



LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

September 2023 Newsletter

Social Activities: September

Friday 8th September 7.30pm: Reopening Evening - Draught Ale, Hot Snacks and Pimms. Please come and celebrate the new clubhouse roof at our Re-opening Evening. The snacks 'finger food' will be so delicious you may not want much supper! Let's create a party atmosphere on the 8th.

Sunday 10th September 5pm: Food after Open Sailing Session. Pasties, tea, coffee, cake, and bar will be open.

Sunday 17th September 11.30 AM; Bacon and Sausage Baps, tea and coffee after morning racing - all welcome

Sunday 24th September 3pm: Cream Tea- last chance to enjoy a summer afternoon cream tea

Friday 6th October 7.30pm: End of Season Supper - details to follow - you will need to book via the website for this event. **Judith Carter**

Club Feva for loan

For the past two summers we have been unable to make the club's RS Feva available for members to book, because we are constrained by the number of dinghy spaces available to us on the harbour hardstanding. The Feva is a great boat for families with teenagers who are enjoying their sailing and looking to sail a two handed boat which has an asymmetric spinnaker and is a bit livelier than starter boats. It carries weight well and will take an adult and a child, or two teenage children. In the past it has been a great stepping stone for children into higher performance dinghies. Here is a picture of the club Feva at the National Championships this year. Over the winter the year the club loaned the Feva to one family to use; it is now all working and rigged for racing. The club would like to invite expressions of interest to another family who would like to have use of the boat for a year, for an enthusiastic child, until the end of next season. There would be no charge, but the family would be expected to maintain the boat, store it over the winter, and apply to the harbour board for a boat space for it on their own behalf. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact Dougal Scott on sailing@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk



Commodore's Corner

August is usually a quiet period in the club's calendar, with the summer holidays and no social events being planned, so this will be a shorter entry than normal. In this period of quiet at the club it has been the opportune moment to carry out the works to fix the roof. Unfortunately we had to close the upstairs of the clubhouse whilst the work is being done and I would like to thank members for their understanding - although hopefully by the time you read this the works are either complete, or nearly complete! I would also like to thank the LFHA for their support of the works and being accommodating to both the club and the contractors whilst the work has taken place. Whilst the social programme has been on hiatus, there has still been activity on the water with dinghy racing and powerboat training taking place. In last month's newsletter I noted the exploits of one of our junior sailors during the Exe Regatta, and this month the achievements continue. Theo got his first 'on the water' win this month in conditions that were pretty full on, leading a race fleet containing lasers with full sail set-up, whilst he was sailing with the, smaller, radial sail set-up. This is a very impressive achievement, well done Theo! Coming up in September we have a number of events to get involved in; Draught Ale, Open sailing, and Lite Bites so I'm looking forward to seeing you all down at the clubhouse (with its shiny new roof) very soon! **Nick**

Day Skipper Theory course

Adrian Woolacott will be running a Day Skipper theory course this winter. The course is aimed at those with some sailing experience, who want to progress their cruising skills. All lessons will be in the clubhouse, 6pm to 9pm on Wednesday evenings. The course will start on 1st November and run until the end of February, with a break during the Christmas period. The course will cost £330, reduced to £200 by a bursary available to all full (not NOWA) members. The price includes all course materials. For more details, please contact Adrian on 07515728093

Skittles

The skittles season is nearly here again, and the meeting of team leaders will be at Topsham S.C. on 5th September, when the fixture list will be finalised for this winter. We have arranged some 'in house' practice evenings at the Club on 14th and 29th September and Commodore Nick is raising a team to play us on 21st September. We need to improve on last year's results so plenty of practice will be arranged. New members are always welcome. **Don Govan**



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LSC Contacts

Commodore	Nick Walding
Vice Commodore	Simon Pryor
Membership	Penny Lupton
Secretary	Peter Turgoose
Rear Commodore.	Judith and Elaine
Treasurer	Adam Rejzl
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DIARY DATES

Fri	8 Sept	19:30	Grand re-opening, Draught Ale, Pimms and Hot Snacks
Sun	10 Sept	17:00	Open Sailing & Lite Bites (pasties) (5pm)
Sun	17 Sept	11:30	Sausage and bacon baps (after 09:30 race start)
Sun	24 Sept	15:00	Cream Tea
Fri	6 Oct	19:30	End of season supper

