



LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

October 2020 Newsletter

Dinghy racing round up

With a lot of sadness around the fleet, last Saturday's race was the last of the season. And it was a great way to end the season: a shifty and gusty northerly which put most of the fleet in the drink at some point, giving great spectacle to those on the wall. Lymstone SC worked hard to get racing and free sailing going as early as we could this year once lockdown finished. We redesigned our sailing procedures in line with RYA guidance, to ensure they were COVID-safe. We were racing as soon as dinghies were back in the dinghy park, and from that point on raced as full a season as we could. For a good six weeks at the start, we were the only club on the river offering any racing at all. The chatter in the dinghy park suggests that we've had bigger turnouts, and sharper racing this year. We had 25 entrants for the Moore Cup, the first series of the year, and 24 for the Horn Cup at the end of the season. The start lines have been more hotly contested than previously, and there have a number of rules incidents analysed on the WhatsApp group after the racing, allowing us to learn for next time. We've had juniors joining in the racing too: small Trices at the front of their Laser 3000, Theo Whiter in the club boats, and small Scotts put in a guest appearance in one race in the front of National 12s, and then in their Tera. My favourite race was a classic Lymstone pursuit race one evening in August, finishing long after the sun had set, with the breeze dying and the tide building and night closing in. Our grand plans for family Sunday afternoon fun sessions on the water, followed by a big BBQ for everyone, will have to wait for next summer. But we did what we could for the children: treasure hunts around the harbour on kayaks and SUPs, and SUP racing round the buoys. Our need to re-hash the duty rota to have solely single-household rescue crews served to highlight how dependent we are on the volunteer club members who make our racing possible. The vast majority (over 50 people) of OODs, AODs and rescue crews don't ever race themselves, yet without them our racing would simply not happen. A huge thank-you from the whole dinghy fleet for your time and enthusiasm, and for allowing us to have one activity this year which wasn't shut down by the Coronavirus! Thanks also to Mike Gall who kept an eye on the Safety Boats throughout the season to make sure they were ready for action on race days.

Dougal Scott

Harbour Matters

Many thanks to LSC Facebook networking for mustering a group to 'winterise' the Club fleet. At the time of writing this on Wednesday morning the hardstanding is looking encouragingly empty - thanks to owners for removing your vessels. Owners of any errant craft on the hardstanding on Thursday can expect to hear from the Harbour Board. Tidy-up and lane marking starts at 1400 on Thursday. Please preserve the yellow lines by not treading or driving on them. Tenders to moored vessels should be moved to Ted's Folly or tight under the cliffs or may occupy any ground level spaces in the racks. Already winter-licensed kayaks/canoes/paddleboards, inflatables and lasers may remain in the racks. All craft must be visibly displaying a Licence Label without which contacting the owner is very tedious process! No good if the label is buried in the cliff undergrowth! Please note that until all the moored vessels return to the hardstanding [by 18th October], no new requests for winter dry-berth will be answered. Free rack space will be allocated to those on the waiting list. For further updates, please refer to the website. **Remember that those being craned must be at the harbour for 6am on Friday 2nd October. The good news is that Peter Turgoose has kindly offered to provide teas and coffees.**

Richard Crisp LF&HA Membership Secretary

Commodore's Corner

Unfortunately I missed the excitement of the last two days of racing but offer my sincere thanks to all those who facilitated racing and our limited events this season. I write from North Devon and a four day break before craning ashore and the start of the winter season. Sadly, despite lockdowns, enforceable and then prudence led, copious hand washing, extensive sanitising and proportionate social distancing, it looks as though Winter 2020 will be similarly COVID-19 restricted. We hope to bring you a virtual but nonetheless entertaining Prize Giving and Spuddle and this looks like the format for months to come. It would be all too easy to say what "we can't do" but your committee is looking hard at what "we could do" to maintain member interest. Please engage with us and offer up your ideas. Your current committee will set the passage plan and the refreshed committee for 2021 will make the planned port visits as interesting as possible.

Mike Gall



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Motorboating

A Question of Motorboats', Season 2020, Episode 19: A lighthearted roundup of key on-water events and miscellanea in this short season.

1. In May we had a plan. **What** was that plan?
2. **Who** was The Lymstone Breamster in August?
3. **Who** was The Lone Ringer in August?
4. **Was** a brief but great time had at the club's all-comers annual picnic on The Warren in August?
5. In May, **who** shouted from their motorboat "I am the virus, goo goo goo joob"?
6. In July, **which** motorboat was photographed apparently simultaneously losing both main and auxiliary power and requiring a sailing safety boat tow back to her mooring? (*subsequently logged as just an insignificant but successful exercise to test levels of camaraderie between the sailing and motorboat chapters within LSC*)
7. In September, plucky little motorboats left Lymstone for a better life. **What** better life was there?
8. **Do** we hope there's no wind for craning on Friday (*and for the whole of next year while we're at it*)?

Answers: 1. The plan was not to have a plan; 2. Holt! he went there; 3. Captain Hook; 4. Yes it was; 5. Probably nobody - just made it up to reference the virus; 6. FeSte 25; 7. Trick question; 8. Yes we do. (*hmm not sure about the whole of next year! Ed*)

Er, that's it.

Steve.

