

Editorial matters

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Mariners' Munch

Thanks to all the willing volunteers, we look forward to another season of Mariners' Munch. We start on 9th January then every Friday noon to 2pm until & including Good Friday. We look forward to seeing the seasoned munchers & welcoming some new. Please note, due to demand, this is for members only.

This 'n That

- Congratulations to *Professor* Liz Wells on her new title - will this assist *Helena's* success on the water, we ask?
- Two large photographs in this edition signifies my need for copy from members. Anything of interest please, with 15 words per line so once you start it is not difficult to fill half a page,
- There is now an order form on the website for clothing purchase

For Sale

Gypsie: Wanderer MD 14ft dinghy number 1480, built 2000. Combi-trailer wooden & steel centre-boards, little used. Trailing and mast-up covers (not as new). Can be sailed as a single-hander or as a dayboat with outboard. Furling jib, locker and stowage boxes. OIRO £3750 contact Editor

Diary Dates

Fri	9 Jan	1200	Mariners' Munch commences (see p4)
Fri	16 Jan	1930	Lypstone & Newfoundland Cod fishing
Sun	25 Jan		Longer walk byo lunch - Jenny Moon
Thu	29 Jan	1930	Sea-Safety evening
Fri	30 Jan	1930	LFHA AGM
Sat	31 Jan	1900	Dinner & Dance
Sun	15 Feb		Walk: Richard & Jean Bland
Sun	15 Mar		Walk: Guy & Jean Sutton
Sun	29 Mar		Long walk byo lunch Neil & Mary Downes
Fri	11 Apr		Craning Afloat
Mon	5 Oct		Craning Ashore

Skittles

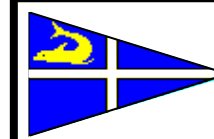
The skittles match between the two Sailing Club teams was again closely fought. The Dolphins held a narrow lead all the way through until the final leg. Having started the beer leg 5 points up it soon became obvious that the Lypets were feeling very thirsty! With accurate bowling each player in the Lypets team gained a few points over the Dolphins and they won by 5. Well done, Lypets, but we will all be eating salty peanuts for the return match on 22nd January! *Diana*

January Winter Walk

The next Winter Walk is on Sunday 18th January commencing at Fingle Bridge near Drewsteignton, along the Hunter's Path with views of the wooded Teign Gorge and Castle Drogo. Twenty places have been reserved for lunch at The Angler's Rest (2 course carvery £10.50). Please ring to inform of you intentions to walk and to reserve a lunch place - Ron or Liz Gordon: 01395 263954.

... and comment from John Bennett

Two walks to date (November & December), that seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by those who participated (or, perish the thought, were they something to be endured in order to justify & enjoy good lunches with easy consciences at the Dog & Donkey and The King's Arms?) Whatever the motives, both walks were blessed with good weather, the December walk especially, and good company. Thanks to the leaders for their efforts and may the weather continue to favour us in the New Year!



Lypstone Sailing Club

January 2009 Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS !

It looks as though there will be a good mix of new members with the old (I'm not talking age here OK?) on the forthcoming General Committee. New people can bring new ideas so let us hope that they have their sway. It would be interesting to have at least one brand-new innovation or reinvention of activities both on and off the water. As we cannot always dinghy sail on fine days when tide times are inappropriate, why not have shore-based Club activities instead? It would be good to see the wider involvement of all Lypstonians who care to join in our activities.

AGM

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Clubhouse on Friday 6th February 2009 from 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 2008
6. Honorary Secretary's report
7. To receive and, if thought fit, to approve the accounts for 2008
8. To review the Annual Subscription
9. To re-appoint the Auditor for 2009
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
13. 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.

Nomination Lists and the Agenda Paper will appear shortly

Existing Committee Members who wish to be considered for re-election at the AGM are required to present the signatures of a proposer & seconder (neither must be a Member of the existing Committee). Members are requested to make further nominations as they see fit for the various Committee positions, either to contest positions, or to fill in gaps [currently for Membership Secretary, House Member, Bar Manager, and ordinary Members]. This should be done at least 14 days before the AGM. The nominations can be sent directly to the Secretary with a proposer & seconder.