Obituary: Peter Schassens

Peter Schaessens, who died in July, aged 96, was a modest, cheerful and popular man. Soon after WWII and in the Navy, aged 21, he had command of a small ship policing the Rhine and its tributaries, also escorting German U-boats along the Channel prior to being scrapped. After leaving the Navy, he became a Civil Engineer and took a leading role in some major projects, including a hydroelectric power station in Glen Morriston, Scotland, flood defences for the River Trent in Nottingham and structures around the Hinkley Point 2 nuclear power station in Somerset. Always keen to be near and on the water, he came, after retirement, to live on Burgmanns Hill, Lymptstone. He and Shirley, his wife, joined the sailing club and sailed "Piccolo" around the Exe. He had a firm Christian faith. Sadly, Shirley died in 2006 and, more recently, two of his children pre-deceased him. He has a surviving daughter and two grandchildren. He had artistic talent, enjoying painting and photography. He exhibited some of his work in Lymptstone. He loved capturing sunsets, which he could see across the Exe. Until about five years ago Peter was a regular at the evenings of Winter Talks at the club. He will be remembered there - a glass of red wine in his hand and a twinkle in his eye. **Peter Johnstone**

Open Sailing - Sunday 10th September 3pm

Our last open sailing session of the season will be on 10 September. These sessions are for members who'd like a bit more help to get on the water. Rescue cover will be provided, there's no racing to get in the way of, the club boats are available to use and there will be help to rig and get afloat. Afterwards there will be lite bites and drinks in the clubhouse. So if you'd like to go sailing in a safe, supportive environment, come along at 1500 on 10 September. Sunshine and fair breezes have all been booked. Note though: this isn't a session for beginners - we can't provide tuition - but we are happy to help people get on the water who would like a bit of a brush-up. **Dougal**

New Treasurer needed

Due to a change of family circumstances, Adam is retiring as Hon' Treasurer at the end of the club's financial year (October 2023). This is an interesting and important role on the committee, so please get in touch with Adam at the club or via treasurer@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk if you are interested in taking over. Most processes are streamlined and online now which means the work whilst regular isn't onerous, you need to enjoy working with numbers but you don't need to be an accountant! Full handover and training can be given, and Adam will continue to be around to help with questions and advice. **Adam**



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Committee Who's Who? Paul Burke

What is your job on the Committee? I am a general committee member, mainly involved with training. Our focus is currently powerboat training, which I instruct alongside Mike Gall, Jamie Reeves and Shane Currans. If you see the club safety boats driving round in circles when there is no dinghy racing taking place, it's almost certainly us with our students. As you will see elsewhere this month, we are also adding Day Skipper Theory to our club training.

When did you learn to sail? My first sailing experience, aged 20, was working as trainee crew on an old wooden schooner, taking divers out to explore coral reefs in the Red Sea. By the end of the summer, I knew that I had found my calling, and began to pursue a career in sailing. Some of the highlights have included deliveries across the Atlantic and Pacific, and skippering a 60ft yacht in a round the world race. Closer to home, I spent several years running sail training trips for disadvantaged teenagers. I met my wife, Penny, on a sailing trip from Panama to Tahiti.

What sailing do you do now? Most of my sailing at the moment is on Goldbeater, our Golden Hind 31, which is moored in Lympstone Lake. Our summer cruises are usually to the Isles of Scilly (definitely our favourite destination) or Brittany. We took her to the Med some years ago, outward via Biscay and then home through the French canals, with a fabulous week in Paris en-route. Although the roughest seas we experienced were off Start Point!

How long have you been in the village? We moved here in 2012, driving down from Yorkshire during the opening ceremony of the London Olympics. Penny grew up in Lympstone, as have our children, making me the only member of our family who regularly comments on the novelty of being able to walk to the harbour and go sailing!

What do you do when you are not sailing? I spend some of my time doing conservation work for the National Trust, at Killerton and on Dartmoor. Much of which involves planting trees, wielding chainsaws and generally working to improve wildlife habitat. We have 2 children, who are currently at the leaving school, learning to drive, etc stage of their lives. Our allotment keeps us busy with planting and picking, as well as the dreaded weeding.

