

**Editorial matters**

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**This 'n That**

• **Answer to question on page 3:**  
The relatively narrow overlapping portion of clinker-built planking

• **Have you** proposed your suggestions for next year's Committee? See Noticeboard in Foyer.

**For Sale**

Wind Generator Aerogen 4 fan wind generator £20  
Phone Chris Carter 274104

**Social Events**

I would like to thank everyone who has helped with the social programme this summer, cooking dishes, organising meals, clearing up, running the BBQ & numerous other tasks. We held 12 social events which were much appreciated & enjoyed. They made a profit of £1,430 for the Club. I could not have done this without your help. We also had some new volunteers this year, one of these Stephen Pope with his team put on an amazing Curry Night, many people are hoping he might be prepared to do this again sometime. I trust more people will be encouraged to get involved next season as this shares the workload & provides the opportunity to get to know other Club members better. *Judith*

**A Season of Winter Talks** has been devised, with Brett Candy kicking off with one entitled *A Change in the Weather* on 12<sup>th</sup> November. Doors open 7:30pm, but talks will start at 8pm so as usual, the bar will be closed during the talk, so please try to arrive punctually or after 9.30 or so.

**Prize Giving & Spuddle** on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30pm. **Please bring a plate of eats**, e.g. sandwiches, savouries, sausage rolls, nibbles etc.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** Peter Schaessens (RNVR 1940s/LSC) will give his illustrated talk *Time Afloat in Wooden Boats* for those who missed it before & those who wish to see it again!

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Mince pies & Mulled wine + Christmas Music/Carols

**Another Yuletide Swim** is planned, this time on Boxing Day at about 11am - specific time next month. They don't stay in long so if you want to spectate, be there in good time!

**Fridays from 15<sup>th</sup> January to 9<sup>th</sup> April - Mariners' Munch**

**Dinner Dance** will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

**Diary Dates**

Fri	12 Nov	1930	A change in the Weather -Brett Candy
Fri	19 Nov	1930	LSC AGM
Fri	26 Nov	1930	Prizegiving & Spuddle - see below
Fri	3 Dec	1930	Time Afloat in Wooden Boats -Peter S
Fri	17 Dec	1930	Xmas music & mince p. & mulled w.
Sun	26 Dec	1030	Boxing Day Swim @ LSC
Fri	31 Dec	1900	Walkers' New Year's Eve Dinner
Fri	14 Jan	1200	Mariners' Munch commence weekly
Sat	15 Jan	1930	+ Mama Mia Evening
Sat	29 Jan		Dinner & Dance in Village Hall

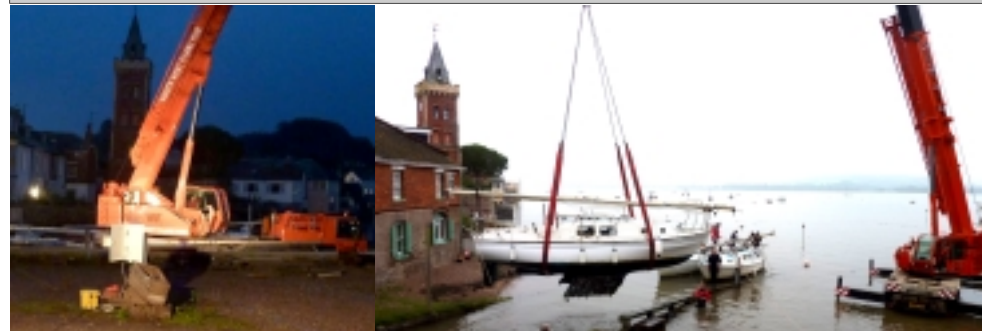
**Mariners' Munches**

Please note that the next series of Mariners' Munches will commence on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January & will take place each Friday through to 9<sup>th</sup> April. Liz Gordon will be co-ordinating the Munches this year, so if you can take a turn of laying on these soup & sandwich lunches at the Club please get in touch with her to select a suitable date. Tel: 01395 263954 or e-mail: [lizanron@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:lizanron@tiscali.co.uk)



