



LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

October 2021 Newsletter

Nominations for committee posts – we can't do it without you!

LSC is run by the committee and any member can nominate themselves for any of the committee posts prior to the AGM. We are lucky that many members of the current committee are willing to put themselves forward for another year, but we know that some will be standing down at the AGM and so we need new people to step forward and help us keep the Club running. In particular, we need volunteers for the following posts:

Rear Commodore - this role oversees and coordinates our land based (social) activities including talks, events, the galley and the bar. Judith Carter can provide more information on what is required.

Membership Secretary - oversees our membership fee renewals and processes new applications through the year. Fiona Archer will be happy to discuss how this works.

Maintenance "House" - oversees the maintenance of our building. While Bill Boaden has filled this role alone for several years, we would also be interested in hearing from you if you would be prepared to be part of a small team to share this role.

General Committee roles - we have general committee members who help to broaden representation on the committee. We would particularly be interested in welcoming people on to the committee to represent the interests of families, motor boaters and paddle sport activities or who have specific expertise in communications. Please contact the committee members mentioned above, myself (cheryl.scudamore@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk) or (peter.turgoose@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk) if you would like to know more about what these important roles entail.

Nominations for the Alan Dixon Trophy

As most of you will know, Alan Dixon was a well-loved member of Lymestone Sailing Club who sadly passed away in 2020. He was an active member of the club, serving as Bosun on the committee for many years and, more importantly, he was always there to help-out, rescuing many of the members from various scrapes on the water, mending boats, trailers and equipment of all sorts with humour and a vast array of tools. We are now looking for nominations for the Alan Dixon trophy for the 2021 season which will be presented at our Prize giving and Spuddle. Any member may suggest a nomination for the person(s) who has "contributed significantly to the club or its members either through regular and continuous service or a significant individual event during the year". Please submit nominations by 17th October to peter.turgoose@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk Cheryl

Skittles

It is now clear that the skittles league of clubs around the river will not take place this season. However, Dolphins will be arranging our in house Port & Starboard events for members only, but only when eligible members have received their booster jabs.
Don Govan

Social Events

It is good to be getting back to some social events at the club. More people are coming to the bar on a Friday evening and enjoying a drink, some company and some wonderful sunsets. The bar opens at 7.30pm each Friday. Contactless payments make this a much easier job for the member on bar duty than in the old days of cash.

Craning the Boats Ashore is on **Saturday 9th October**. Bacon Butties and Tea and Coffee will be served during craning. Remember it is contactless pay so bring your card. The end of the Sailing Season is marked by a **Fish & Chip Supper**, delivered by Krispies **7pm for 7.30 delivery on Saturday 9th October. Book and pay using the LSC website**

Menu choices: Large Cod and Large Traditional Chips £11.25, Regular Cod and Regular Traditional Chips £8.55, Veggie Burger and Regular Traditional Chips £5.80, Home made Cheese Bits and Regular Traditional Chips £3.90.

New Members evening Friday 15th October 7.30 pm to which any member is invited. It is an opportunity to welcome new members and to introduce them to others and committee members and answer questions about the club activities.

Spuddle and Prize giving is on Friday 29th October 7.30pm: This is the chance to air your views on the sailing season and make suggestions for next season. Cups are presented to the race winners of the 2021 season. This year we are not asking people to bring food to share in case we might also share Covid germs with this type of buffet so eat before you come.

AGM Friday 12th November 7.30pm will be held at the club and also by Zoom

Commodore's Christmas Drinks Friday 3rd December. Mulled wine and Mince Pies followed by Karaoke

In the New Year we plan to hold series of talks and quizzes on alternate Friday evenings

The return of Mariners Munch after 2 years. January to March - Friday Lunchtime



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LSC Contacts

Commodore Cheryl Scudamore

Vice Commodore Claire Belcher

Membership Fiona Archer

Secretary Peter Turgoose

Rear Commodore. Judith Carter

Treasurer Adam Rejzl

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Carry on Cruising

Just where has the season gone? It seems only a short time ago that we were craned afloat to start our sailing season with plans and dreams across the cruiser fleet of sailing adventures near and far. Now as craning ashore draws ever closer, some of those plans and dreams may well have reached fruition whilst others have had to be amended along the way, or even cancelled due to the season's influences both on and off the water. Whichever sums up your individual set of circumstances I hope you've got the best you can out of your sailing season. As some of us scramble to the last opportunities to get wind in our sails before de-rigging ready for craning we can take a little comfort in knowing that getting our boats ashore doesn't herald the end but just the start of a different type of being one with our boats. One of major and minor refitting and tinkering with things that have shown need of attention whilst afloat, re-starting things that didn't get finished during last year's layup, an update here or there, general fettling and social interaction around the harbour. Yes floating may be drawing to a close but boating will continue on. Fair winds and fettling everyone. **Chas**

Join the Monday Art Group

A group of members meet on a Monday morning in the Sailing Club to draw and paint. If you would like to join we have some places available - 9.30 to 12am. Contact judith_carter@hotmail.com for more details.

