

**Editorial matters**

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**Two Courses**

• Entry level theory course aimed at those who have not taken a small boat very far from a harbour before, or for crew who want to be of more assistance to the skipper, with navigation & nautical understanding. More specifically, it will be taught assuming that pupils are using RIBs, small dayboats/keelboats or even canoes, with the most basic of navigation facilities plus a hand held GPS. No prior knowledge is necessary. The course also represents a first step towards the Day Skipper theory course. 2 full days of instruction (0845-1730) & will be held on Sat. 7th & Sun. 8th March at Exe S.C. Fee £70. Information & booking through Rex Frost 01395 271026, or r-exe-f@virgin.net In-house info from Chris Cooke

•Also 7 March: First Aid Course at SYC, £55 all day, possible LSC financial assistance for regular Safety Boat duty people.

**For Sale & Wanted**

•**Rother tender** (2.5x1.3m) oars buoyancy aids, £550 ono Contact: Nickie Moss-Gibbons 01395 275782 <http://www.boats4fun.co.uk/info/rother.htm>

•**GP14** sailing dinghy wanted. Please contact: A Lorenc on 263068.

**Diary Dates**

Su	15 Feb		Walk: Guy & Jean Sutton - see below
Fr	20 Feb	1930	Talk: TV digital conversion
Fr	27 Feb	1930	Talk Plymouth to Helston, Roger Howell
Su	15 Mar		Walk: Richard & Jean Bland
Fr	6 Mar	1930	Talk—Climate Change
Fr	20 Mar	1930	Lifekacket & buoyancy aid check
Su	29 Mar		Long Walk has been cancelled
Sa	11 Apr	tba	Craning Afloat
Mo	5 Oct	tba	Craning Ashore

**Mariners' Munches**

Munches slipped into our diary of events again in January as if there had been no interruption. We have enjoyed really good Friday lunchtimes with cooks & recipients enjoying the quality of fare as much as the company. A happy social gathering, thank you all for your participation. Munches will continue every Friday 12-2pm until & including Good Friday. *Adrienne*

**February Winter Walk**

Sunday 15th Feb. starting from Sidbury car park at 10:00am. The walk will proceed to the Roncombe valley with scenic views over the surrounding area. Twenty-five places have been reserved for lunch at The Hare & Hounds. Please ring to inform of your intentions to walk & to reserve a lunch place.

Guy & Jean Sutton. Tel: 01395 597561

**March Winter Walks**

The advertised 5-mile or so walk to be led by the Blands on 15th March is still planned, details later. The longer walk previously mentioned for the end of March has been cancelled.

**Skittles**

2009 started well for the Dolphins, with a comfortable win v. the Lympets. The salty peanuts failed to help the Dolphins win the beer leg but they did raise a laugh. Two more successes followed but we may well come unstuck in our next match when we play last season's league winners - Cockwood Anchors. On their alley in November, they gave us a thoroughly good hiding! *Diana*



# Lymptone Sailing Club

## February 2009 Newsletter

**AGM – The 'A' Team 2009**

Position	Name	phone
<b>Committee</b>		(01395)
Commodore	Mike Gall	274112
Vice-Commodore	Chas McLennan-Wiggin	276368
Rear Commodore	Ron Gordon	263954
Honorary General Secretary	Brian Ridge	275432
Honorary Treasurer	Don Govan	266697
Honorary Membership Secretary	Tony Gratton	275017
Honorary Sailing Secretary	Gavin Lowery	276995
Honorary Assistant Sailing Secretary	Brett Candy	274839
House Member	Bill Boaden	272062
Bar Manager	Ron Gordon	263954
Social/Catering Member	Judith Carter	274104
Communication & Training	Chris Cooke	276524
Ordinary Member (Jnr Liaison & Training)	Chris Batson	222594
Ordinary Member (New Members Liaison)	Rosemary Maltby	275752
<b>Non-Committee Positions</b>		
Dinghy Captain	Jeremy Chew	(01392) 660426
Duties Co-ordinator	Samuel Woolley	277881
Day Boat Captain	John Bennett	279649
Cruiser Captain	Don Govan	266697
Principal	Chris Cooke	276524
Acting Chief Instructor	Samuel Woolley	277881
Instructor Power Boat	Chris Batson	222594
Training Co-ordinator	Brian Ridge	275432
Bosun (Power Boat)	Alan Dixon	224774
Bosun (Club Dinghies)	Steven Pope	279774
Boat Park	Sam Watts	446585
Newsletter & Web site	Richard Crisp	273211

