

Contact the Editor

Richard Crisp
17 Birch Rd Lymptstone EX8 5LB
tel 01395 273211
email r@rgtcrisp.plus.com
Published & delivered monthly

Lymptstone Sailing Club website:
www.lymptstonesailingclub.org.uk

LSC Contacts

Commodore Chris Cooke 276524
Secretary Brian Ridge 275432
M'ship Sec. Christine Ashton 276513
Sailing Sec. Ian Smith 222136

Diary Dates

FSS	15/17	Sept	Powerboat & S/B Training see p2
Sat	9 Sep	0900	Race to Brixham, Fulford Challenge
Wed	13 Sep	2000	Skittlers @ Topsham SC - see below
Sat	16 Sep	2000	SFCC at home - see C'dre's Signal
Thu	21 Sep	2000	Dolphins Skittles night
Sat	30 Sep		Punts/dinghies to be gone from Harbour
Sat	7 Oct	0530	Craning Ashore 2006 - see below
Fri	10 Nov	1930	Spuddle & Prizegiving
'07	27Jan		Dinner dance (village hall)
'07	3 Feb		LSC AGM

**Bar Roster
Friday Clubnights**

1.9 McCracken N
8.9 Mitchell D
15.9 Moon J
22.9 Musgrove M
29.9 Moss-Gibbons D
6.10 Ridge B
7.10 Tolson R - Saturday
13.10 Salter P
20.10 Tidmarsh S

This 'n That

- RNLI box in Clubroom on 24.8.06 contained £21-90p. Thanks to all donors
- Do you need more shelf-space at home? How about offering some nautical books for the Club's bookcase?

For Sale

- 'JOKA' 1979 22ft Invader, bilge keel cruiser - see advert in Club or ring Martin on 275262
- Comet Duo number 57 - 'Ruby contact R Gale o1363 772299 after 1800
- 'SARACEN' 1980 Westerly Griffon GN177 bilge keels - see advert in Club or ring Chas on 01395 263070

Dinghy & Punt Removal

The National Trust will be clearing trees and undergrowth from the cliffs around the harbour during the week 2 - 6 October. To avoid any damage to boats, please remove all sailing dinghies and punts from the harbour on Saturday 30th September.

Craning Ashore Info.

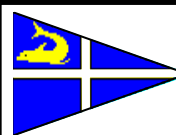
Craning ashore will be on Saturday 7th October, starting at 5.30am. High tide is at 7.30am. Mary and her team will have tea & coffee available and bacon butties will be on sale as usual.

Skittlers

- A reminder for skittlers that the Presentation Evening for last season's winners is being hosted by Topsham SC on Wednesday, 13th September at 8 p.m. It should be a good evening. Let Diana know if you intend to go.
- The Dolphins are having their first get-together/practice on Thursday, 21st September at the Club. Hope to see the team and supporters there! *Diana*

Wanted

Small inflatable - please contact Editor



Lymptstone Sailing Club Newsletter

September 2006

Half Mast Tributes

The Club flag has sadly been flown at half mast on two occasions recently to remember Shirley Schaesenns and Peter Blair.

Senior members who remember when Peter Schaesenns sailed Picolo have more recently come across him walking with Shirley in the village and by the harbour as her health unfortunately deteriorated.

On my trips west I frequently saw Peter Blair and Xenopus out at sea, often with Tony Millington and Jeromy Astley-Sparks on board, and generally motor-ing at speed across the horizon, looking to me as tho' they were heading to the next pub as quickly as possible! Peter was a fine sailor and only last year made it back into Exmouth docks under sail following engine failure. Our condolences to their respective families and friends. *Commodore*

Have You Used It?

Like most sailing clubs we have members who cannot use their boats as often as they would like, & we have a number who have not used their boats at all this year. Sadly we also have very limited space & have already had to turn away potentially active members because of this restriction so the time has come for us to review the situation. The 'use it or lose it' logic is usually applied at such times & I have the dubious task of suggesting names to the Harbour Board for a list of members who may not be allocated a summer berth for their boat next year. The process will apply to all craft in the park including tenders. I suspect this exercise will not earn me many friends but most people will accept that it needs to be done. If you think that you might be one of those who lose out but have good reasons for keeping your berth please let me know. What about those people with more than one boat in the park? Same logic applies - if the boats are being used then there is no problem although I suspect one of mine will have to live in my garden next year and be trailed down when needed. *Sailing Secretary*

Inside this issue:

Sept. P/boat Training	2
Sailing Sec's Notices	2
Editor's Perch	2
Commodore's Signal	3
Creek Crawlers Club	3
Diary Dates	4
Bar Roster	4
This 'N That	4
Craning Ashore Info.	4
Skittlers	4
For Sale / Wanted	4

Evening Talks

The boats will soon be laid up ashore and the skittles made ready. Do you have any ideas for Friday evening talks or events at the club? Slide shows of your holidays, enlighten us about your other interests, or something musical. Please e-mail the Commodore with any ideas/offers you have.

