

**Editorial matters**

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**MARINERS' MUNCH**

Yes, its that time of year & we would love to run another season of Friday lunchtime get-togethers. We serve a light lunch, typically, homemade soup & sandwiches with the bar & tea or coffee. This is my appeal for cooks & helpers to run the sessions. I envisage the season running from the 8th Jan to 2nd April. If you feel able to help please ring me Adrienne on 275262 with dates you are available.

**SKITTLES**

The Dolphins team has made a flying start to the season with three wins in three matches. The second match v. the Rowing Club was more than exciting - they thought the match was a draw, but we thought we had won. After much checking of the additions across and down we had indeed won by one point. All seemed well until our departure when they said they were not happy because we had footfaults. Perhaps LSC could supply us with a portable hawk-eye?  
*Diana*

**WALKERS**

**Provisional Programme (Winter 09/10)**

Nov 15 Hurrells Totnes  
Dec 13 Bennetts N. Poppleford  
Jan 17 Sam Watts Colaton Raleigh  
Feb 14 Suttons Colyton  
Mar 7 Crisps tbc

**WANTED**

Old boom for Topper dinghy. Please contact John Bennett (01395 279649)

**SOCIAL DIARY DATES**

Fri	6 Nov	1930	Prizegiving & Spuddle
Fri	13 Nov	1830	<b>New Members &amp; families</b> - come and meet others, followed by usual Friday night Bar for all
Fri	20 Nov	1930	French evening
Fri	18 Dec	1930	Carols, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
Sat	30 Jan		LSC Dinner & Dance (probably)

**FRENCH EVENING**

An evening with a French flavour is planned for Friday 20th November; bring along some French nibbles and listen to tales from our members who have been cruising in France this summer.

*I'm told the Barman will only accept orders spoken in perfect French!—Ed*

**CRANING 2010**

The dates for craning will be decided just after this Newsletter goes to press so they will be reported here next month, but for those trying to organise their 2010 diaries, we will try to include it in the weekly e-mail and they will no doubt be posted on the LFHA noticeboard.

**VILLAGE CONCERT****FANCY A SHANTY?**

The Village Concert takes place on 27th February; LSC is proposing to perform a musical item which may take the form of a few well known sea shanties with somewhat lesser known words. Anyone wishing to take part should contact the Rear Commodore in the first instance (Tel: 263954 or e-mail: [ron\\_gordon@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ron_gordon@tiscali.co.uk)) & start practicing scales when playing with their ducks in the bath! Or if you are so inclined, perhaps pen a verse or two featuring topical items of local interest. (A roving, a roving...)

**FULL ENGLISH B'FAST**

Fancy a Full English Breakfast with your friends accompanied by traditional Jazz played by the ever popular Gittisham Hall Jazz Band? Sunday 22nd November in the Village Hall, tickets £10.50 via Post Office now. This is not an LSC-event, but all are welcome.



# Lympstone Sailing Club

## November 2009 Newsletter

**TRAINING NEWS - POWER BOATING****Honda Rib Trophy**

Congratulations to Adam Butt for representing the South West in the National Final at the PSP Southampton Boat Show on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September and gaining 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a time of 1 minute 8.36 seconds (winner 1' 4".21). At the award ceremony, Adam was given a radio controlled helicopter and a £50 cheque from Ribcraft for himself. Adam has helped to considerably raise the profile of Lympstone Sailing Club nationally and we as a Club are very proud of his efforts.

**Power Boat 1 Training for Juniors 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August (Course 1)**

4 Juniors and 1 itinerant adult attended this course. They all easily achieved PB 1 and will be eligible to do the PB 2 test run with Chris Batson, when they have acquired more practice on the water. Note that all the participants will receive PB 1 certificates (appropriately endorsed according to age).

**Adult Power Boat Safety Training 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September (Course 2)**

This popular course, which is concerned with Safety and Rescue cover for training and race fleets, was attended by 5 'victims' suitably attired in a range of fashionable gear fit for dunking. All students achieved a most satisfactory standard and will receive the coveted Safety Certificate.

**Power Boat 1 and 2 Training 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September (Course 3)**

Seven candidates enrolled for this course and achieved a most satisfactory high standard. It was necessary to run an extra evening session to cover anchor work. All candidates achieved both PB1 and PB2. Certificates are being prepared..

**Adult Power Boat Safety Training 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October (Course 4)**

This course began excitingly with the presence of the Inshore Lifeboat, the Coast Guard Shore Team and Helicopter. Little did we know that Samuel and Chris together had so much pull to make the Course so realistic! We later found the rescue services were on a shout. One learned a valuable lesson first-hand on how a Search and Rescue are co-ordinated amongst the Rescue Services. With a beginning like that all 4 students achieved a most satisfactory standard. Certificates are being prepared.

We were fortunate to have a visit from the other Exmouth Lifeboat and crew at the Club to present the Sail Training Certificates — see picture on page 2. The Power Boat qualifications will be presented by the Commodore and Principal at the Prizegiving & Spuddle during Clubnight on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November

This concluded the Training Courses for 2009. In summary, 37 Sailing qualifications (21 of them for Juniors) and 30 Power Boat qualifications (4 Juniors and 9 Safety) have been earned.

