



LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

July 2020 Newsletter

Use of the Club Dinghies

I'm pleased to report that all the club boats are operational for this delayed season start and, also, that some have already been used. Thanks to those of you who turned up to assist in getting them ready - it's always appreciated. A special mention to William Boswell in this regard. He turned up first thing, helped me with getting my Laser set up and then spent the rest of the morning helping with the club boats. It's great to see keen youngsters at the club! Thanks, also, to Rory for fixing the Vision's rudder pintle plate wobble which has been mentioned to me a number of times last season. I had thought it was a more serious problem than it turned out to be. The C-19 Pandemic is giving rise to some restrictions in how the club boats can be used. I'd like to reassure all users that these are in line with both Government and RYA guidelines and are designed to protect us all. They will be reviewed from time to time and I will announce any changes on the Facebook page and in subsequent newsletters. The main change is that a club boat will be quarantined after use for 72 hours, unless it is re-booked by the original user within this period. In any case it will still be unavailable for 72 hours after the most recent use. Many thanks to Peter Turgoose for adapting the booking system to accommodate this change. For this reason, it is **essential** that the booking system is used to reserve a club boat. So, no casual turn-ups: 'it wasn't being used so I took it out' this season, until restrictions are lifted. The only thing I have not yet checked is the Vision's spinnaker, but as the kites on both RS club boats are rarely used, I don't see this as a problem. If you do plan to use the kite on either the Feva or Vision, I recommend hoisting it on land prior to going on the water to ensure the rigging is in order and to familiarise yourselves with it. Please **DO NOT** adjust any kite rigging on either RS boat, but please let me know if you think there is a problem with kite rigging - it's not straightforward and a real pain to re-do after it has been 'adjusted'. I remain available to advise on use of the kites (or any aspect of club boat use, as I always have) but this has rarely been taken up. Both boats are great to sail under the 'third sail' in the right conditions. Finally, my usual exhortation to hose the boats down, wash and let dry sails if they have become wet with seawater (especially if you have capsized the boat), do not furl the Pico sails round the masts, roll all sails from the head after use and store in the hulls and secure the covers after use. Have a great season using your club's boats and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. **Chris Atkins**

Sailing Programme and Activities

As you will have seen, we have issued a revised sailing programme through to the end of the season. Nearly a full programme of dinghy racing has been made possible by the number of single household rescue crews who have volunteered. We were really excited about the programme back in February (can you remember that far back?), and the changes that we had introduced in response to feedback. While we haven't been able to retain everything in the programme, we've done our best. So please make a note in the diary of the following events, and do join us if you can. **Dinghy racing:** In response to feedback, we've put in more short-course racing this year. Tighter racing, and if you end up at the back then it's not too long to wait until the next start. We will also be running pursuit races, as well as the standard cup racing. **Race hot tips and coaching:** The first of these sessions is on 11 July. Dougal Scott and Ed Walker will offer tips on rig set-up, mark rounding and other aspects of sailing. We will use video if we can do so while complying with social distancing for play-back. The coaching tips will be aimed at improvers, so do please join if you can. **Family fun:** These sessions are once a month, on a Sunday afternoon tide. We may or may not be able to organise activities for the kids - it depends on COVID regulations at the time. (If we can't, the kids seem to be pretty inventive without the grown-ups imposing the rules). At present we will not be able to host a club BBQ. **Fishing competition:** The all-day fishing competition is on 1 August. There's not much that's more socially distant than fishing. **SUP and kayak events:** We're hoping that members will make use of the SUP WhatsApp group to arrange some company when they're paddling, but we have also pencilled in an SUP/kayak event on 1 August. **Motor boating:** We have limited the motor boating calendar this year due to the coronavirus restrictions, but we are still planning brunch on the Warren on 9 August. See you on the water! **Dougal Scott**

Harbour Board

Many thanks to all for a smooth, albeit lockdown-delayed, start to the summer season. The new dinghy layout seems to work better and is proposed to continue next year. The Harbour Board meets virtually on 7 July to consider the many outstanding membership matters.

Richard Crisp LF&HA Membership Secretary



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Clubhouse and Bar

Following the Government's announcement that bars etc. can open from Saturday 4th July, we are working hard to assess what is possible in our small clubhouse. Our draft plan is to;

- Introduce a one-way system, in through the front door, out through the fire exit.
- Provide three tables on the balcony, two for 6 people and one for 4 people.
- Provide 3 tables inside for groups of up to two households (including support bubbles).
- A booking system will be put in place for tables with staggered entry times.
- The bar will be open to serve drinks in recyclable glasses for outside consumption. Two drinks per customer.
- Entry will be for members only, no juniors. We are required to keep a record of all customers.
- Contactless payment only, no cash.

