



# LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

## January 2022 Newsletter

### Dinghy sailing courses at Lympstone

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It would be brilliant if our sailing club was able to offer beginner or improver dinghy sailing courses to adults or children. It would allow us to share our sport with people new to it, and to expand our reach in the village by offering something to people who are not already comfortable with being on the water. The club has offered training like this in the past, we have a beautiful stretch of water to learn to sail in and we remain accredited by the RYA to offer RYA sailing courses. But we also face a number of challenges. Our tidal location means that courses would need to be spread out into small windows of time over high tides, probably over 6-8 weekends over a season; rather than being offered over a week or a couple of weekends like non-tidal venues. We compete with Starcross YC, Exe SC, and various commercial providers on the river who provide sailing courses. And, most significantly, running RYA courses is extremely resource-intensive, and we are a little club. The RYA requires that we have a senior sailing instructor, who has to be on-site at all times when training is taking place. We would probably need several dinghy sailing instructors, with an up-to-date qualification, willing to devote time over a series of weekends over the season. And we would also need someone to deal with the significant level of administration required for running sailing courses: things like SOPs and risk assessments that the RYA stipulates, as well as administering who is scheduled to come along for what training, and when. We'd like to know whether there are people who would be interested in training if offered, and volunteers in the club to run sailing training - because if we can, we will!! Please email [dougalscott@usa.net](mailto:dougalscott@usa.net) if you are either interested and able to **help** offer sailing training, or if you or your family would be interested in **taking part** in sailing courses. If you are willing to help, please could you indicate whether you have an up-to-date dinghy instructor qualification, and/or whether you would be able to take on some of the administration of sail training. **Dougal**

### Winter Training

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We are aiming to run RYA First aid and PB2 courses next spring. If you are interested in either of these and would like to be added to a waiting list please contact [enquiries@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk) Dates and fees will be announced later.

### Commodore's Corner

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By the time you read this the big C will be over - Christmas at any rate :-). The other big C will unfortunately still be with us! The committee continues to keep a watching brief on the changing Covid situation, making appropriate risk assessments for our events and facilities. At times we may be going beyond what is mandated by government but we have a small club house and need to protect those who volunteer for us. With this in mind, it is likely that our winter programme may once again have to move onto Zoom. Please keep an eye on e-mail and social media for changes as they occur. On a more positive note we had a great turn out for the Boxing Day swim, the water was like a mill pond and the sun actually shone. Congratulations to everyone who took the plunge and to the large crowd of supporters who cheered and dug into their pockets to provide a healthy donation for the RNLI. Judith and Elaine did a fantastic job of selling hot drinks and cakes and the Mikes (Gall and Gilroy) did sterling work as guest starter and on water safety back up respectively. Looking forward to the new year, planning is well under way for our on the water programme. Many thanks to Dave, Dougal, Chas and Claire for pulling this mammoth task together. Finally, many thanks in anticipation for renewing your membership and for your continued participation in the club whether as a volunteer on or off the water, committee member or simply by responding to our requests for your opinions (see RYA sailing in this issue). Best wishes from all of us on the Committee for a happy and safe 2022.

**Cheryl**

### Sailing Club Dinner At The Swan Saturday 29th January

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We are organising meal at The Swan to have an opportunity for members to enjoy a social event together as we are not holding a Dinner Dance and members suggested a scaled down event. The cost is £18.50 for 2 course or £23.50 for 3 courses. Booking will be on LSC website in the next week where you will be able to select your menu and pay a £10 deposit by 19th January. You will pay the balance on the night.



