



LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

August 2021 Newsletter

Sanding Working Party: 10am Saturday 31st July

Those of you who have visited the club recently may have noticed the improvements to the balcony furniture. Richard and Judy Stutchbury have been cleaning and renovating the wooden furniture, Mike Gall is in the process of repairing the tables and the broken bench and Judy is about to make new bunting and throws for chillier evenings, so you must come down and visit one Friday evening. We also want to smarten up outside the clubhouse where we have three LSC benches which urgently need sanding and treating- there is also one more from the balcony that needs some work. Is anyone willing to join a sanding party on Saturday 31st July at 10am - bring your sander and with a group we could get it all done faster. Send me an email if you can help. I will provide coffee and cake. Judith_carter@hotmail.com.

Motorboating

The **annual LSC Turf-tastic BBQ** went ahead on 24th July with a fine complement of eighteen of us laughing in the face of showers and bad light! We were very grateful to The Turf Hotel for giving us use of a marquee, which rather saved us all from soggy baps and low alcohol beers and wines. The trip home was interesting, since the last 'shower' lasted for about 90 minutes! The next exciting motorboat event requiring even more exclamation marks for no reason is the all-day fishing trip on Sunday 8th August!! So please let me know if you are interested in taking part.

Steve

On the water update

July has been a busy month on the water, with the season now in full stride. On the cruiser side, Goldbeater made it to the Scillies, and Moana was spotted in Salcombe and also showed the Sail GP boats in Plymouth how a catamaran should be sailed, Holly Blue went up the Dart, and Marigold headed down to Brixham. The cruiser WhatsApp group has been full of pictures of boats (and the occasional fluffy dog) in exotic places - we are very jealous. We had a very successful session in mid July getting some of our younger members sailing. There were two oppies out, reaching between human 'buoys' who could help them tack round and head back, plus the club picos crewed by teenage members taking out younger children. There was a small queue of children taking part - and following this success we plan to run sessions like this again. The motorboating section headed off to the Turf Locks on a spring tide for a lovely BBQ. The voyage there was as glassy and warm as it gets, but it then rained spectacularly as the fleet headed home, so there was plenty of foul weather gear to hang up once everyone was home. And on the dinghy side, turnouts have remained good and there has been some close racing up and down the fleet. There's plenty to look forward to in August. The cruiser section plans to take in the River Dart regatta, plus the annual fireworks competition in Plymouth Sound. There's a fishing trip on the 8 August, and another family afternoon on the Sunday afternoon of the August bank holiday. A number of our junior members will be taking part in the Starcross Junior Regatta from the 14-17 August, which is new for this year and is a four-day event of sailing races, beach games and fun organised by SYC - and which is free to LSC members. There's a full complement of dinghy racing through August, including three days of our popular three-race short-course format. Sadly we've had to postpone the match racing until next season, but Ed Walker has promised us a talk on it over the winter, so we can be fully prepared for when we run the session next year.

Dougal Scott

House Help

At this year's AGM in November we will be saying a big "thank you and goodbye" to Bill Boaden who will be standing down as the LSC committee member with responsibility for "house". Bill has filled this role for 14 years, so will be a hard act to follow. In anticipation of this change we would like to hear from anyone who is interested in taking on this role for next year, and also any others who have skills or experience they can volunteer to help the club, practically. The remit of the committee post is to oversee the maintenance of the fabric of our building, which includes the electrical supply, lighting, plumbing, decoration and flooring, appliances, security, internet access and heating. As we are also looking to invest in refurbishing the changing rooms and kitchen the postholder would help project manage these improvements. There is no need to be an expert "DIYer" as we are happy to get tradespeople in when required to do any work or maintenance. Bill has also volunteered to make sure there is a smooth hand over and so it would be good to have someone on board sooner rather than later to ensure a seamless transition. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out.

Cheryl



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Commodore's Corner

When I wrote my last piece, we were half way through Exe Regatta week and summer hadn't quite arrived! The Exe Regatta was a great success after all the efforts to get it afloat this year. We owe particular thanks to Mike Gall who chaired the Exe regatta committee on behalf of Lymestone - a difficult diplomatic and juggling act I was relieved to observe, rather than lead on, in my first year as Commodore. LSC involvement in the events this year broke all the records. The cruiser race organised by Claire Belcher had 14 entries, including boats from all of the clubs - a great achievement. We also had eight intrepid entries in the dinghy racing - did anyone ever work out what the course was? And we had an overwhelming turn out for the cardboard boat race thanks to Adam Rejzl for whipping up enthusiasm - so many boats we had to hold heats! Of course, none of this happened without a great deal of support from many people including the LSC committee, the safety boat crews who sat out on the river for two days, our beachmasters and everyone who was ready and primed to help Judith Carter with the not-to-be social events. So, a big thank you to everyone who helped, participated and supported the events. Apart from the regatta, our sailing programme has been pretty much going ahead as usual this year with lots of dinghy races and cruiser events as usual, but also SUP and paddling "have a go" events. The family fun days have also been well attended and with the good weather in mid-July, it was fantastic to see so many kids (big and small!) in and on the water. Fingers crossed the sun keeps shining and the sea breezes keep coming for the sailors over the summer. Don't forget to check the programme for up coming events and join the FB and WhatsApp groups for more informal information.

