



LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

June 2021 Newsletter

On-the-water programme

Our wet and windy (and occasionally wet and windless) spring hasn't been kind to the on-the-water programme so far. We've lost more than our fair share of dinghy races to the elements, though there has also been some excellent and exciting racing. The SUP improver session was a great success, but the SUP try-out day has had to be rescheduled twice. And although a couple of LSC cruisers were spotted down in Babbacombe, and the Dartmouth cruise over the bank holiday weekend is on, our try-a-cruiser day had to be postponed. But, the weather's turning and there is a full programme to look forward to! For the dinghy racers, as well as the usual series races, there is the Squires Cup - **now rescheduled for 6 June at 1630**. This is an annual trophy race for LSC and Starcross YC members, this year organised by Starcross. Please enter in advance via the Starcross YC website. The Lymptstone Regatta, a trophy series over one weekend, complete with Commodore's sail past (have your water bombs ready), is on the 12 and 13 June. And don't miss the Exe Regatta, the biggest event on the Exe in the calendar, on 3 and 4 July. For the cruisers, the Chandis Bell to Brixham will be on the weekend of 12/13 June. And the cruisers' Exe Regatta weekend is the 26 and 27 June. For paddlers, there are still spaces on the second SUP improvers' session on Saturday 26 June. The first session got rave reviews. If you are a competent paddler looking to learn more techniques, email jimtrice@yahoo.co.uk. For those looking to try out paddleboarding, our much-postponed SUP try-out day, organised by Exe Watersports, is now on Saturday 19 June. If there is sufficient demand we will add a third group, so if you are interested please email Emma Mountain on ejmountain@googlemail.com. If you are launching paddlecraft at Lymptstone, please remember that your SUP or kayak must be licensed with LFHA. For families, the first family fun afternoon on 23 May was lost to torrential rain and 25 knot winds. But the next one will be on Sunday 6 June at 1630. We've got lots of on-the-water games for paddlecraft (SUPs, kayaks or other craft), and if the weather's nice then it will be a great excuse to bring the picnic hamper and some cold beers down to the beach. Then on Friday 25 June in the evening, the lifeboat will be at Lymptstone Harbour for the children to look around. Finally, it's finally warm enough for the motorboating calendar to get going this month. The first all-day fishing trip will be on Saturday 12 June, and it's an early 0800 departure for brunch at Dawlish Warren on Sunday 27 June. See you on the water!

Dougal Scott

Exe Regatta Party & Prizes 3rd/4th July

Planning is well under way for the Exe Regatta Social activities over the weekend of the 3rd and 4th July. On the Saturday night there is a party in the boat park and on the slipway with a BBQ provided by Greendales. Reckless will be playing live music. Details of how to book tickets will be circulated shortly. On Saturday, during the day, there is a "Build and Float a Cardboard Boat" competition for children. On Sunday, late afternoon, there are free refreshments of tea, hot pasties and cake for the Prize Giving at 5pm ish. A big thank you to everyone who has offered to help put marquees up and take them down- always great fun, serve on the bar, serve tea, help clear up, issue tickets etc. MORE VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME - EMAIL judith_carter@hotmail.com

We will need donation of cakes for Tea on Sunday to be delivered to the club house on Sunday before 3pm. Let me know if you can provide one - I know we have some great cake bakers in the club!

Judith

Exe Regatta New for 2021 - Separate Cruiser Event Day!

This year the Regatta will be over 2 weekends with the cruiser racing happening on **June 26/27th** and dinghies and multi hulls racing July 3/4th. The June date gives the Cruisers fantastic tides to get in and out of the estuary all together. A race to Babbacombe will take place followed by an option to meet for dinner at Starcross Fishing and Cruising Club at 7pm on return. For more information and to register for the race click [here](#) **Claire**

Visit by RNLI Lifeboat Friday 25th June

Another date for your diary; Exmouth RNLI have agreed to bring their Lifeboat to Lymptstone on the evening Friday 25th June. They will moor off the jetty at about 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come down and have a look at the lifeboat and meet the crew. **Bring some cash** as there will be a collection

Motorboats

We have three programmed events in June, weather permitting. Firstly the all-day fishing trip, leaving 0930 on the falling tide on Sat 12th. Then the evening meal at Starcross Fishing & Cruising Club leaving 1900 on Sat 26th. Closely followed by brunch at Dawlish Warren the following day, leaving 0800 on Sunday 27th. Please let me know if you are interested in any of them. **Steve**