*Brian*

## CO-OPERATIVE SHOPPING

One of the potential advantages of being a Club member are the discounts available through bulk buying. Anchor chain immediately springs to mind, and of course the hiring of the crane another. If we take a planned view of maintenance and replacement parts, we should surely be able to conjure up quite a list. Rope, rigging, cleaners, covers, paints & varnish immediately spring to mind. Any takers? Let me know what you are thinking of buying and let's see if we cannot create a single order accruing discount? I'm was on the lookout for a reel of mooring rope but came across a half-price deal of 15m x 13mm from Force4, so went for that!

Editor

## POSSIBLE THEFT?

A blue road trailer with metal mudguards has gone missing, presumed stolen from the dinghy park. It disappeared around the weekend of the 24th September. If you have any idea of its whereabouts or recall anything that might help find it then please contact me. Thanks. 277381

Neil McCracken

## EDITOR'S ENTRY

The repeated sights of Starcross dinghies continuing to race during the warm & benign October does nothing to stifle the misgivings of having one's boat laid up on land. If this pattern of weather is to continue it might have repercussions on our boating. So let us hope that the representations to the Craning Group to maximise the sailing season are acted on so that cruisers dayboats & dinghy sailors can take advantage of the conditions. Having said that, we can also expect a greater frequency of severe weather throughout the season, so it is owners responsibility to improve their moorings. In the van of this action is the 2009 recipient of the Darling Rock Trophy, Rosemary, who earned it for once again, we were reminded at prizegiving, having a runaway cruiser. The Clubhouse was heaving for the Prizegiving & Spuddle on the 6th. We applauded the winners who had their moment of glory for this year. For the youngsters, who knows what small moment of encouragement, praise and success might lead to? The high proportion of them receiving awards & training certificated bodes well for the future or at least until the fly the nest. Heartfelt thanks were expressed particularly to Brian Ridge, without whose determination & fortitude in providing what must have been the biggest season's training programme in the Club's history, also to all the trainers & officers & safety crews particularly Tony Day who was ever on hand to take to the water when expected crew cancelled or failed to turn up.

The Commodore encouraged members to share with him or any Committee member any ideas they might have for next season.

There was talk of a Winter Social Programme that was nearing publication, but no details quite yet. When available I'll put it on the website. What it means is that on some Clubnights, there will be a formal programme for part of the evening.



Excitement for young & old as the Exmouth lifeboat pays a visit

## TALKING OF YOUNGSTERS

It stretches the imagination to appreciate all the aspects of the astonishing achievement of 17-year old Mike Perham, who at the end of August, completed a solo navigation of the world. What an amazing 'can do' story of all those involved, particularly his parents. Without their total support and drive, Mike is very unlikely to have had the opportunity at this age. Remember, he crossed the Atlantic single handed at age 14, albeit with his father shadowing him in another yacht. For those of us who battle with the fallibility of modern technology, it is heartening to hear that his planned schedule was almost doubled due to persistent autopilot and other problems. Mind you, his lack of preparation (he had never sailed the boat single-handed before he started, broke all the rules but I thought the TV programme was rubbish.



## MIKE'S MESSAGE

This month, Mike's message was written in Bodykein, County Clare, Eire. Don't panic, I am not progressing a further twinning of LSC with far flung sailing clubs prepared to welcome your globe trotting Commodore. Sailing from Pembroke to Roslare, due to take three and a half hours, took five and any thoughts I had of writing my message during the ferry crossing were short lived by the force eight gale and viscous sea state. With surrounding travellers turning progressively greener, I spent most of the crossing surveying the horizon studiously looking for *yachties* making the Irish Sea crossing. Had I seen any they would have been doing so against advice – it was as unpleasant as anything I have experienced even in the Southern Ocean. For me, fresh air and a task on deck are usually sufficient to prevent *mal de mer* but I found myself confined to the heat and to the rising smell of suffering humanity in the passenger cabin. In honesty, I was never queasy but I found it hard to concentrate on anything for long so I found myself looking at my fellow travellers and their various methods of trying to retain their gastric contents. Sitting down facing aft, facing forward, lying down, dry toast and ginger biscuits, alcohol or no alcohol, C-bands – they are all useless if you are susceptible. I feel for you and can only recommend more time afloat.

Turning to the Club - no doubt we will have reviewed some of the seasons highs and lows, terms usually reserved for weather systems, at this month's Spuddle. Please share your thoughts before we get too far though preparing for 2010 and make sure that any silver ware is returned in good time. We have listened and acted on some requests for the winter programme that includes series for sailors, socialites (not to be confused with socialists) and even for the French speaking members who cruise waters beyond those available to dinghy and dayboat helms. The programme looks varied and interesting and I urge you all to enjoy the Club during the off-season. Brett and I called off our last year's plan to have a New Years Day sail due to bad weather but keep your eyes and ears open. We'll try to keep it interesting. Finally, a date and a theme for your diaries. We will hold our Annual Dinner dance on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January. We hope to repeat the success of 2009's event at The Saddlers with the theme – 'As Smart As You Dare.' National dress, top hat and tails, frock of the year – the choice is yours but anticipate a party!