches. Smiling faces, some of varying shades of dusty colours, have been seen around the harbour as flurries of last minute preparation, previously put off by the lockdown, gets done. Others just visit for final checks and to stand aboard looking wistfully across the estuary waiting with varying degrees of patience for the tide. In the meantime Moana has ventured out and Rory has teased us all with photos and videos of his shakedown sails along the coast. It's been a long wait and everyone's patience and good will across all our fleets must be noted. A well done to the harbour board team who have rallied to put together a plan to get craning done within the restrictions of the social distancing rules and for coming up with the contingency plan to accommodate us in the wet harbour in the event of rising COVID-19 stopping craning ashore in October. Thanks and recognition should also be given to those few in the fleet who have sacrificed their sailing for this year and agreed not be lifted ensuring everyone who does get afloat will have a place of safety for the winter should the worst come to haunt us. With the 8th June nearly with us and getting afloat becomes more a reality rather than wishful thinking let's keep our fingers crossed that this wonderful weather stays with us, the pandemic dwindles and our nautical freedoms become greater. See you on the water - **Chas.**

## Motorboats

Well we originally had a plan. Now the plan is not to have a plan but to keep that plan under review. When we do have a plan it will be similar to the original plan which was to be more flexible with timings and events in the programme, since there wasn't much take up last year. Clearly much of the published 2020 programme will not be possible, so if anyone would like to do anything on an haddock basis as a spaced-out group then please let me know (man).

**Cheers Steve**



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## Membership

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It goes without saying that it's been an extraordinary year so far and the way ahead is still unclear. As a club we managed to get part way through our winter programme of talks before we were over taken by events. We are now starting to get back on the water taking a step wise approach to ensure everyone's safety. In recognition of these disruptions to our activities the committee has decided to extend the membership period until the end of the year (exact date to be confirmed) so that renewals will not be due until early 2021. We have also suspended the joining fee in June so if you know any one who wants to join the club please encourage them to sign up. The club relies heavily on our membership fees to maintain our facilities and cover our unseen ongoing bills e.g. for energy, insurance and affiliations, so we would like to thank all our members for continuing to support the club through this unusual time and hope that you will also be happy to support this proposed revision to our fee renewal process. **Cheryl Scudamore**

## Dayboat doings - a reprise

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After much deliberation Pula, my Original Devon Lugger, has returned to her maker: Honnor Marine Ltd. She was built in Heywood, Lancashire in 2003-4, arriving here in time for the '04 season and has been here ever since. The intervening years have given me great pleasure, but the time has come to recognise one's limitations, and so she now rests with ... Honnor Marine Classics in Swanage, the same company with a changed name and under new ownership. Originally Pula was moored up-river from Darling Rock until her OBM was stolen, along with two others, in one night. After that Martin Hebdige and I shifted our boats to new moorings opposite the village frontage, where she spent many years in a more visible position - and with a better locking system!

In 'those days' there was an active DB fleet. Alan Child organised a Drascombe Association meet early in her Lympstone life, from memory with 30 or so boats attending under ideal conditions. Pula also regularly left the Estuary for day sails and overnight stays down the coast to Brixham and anchorages in-between. One day visit to Teignmouth still stands out in my memory, with Chas McLennan- Wiggin on board, close tacking up the narrow channel against a strong tide and a westerly breeze. We made the entrance eventually and were able to bear away to the pub and well-earned beers. And again in those days there were a number of DBs who enjoyed sailing in company and racing round the cans, and the Commodore's Cup in the early autumn was well-supported.

Margaret and I will miss her when we look out of a morning - I just hope the seagulls will, too!

**John Bennett.**

*We will miss seeing both you and Pula on the water too, John (Ed.)*