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Carry on Cruising

Last month I said that there was nothing like a bit of water around our bottoms. Well since then we seem to have had an equal amount of water on our upper decks, all accompanied by a reasonable amount of wind. All invariably when the tides were right for sailing and only easing when the estuary mud was in evidence. Certainly the weather gods haven't been on our side and their antics over the last few weeks have taken their toll on a few of our floating fancies. Rory has been held back from tackling the 'Cookie red' face lift on Moana's flanks, one unfortunate fore sail was blown out, WhiteLady's fore hatch blown open (my own fault for not checking before leaving after a lunchtime picnic with a little person onboard - lesson learnt!) and more recently one of the motorboats breaking free of their mooring and nestling itself alongside the railway embankment before being rescued by Jason and Claire. All has not been bad however. WhiteLady and Marigold managed to find a break in the weather and ventured out with wind on our quarters to visit the cruise liners at Brixham and enjoy a rafted picnic lunch at anchor before that rarest of occasions when the winds shifted around in our favour and blew us home and back to our moorings. As I write this the weather remains unsettled and we have had to disappoint the first volunteers to join some of the fleet to 'Explore Cruising' around the estuary. Not cancelled however but just postponed. There is still plenty of time through the season to welcome folk aboard so if you might be interested do let Claire know. For the fleet the next to focus on is a meet in the Dart this coming weekend followed shortly by the Chandis Bell race to Brixham, recently postponed from May to June 12th. Lifting COVID restrictions and the promise of fairer weather should make both socials even better. In the meantime we keep a close watch out of the window and on the barometer for kinder cruising conditions. Fair winds one and all - **Chas.**

DIARY DATES

Sun	6 Jun	16:30	Squires Cup
Sun	6 Jun	16:30	Family fun afternoon
Sat	12 Jun	09:30	Motorboat fishing trip
Sat/ Sun	12/13 Jun		Lympstone Regatta & Chandis Bell to Brixham
Sat	19 Jun		SUP Try out day
Fri	25 Jun	19:30	RNLI visit
Sat	26 Jun	20:00 19:00	SUP Improvers' session Dinner at Starcross
Sat/ Sun	26/27 Jun		Exe Regatta Cruising events
Sun	27 Jun	08:00	Brunch on Dawlish Warren

Commodore's Corner

Like everyone else I will be pleased to see the back of murky May and hope it makes way for flaming June and the start of regatta season. We start with our own regatta with races run on the 12th and 13th June. You don't need to be a laser sailor to enter. The races are open to all dinghies and don't forget you can book out one of our club boats to join in. Most importantly, at the end of racing on the Sunday, there is the Commodore's sail past which is open to all craft - dinghies, paddlers, motor boats and cruisers. This will be my first experience as Commodore so I'm hoping for salutes and applause but more pragmatically preparing to repel the usual banter and water pistol barrage! Closely following on from our own regatta is the Exe Regatta which this year will take place over two weekends 26/27th June and 3/4th July with a variety of events including beach life saving in Exmouth, fishing, cruising, dinghy racing and build your own boat competitions on the Exe. Keep an eye on FB, instagram and the Exe regatta website for more info as the plans finalise. We are also keeping our fingers crossed that we will get the all clear to host the legendary party on the 3rd July. As ever none of our events happen without our amazing members who volunteer to help out. We are pleased to welcome quite a number of new members this year and I encourage you to join in as helping at our events is a great way to get to know the club.

Cheryl



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Meet the Committee - Judith Carter

What is your job on the Committee?

I am Rear Commodore. This job involves overseeing all non sailing jobs done by the committee. I am helped by other members of the committee - Peter Turgoose looks after the wine supplies supported by one of our members, Andy Wadhams who orders the bar stock and keeps the shelves filled. Sue Wadhams looks after stocking the kitchen and the changing rooms. Bill Boaden organises all house maintenance and I focus on all things social supported by Elaine Paul and Sophie Cocks.

When did you learn to sail?

Amazingly, although I grew up by the sea in Torquay, my first experience of dinghy sailing was on the Serpentine in Hyde Park in the 70's with my husband Chris, a keen sailor. Later I was a member of a club on the Welsh Harp in north London, sailing in GP's. My first taste of cruising was on a Brixham trawler, Provident, sailing to France in the heat wave of 1976. In the 80's we bought a cruising boat, Valkyrie which was moored in Lymestone Lake for the best part of 30 years. She was an Atlanta, 28ft, had 5 berths and a bilge keel- ideal for the estuary and for cruising down the coast and across the channel.

What sailing do you do now?

None. Sadly, due to my husband's health issues we had to sell Valkyrie 3 years ago. We really miss being out on the water. I have had go at paddle boarding and want to do some kayaking this year. I am one of the swimmers but only in fair weather - i.e. summer!

How long have you been in the village?

We discovered Lymestone in the 1980's when we sailed into the Exe Estuary and moored off Shelley Beach. We visited Lymestone, fell in love with it and bought a property in Quay Lane for the grand sum of £50,000 !!! Eventually we moved permanently to Lymestone in 1999.

