

Editorial matters

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This 'n That

- Bring your notebooks if you have ambitions to sail these waters for we know what to expect from Roger Howell's **'Falmouth to Scilly & around the Islands'** illustrated talks. Note in your diaries now, too.
- Alan Butt has his name mentioned in the RYA Member's Winter 2009 Magazine where page (p55) is given to the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship 2009. Congratulations again.
- RNLI SEA Check - you can still have your boat inspected now its ashore - contact Chas on 01395 276368
- Answer (page 3): 'Armstrong's patent'
- No dates for craning as promised last month as they are as yet not published.

Christmas Day

- Two happenings are planned for Christmas Day. Firstly a swim by the Club from 11.30am, the Clubhouse will be open for showers & hot drinks
- The Clubhouse will also be opened by the Commodore on Christmas evening 7pm. Don't leave it too late to join him or he might have gone home!

Walkers' Party

LSC Walkers Group will be holding their usual New Year's Eve Dinner from 1800. Other members are welcome to join them to see in the New Year from 2200 onwards.

Social Diary Dates

Fri	18 Dec	1930	Carols, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
Fri	25 Dec	1130	Christmas Day Dip at the harbour
Fri	25 Dec	1900	Christmas Day Clubnight - note 1900
Thu	31 Dec		Walkers' NYE Dinner 1800-2200
Sat	30 Jan		Dinner & Dance at The Saddlers
Fri	26 Feb	1930	Illustrated talk- Roger Howell
Fri	19 Mar	1930	Flares Demo - RNLI

Weather

Windy or what? 73.1mph was recorded at the National Coastwatch Institution's Exmouth site at 1803 on Friday 13th November. OK, this was a gust, but 74mph continuous is **hurricane force** on the Beaufort Scale! Average wind-speed at that time was 59.9mph, which is Storm Force 10 territory!

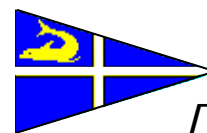
Dolphins

With just the Dolphins v. the Lympets match to go before Christmas, the Dolphins have had a successful season so far - winning 7 of their 8 matches. We narrowly lost to the Champions, Cockwood Anchors, with just 5 skittles separating us as we started the beer leg. As so often in the past, we needed to start the beer leg in a thirstier frame of mind in order to knock down the 6 skittles needed to win the match. We played Topsham on Children in Need night and won despite contributing handsomely at 10p a miss to a good cause!
Diana

Munch-Munch-Munch

Get out those brand new diaries, the Mariners' Munch kicks off on the 8th January 2010. Every Friday, 12-2pm until Easter. Your first hosts will be that indomitable couple Diana and Rosemary (supported by their husbands). We look forward to seeing all our old friends and hopefully some new ones. Many a problem is solved and many a plan is made on a Friday lunch time. This event is for members only.

I still have a few gaps in the schedule in March, if you feel you would like to run a session or help please ring Adrienne 275262 in December or Liz Gordon from Jan 1st 263954.



Lympstone Sailing Club

December 2009 Newsletter

Annual Dinner & Dance

1900 for 1930 Sat 30 Jan 2010
at

The Saddlers Arms

sole use by LSC
Dinner & Dancing to
Full Moon Fever
Dress to impress
Carriages 0030
Tickets: £ 22.50

Cheques & menu choice to
Mike & Alison at Dolphins
Strawberry Hill

Menu

*Homemade winter root vegetable
soup with crusty bread*

*Game au Porto pate with caramelised
red onion chutney & crusty bread*

*Meze of houmous, olives & sundried
tomatoes with warm pitta*

*Wexford mushrooms topped with
stilton & pepper sauce*

*Bacon wrapped chicken with a moz-
zarella & mustard stuffing served
with dauphinoise potatoes &
fresh seasonal vegetables*

*Poached salmon with a hollandaise &
chive sauce with new potatoes &
fresh seasonal vegetables*

*Warm Mediterranean Goats cheese
salad with roasted vegetables
& new potatoes*

Blackcurrant & lime bavaroise
*Chocolate brownie with pecan nuts &
caramel*

Fresh fruit salad

West country cheeses with biscuits

Coffee & Mints

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vided and return it with payment

Editor's Entry

Jan G-G's second venture (in the last few months) into the realms of reminisces to members on his passages, first to Norway and back from Vannes in Brittany and very recently of his and others' summer in the Morbihan have been a great success. Neil also similarly contributed latterly enticing other LSC cruisers to make the crossing to uncrowded anchorages on the north coast of Brittany. However, there is now talk that mere reminiscing may lead to the formation of a LSC flotilla to the Channel Isles next year! I have even heard that this flotilla might even include an ancient mariner or two! Now this is heady stuff for the LSC cruiser fleet and tangible evidence that a new generation of Lympstone cruiser owners are coming to the fore whilst encouraging the usual coastal crowd. Bravo, carry on sailing!

Talking of France and with my Chairman of Twinning chapeau on, you do know that our twin village is Biéville-Beuville, situated between the ferry port of Ouistreham and Caen. Think about it, a guaranteed warm welcome for cruisers and home hospitality for non-sailing family members who perhaps arrive or depart before or after their boats, day trips with French cruisers to ideal places nearby and visits to interesting places ashore, local knowledge for group family camping near the boats etc.

