



# LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

## July 2022 Newsletter

### Power Boat Instructor course

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The LSC committee are looking to increase the number of power boat instructors we have in the club, to ensure our ability to continue offering courses as part of our RYA training centre. We have booked a course at Seasports SW in Teignmouth in October. The pre-course skills assessment would be on Sunday 9th October, with the instructor course on Saturday 22nd, Sunday 23rd and Saturday 29th October. As part of the bursary scheme announced last month we will cover the full cost of this course if you are able to commit to helping us with our training programme. If you are interested and can make the available dates please contact me. (If you would like to do the course but don't want to run club courses please also get in touch as if we have a spare place we will offer it to members at cost).

**Cheryl**



### Commodore's Corner

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The sailing season is now in full swing. Congratulations to Rory McDougall for taking the first trophy of the season for winning the LSC Regatta Cup. Our "free sailing" events have also been well attended - new for this year they are a good time to try out your sailing skills with safety boat cover. We don't provide coaching at these sessions but there will be people around to help you rig club boats. Anyone can also sail on the race days; you don't need to follow the course although you are welcome to give it a go - just let the Officer of the day (OOD) and the safety boat helm know you would like them to keep an eye out for you. Don't forget you can book our expanded fleet of club boats via the website. We were very pleased once again to host both the Exmouth RNLI lifeboats on 16th June. A fabulous evening which was very well attended resulting in over £300 being raised for the RNLI. Thanks to the lifeboat crews, bucket shakers and Judith and the team manning the bar. Our other social events are having variable success this year - is everyone busy catching up after Covid restrictions? Please help us by booking in advance if you can so that we can ensure we can continue to run events. Finally, the LSC committee works constantly behind the scenes not only to run events on and off the water but also to keep the nuts and bolts of the club running. We have become aware of some potential issues with the clubhouse roof. Steve Archer and John Brewer have completed an initial informal survey and we are now looking to employ a structural engineer to complete a formal assessment of the condition of the roof, recommend any remedial action and manage any repairs. We have a club full of talented members with useful contacts so can anyone recommend a structural engineer we can approach to tender for this work?

**Cheryl**

### Item Wanted

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12ft tender boat. Please call Steve 07940-830487



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## LSC Contacts

Commodore Cheryl Scudamore

Vice Commodore Claire Belcher

Membership Nick Walding

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## DIARY DATES

Sat 2 July 10:00 Darling Cup

Sat 9 July 13:30 Free sailing session with SB cover

Sun 10 July 15:00 Starcross open race

Fri 15 Jul eve Race coaching for all/Lite Bites

Sat 16 July w/e Cruisers meet at the Dart

Fri 22 July eve Briefing for match racing

Sat 23 July tbc Match racing

Sun 24 July 19:00 SUP Improver

## Sailing Programme

**New club bosuns:** we now have a team of three maintaining our club sailing boats! Chris Atkins, who has done a great job maintaining our boats for many years, stepped down from the role at the start of this season. To spread the load, we're now covering the task across three people: Ian Dunkley, Steve Pope and Dan Boswell have kindly stepped up to help. If you spot a problem with a club sailing boat that needs fixing, please email [bosun@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk](mailto:bosun@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk) and one of the three of them will sort it out. Steve Archer is continuing to look after the two rescue boats.

**Dinghies, moored boats and Darling Rock:** Unfortunately there have been a couple of incidents this year of dinghies hitting moored boats. It goes without saying that everyone needs to do everything they can to stay clear of moored boats, and to give them plenty of room. We ask our race officers to avoid setting courses through the moorings - although our start/finish line off the harbour wall means we can't keep the race area completely separate. If there is a collision with a moored boat, even if there appears to be no damage, please can dinghy sailors make sure that they get in touch with the owner - thank-you for your co-operation! On the subject of hitting things, please note that the day mark succumbed to the affects of erosion over the winter and on a high tide Darling Rock is not visible (in fact, the lifeboat nearly hit it when it came to visit!). Do please remember that the Darling Rock is there!

