



LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

August 2020 Newsletter

Motorboats

Well noise fans, the all-day fishing competition last Saturday saw a splendid flotilla of one plucky little boat '**Perfect Dawn**' motor out on her first voyage into the menacing jaws of 'Le Channel Englaise'. On board were three fishers of fish. However, LSC members, it quickly became apparent that one of the three (the one who would turn out to have all the luck let's call him '*Andy Voisin*' to preserve his identity) was a ringer and 'not one of us!' 'Quelle horreur' Dave Holt and myself exclaimed! BUT, since ringer Voisin knew a thing or two about fishing and he had the keys to the boat* he shared with **Comrade Holt 'The Bream Smasher'**, by a unanimous vote of 3 to none the keel-hauling was postponed and he was allowed to stay. Heaviest Fish: a 3-way draw; Most Number of Fish: The Lone Ringer; Most Species Caught: The Lone Ringer. **BUT**, wait, and filter to the two LSC members only and we see Heaviest Fish: a 2-way draw; Most Number of Fish: Me; Most Species Caught: *Comrade Holt 'the Bream Smasher' aka 'The Bream Machine'*. **So**, all things considered (the boat keys thing and the boat joint-ownership thing), this week's lighthearted '**Captain Hook - Overall Fishing Winner Award**' goes to the lightfingered '**Lone Ringer**'. A great day out and *The Lone Ringer* takes home absolutely nothing but his catch. '**Brunch / Picnic on The Dawlish Warren**' is a popular annual informal gathering event for all club members/crafts. It is programmed for **Sunday 9th August**. It's not a particularly high tide of 3.2m at 1045 hrs but should be good enough if the weather is fair. Usual place to beach is roughly where (on Google Maps' satellite image) the three white boats are beached, or follow the signs there. No fires are allowed on the beach but dunkings and exploding lifejackets are! Just turn up. I suggest we **aim to meet on The Warren for 0945 hrs**. As always, "let's hope there's no wind". **Steve**

*FeSte 25's diesel engine temporarily croaked with water flow problems, and the backup noise maker bizarrely and simultaneously croaked with the old '*fuel cock lever and all fuel missing*' syndrome problem (which surely shouldn't happen 'till old age?'). Yes I know, she should have checked the backup before leaving the mooring rather than after. An ignominious tow back to the mooring ensued for us! Special thanks go to Dave Collett in the safety boat for the tow back, and ordinary thanks go to Dave Barker (and his long lens) for sponsoring the word *ignominious*.....Well here's another word Dave, and that word is *blackmail*.

Steve Archer

Family Fun

There was a good turnout of children in an assortment of craft for the first family fun afternoon of the season, on Sunday 19 July. The weather gods smiled with bright sunshine and a gentle northwesterly. The children roamed the moorings in kayaks and SUPs, searching for 10 letters attached to some of the buoys, which spelled a word. Falling in, swimming and outrageously cheating were all the order the day. (And if you were puzzled by the presence of a letter newly attached to your mooring buoy, fashioned from nail varnish on cut-up milk bottle - mystery solved!). The next family fun afternoon is **Sunday, 30 August**. With an earlier tide, if the weather is good we may suggest (socially distant) BYO barbecue tea on the beach afterwards. **Dougal Scott**

Commodore's Corner

2020 has proven to be a challenging year for us all, but it is one that will be remembered. Apprehension gave way to hope and then to measured satisfaction as we returned to sailing, to competition and to appropriately distanced socialising. My view might be biased, but LSC has led all the local clubs out of lockdown; first to arrange free sailing, first to recover a race programme and first to try a return to a new social normality. This has required the close attention of your committee, supported by a small group of key players and then the commitment of the membership. Thank you all for supporting your club. Keep safe and enjoy the remainder of the season. We safely managed 16 members on the balcony and in the bar on Friday evening. Please consider what you are comfortable doing but you can be assured of a warm welcome and the safety of new infection protocols to minimise the risk to you. **Mike Gall**

For Sale

Small but sturdy wooden rowing boat with trolley and fenders, has been used to get to yacht on mooring. £150 ono. 01395 279669.

Liz Wells



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DIARY DATES

Sun	9 Aug	10.00	Brunch on the Warren
Sun	16 Aug	16.30	Race hot tips and coaching
Sun	30 Aug	16.30	Racing and family fun

How are you doing - half-way through the 2020 'summer' boating season?

So how was it for you? With favourable weather, one can have no excuses for not having made the most of the shortened season so far. My motorboat Curlew is likewise half-way through her replacement engine project. Old engine out, now 'just' waiting to find the right used replacement. Meanwhile, I am refurbishing parts of the cabin and cockpit, but now with a road trailer from which I can launch and recover, I am no longer constrained by craning dates. Frankly, whilst experiencing a twinge of envy as I see Debbie enjoying the re-engined and adequately watertight Rebecca, I am really enjoying the Curlew refit at home. Very convenient under COVID-19 restrictions. Best wishes to all for part 2.

Richard Crisp LF&HA Membership Secretary

Cruising

Since launching and raising masts around the fleet, the cruisers, to a greater or lesser degree, have been doing what cruisers do best; getting out around the river and out of it to places near and far from Babbacombe to the Scillies. Since the lifting of restrictions on the 4th July for staying away from home overnight, the joys of cruiser sailing along our coastal waters have become a reality again. Overall the weather has been excellent for sailing although some sudden changes to the forecasts did see some of us run into some challenging conditions at times that, whilst our boats took it all in their strides as one would expect, did remind us of power of the sea and the need to have sound pre launch planning and preparation for the benefit of the boat and all onboard. Day trips in company to Babbacombe to shake out our sails and gather at anchor for socially distanced lunches have been excellent fun. As we saw from the last newsletter Sea Bear took her first trip out after a long refit proving worthy of her skippers trust. Since then the newest member of the fleet, Claire Belcher's Marigold, after an unfortunate early de-masting in home waters, has joined us along the coast. White Lady, Venture and Holly Blue struck out to the Dart to spend time up and down the river and enjoying some stunning sunsets in quiet anchorages. White Lady enjoyed that so much that she stayed for nearly two weeks to take advantage of 24-7 sailing in and out of the river and getting a ringside seat to some of our wonderful wildlife both in and around the river and along the coast. Holly Blue has taken in the waters around Plymouth and has plans to visit the Solent. Goldbeater and Moana have ventured furthest so far in this shortened season; all the way there and back to the Scillies and all ports in between. All things considered really quite a lot has happened since getting afloat and with only a couple of months left before craning back ashore, not withstanding time and tides needed to lower masts, one is left wondering just what our intrepid little fleet could fit in before October 2nd. Fair winds everyone. **CHAS.**



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