# Lympstone Sailing Club

## November 2010 Newsletter

**Craning Ashore 2010**

The annual Craning Ashore of most of the summer moored vessels took place in ideal conditions on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October. In spite of a new vessel orientation being trialled with the ensuing stresses & strains & also the craning of a few more larger vessels, the operation was completed in almost exactly the same timeframe as last year with no mishaps. Grateful thanks are due to the individuals who undertook the organisation & activities of the craning operation. Although carried out on Lympstone Fishery & Harbour Association property, it is the *ad hoc* group of craned vessel owners who constitute the self-help group.

**Quil ters' Wrap-Up**

The draw for the quilt was made in the Clubhouse by our Commodore, Mike Gall on Saturday 11 September. Mo Gibbins was the winner of the quilt & I am delighted to report that she is thrilled. A member of Exe Sailing Club won the second prize, the nautical wall hanging. The third prize was initially won by a Longdown, Exeter resident, who generously declined to accept the prize. He expressed the wish the cushions should stay in Lympstone & after a redraw, Liz Gordon is now the proud winner. The £2,292 raised in total from the combined raffle ticket sales & Quilt Show has been donated to the Village Hall refurbishment funds. Thanks to all who donated their time & effort to the project including all those who bought raffle tickets!

*Pat Boaden*

*(Apologies that this did not appear in the October issue)*

## Mike's Message

The observant amongst you will have noticed a couple of gaps in Mike's Messages, the result of preparing multiple papers for the Strategic Defence & Security Review. You have my apologies & I hope you will be more understanding in the light of Friday's bad news story from the MOD. (4/10 so far this year Ed! Could do better!!)

My seminal contribution was centred not on delivering health care as you might have predicted but on ensuring that there would be no loss of operational capability despite the reduction in Royal Navy platforms - i.e. ships & submarines. Making up for the loss of amphibious platforms was deemed essential hence my extended paper on multi-rolling submarines to support amphibious operations. You will understand of course that the forward compartments of submarines are required for torpedo launch so the constructors were obliged to modify the stern section for the landing craft ramp. It was no accident that ASTUTE ran aground of the Hebrides. It certainly could not be attributable to poor seamanship or outdated charts when it was in fact the first rehearsal of an un-opposed beach landing & insertion of Royal Marines into Western Scotland. Whilst conceived as a training exercise the covert task was to secure the nation for my return from exile in Devon during March 2011.

The season has ended & a safe craning ashore has been achieved on time but I'll save my reflections on the year for the Spuddle / Prize Giving & the AGM. These two events provide the opportunity for you to shape the future direction of the Club so I'd ask you to attend bringing some ideas with you. The risk of apathy is that you'll get more of the same!!

The tasks of laying up are with us as do preparations for seasonal festivities & the Annual Dinner Dance. This year we are making a return to the Village Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2011. Please mark up your diaries & book the baby sitters now. The format needs considerably more involvement from Club members so I take this opportunity to seek any help you are prepared to offer. A small team is taking shape; Debbie Mitchell has agreed to lead on decorating the venue, the A38s have agreed to a short break from their World Tour and Joe & Gary (late of the Saddlers) have agreed to cater for the event.

During the weekend the LSC broke out from the confines of the LF&HA Store & took up residence in our new store. Thank you to all who conceived, planned & delivered the project that reflects well on the symbiotic relationship for the two organizations. A small team assembled to sort through the myriad of items on our shelves, sorting out what belonged to the Club. A plethora of personal belongings emerged - buoyancy aids, lifejackets & sails in particular. They are available for collection in the changing rooms. I heard it suggested that any items left uncollected should be auctioned off with the proceeds going to the Club's coffers to make up for this year's unusual spending pattern.

I look forward to engaging with you in November as I sign off & pass the helm on.