**Sailing programme:** We're now well into the season and there's plenty coming up on-the-water for everyone. We have a free sailing session on **Saturday 9 July at 1330**. These are sessions where the club boats are available with help on hand to rig them, there is safety cover for anyone who wants it, and there is no racing to worry about getting in the way of. These sessions have been very popular so far this year, so please come down. Note though that we can't provide instruction, so members do need to be confident to go sailing independently.

On **Sunday 10th July at 3pm** (not the 9th as shown on race programme) Starcross YC is running a trophy race open to all sailing clubs on the river, as part of its 250 year anniversary celebration. It will be a lovely steady sea breeze (not like the Squires Cup this year) so should be a great event to join in. Details on race sailing WhatsApp nearer the time.

On **Friday 15th July** on the evening tide, Dougal and Helen Scott will be providing race coaching aimed at anyone who races in the dinghy fleet and would like to brush up on their boat speed, boat handling or race tactics. There are lite bites at the club that evening, so they'll be supper available too.

On **Saturday 23rd July**, Ed Walker will be running an introduction to match racing day. Match racing is a series of one-on-one races, like the America's Cup (but in lasers). It's something a bit different, and should be a lot of fun. Ed will explain the principles of match racing and the format for the day on the evening of **Friday 22nd July**, with racing for up to 8 sailors the following day. Precise timings will be made available nearer the time on the Race Sailing Whatsapp group.

For paddlers, Jim Trice is running another SUP improver course on **Sunday 24 July**. If you'd like to join please sign up in advance - sign-up details are on the programme.

Finally, the cruisers have various destinations planned in-company, including to Teignmouth for the airshow and to the River Dart. See you on the water!

**Dougal**



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## Carry on Cruising

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Well the longest day has passed and we are well into our sailing year enjoying, mostly, clear skies and fair winds. At the time of the last newsletter the Chandis Bell race to Brixham had been a resounding success so the alternative date programmed in case of foul weather was cancelled in favour of the thing we do best, cruising. Most of the fleet have found time to get out of the estuary and along the coast or further afield. Unfortunately the race to Torbay and viewing the air show at anchor in the bay had to be cancelled due to the weather. It seems none of us are keen on easterlies and with the uncomfortable seas they produce who can blame us. At the time of writing, Trisha Trick has made Falmouth after spending time in Fowey in the company of Tony and Karen on their new acquisition, Niord. Ian Scholefield has been representing LSC in Norfolk trying his hand on a 1935 half decker (as young as Don Govan), the skipper and crew of Quest were last heard of sampling Brixham fish-n-chips on their way back to the Exe, WhiteLady was bobbing somewhere in the Dart and our vice commodore has been sailing yet another yellow boat as far away as Vaxholm. As might be expected when we venture away from home waters, despite best preparation, there is every chance of something going wrong. An unexpected battery drain on WhiteLady left her at anchor with no power. Fortunately fellow Lymptonian Don Gellard was also on the Dart and provided a much appreciated battery booster to save the day. (Very many thanks Don). Fault found and rectified and ship's alternator and solar panels put to work: full power and holiday calmness was resumed. Plumbing problems put Niord's loo out of action forcing a return to Plymouth for Tony and Karen, but good fortune and timely repairs saw them back out to sea before too long without the need to resort to bucket and chuck it. Of course little things like those pale into insignificance when compared to the fate of the boat on fire that Niord went to assist recently. By all accounts having burst into flames Wild Rover was fully engulfed very quickly and sank as a result. Fortunately all crew were saved by a passing motorboat. What caused the blaze? Perhaps we'll never know but it spurred an interesting dialogue on the fleet WhatsApp group discussing things like wearing lifejackets, location of fire extinguishers, gas safety and easy to reach means of calling for assistance. It certainly had me looking around WhiteLady at the systems I have in place and thoughts of options for improving tweaks. Salutary reminders not to become complacent and take things for granted as we venture out on the water. Stay safe everyone and have a great summers sailing. **Chas**