What do you do when you are not sailing?

I look after the allotment and the garden, try to keep fit with Pilates and Yoga, I am Chair of Lymestone Art Group and organise the Annual Art Exhibition (in non COVID years). I have a daughter and 3 grandchildren and cannot wait for them to visit us again.



Harbour news

Lousy weather, disruption of the original dinghy layout caused by covid-delayed removal of the rockfall by Ted's Folly and a welcome influx of new Association members with several establishing new moorings, have been contributory factors in the relatively slow settling-in of the 'summer' berthing this season. The Harbour still remains closed to the unrestricted return of licensed dinghies & tenders, but those who have been on hold are now receiving personal invites to return their craft as space is being created. The Harbour will reopen as soon as the backlog is eliminated. Nevertheless the keen dinghy-racing members have already been active. And thanks to alert and communicative observers with pro-active and willing members, the two unfortunate vessel breakaways from moorings have been promptly dealt with no apparent serious damage. Our members are our strength! On a personal note, my progress on the engine replacement for Curlew has been similarly delayed by the poor weather. I am awaiting delivery of a new prop-shaft & propeller, then it is a question of plumbing-in the raw water cooling filter and exhaust pipework and silencer - quart into a pint pot I can tell you! I have ceased giving myself a deadline for launching, but I am thoroughly enjoying the installation process.

Richard Crisp LF&HA Membership Secretary

Exe Regatta - help needed

We still need help with the rescue boat and beachmaster for the Exe Regatta dinghy weekend. The Exe Regatta dinghy weekend is 3/4 July. It is the premier racing weekend of the year on the Exe and is run as a joint effort between all the sailing clubs on the river. LSC needs to provide two fully crewed rescue boats on both days, for 2-3 hours during the racing, which is in the middle of the day on both days. Crews will be needed at SYC at least 2 hours before high water. We need rescue boat helms (with PB2 qualification) and crews, plus a beachmaster to co-ordinate onshore, on both days. If you are able to help on either day with this major event, please email Dougal Scott on dougal.scott@usa.net. John Allan is the safety coordinator and will direct safety activities on both days.

Dougal Scott



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For Sale

- 12 foot tender (see below) ready for the season. Comes with oars rowlocks and anchor. £250. No trailer. Contact Alan 07745048915



- 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**
- WETSUIT - Tall man's GUL chest 97-101 cms. £10. 01395274099 **Richard de la Rue**

Rescue on the high seas

There have been two dramatic rescues of boats gone astray in the rough weather in the past couple of weeks. Well done to those involved on each occasion. Claire and Jason to the rescue in the first instance and then Nick and Pete (and two random passersby who made the mistake of having wellies on and who gamely joined in on the second event!) All credit to Nick who came fully kitted out to plunge into the brook, but fair play to Pete who just rolled up his jeans. Obviously I would have gone in as well, but someone had to hold the shoes and take the photos...

Margaret



A reminder about LSC's WhatsApp groups

The sailing club has five WhatsApp groups which are used to arrange ad hoc activities when conditions invite, and to announce last minute changes to scheduled events, such as cancellations due to the weather. And (very rarely) for a bit of gossip.

The groups are:

- **Race sailing** which is for dinghy racers, and is used to co-ordinate the racing
- **SUP and kayaks** which is used to co-ordinate paddlers' events, and also to buddy up with other paddlers for outings at short notice when conditions invite
- **Cruising**, which is used to co-ordinate the scheduled cruises in company, as well as to share photos and yarns from far away lands
- **Families** which is used to co-ordinate family events such as the Sunday on-the-water games afternoons, or to synchronise times to head down to the river with the kids
- **Motorboating** which is used for the motorboating and fishing trips and picnics

Each of these groups is open to any LSC member, so do please join up, especially if you are new to the club. To make it easy, we've set up a form to indicate which WhatsApp groups you would like to join, which can be found at <https://forms.gle/ZqJJYBvLmt6yd1Yn9>.

Dougal Scott

Junior sailing update

Unfortunately the high winds and pelting rain meant we had to cancel the first Junior on the water session this year. Fingers crossed for better weather for the next one on 6th June. Surely summer must have arrived by then... News from Starcross YC - they are running a Junior Regatta from Saturday 14th to Tuesday 17th August, with FREE entry to local sailing club members. The racing will be in 2 fleets, one for more experienced children and the other with on-the-water coaching, so perfect if it's a first venture into dinghy racing. Entrants just need to be water confident and able to sail a triangle including a beat. There will be beach games, BBQ and a family camp out too! We will send out more details from Starcross as soon as we have them, by email and through the Family WhatsApp group. **Helen Scott**