DIARY DATES

Wed	30 Sep	19:00	Dinghies etc to be removed from harbour
Fri	2 Oct	06:00	Craning ashore
Fri	16 Oct	23.99	Latest date for Ordinary Members to lodge proposed AGM Motions
Fri	13 Nov	tbc	Spuddle and prize giving (virtual)
Fri	27 Nov	19:30	Virtual AGM
Fri	4 Dec	20:00	The "Great Scott" Christmas Quiz

Powerboat training (PB2)

A number of members have said they would like to undertake RYA Powerboat (PB2) training. I have submitted our risk assessments to the RYA and subject to no changes to government guidance, we can deliver one-to-one training in the club safety boats. Classroom training is more problematic but could be done in small and appropriately distanced groups in the clubhouse. If you are interested, please contact me directly at: mike.gall001@gmail.com.

Alan Dixon trophy reminder

We are hoping to present the first Alan Dixon trophy at this years on line Prize giving and Spuddle. The trophy will be presented to the member who has contributed most to the club during the year. As we would like to select the winner from nominations from the members please pass on suggestions, with a short paragraph describing why the person should receive this award, to the Secretary [Peter Turgoose](#) by 16th October.

Cheryl Scudamore

Winter Activities

We are currently contacting speakers for Friday evening talks - any ideas/volunteers please contact [Cheryl](#). Also many of us enjoy walking in the winter and while we can't organise official club walks we suggest that people advertise on our FB page if they would like "company" on a walk. If anyone would like to coordinate walks or has any other suggestions for socially distanced social events then please let a Committee member know.

Cheryl Scudamore



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AGM

Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and Government Regulations, we are unable to hold the Annual General Meeting in its usual format. Your Committee have considered ways in which the AGM can be held and have opted for an online meeting to which all voting members (Single, Joint and Family members over the age of 18 (Rule 2.1)) are invited to attend at 1930hrs on Friday 27th November 2020. All those entitled to vote, but unable to attend, will have the right to vote by proxy. This presents some challenges in procedure to ensure we remain compliant with the GM requirements, but none that cannot be overcome. Details on how to join the meeting and the voting procedure will be sent out with the Agenda, received Nominations and Motions no later than 30th October 2020. Any Ordinary member can appoint the meeting Chairman, or any other person present, to vote as their proxy. A proxy voting form will be sent with the agenda no later than 30th October 2020. If any members have any concerns about this process, please email them to peter.turgoose@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk

Key dates in the lead-up to the AGM are

- **1/10/2020** Start of the Club's new Financial Year
- **16/10/2020** Latest date for Ordinary Members to lodge Motions for consideration by the Committee as to whether or not they should be included in the AGM Agenda (Rule 7.1.h., AGM minus 42 days). This is to allow due time for Committee consideration. (The next following Committee Meeting is 19/10/20). Written communications are to be marked for the Hon. Secretary's attention and placed in the Club post box by the due date.

If members have any Motions they wish to put forward please email peter.turgoose@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk by 23:59, 16th October 2020.

Questions may also be submitted for the AGM using the same procedure. These questions will be anonymised, and a response given during the AGM.

- **30/10/2020** Latest date for Secretary to post the Nominations List (Rule 4.2) in the Clubhouse (Replicated on the website).

Nominations are invited for vacancies on the LSC Committee for; two Flag Officers (Commodore & Rear Commodore) and two General Committee posts. If you wish to stand for one (or more) of the positions, please email the following to peter.turgoose@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk including:

- Your name
- The position(s) you wish to stand for i.e. Commodore. If you are nominated for more than one post your nominations will be submitted to the meeting in order of seniority.
- Contact details of your two nominees

The Secretary may contact your two stated nominees to verify your nomination.

- **30/10/2020** Latest date for Secretary to post the formal Notice of the AGM, the Agenda, and the Nominations List (Rule 4.2), in the Clubhouse (Rule 7.1, "at least 28 days prior to the date of the AGM").
- **20/11/2020** Nominations for the Committee close (Rule 4.3).
- **27/11/2020** Annual General Meeting, 1930 hours.
- * All existing Committee Members are required to stand down and seek re-election if they wish to continue in post for 2020-21, except Flag Officers who shall serve for no more than three consecutive years in the same post (Rule 3.1). Fully paid-up Ordinary Members of the Club over the age of 18 years are warmly encouraged to fill specific positions on the new Committee, whether vacant or contested. They must have been a member of the Club for at least one year (Rule 4.5) and should enter their name and signature on the Nominations List, supported by the names and signatures of their Proposer and Seconder.

Peter Turgoose

Please see information below from Cheryl about the role of Membership Secretary.



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Job advert Membership Secretary!

We have several committee posts coming up for grabs for the next season and we need volunteers to come forward and keep the club going. I've been the membership secretary for a few years now and would like to encourage someone else to take on this role and bring new ideas and skills to the committee. Our membership system MoJo, now with on line payment options, has made this role considerably easier than it was in the past. The main duties are to ensure the members database is up to date, coordinate renewals and welcome new members to the club. It's an important role for the club as most of our yearly income comes from our membership fees. It's also a great way to get to know everyone in the club and so is a great way to get involved even if you are new to LSC. There will be plenty of support for anyone taking this role on from myself and the remaining committee. Please contact me at membership@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk if you'd like to know more about what's involved. **Cheryl Scudamore**

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

Wanted

Two single sit-on **kayaks** and paddles. Please contact Steve on 07940-830487