**63rd AGM – Secretary's Report**

A good humoured AGM took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. in the Club attended by 47 members. In her report as retiring Commodore, Rosemary chronicled the highlights of the year: the highly successful River Exe Regatta, the vigorous training programme, the dozen or so catered events of great variety & the Mariners' Munches, the Bar Club Nights, & the recent very successful Dinner Dance at the *Saddlers' Arms*. The growing strength of the Club is attested by additional activities, such as walking, skittles & Art in addition to the core

## 63rd AGM – Secretary's Report – continued

activity of sailing. Improvements to the Club have been numerous: the Trophy Cabinet will help us keep track of our Cups; the wide screen TV purchased for Training now has its own cupboard/white board, new showers, a large Marquee, hand driers, a commercial dishwasher, refrigerator & better security. But special thanks must be recorded to all who rolled up their sleeves to ensure the décor of the Club was pristine for the visit of the other Estuary Clubs during the Exe Regatta.

Future plans included building a two-storey extension behind the Harbour Board store to provide an independent storage area on the ground floor & an extension to the kitchen/balcony for the upper floor.

The Commodore concluded by thanking everyone for their genuine support, encouragement & enthusiasm during her term of office.

The Secretary in his report gave an account of the successful RYA RTC inspection. A snapshot of the tasks undertaken by the Committee was given, thereby increasing the general somnolence of the gathering! This was followed by the Treasurer who gave his usual clear exposition of the state of the Finances. The General Surplus is down from last year, a clear reflection of the progress made, reported above. The cash & bank balances are up from last year, an increase of about 10%. After adoption of the Accounts, the proposition to increase the subscription from £21 single to £23, & £32 double to £35 was accepted unanimously, but not after an humorous debate over the merits of single versus double membership. For those not present, I am sure the dialogue will be recounted over the bar later!

The Auditor, Trustees, President & Vice-President were reappointed. The Flag Officers & Committee were elected, the new Committee with responsibilities are listed on page 1.

The new Commodore, Mike Gall, was installed, which involved handing over the original threadbare Commodore's pennant, a new pennant & the paddle. In closing the Meeting he said he would look forward to going up the creek with the latter item!

*Brian*

## Commodore's Signal

With the AGM completed I would like to welcome Mike Gall to the role of Commodore and wish him the very best for his term. Likewise the new and ongoing Committee members. I am sure you will all give them every support over the coming year.

What a busy January we've had, starting with the Walkers letting in the New Year at the Club, enjoying their meal – and no washing up with the new dishwasher in place! Mariners Munches have certainly taken off on Fridays again – I highly recommend them to you – Adrienne has a good team of volunteers taking their turns – but do contact her if you feel you could offer a hand. Jenny Moon gave a fascinating talk on 16<sup>th</sup> on our links with cod fishing in Newfoundland – I sampled 'salt cod' last week, very strong flavour, excellent. The following Friday Peter Williams from the RNLI came down and certainly made us think! (see Sea Safety report). The climax of the month, however, was the Dinner Dance – 'Always Look on the Bright Side', this year at the Saddlers Arms and organised by Mike and Alison Gall with help from Jenny Clark and Lynn Batson. The pub was closed for our sole use, Jo and Gary at Saddlers put on a fine spread and an excellent band, so we wined and dined and danced till late – lots of fun – the theme did seem to encourage everyone to be happy! Thank you to all who did their bit, entertained our guests from the other Exe clubs or just came down and helped to make this such a memorable evening.

