

Editorial matters

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WINTER WALKS

The Club's winter walking group kicked off its programme on 13 November with an enjoyable, scenically varied walk from Knowle. The next outing is scheduled for 4 December in the Sidford area, to be led by Guy and Jean Sutton. John Bennett

Mariner's Munches will commence on **Friday 13th January** from 12 noon, Adrienne, Aline and Diana will host.

REVISION OF CLUB RULES

Following the AGM the review process of the proposed revision of our club rules has been extended as follows:

- Members will now have until the 1st January to review the proposed amendments and submit any suggestions for change.
- These submissions should be presented in writing with a proposer and seconder for each point by fully paid up members of the club at the moment of submission.
- After the submission date the committee will review those suggestions and make adjustments accordingly.
- Any amendments to the draft will be listed and circulated to the members.
- A date for an EGM will be published specifically for the ratification of the final revision. This would likely not be before the middle of February.

All club members with email addresses registered with the club have already received electronic versions of the draft amendments, hard copies are published on both notice boards in the club and limited copies are available for collection from the club house for those not on email and interested in reviewing the draft. Electronic or paper copies can also be requested though any member of your committee

SKITTLERS

Lympstone Sailing Club's name was very prominent this Autumn when it came to the presentation of awards in the Exe Estuary skittles league. The Dolphins narrowly beat the Lympets - for Lympstone to hold the first and second place must be a record - and the shield is now in our trophies cabinet. It was last with us 18 years ago! The Dolphins have made a flying start to the new season, playing four matches and winning them all; long may this continue! Diana de la Rue

DIARY DATES

Fri	2 Dec	1930	Bob Burns "Coastwatch"
Sat	3 Dec	1930	Cocktail evening
Fri	23 Dec	1930	Mince pies and mulled wine
Sun	1 Jan	1100	New Year's Day swim
Fri	20 Jan	1930	Brian Cotton "Canals then and Now"
Sat	28 Jan	1900	Dinner and Dance
Sat	7 April	0750	Craning afloat
Sat	20 Oct	1035	Craning ashore



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CLUB DINNER AND DANCE 2012**!!STOP PRESS!!**

Venue: Lympstone Village Hall
Date: Saturday 28th January, 7 for 7.30pm
Band: A38s
Theme: Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend
"Dress to impress"
Cost: £25 per head, booking form enclosed
Please return to Alison Gall ASAP

January 1st 2012 11am
 Join the Vice Commodore for a
 New Year Swim! He has to go
 in – don't leave him on his own....

THE LSC COMMITTEE 2012

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EDITOR'S ENTRY

Fortunately, due to the need to include lots of articles about: the new committee, club rules, membership renewals and the club finances, there is little room left for me to have to "fill". Suffice to say that as I come to the end of producing my first edition of the newsletter I am even more impressed by Richard's having done it for so long. I anticipate my reign will be considerably shorter.....any contributions by any member for next month will be welcome... Margaret

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

With the AGM past it is now time to collect subscriptions again! (See finance report below). Last year, it took us until the end of March to collect the majority of subscriptions, with roughly one third coming in each month. This means that 60% of members received a reminder, and 30% received two, while a small number received four or five! We are earlier this year, so I would please ask everyone to help reduce our workload by paying promptly. The subscription form also acts as a reminder regarding the data we store on the Club database with respect to your membership. This is used to create the various lists for the sailing programme, such as safety boat, officer of the day etc, so it is important to make any changes to your preferences and return the form to me. Please also check that we have your up to date email address. If you would like to receive an electronic Newsletter (it will reach you sooner and saves the club time and money) please tick the box on your renewal form. Currently about 25 printed newsletters are distributed through Royal Mail and over 100 by hand. Karen and I do the printing, another group fold, collate and pass to the "posties" and our dedicated, volunteer posties brave the elements each year to deliver the Newsletters to you! **Now that Richard Crisp has "retired" I need a volunteer to help the post-production team, particularly with respect to delivery to the posties.** In terms of numbers, the total Club membership now stands at 504, of which I am happy to say some 105 are juniors/students.

Tony Gratton, Hon. Membership Secretary (tony.gratton[at]fintecs.com)

OH NO NOT THE FINANCES!