September Powerboat Training

Before the sea temperature falls, Tony Clark will be running a Powerboat training weekend – Friday 15 (evening), Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September 2006, covering PB1 & PB2 for members who missed the courses earlier this year, and Safety Boat for members with PB1 & PB2 certificates. Costs for club members are £30 per course, or £50 for two.

Please contact Brian Ridge (01395 275 432) immediately if you want to join in.

Sailing Secretary's Notices

Club boats

I'm pleased to say that the 'new' GP14 has been used a number of times & feedback has been positive. The Otter dinghy has now had a substantial amount of work done on it but is getting lonely because no one is sailing it! The Otter is a simple little boat well suited for pottering so make the best of the late summer & use it otherwise it may be looking for a new home next year. We hope to be able to make the boats available for use over the autumn / winter as well – watch the notice boards for more information in due course.

Can you help?

Although we have a number of club members who have volunteered to assist with various maintenance tasks it's always nice to have a few more! If you feel you can help spread the load currently shouldered by the few & don't mind being called on to help 'fix that rudder' or 'check that halyard' please give me a call. Ian 01395 222136

Dinghy & Punt Removal from the Harbour Area

Please note the special reason for ensuring your dinghies & punts are removed from the harbour area by 30th September - page 4 *Dinghy & Punt Removal*

Editor's Perch

Talk of the end of the sailing season is premature although I admit as ever it will be governed by the weather. But I like to think that there are still five weeks of potential boating left. This thought was prompted by memories of a work colleague who would never pack up camp on the last day of a sailing holiday in the lake district or wherever until the best of the day was done. Invariably that last day produced the finest weather of the week or fortnight! I adopt that strategy whenever I can, so I'm still hoping for another spell of anticyclonic weather before October.

Talking of weather, or more particularly weather forecasts, a great deal has changed since I worked in the Met. Office at Porton Down near Salisbury. Then, the procedure for producing a local forecast started with collating all the most up-to-date observations which arrived in teleprinter, mufax and printed form, hand-coding this data onto an outline map and then presenting this to the senior forecaster on site who created a forecast using this data plus 25 years of forecasting experience and 10 at that location. Today all the effort goes into improving the mathematical models of the atmosphere and improving the resolution of these models so that the forecast for a particular place improves. However, the resolution of the shipping and inshore forecasts remains the traditional ..' Viking, Forties, Cromarty, Forth..... For me, to have a feel of what weather I'm likely to experience when it is critical, I still want to see a series of synoptic charts and up-to-date data of what is actually happening. Thank goodness for the internet! Let me know your favourite weather data websites & I'll post them on our ours - but don't forget, they are all virtual reality!

Commodore's Signal

Autumn storms & the remnants of tropical storm Ernesto – summer must be ending! The weather does seem to break about the bank holiday weekend these days.

Afloat, the dinghies have experimented with a couple of pursuit races – staggered starts endeavouring to have the later faster starters catch the slower boats just as they all cross the finish line. Great fun! Most cruisers are back from their voyages, tho' still not the end of season, Fulford Challenge to come. Boats on the Exe sail to Brixham culminating in a huge party at Brixham YC. So good are these parties that some are even known to drive down & stay in B&Bs! But from other Exe clubs – not Lymptone!

Talking of parties, members are invited to the Starcross Fishing & Cruising Club's 'At Home' at the Brunel Tower from 8pm on Saturday 16 September 2006 – please let me know if you wish to go along as they would like an indication of numbers.

Ashore we have had some good socials ourselves. A merry & busy Furry Dance evening at the beginning of August & an excellent American style Brunch put on by Jenny Charles & her team on Bank Holiday Monday. Huge thanks to those who work so hard to make these events successful & enjoyable for the rest of us.

Keep an eye on the notice board if you want to come along to the Craning Ashore Supper on 7 October – it was a sell out last year! And an early warning to the lucky members who won a pot or two last year – please dig out your trophies & make sure they are engraved & polished, ready to be returned for the sailing spuddle & prize giving on 10th November. See you in Brixham, if not before!

Chris

Creek Crawlers Club

The small but dedicated fraternity of creek dwellers, normally the preserve of the rag & pole (small yacht) types who seek their pleasure ditch hopping - typically up rivers like the Dart, have been joined by a type of boat which under normal circumstances might have received a somewhat jaundiced reception! Having proved itself so versatile, practical & friendly, it has now been integrated into the Creek Crawlers Club (CCC).

Curlew, a Plymouth Pilot, often acts as 'mother goose' during passages to & from the Dart and often takes on ferrying & towing duties. Even more impressively, it can find its way to places where no bilge-keeler dares to go. Curlew's latest accomplishment during the recent heatwaves has been to creep under the shady overhangs normally only frequented by herons or punts during the heat of the day. Its mooring technique if somewhat unconventional consists of securing warps to overhanging branches and protruding tree stumps but provides very welcome relief from the mid-day sun for those invited guests from the rag & pole owners whilst enjoying lunch! Well done & many thanks to Curlew.

CCC President (self-appointed)