So despite this amazing ongoing patch of freezing weather, blizzards and icy roads, the days are lengthening and there have been some glorious moments though rather watery sunny spells and wintry blue skies. Believe it or not, (*no I don't! Ed.*) it's time to start thinking about unwrapping your boats and at least listing all those chores you thought you had

plenty of time to do! It's February already and craning is early again – 11<sup>th</sup> April – so barely 2 months before we're able to be on the water again. I suspect we'll be wearing a few thermal layers for a week or two!

So from me, it is 'Farewell' (though not entirely – I'll still be around). I'd like to thank my committee members for their loyalty, hard work and enthusiasm and all of you for your constant support and friendship over the last couple of years. This spirit is what makes our Club special, for me it has been a most rewarding experience - and the Commodore's wife is now officially relieved of his (*her, Ed!*) duties!

*Rosemary*

## January Walk

After the previous days gales and rain, Sunday morning dawned bright, but we were dampened by a heavy shower as we left home. Rendezvousing at the carpark by Fingle Bridge Inn (formerly, and still on OS maps called the Anglers' Rest) for an unusually early start of 10am (we were early for lunch later, but no matter), and started with a stiff ¼-mile ascent up the northern side of the wooded valley then along the rim passing Sharp Tor and seeing Castle Drogo on our right. Near there, true to the forecast, we were lightly precipitated upon, in the form of fine hail, but it hardly lasted five minutes. Our return in the valley bottom, enviously looking on the sun-kissed opposite valley side however was warm enough. Near the end of the trail, we met a handful of Lymptstone un-walkers approaching from the other direction, who abruptly joined us for an excellent lunch at the Inn. Thank you Liz & Ron for encouraging us out on a day which did not bode well, but ended with a full compliment of very satisfied customers. (Photograph on the website: [www.lympstonesailingclub.org.uk](http://www.lympstonesailingclub.org.uk))

## Dinner and Dance

Our Dinner Dance took place on 31<sup>st</sup> January at The Saddler's Arms. We were keen to try a different venue this year whilst keeping the business in the Village. It was a sell-out once again and a good time was had by all. Rosemary introduced and welcomed our guests from the Topsham, Exe and Starcross Clubs, and thanked Mike and Alison Gall for organising the event. She also thanked everyone for their support during her two years as Commodore. Jenny Sampson from Starcross Fishing & Cruising responded on behalf of the guests and proposed a toast to Lymptstone Sailing Club. After dinner there was an interlude with fireworks and what a delight not to be rearranging the room for the band this year. *Full Moon Fever* played a selection of hits from the 60s to the 80s whilst the members danced or chatted the remainder of the evening. The Saddler's pulled out all the stops to ensure we had a good time.

*Ron*

## RNLI @ LSC

A good number of members turned out to hear an RNLI Sea Safety presentation on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Whilst much of the talk was in the form of a quiz to point up our lack of knowledge, a wide selection of leaflets and booklets were freely available for future reference. With perseverance, much useful advice, checklists and resources concerning boating safety can be seen and downloaded from the RNLI website. for instance <http://www.rnli.org.uk/assets/documents/Sea%20Safety/UK%20Sailing.pdf>

It was highlighted that on 20th March at the Club, there will be a lifejacket checking session. For the sake of interest, don't just bring your new lifejackets, but do bring your kapok-filled heirlooms! Also mentioned was the availability of a free Sea Check for your boat. When you have prepared your vessel for the season, have an independent expert point out any oversights or weaknesses and give you the benefit of accumulated wisdom. Also noted from the website is the fact that the RNLI will open its Headquarters and the Lifeboat College at Poole to the public on 5–6 September 2009.