This is a summary of the club finances presented to the AGM on Friday 18th November. LSC made a loss of £2,255 for the year to 30th September 2011. This follows a loss in the previous 2010 period of £1,813. Our expenditure was £17,377 against an income of £15,122. 63% of our income is generated by Membership Fees, 12 % from Bar Profits, and 9% from Catering and Social. An equivalent expenditure for the new club year of £18,246 will result from the current 5% inflation rate, this in turn will lead to a loss of £3,124 against current income. Clearly corrective action is required. The AGM voted in support of an increase in annual membership fees to £45 for Joint and £30 for Single membership. An increase in joining fees was also approved – but clearly joining fees will not impact existing club members. Whilst nobody welcomes an increase in Membership fees, it should be noted that this is the first increase since 2009, and it will return the club to a 'break even' point only. Between us all we will need to find other fund generating measures to enable the club to achieve new objectives as they are identified and agreed by members. Basil Strick-

FRIDAY EVENING TALKS AND EVENTS

Dec 2	Bob Burns, "Coastwatch"
Dec 23	Mince pies and mulled wine
Jan 20	Brian Cotton, "Canals Then and Now"
Feb 3	Jem Southam (art photographer) "Rivers, Rockfalls and Ponds"
Feb 17	Chris Coomber, "From Dartmouth to the Med"
Mar 2	Chas M- Wiggin, "RNLI evening"
Mar 16	Isabel and Brett Candy, "French for Sailors"
Mar 30	Brett Candy, Vice-Commodore & Chas M-Wiggin, Commodore Racing rules update/ Officer of the Day duties/ VHF radio awareness

For all talks the bar will open at 7.30, talks commence at 7.45pm

TRAINING

The following RYA courses are running at Exe Sailing Club at very competitive rates and you are welcome to join in. LSC will usually contribute towards the cost of the First Aid course if you are an active LSC club member and around, ashore and afloat, quite a bit.

Sun 4 Dec	VHF/DSC £75, (incl. licence)
Sat 17 Dec	First Aid £35
Sat 21/Sun 22 Jan	Essential Navigation & Seamanship skills £80
Sun 25 March	First Aid £35
Sat 14 April	VHF/DSC £75, (incl. licence)

Contact Jen Miller training@exe-sailing-club.org
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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Well here we are at the end of another Club year with me in the hot seat of my first AGM as Commodore - not helped by laryngitis and a rapidly disappearing voice. Contributions last night ranged around happenings on and off the water throughout the year and, despite unpredictable weather, activities for both had been enjoyable. Well deserved accolades were made to all those in front of and behind the scenes who had taken parts small or large in arranging and running all those activities. Those people, names are too numerous to mention here, are the backbone of our club and without them LSC would not exist. This year saw the release from servitude of four of our long serving stalwarts, each deserving individual mention of their own. Bob Blackmore retired from office as our President after many years as the figure head of the club having risen to that hallowed office after over 40 years as a member. Bill Broom stepped up into his shoes, leaving the vacancy of Vice President to be filled by Martin Hebidge. On both counts voted in by a majority and well deserved applause for both, and for Bob as he stepped down. John Whipp also stepped away last evening (with a well deserved bottle of port in hand) after some 20 years auditing the club accounts. His place is now taken by Chris Cooke who, whilst still retaining the responsibilities of training principal, has left the committee after lengthy service during which he put a great deal of effort and sound counsel into the club, as well as holding office as one of your past commodores. The final mention must go to Richard Crisp who has laid his editorial pen aside after 8 years and 94 editions of the club newsletter. Thankfully he too refuses to go quietly as he will retain the club website management role. Margaret Turgoose is taking over as editor, so please help her out by letting her have any copy you may think would be of interest for our members to read. It's as much your forum as anyone else's in the club. Two other new faces to key non-committee functions are the husband and wife team of Dave and Emily Hawes who will take over from Bob Spencer as training co-ordinators. Many thanks to Bob for his efforts over the past year. Finally, subscription notices will be out soon. Please get yours returned as early as possible and do take the opportunity to update the information we hold on you and your willingness to do any duties ashore or afloat to help your club run smoothly. I for my part will look forward to seeing you all across the winter season, either pottering around the boat park catching up with that ever lengthening list of chores, at the bar, at one or more of the winter talks or at the social events programmed for your entertainment.

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