Editor's Perch

Welcome to 2009. Fourteen weeks to craning afloat and the days getting longer now is the time to plan and allocate time in the diary for any refurbishments or modifications before the final preparations for the season.

So we do have at least one current Club skipper who ventures outside not only the Exe but The Channel! Jan gave us a superb slide show of his series of passages totalling well over three thousand miles, from Vannes, via Lympstone to his homeland coast of Norway and back. The brightly painted Norwegian fishermen's cabins making striking images with the close proximity to the waterside due to the near tidelessness of the Skagerrak. Several members of his crews turned up to give commentary of their respective week-long stints - with the risk that it might have turned into a series of crew self-indulgencies - but this was narrowly avoided!

Meanwhile on a more extreme scale, the Vendee Globe solo round the world race continues to generate a gripping saga, with Samantha Davis aboard Roxy describing Force 6 wind as 'a respite', the rescue of Yann Elies with a broken femur and the rotten luck once again for Mike Golding as he was dismasted having just gained the lead! Vincent Riou sailed 368.3 miles in 24 hours - 15knots average speed! Do visit the website for spectacular video clips of surfing!



I was recently asked from where did I buy antifouling paint. My reply was vague as I have no fixed agenda for this, but the question prompts another: considering the total Club members' requirement for such items each year, surely there are cash benefits to be gained from buying in bulk. All it needs is for Members to record their requirements on a central (e-mail) list, then for someone to put in the order. Items such as paint, anchor chain, rope etc might be worth doing and think of all those hours of shopping avoided!

Commodore's Signal

Happy New Year! The December festivities are drawing to a close as I prepare the first 2009 signal. What a delight it's been to find the Club still a focus of activity on winter Friday nights and particularly to have a great turnout for the party and carols. We had new music – a huge success – Harry Dearsley, Matt Kain and their friend John ('Harry and the Snowmen') made a huge effort practicing carols as well as playing their own unique mix which caught the mood and got us up dancing - oh my poor feet! The building may have been vibrating, a few ears were throbbing but they certainly woke everyone up and gave us a night to remember – and they're keen to come back – thank you guys. Ron made mulled wine, Judith, Frances and Liz sorted the snacks,



the dishwasher worked (eventually!) so another smooth running night to remember. The next busy evening will be New Year's Eve when the Walkers sit down to dinner together so the Club will be open for revellers to pop in for a drink on their village rounds – best from around 2200 onwards – just right to avoid getting caught up with the tidying up! A quiet start to January – but jot down Jenny Moon's talk on 16th & sea safety on 23rd. Be sure to obtain your Dinner & Dance tickets for 31st before they're all gone – good food, fireworks, fabulous band and you can walk home with no tidying up the next day!

The 2009 programme is well on the way now so let us know any new ideas or suggestions if they weren't voiced at the Spuddle. Sailing duties will be listed on the programme so now is the time to let us know when you are definitely NOT available to assist – it really helps to reduce swaps. And make sure you get a good calendar for Christmas to mark the duties up and help the old memory! Remember also the AGM on 6th February – and are you SURE there's no-one out there who would have a go assisting Ron with running the bar? You don't need to be down every week and can fit the work around your own timetable (and if I can manage to clean the pipes and turn the beer on, ANYONE can!) Please try to return completed Training Update forms to Brian too so that next year's training can be planned – the TV will come into its own for this too, with Chris Batson's RYA material to run and the new 'white board' to assist with teaching. Bill Broom has done a magnificent job with the cupboard he has constructed around the TV – practical and very smart – thank you Bill. By the time you next look Chris will have found someone with long slender arms to reach up and fix the last of the connecting leads for laptops and other kit to connect! Lastly, baseball caps can be offered with the Club logo – how about a wide-brimmed floppy one too?