Cheryl

DIARY DATES

Sat	31 July	10:00	Sanding party at clubhouse
Fri	6 Aug	17:30	Round the Estuary in company
Sun	8 Aug	08:30	Motorboats all day fishing trip
Sat- Tues	14 - 17 Aug		Starcross Summer Junior Regatta
Sun	29 Aug	tbc	Family fun and BBQ

Carry on Cruising

Sunny skies over calm seas with gentle breezes filling our sails between anchorages from the Exe to the Scillies. Swimming in clear warm waters, walks ashore in beautiful places followed by sundowners watching sunsets to die for. What's not to like about the last month in the cruiser fleet. Conspicuous by their short or long term absence from home waters most of our fleet has been off doing what cruisers do best and taking advantage of our beautiful coastline and all ports along the way. We started the month with the Exe Regatta spread over two weekends to allow for favourable tides for both cruisers and dinghies. The first weekend saw a fleet of 14 cruisers battling in light, easterly winds in a race to Babbacombe and a sociable gathering at anchor before returning to the Exe's home waters on the evening tide. Whilst not taking any line honours, four Lymestone cruisers put in a spirited performance and can be well pleased with their placings in the fleet. Marigold and her crew, under white sails only, are still revelling in overtaking and beating a Topsham boat flying its cruising chute. The second weekend saw cruisers acting as committee boats for the well attended dinghy races in the river. After that the exodus began and over the month the cruiser fleet has been sailing near and far and our WhatsApp group and Facebook pages have seen the sharing of stunning photographs of places visited by those on their travels. As I write this August is on the horizon and there are many more sunsets to witness. Fair winds one and all. Have a wonderful summer. **Chas**



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Moana Meanders West

A few months back, Michelle and I booked Moana a 'bring your own boat' ticket to watch the Sail GP foiling 50ft catamarans' race around Plymouth sound. So on July 8th we loaded up Moana and slept aboard so we could drop the mooring lines early on Friday morning and catch the tide out of the Exe to wend our way west. Our son Josh joined us for the trip to Brixham. Light SSE wind prompted a stop at Anstey's Cove for lunch. It was rainy for the first few days so we stayed on the pontoon at Brixham, caught up with friends, took our dog Chewie for walks and stayed close to the train and bus route so Josh could make it back home in time to watch the football final with his mates. The weather improved but also became calm for a motor sail to Slapton Sands. The seas were calm enough to anchor off the beach for the night away from hustle and bustle. We took a walk for sundowners in the hamlet of Strete. It turns out that half of Slapton Sands is a naturist beach. Guess which end we happened to anchor at!! The morning temperature rose enough even for me to take the plunge for a swim with astonishment from Michelle. Normally I only ever go into the UK sea clad in a generous layer of neoprene!!

Our next day sail was around Start Point, tacking into a WNW to get to Bigbury Bay. We anchored behind Burgh Island until the high tide and then crept slowly over the sand bar at Bantham to enter the River Avon. The friendly harbour masters gave us advice and we picked up a secure visitor's buoy. For three days we made this our home with its sandy river to paddleboard around, lovely walks, handy cafe and good pub to give the galley chef some time off!! We departed on the Friday morning tide bound for Plymouth and the weekend racing.

First night in Plymouth at the Yacht Haven Marina for copious showers, ice and top up of water and supplies. This put us close to the East side of the racecourse where we anchored for the Saturday racing. Racing started at 2pm and the commentary was broadcast over vhf so we could hear all the nitty gritty close calls of the sailing. It was certainly a fabulous spectacle to see the 50ft catamarans flying above the water at 30kts in only 8kts of wind!! and only a few boat lengths away at times!! We could hear the high pitch whining of their foils as they sped past. Google SailGP if you want to find out more info including videos of the racing in Plymouth. It wasn't only the racing cats that were hair raising. Anchoring in close proximity with hundreds of other boats that normally only tie up to marinas, was pretty nerve racking too! Half way through the afternoon we had a visit from LSC paddlers Simon Adams and Gavin Lowery in their kayaks. Great to see Lymestone faces and they fully appreciated our loo onboard!