DIARY DATES

Sat	9 Oct		Craning ashore
Sat	9 Oct	19:00	End of Season Supper
Fri	15 Oct	19:30	New Members Eve
Fri	29 Oct	19:30	Spuddle and Prize Giving
Fri	12 Nov	19:30	AGM
Fri	3 Dec	19:30	Commodore's Drinks

Commodore's Corner

So here we are in autumn with weather to match. As the season draws to a close the dinghy racing has been hotting up and it is great to see some new members joining the fleet. It seems all too soon, but shortly we will be putting most of the dinghies, the cruiser and motor boat fleets to bed for the winter. I have no doubt that a few dinghies will be out on nice winter days along with paddlers and the hardy band of swimmers which has formed in the village. As our on the water activities tail off you will start to see our winter programme take shape. We are still mindful of potential Covid related changes, but as it stands we are planning for a near normal winter and spring programme. We will be kicking off with an informal new members evening in the bar on the 15th October - open to all it is a good chance for old and new members to meet up and put names to faces. Shortly after is the Spuddle and prize giving (29th October). For those not in the know the Spuddle (I'm never convinced about this word which according to Google means "to make a lot of fuss about trivial things, as if they were important"!!!) is in fact a very important chance to discuss and provide feedback to the committee on what has gone well this year and what you'd like to see happen next year. None of these events happen without the hard work of members and our committee. As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter several committee members are standing down this year and although they are all irreplaceable we do need to fill their shoes. You do not need to have any specific experience, knowledge or length of membership to join the committee just a willingness to get involved. What's in it for you? A chance to get to know more members of the club and village, see your ideas develop into actions and help secure the future of the club. It is an old cliché but we really can't do it without you so please consider putting yourself forward.

Cheryl



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Starcross Junior Regatta

A number of LSC junior members travelled across the river over the summer holidays for the Starcross Junior Regatta. This is the first year that this event has been run. It was a four day regatta with 2-3 races per day. The racing was organised into two fleets: a gold fleet and silver fleet who were supported throughout the racing by on-the-water race coaches. Around the racing were events such as a BBQ, disco and camp-over. The event was free to enter to any sailing clubs on the Exe. From Lympstone, Jess and Arabella Upchurch sailed in the silver fleet, with Jess using a LSC club Pico. Kirsty and Polly Scott were sailing in the gold fleet in RS Teras. Congratulations to all our LSC juniors who took part, in particular Jess Upchurch, who won the silver fleet; and Kirsty Scott who was first in the Tera fleet (*a clean sweep for Lympstone then - very well done! Ed.*). Provisional dates for next year's regatta are 18-21 August. **Dougal Scott**

The Adventures of Holly Blue

Late August and early September saw Holly Blue down in Plymouth for a second time this year to meet up with my son and his family and compensate for being denied my regular trip to the Solent for the annual Elizabethan get together by some heavy weather earlier in the year. Leaving LSC late August with light N/NE winds caused minor problems as Tiller Pilot unhappy with wind astern and had a propensity to gybe unexpectedly! Furling genoa and adding motor cured the problem and had an easy trip to Torquay, but breakwater pontoons all allocated to small power boats who were racing around the bay: much noise and fluster, but not much to see. Sunday was the day the offshore power boats, having raced from Cowes, turned around in Torbay: maybe they didn't like the Torquay pubs! Not much to see with these monsters except even more thunderous noise and much white water: not sure I actually managed to see any of the boats! Torquay to Salcombe quite straightforward and then to Mayflower Marina in Plymouth for 3 days. One advantage of Mayflower is that the Station is only about 45 minutes walk away if a quick return to base is needed. Having had it easy on way down I had to pay on return! Winds generally 4/6 (over deck) on the nose and sea short and nasty, always throwing her sideways and frequently stopping her dead and throwing sheets of water over the deck, with sufficient force to blow out two of the transparent panels in the spray hood: mind you they were not exactly new! Holly has a centreboard in her long keel, but inevitably this gets stuck fast by mud and small pebbles getting into the casing, so I was unable to use it. It might have helped a little as in the conditions we made significant leeway and wanting to get into the shelter of Salcombe before too late, we motor/sailed much of the way, with 1 reefing slab in the main and 4 rolls in the genoa. I was trying to maintain a speed of 4 kn and using the motor at moderate revs just managed this. In Salcombe I picked up a visitors' mooring off the town which was reserved for boats < 8 m. I was unaware of these before, but demand seems much lower than for the larger Visitors' Buoys and hopefully I will be able to use again next year. Salcombe to Dartmouth was not what I would call fun! Wind and sea still the same, but this time fighting an adverse tide. Having time in my favour I tried to beat up to Start only to spend an hour or so thrashing around off Prawle: not certain I was not going backwards with leeway and being thrown sideways by frequent waves! So on with motor again and up to Start standing well out to avoid clearly visible overfalls. These continued well into the Skerries bank and formed a clear line which I sailed parallel to and about 20 m off. From there a good night's rest at Dittisham and then home. Interestingly a very modest Easterly still set up a noticeable swell at the entry of the Dart, reminding me of when I had to turn back with heavy dangerous seas caused by a 4/5 Easterly last year. Having left the Dart and with Berry Head astern I hardly saw land until the Ness, visibility was down to about 1 mile. This is when I appreciated my electronic positioning devices! Eventually back on mooring at LSC at 17.30 after a not uneventful trip and now roll on 2022!

John Baynes (*Most of this sounded absolutely terrifying to me, John - talk about tales of "derring do" Ed.*)

For sale

- A2 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**