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LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB DIARY DATES

Wed	8 Oct	7.30	Winter walks - first meeting
Tue	14 Oct		Dinghies to be removed from harbour
Sat	18 Oct	8am	Craning out HT 9.32 - 4m tide
Sat	18 Oct	7.30	Craning out supper
Sat	14 Nov	7.30	Spuddle and prizegiving post regatta party
Sat	31 Jan	7pm	Dinner and dance at the Saddler's Arms

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Compass Rose is out of retirement

THE Lympstone fishing boat Compass Rose came out of retirement for the first time in six years with a colourful ceremony and a trip to the Turf Locks Hotel.

Complete with a sofa carrying the would-be Lympstone Carnival King and Queen in the shape of Dougal and Margaret, the Compass Rose chugged out of the harbour with a large crew of villagers serenaded by bag piper John Goss-Custard.

The renovation of the Compass Rose has been a labour of love for villager Jason Ingham. The boat was built by Toms of Polruan in 1964 and was working from Lympstone as a whelker by the Bisgrove family before Jason took it on.

The boat has been transformed by Jason over the past three years. He explained that the trip was a "celebration of the fact that the engine is joined to the propeller".

Jason said he planned an official launch sometime next year when the project will be complete.

A flotilla of Lympstone boats joined the Compass Rose on its trip to Turf. Unfortunately gearbox problems meant she had to be towed back courtesy of Robert Harrison in Drekly.



●SOFA SO GOOD: Dougal and Margaret occupy the best seats on the Compass Rose. Below: John Goss-Custard pipes the boat out of the harbour.



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Lympstone Sailing Club Newsletter

COMMODORE'S SIGNAL

IS it me, or is time racing away? We have at least had the benefit of some lovely September weather and good sailing at the latter end of the season.

Dinghies have been turning out to make the most of the last few programmed races and cruiser and day boat sailors have enjoyed the daytime tides. There have been some beautiful mornings and still some warmth in the sun.

The exciting racing on the 7th was followed by an excellent brunch (thanks Alison and Sarahleen).

The event included numerous capsizes and the club GP spent some time with her mast in the mud (Good SB exercise – well done Ron and Andrew!)

How on earth did Brett survive all his 'dunkings' to complete the race and come home smiling? – brilliant.

Six Lympstone boats took part in the Champagne Challenge to Brixham the following weekend, rafting up with around 50 others and enjoying a most sociable evening together.

An impressive start with a mass of brightly coloured spinnakers flown, and dolphins ducking and diving around us. Sunshine and a nice breeze all the way, but harder work on the return next day - wind on the nose again!

The Mexican supper was another great evening thanks to the numerous good cooks and helpers.

The French Breakfast also proved popular with more exciting dinghy racing the following day.

But now to October, the geese flying off, where has the summer gone? Craning out is on the 18th. Dinghies need to be cleared from the park by the 14th. We are looking for volunteers to drive safety boats to ferry crew during craning. The Harbour Association will be hoping for your assistance to clear the park in plenty of time and to help with the general clean-up before the 18th. Don't forget the craning-out supper in the evening and please make special

note of **November 14th** – now the Spuddle and Prize Giving / Post Regatta Party. If you are not a winner or not even a sailor you are probably still one of those hardworking folk who assisted in June so come and enjoy some fun!

And finally my appreciation to Pete Hardy for putting this newsletter together in Richard's absence.

LSC Committee

Please read this – it may be something for YOU to think about!

There are, or soon will be, vacant places to be filled on your general committee, and it may come as a bit of a surprise, but some of your long-standing committee members are feeling a little tired! Not from hard work, nor from the frustrations of meetings which are informal, friendly and generally followed by a sociable time at the bar. They have just put in a lot of years, and a change is as good as a rest!

In addition, new faces and new ideas keep every organisation lively and buzzing – so how about it?

If you have never sat on a committee in your life, but are keen to devote some time and have a go, you are just as welcome as those who have done their bit elsewhere.