## Editor's Entry

Last month's *LSC Newsletter* marked the completion of seven years of my Editorship. I had been living in Lympstone for just a year when I took over from my next-door neighbour Roger Howell, which says something about how quickly one can be welcomed & become involved as a newcomer if you get stuck in. For the first year or so, I was also a member of the LSC Committee under Commodore Martin Hebidge, but come the AGM in February 2005 & a new Commodore, it was accepted that the Editor didn't need to be on the Committee as long as dates & information were communicated. Throughout, I have been given free reign Editorially, which I have greatly appreciated & which I trust has not led to too many proverbial corns being trodden on. Against that, I have occasionally tried to be a

touch edgy, for the sake of interesting the reader. Not nearly as edgy though as the one-off personal 2004 April (fool) copy that I managed to get onto the Commodore's breakfast table, full of bile & controversy on the inside pages, that I believe caused a raised eyebrow for a minute or two! But you have tolerated my style without complaint & occasional appreciation and I do enjoy creating it, albeit too frequently with concern that my copy often extends well beyond the Editor's Entry. However, I am very grateful to those who provide a paragraph or two now & again as well as Committee member input.

Creating the content of the Newsletter is one thing, but the unsung heroes of production are the printers & collators (formerly Jan G-G with Christine A, currently Tony G) & the group of deliverers: John & Jane G-C, Adrian & Christine A, Richard & Pat G, John & Margaret B, Brian & Daphne R, Alistair & Barbara R, Martin & Adrienne H, Richard & Jean B, Steve P, Adrian & Frances H, Alan & Jill D, Chris & Jacqueline D, Don & Rosemary G, Chris & Judith C, Clive & Jill W. Once a month delivery is maybe no problem if you are a dog-walker, but I'm sure it can come round all too often for others. Many thanks to all. I am in the process of developing a new post-printing, pre-delivery team. A couple more volunteers would ease the task or provide cover when some cannot help - 1 hour per month is all that's required

What is all this leading to, I hear you think? Well, as I hope you know, I am not possessive about the job & have openly asked for & encouraged others to step forward to take over both the Editorship &/or the website design & upkeep. Firstly, I do not want to feel or be perceived as becoming stale and I realise that new blood is less likely to come forward until there is a vacancy, so I hereby announce that if no one steps forward at this coming AGM or in the following year, I shall step down as Editor at the AGM in 2011. This gives the Committee & Members time to find a replacement & also time during which interested parties may enquire of me privately without commitment. Whoever is Editor, regular and occasional stories from members will always be very welcome. In the current format, once started, the problem for authors is to keep the story short enough to be accommodated. What will I do with my time? Learn how to create decent websites - is the plan.

## Topics for Spuddle?

Those of you who take note of Diary Dates on page 4 will be aware of Prizegiving & Spuddle. Always billed as a double event, the Spuddle (discussion - maybe contentious) is often underplayed due to lack of forethought on everyone's behalf. Of course, serious matters can be voiced at (after) the AGM, but the Spuddle can be more of a 'testing an idea' exercise. So what topics are on the cards? Frankly, anything, but the more the merrier. Any activity or whatever the Club undertakes or does not undertake is fair game, but do couch you ideas in constructive terms, especially if someone is already doing their best.

I would have thought the main topics of interest might include: how should the Club further adapt to the changing profile of members? Are there weaknesses between what we aim to do and what is achieved (more doers required)? What should we do that we are not? Is the balance between on the water activity and social, OK? Sack the Editor now! How to drastically improve the quality of our Club website? Is the current Newsletter format adequate/necessary/due for change? Should the e-mail/texting/blogging type of communication be developed for specific groups to encourage participation? Where do we draw the line as far as dinghy parking congestion is concerned? Do new members understand the relationship between LSC & LFHA? Are any shifts in emphasis required? Should the Clubroom Calendar (including all bookings) be put online? Could the ground-rules for the hiring of the Clubroom be formalised to encourage income? Over to you.....

## Test Your Nautical Knowledge - L

What is the meaning of 'Lands'? Answer on page 4.