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## LSC Contacts

Commodore Cheryl Scudamore

Vice Commodore Claire Belcher

Membership Nick Walding

Secretary Jim Trice

Rear Commodore. vacant

Treasurer Adam Rejzl

Newsletter Margaret Turgoose

Website: [lympstonesailingclub.co.uk](http://lympstonesailingclub.co.uk)

## DIARY DATES

Fri	7 Jan	12.00	1st Mariners' Munch
Fri	7 Jan	19:30	Talk: Katie McCabe sailing "Falanda", single handedly round GB.
Fri	21 Jan	19:30	Talk: Jenny Moon, Fishing links with Newfoundland
Sat	29 Jan	19:30	Dinner at The Swan
Fri	18 Feb	19:30	Sailing USA by Polly Jarman
Fri	4 March	19:30	The Old Tides by Brian Mather
Wed	20 April	tbc	Craning afloat (tbc)

## Social Activities

**Mariners' Munches Fridays: 7<sup>th</sup> January to 25<sup>th</sup> March 12 - 1.30pm:** There is no need to book in advance, but do put it in your diary to come down. It is an event enjoyed by all ages; retired people, people working from home and parents with preschool children. It is contactless payment. Homemade soup with bread £2.50, sandwiches £2.50, dessert £1.50, tea or coffee 50p. Best value lunch in Lymptstone and latecomers can be disappointed if we run out of choices! We plan to have some gluten free rolls available in the freezer if needed. **ANYONE AVAILABLE TO HELP ON 21ST JAN, 4TH FEB OR 11TH MARCH PLEASE CONTACT ME [judith\\_carter@hotmail.com](mailto:judith_carter@hotmail.com).** You will not be on your own - someone else with experience, (probably me) will do it with you.

**Meal at The Swan:** see above - booking on website.

**Friday Talks: 7<sup>th</sup> January:** Our first evening talk, 7.30 for 8pm start, is by 14 year old Katie McCabe on sailing "Falanda", single handed round Britain, **21<sup>st</sup> January:** Lymptstone fishing links with Newfoundland by Jenny Moon,

**Friday 18th February:** Sailing USA by Polly Jarman, **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March:** Brain Mather, The Old Tides (videos of Lymptstone)

**Games for the Clubhouse:** We would like to keep some board games or similar for all ages in the Clubroom, so if you have games you no longer use, we would welcome donations [judith\\_carter@hotmail.com](mailto:judith_carter@hotmail.com)

Hope to see you in the club,

**Judith Carter**

*Lymptstone Sailing Club actively encourage members to take a Lateral Flow Test before attending club events.*

## Membership Renewal

Just a quick reminder to say that current memberships will be expiring on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. Fees have been frozen this year and will stay at the 2020-2021 season rates. An email has recently been sent out with details about fees and the early bird discount. Please check your inboxes if you haven't seen this yet. If you have any queries please do get in contact via [membership@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk](mailto:membership@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk). Many thanks.

**Nick Walding Membership Secretary**

## Skittles

The Dolphins have met once, on 9th December, when fourteen members who had tested that day, enjoyed an evening remembering how to bowl a straight ball. After so much time away from any games it was surprising how it all came back and there were some good scores including eight 'spares'. As usual the Starboard side came out winners! Another evening planned for the 16th December was called off after the alarming rise in the omicron statistics. We will look at the conditions in the New Year and, hopefully, arrange more evenings before the sailing season arrives. **Don Govan**



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## Harbour Board

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Greetings & best wishes for your water-borne activities in 2022 from the Harbour Board. Pandemic rules/advice permitting, the Association AGM will be held in the Clubroom, courtesy of the Sailing Club, from 8pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, doors open 7:30pm. The Bar will be closed during the AGM. If such a gathering is not allowed, the AGM will either be postponed, or alternative arrangements will be made. The Lympstone Fishery & Harbour Association is a not-for-profit property management organisation, run by elected volunteers who form the Harbour Board, which mainly communicates with its members (licensees) by email. Our AGM is the one event in the year during which members have the opportunity to meet together formally to hear from the Board and carry out normal democratic AGM procedures. Details will be posted on the Noticeboard from 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Recent temperatures have reduced land-based maintenance to a tick-over for most, but fingers crossed, a benign Spring will offer a good head-start to fettling well ahead of opening of the Harbour to dinghies etc for the summer season on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Please check your vessel before and after local gales. **Richard Crisp**

## The Boxing Day Swim