Saturday night we anchored in Barn Pool for a walk around Mount Edgecombe and a meal at the pub. It positioned us nicely for a vantage point on the other side of the racecourse on Sunday. Penny and Paul on Goldbeater anchored next to us by Drakes Island to watch the racing and then sped off into the sunset on their mission to make it to the Scilly Isles! We were also joined by boaty friends from Falmouth and we had a cream tea aboard Moana watching the action - how English! Racing done, we spent the night anchored in Cawsand Bay. More swimming and paddleboarding to keep cool in the heat and lots of doggie dunks to keep Chewie from melting with his jet black fur! Time to head back towards Exmouth and of course the wind now in the East! A long afternoon tacking across Bigbury Bay gave us the delight of anchoring off Hope Cove. The beauty of our coastline is that there is this handy path all along, perfect for evening dog walks!! We caught the last day of wind to tack Moana round to Salcombe to anchor up-river away from the hoards around the town. Then the weather got even calmer and hotter and we motored to Dartmouth for our last stop before Exmouth. No visit to the River Dart is complete without a stop at the Ferryboat Inn at Dittisham... so we duly obliged.



Slapton Sands through the window
Tacking past Blackpool Sands



Anchored behind Burgh Island
The Quay at Bantham



Rory and Michelle
Low tide in Bantham





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We set off from Dartmouth with East wind warnings in effect. It was our only lively sail in the two weeks, but again almost dropped to nothing as we picked up the mooring off Lympstone. But by 8pm, we were unloaded and tucked up at home when we felt smug to hear the wind whistle outside, lightning in the sky and rain hammer down. Phew! Made it home in the nick of time!!

Rory and Michelle



Simon and Gavin come calling



Danish team speeding by Very hot dog



GB team racing past LSC burgee



Anchored in Barn Pool



For Sale

- WETSUIT - Tall man's GUL chest 97-101 cms. £10. 01395274099 **Richard de la Rue**
- Avon Redstart dinghy with bottom boards, spray hood, oars, outboard bracket, pump etc. Easy to pull on board & stow on deck or in deck locker of a small cruiser. Old but it's an Avon. £45
- 15lb CQR anchor, 16ft of 5/16 chain & 100ft warp. Suitable for bower or kedge anchor for small cruiser £15
- Power lead for mains supply to cruiser in Lympstone harbour £10
- Mariner 3.3 long shaft two stroke outboard. Less than 5 hours running. Looks brand new inside & out. Includes stand, manual, tool kit & cover. Suitable as backup to main outboard on small cruiser £325

Roger Howell 264152

- 2 small fenders and a mooring pick up buoy £10
- New boat trolley winch to 1300lbs £10
- Outboard flushing muffs £4
- 2 x folding Grapnel anchors 5kg and 2.5kg £22

Dave Collett 07920844629

- 12 foot tender 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**



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Exe Regatta - Cardboard Boat Challenge

Saturday of Dinghy Weekend saw the youngest participants of the Exe Regatta make their way down to the foreshore of Lympstone to take part in the cardboard boat challenge. I was looking forward to the event having spent the previous evening, like most of the village, helping Rufus create a purple submarine (we'd run out of yellow). It was a nervous hour for me setting up the course, wondering how many boats would arrive and prepping our purple submarine for her maiden voyage; "it won't sink" I reassured Rufus, "but you will probably get quite wet." As the sign on time came more and more boats arrived, and filled the beach with colour and ingenuity! All in all, 15 boats and crews eagerly took to the water. Most were confident, perhaps overly, of successfully navigating the deceptively short course. The chop from a 15kt South Westerly and the Exe's ability to munch through cardboard saw six crews having to abandon ship and wade back to shore. There were three prizes on offer: Alex and Emily took the prize for fastest around the course in their very authentic looking rowing dinghy, their time of 1 minute 49 seconds was considerably faster than the rest of the fleet and proves something of why boats are the shape they are. Naval architects in the making. The second prize was for the most attractive vessel, voted for by fellow participants and members of the public before the boats hit the water. The prize went to Elsie in her vessel 'HMS Sissons', a beautiful square-rigged galleon which started off the day looking magnificent. Unfortunately the course straight into the wind didn't suit the sail plan and Elsie was dropping the sail and wading in by the end of the course. HMS Sissons sadly ended up looking like most of the rest of the fleet. The last prize was for the most durable boat, which went to Harrison and Freddie in their boat 'Sharkboy.' With much of the fleet pulped by our beloved estuary, Sharkboy was one of an elite collection of boats which persevered and was enjoyed well beyond the event. Could have been the shiny wrapping paper which gave them the edge? A big thank you to Elaine, Judith and Cheryl for helping on the day as well as all of our lovely participants for putting so much effort into their boats and being such good sports on the day! Finally, a big thank you to everyone for tidying away their boats the end of the session as well.

And how did our boat do? Not great I'm afraid... But there's always next year!

Adam Rejzl

(I only caught sight of this event when returning from racing, but it looked great fun - such a good idea, Ed)