I recently listened to an interesting talk by the Meteorological Office's Chief Forecaster at a Met. Group meeting at the Norman Lockyer Observatory. In reviewing the events and the forecast that preceded the flood in Ottery St Mary on 30th October 2008, the conclusion is that whilst forecasting models will improve, the confidence in predicting the likelihood (the Met. Office doesn't believe 'the public' understand probabilities - yet) of such events would improve also but that there is no expectation that such models will be able to predict where such local events would occur. So whilst the implication for us when sailing is that we cannot expect a forecast to say if we will sail under a large cumulonimbus, the best we can hope for is a probability. But have you read the article in December PBO which is highly critical of the quality of the inshore weather forecasts, which are pretty useless for the day-coastal sailor? We should ask for better information. Oh, by the way, Happy Christmas!

Recent Club nights

Friday 13th November — New Members Evening

Members who have joined the Club over the last 18 months were invited to come along to meet others and members of the committee. 11 members and their children attended. It was a very stormy and rainy night which undoubtedly deterred some people from coming. Future welcome events might be best held on a summer weekend! Those who did come along enjoyed the evening and the opportunity to get to know other members.

Friday 20th November — Cruising in France

A great evening of talks and slides, organised by Jan Grieg-Gran, from members who had been cruising in France this summer. Neil McCracken provided some detailed and entertaining information about cruising around the Brittany coast particularly the area west of St Malo and around Roscoff. Chris Cooke, Rosemary Maltby and Jan provided slides and stories of cruising down to La Rochelle, Ile de Re, the Golfe de Morbihan and Le Croisic. They provided a wonderful reminder of summer, which in France was sunny, and an inspiration to others to follow in their wake.

Lots of French cheese, pate, bread and olives were enjoyed and few members practised their French at least to order their drinks.

Training News -- First Aid Afloat

An RYA First Aid Afloat Course will be held around early March 2010. The course will take 1 weekend day including the examination (8 hours). Full details will be available around the end of February. This is the call notice for expression of interest. Please sign up on the Club Notice Board or contact me directly. If necessary a waiting list will be constructed.

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Test Your Nautical Knowledge

Question: Jocular term for a windlass or the like, whose power source lies within the crew? Answer on page 4.

Mike's Message

My memory of November is coloured by the endless wind and rain, the battle to keep protective tarpaulins tight and preventing the 'halyard percussion band' from irritating our neighbours. I took a walk though the boat shelter this afternoon to find a boat owner trying to negotiate a fair price for the high quality rain water collected in his cockpit. SW Water eventually convinced him that there was no current need for new catchment area in Devon! If there is a message in this, it is only to remind shelter users to open their cockpit drains and to check their covers periodically. Secondly, the gales have deposited an inordinate amount of flotsam, natural and man made in the shelter and on the slip. If the forthcoming big spring tides fail to remove it naturally, I fear we will have to muster a working party. In the mean time, why not take a leaf from Jenny Moon's 'green gardening' techniques and collect some for the garden; there is plenty to go around!

In the Clubhouse, the winter season got off to a great start with about 11 new members and some young future sailors braving a particularly foul Friday evening to meet some more established stalwarts of the Club. Thank you to all who came. I understand that the French evening and presentations covering some of the attractions on the other side of the Channel was - très bon! Merci bien. This month sees some traditional and new events that I urge you to support. **Quarterdeck Carols** on the 18th December in the Clubhouse starts the Christmas festivities but we have added two new events. The first is a **Christmas Day Dip** at 1130 that may appeal to the hardier members of the Club, their friends and anyone with anti-freeze running through their veins. I intend that the proceeds of the collection go to the Village Hall Fund so the more the merrier. Yo-Ho-Ho! The second event is the **Friday opening of the Club from 1900 on Christmas Day**. Slip on that embarrassing new sweater and shake down the lunchtime over indulgence with a walk down to the Club for a refreshing ale or your favourite tippie without *The Wizard of Oz*, *True Grit* or *The Great Escape* in the background. If nobody joins me for a glass of port, I'll close up around 2100 and go home to play that new board game I've always wanted. Please save me from that fate.

January will see our annual Dinner & Dance. The format will follow last year's format in the Saddlers Arms and it is first come first served with numbers capped around 120. I hope to see as many of you there as possible. Merry Christmas and seasons greetings everyone!

ORIENTEERING AROUND THE VILLAGE

Devon Orienteering Club has 9 members (Bouchers, Croomes & Taylors) who are also members of LSC. We shall be bringing our Christmas Novelty Event to Lympstone Village. So on Dec. 27th **everyone is welcome** to explore the village for 1 hour, while trying to find as many controls (orange flags with a punch attached) (marked as red circles on a special map you are given) as you can. There are also festive clues to solve. This event typically attracts over 100 people who walk or run, either alone or in groups and includes people of all ages. Registration is at LSC from 9.45-10.45am with a mass start at 11am. Finding controls and solving puzzles gives you points; coming back after the hour loses points. Mulled wine and mince pies to follow. Adults £4, Juniors £1, Groups £2-£7 negotiable. For more information phone Adrian and Helen Taylor ([tel. 274152](tel:01395274152)) or e-mail ahjkd@fsmail.net.