

Editorial matters

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The January walk will take place on Sunday 20th around Dilditch & Squabmoor reservoir. Meet at the Dog & Donkey pub in Knowle at 10.30am. 3.5 to 4 miles. Further details will appear on the Club outside notice board a couple of weeks prior to the walk.

This 'n That

- The **Club's GP & Otter ding-hare** at the Club for anyone who wants to sail over the winter. The GP has its older suit of main, jib & spinnaker but if anyone wants the newer sails to use then give me a call on 222136 *Ian*
- Tony Day & the Exmouth Shanty Men will be performing at Clubnight on Friday 15th February
- Have you travelled on the newly-opened cycleway from Lympstone to Exmouth yet? Contrary to expectation, it gives better views of the estuary than the old footpath, and is much nicer to walk on too. Unfortunately, the failings of inconsiderate dog-owners are already much in evidence there also.

Diary Dates

Sat	5 Jan	1930	LFHA Meeting
Fri	11 Jan	1200	Mariners' Munch
Fri	18 Jan	1200	Mariners' Munch
Sun	20 Jan	1030	Walk - see p4
Fri	25 Jan	1200	Mariners' Munch
Sat	26 Jan	1900	LSC Dinner & Dance (village hall)
Fri	1 Feb	1930	LFHA AGM
Sat	9 Feb	1930	LSC AGM
Fri	15 Feb	1930	Tony Day & Exmouth Shanty Men
Mon	7 Apr		Craning Afloat
Sat	18 Oct		Craning Ashore

Mariners' Munch

It is Mariners Munch Time Again! On Fridays from 11th January, those of discerning tastes and friendly disposition will gather for a light lunch with friends and to make new ones. Timing 12-2pm. Sorry about the workers but your time will come! We are so looking forward to seeing you. Adrienne, Joyce, Jean, Jenny, Rosemary, Jill, Jan, Diana, Norma, Judy, Francis, Clive and Eric your cooks for the season.

Skittles

The local derby (between the Dolphins & the Lympets) was, as usual, an excellent match. The Lympets stuck to their alley with fierce determination & gave the Dolphins an exhibition of how to get high-scoring spares in virtually every leg! The Dolphins will practise sharpening their fins & hope to reverse the scenario in the return match.

Our last get-together of the year was our novelty skittles evening when Norman & Anne Cann set us some skill-testing legs. Why do all the pins fall down when you don't want them to but stay up when you want to in the matches?! Much hilarity was had with some players getting unexpectedly high scores in one leg but failing miserably in others. In the end the accurate skittling of Martin Hebdige proved too good for the rest of us. Many thanks to all who contributed food to make it a special event.

Diana

**Annual Dinner & Dance**

Please join us in Lympstone Village Hall on Saturday 26th January 2008 (7pm for 7.30) for our Dinner & Dance, including a three course meal by **Food with Flair**, and dancing to **Carnaby Street**. The theme this year is '**A Night at the Movies**' – a night not to be missed, so muster the crew and apply for tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Tickets are available **NOW** from Gill Newport, Rostega, The Strand, Lympstone – in writing please using the booking form provided (copy included with this Newsletter). Ticket requests to be accompanied by your **menu choices and payment**, and cheques to be made out to Lympstone Sailing Club. Additional booking forms are available in the Foyer of the Sailing Club. See you there!

Annual General Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Clubhouse on Saturday 9th February 2008 at 7.30 for 8.00 pm

Agenda

1. Commodore to declare the meeting open
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the last AGM
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Commodore's report for 2007
6. Honorary Secretary's report
7. To receive and, if thought fit, to approve the accounts for 2007
8. To review the Annual Subscription
9. To re-appoint the Auditor for 2008
10. To re-appoint the Trustees of the Club
11. To re-appoint the President and Vice-president
12. To elect the Flag Officers of the Club

To elect, after a ballot if necessary, nominees for the General Committee

Following the meeting – Any other business

The bar will be open from 7:30 but will close at 8.00 pm for the duration of the AGM

LFHA Meeting

There will be a meeting of LFHA at the Sailing Club on Saturday 5th January at 7.30pm. All members are invited to attend. This is an important meeting as members will be asked to consider the legal liabilities of the Association. This could result in the introduction of a different management structure.

A Recent Sailing Memory

I have finally finished the last delivery to Tortola, it has seemed to drag on with the break in the middle to run away from hurricane Dean. The trip from Jamaica to Tortola was just over 7 days & was the usual upwind slog trying to optimize wind angles, choosing the right tack & trying to double guess the north or south slant to the east trades. We went through a big tropical wave as we rounded the southern tip of Dominican Republic – with an Island called “Island of High Winds”. Needless to say it is a very windy place with strange thermal effects that go on every day. We rounded at night & got pounced on by big thunderstorms with the most incredible lightening I have ever seen. Big forked thunderbolts shot into the sea then branches of lighting shot out from the fork in all directions into the clouds around us. One bolt even fizzled & sparked off the masthead at one point. Ffoorrkk! (*I have changed a letter so as to describe the type of lightning, rather than the author's less well-disguised expletive - Ed*). All this going on in 40+ knots of wind, torrential rain & the boat heeled at 30degrees or so. The owner of the boat & his friend certainly got a ride of their lives!