All of the above makes opening the clubhouse very dependent upon the weather. We will use our website and social media channels to keep you informed of planned opening days and times. **Peter Turgoose**

DIARY DATES

Sat	4 Jul	19:00	Bar "open" (weather dependent)
Sat	11 Jul	09.30	Pre race briefing
		10:30	Races (will be videoed)
		17:30	Race hot tips and coaching
Sun	19 Jul	18:00	Racing and family fun
Sat	1 Aug		Fishing competition SUP/Kayak event

Motorboat "news"

Nothing Motorboaty new to say Ed. Will this do?

*The buoy rolled on the burning deck,
And melted on the anchor,
The Captain had just run aground,
He was a silly Captain.*

*The Second Mate took blame as well,
He played a part in that,
He didn't see the rocks ahead,
He was a silly Second Mate.*

*The Captain said of schoolbuoy humour,
When you've nothing left to say,
Silence often says much more,
Than trying to say what's been said before.
Like, "watch out for those rocks ahead!"*

...so there you go (geddit????!?)

Steve Archer



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First race of the season

Much better late than never, the starting horn sequence sounded out across the Exe for the first time this season on Sunday 14th June from the Lympstone Harbour wall. Launching the fleet took a little longer than usual to comply with social distancing rules, but 12 dinghies ventured onto the water with sailors keen to get racing. As well as the usual Laser mix of full and radial rigs, there were junior members on the water, Kirsty Scott helming her Tera and Eve Trice crewing her Dad in their Laser 3000. A 'P' shaped course was set by OOD Dougal Scott, who was ably assisted by Polly Scott on the wall, and rescue cover provided by Simon and Michelle Prior; your Committee and family members checking through the Covid protocols to ensure they worked. A perfect 10-12 knot southerly breeze greeted the fleet, which got off to a clean start and spread across both sides of the first beat up to the Perch. The breeze was just enough to get the fleet on the plane on the reaches and there were smiles all round! The race was eventually won by Dave Collett in his Laser, with the Laser of Rory MacDougall in second. We are happy our new protocols provide safe enjoyable racing, and just ask that those racing are careful about maintaining their boat and sailing in conditions they are comfortable in, in order to reduce the chances of needing towing ashore! No other clubs on the Exe have started to race yet and we are very excited and proud to be able to be running our race programme. Thanks to all cohabitees with a PB2 qualification for stepping up to provide rescue cover, and to those doing their turn as OOD. We have a smaller pool of people to ask this year as obviously those shielding are not able to help. We've put our order in for more champagne sailing weather for the next races, hope to see you all on the water then! **Helen Scott**





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Sea Bear's Sea Trials

After 3 years, lighter in pocket, weightier in knowledge of problems that come with old boats, Sea Bear's sea trials were quickly approaching. Jac has worked tirelessly on Sea Bear and has gained so much knowledge, it's about time he tested his sea legs! Having lost one sailing season to engine troubles (new engine installed!), and then the last season to keel woes (dragging one out of the estuary was an interesting experience and a glimpse into marine corps training), Sea Bear was up and running, and ready to set sail! Winds set to be 12 knots, S/SSW, sunshine predicted, it was set to be a pleasant day out. Off the mooring line we went, following captain of the fleet 'White Lady' out the estuary through the channel to the safe water mark to meet Richard on 'Venture'. A very choppy exit of the estuary with Tide going out into the oncoming wind, the short sharp waves were no match for the engine (thankfully!). Turn to Starboard at the safe water mark and a steady (and slow) beat to Babbacombe. White Lady and Venture lapping us at intervals to check we were afloat and everything was working as it should. The beat past Holcombe, seemed to take forever. We had heavy, cold and squally rainfall, which reminded me of how we sailed when I was little. Jac had a big grin though, and was enjoying watching Sea Bear, doing what she does best. We arrived at Babbacombe 5 hours after slipping the mooring (we set no speed records). The sun came out and we moored up next to Venture and enjoyed a socially distanced lunch and high tea. Soph enjoyed a quick and chilly swim to circle the fleet of 3. Time had come to set sail back, and off we sailed. We knew we would have good luck going back home, as a pod of common dolphin were swimming next to us and came up to swim under the boat. As we got out of the shelter of Babbacombe, the southerly winds had increased (20~knots), and created quite a swell. We surfed all the way home, getting speed records of 5.7 knots (hull speed is max of 5.9). Nice to know White Lady and Venture were rolling around as much as us, and we learnt tips and tricks of Sea Bear very quickly. So much so we weren't last back into the estuary, managed to avoid the onslaught of kite surfers and were home within 2.5-3 hours. Chas and White Lady tested our steering skills to pass over a bottle of bubbly over the bow to celebrate her first outing, whilst coming back into the estuary. Sea Bear kept us safe and we thank her. Thank you to White Lady and Venture for keeping an eye on Sea Bear as she weathered her first sea outing after a long time on land. Here's to the next trip soon!