So please consider offering YOUR support – we can then plan, advise and hopefully get you on board. In particular we are looking for sailing support – talk to Ian – a new bar person – speak to Ron, a membership secretary, and someone to oversee and maintain the club dinghies. Please have a serious think about stepping forward – and if another role might suit you better still talk to us – extra assistance reduces an individual's work load and can give a good overview of what is involved for the future – and juggling roles is often a possibility too! Please don't feel you may be too 'new' or too young (or old) or that there will be 'someone else'. Talk to us!

Rosemary

LSC'S SOCIAL SCENE

We had a great Mexican evening, and thanks go to Ken and Christine Groves, Tony and Karen Gratton, (great Tequila Sunrise and Margueritas), and Frances Hurrell for all the preparation and work on the night.

A great French breakfast was well attended on the the 20th September organised by Isabelle Candy, Francoise Lorenc and Marie Boucher.

The English Brunch on Sunday 7th September cooked by Sarahleen Strickland and Alison Gall with help from their daughters went down very well and was much appreciated.

We could not put on all these social

A LESSON IN KNOTS

The Sea Scouts have been grateful for the club's help in sail training but now the favour has to be returned following two recent mishaps from leading club members.

In an amazing coincidence, former Commodore Chris Cooke was travelling on the Avocet line on his way into Exeter when he was aghast to spy through the train window a certain prized wooden punt drifting on the incoming tide past Exton.

His cruiser was up at Trouts for repairs and he had left the dinghy on his mooring courtesy of a round turn and three half hitches.

It was the first time in weeks he had used the rail line and had he not witnessed the dinghy's escape, discovering its resting place would have been a very difficult task. As it was, with the help of Nick Millington and Adam, Chris was able to retrieve his punt from the reed beds at Exton the following day.

Not to be outdone, his successor

events without such willing and capable volunteers!

CRANING ASHORE SUPPER

How can it be that time of the year already? I am looking for cooks and helpers for this event. The menu is Beef Stroganoff with rice and green beans followed by apple pie and cream. A vegetarian version will be available if people let me know in advance.

To book places please email me judith_carter@hotmail.com or leave a message on my phone 07855908785

Judith Carter

WINTER PROGRAMME

This is the time to start thinking. The club will be opening its doors on Friday nights as usual throughout the winter.

What will tempt you away from the fire-side on a dark blustery night, other than good company and a tempting range of good beers and wines?

Now is the time to think about and plan a programme of talks and special evenings. Please come up with your ideas. If you can offer something yourself, wonderful, if not please give it some thought and give us some suggestions to work with – which do not necessarily need to relate to sailing of course!

Rosemary suffered a similar experience. As she worked on her cruiser out on the mooring, her dinghy decided to untie itself and drift off over to Starcross.

Rosemary was forced to await low tide before venturing onto the mud for her return to dry land.

The Scouts are now offering a master-class in knots to prevent any similar mishaps.

NEW VENUE FOR DINNER AND DANCE

Lympstone Sailing Club Annual Dinner Dance

Despite the price of fuel, the stock market crash and the difficulties being faced by your banks, we are determined to organise a sailing club party to remember, charging no more than we did last year. Lympstone Sailing Club Entertainments brings you a themed dinner dance:

Theme: Always Look on the Bright Side

Date: Saturday 31st January 2009

Timings: 19.00 for 19.30. Carriages: 00.30

Venue: The Saddlers Arms, Lympstone

Dress: Whatever makes you happy!

Tentative costings suggest that we can bring you welcome drinks, a three-course dinner, coffee, dancing to a live band and surprise entertainment for £22-50 a head.

Please put the date in your diaries now.

Alison & Mike have offered to lead on the arrangements with Jo and Gary at the Saddlers.

Keep your eye on the noticeboard!

WINTER WALKING GROUP

Club members who are interested in monthly Sunday walks during the winter (November to March 2009 inclusive) are invited to attend a planning meeting in the clubhouse at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th October 2008.

Volunteers willing to lead walks will be especially welcome, as will LSC members who have not participated previously.

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