Entering the Virgin Islands at 10pm we were entertained by listening to a VHF may-day call from a charter boat that was on a mooring buoy in a bay with one of their drunken crew lost in the water off the back of their boat. Much inept transmissions going on between boat & USCG in San Juan & finally a Tortola lifeboat gets on the scene to report that the casualty was found ashore in a bar drinking! I imagine they called him a casualty as he would be by the time the lifeboat guys finished with him!

It was fun to see Tortola again, very pretty mountainous island. Lots of development since the first time I saw it back in 1985 but in good ways. No unemployment on the island with a progressive government that has done heaps for the success of the place. Belize could take a good leaf out of their book!

I enjoyed a kingsize bed on my overnight stop in Miami on the way back. A bed that you never want to leave & the best thing it was not moving or leaning at a crazy angle!

Editor's Perch

Happy New Year! I'm determined to be ready for fine weather whenever it comes this season to maximise my boating. Looking at Diary Dates on page 4 however, I see the need for contingency plans for craning ashore in October, as Anne & I will be at our son's wedding in Arizona. Then there's

Lymptone really is a special place isn't it? Not just LSC & LFHA, but all the clubs & associations, activities & facilities. One facility that we all need to consider with a little more ownership is the Village Hall. Without it our Dinner & Dance would be held elsewhere & we would certainly need it if a larger proportion of our members supported Club social events. Each organisation's committee of course has its remit, but it would surely be self-defeating not to consider the Village Hall as an asset worth support from us all.

My New Year wish-list (it cannot include resolutions as they are not under my control) includes boating items mentioned above - dependent on the weather, improving the website - dependent on others' expertise & help, & finding a new Editor to give this Newsletter a fresh new feel & read - volunteer wanted. What are my chances?

LSC Annual Draw – Prizes and Tickets

If there are any members or businesses willing to donate a prize for the Club raffle, please contact Jane Cooke 276524 or any committee member.

Tickets will be on sale at the Club on Friday evenings leading up to the Dinner Dance and at the event itself, to give all members an opportunity to win a prize. If last year is anything to go by, there will be a wide selection of excellent goods - well worth a gamble on a few tickets!

Commodore's Signal

A very happy New Year to you all.

As I write this we're just building up to Christmas – I'm shivering in Liverpool en route for present delivery to the northern limb of the family. LSC Carols & Xmas Party went off very well on Friday. The Club was beautifully decorated by Adrienne & Frances, mulled wine, courtesy of the Commodore's 'Wife', was drunk dry & food decimated! A pity we clashed with the film society as regulars to our event missed some excellent jazz from Starstruck. They have really matured into a superb band – I'm booking them again for the summer. 'Thank you' to them, to everyone who helped, & to all those who came down to enjoy the party & created such a great atmosphere!

Now you're reading this you may be feeling a little worse for wear after New Year celebrations or hopefully be already making plans for 2008 sailing adventures, trips or projects – a New Year's resolution to get on the water more?!

First programmed event is of course our Dinner & Dance – plenty of hard work from the team will as ever provide a great night's entertainment. In the absence of elastic walls to the Village Hall numbers are limited so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment. The theme – A Night at the Movies – gives you all a chance to really dress up in your finery, sweep down the red carpet & soak up the hype of the Oscars. So go to town with your glad rags!

Next key night will be the AGM on February 9th. A list of nominations is posted at the Club – several of the 'old faithfuls' & some new volunteers. Nothing is written in stone at this stage, so if you think you have the time & would like to offer your services on the Committee there is room to add your name & find someone to nominate & second you. Alternately have a word with me for the future. We're always keen to get fresh ideas & it would be wonderful to have a shortlist of people who would like to come aboard or would give a hand, spread the load, & help keep LSC buzzing. It's good to get new blood on a committee!

Next season's programme is coming on nicely – Jeremy, Ian & Don particularly have been studying tides & filling all appropriate dates with races & events. But now is the time we can still add your feasible suggestions, so please feel confident to approach them with ideas or dates of local events which are relevant to include. Please note too, we are hosting the Exe River Regatta on June 28-29 so see if you can lock it into your new diary now, so we have plenty of Lymptone boats on the water & LSC members enjoying the onshore activities too.

Remember to brave the cold & keep turning out on Fridays - Mariners Munch or a drink in the evening – always a warm welcome – see you there!