

**Editorial matters**

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**This 'n That**

- Does anyone have use of the old (tan) sails from the Otter? Apply Brett
- Clearing out for the new season? Have stuff that is too good to chuck? Use the For Sale & Wanted areas on this page to contact every member each month - free - members only.
- New and youth members - how about sending me a short article on your good or bad sailing-related experiences?
- Does your insurance only cover man overboard accidents if lifejackets are worn?

**Answer to Q on P3**

EPIRB: Acronym for Emergency Position Indicator Radio Beacon, a radio transmitter that emits a distinctive distress signal to aircraft & satellite receivers supplying an exact position for search & rescue missions

**Found in Club Foyer**

- KIDS navy Cagoule (7-8 y.o.size) with a Haven Banks Outdoor Education Centre paper in pocket - Apply: Editor.

**Club Spring-Cleaning - Wed 7<sup>th</sup> April 10 - 12.30**

Each year I spring clean the Club kitchen, cleaning out the cupboards, fridges etc. I would really appreciate a few hands to help with this. We also need to clean the bar shelves & make sure everything is in order prior to the sailing season. There is also clearing up to be done in the lobby & changing rooms. None of this is arduous but many hands make light work. If you could help on the 7th April please contact me either by phone or email, [judith\\_carter@hotmail.com](mailto:judith_carter@hotmail.com), tel 274104. Thank you.

There are still items of clothing in the Clubhouse & changing rooms which have been abandoned for some time. I will collect these & put them all in a box in the lobby when I do the spring clean on 7th April. Please collect any items preferably before then. Items not collected by 25th April will be donated to charity or chucked.

**Diary Dates**

Wed	7 Apr	1000	Clubhouse Spring-Clean
Sat	10 Apr	1500	Powerboat Refresher OR....
Sun	11 Apr	1600	If not the above then today
Wed	14 Apr	0600	Craning Afloat
Sat	17 Apr	1400	Harbour Tidy-up Working Party
Sat	17 Apr	1930	Craning Afloat Supper
Sun	18 Apr		Dinghy park open
Sat	24 Apr	1530	First Dinghy Race of the Season
Sat	1 May	0800	Youth RIB Championship at LSC
Sun	2 May		Brunch

**Walkers' Winter Wrap-up**

Some only walked, others only lunched but the majority (18) enjoyed a 4¼ mile walk NE of Tipton St John in sunshine, clear visibility & an absence of the forecast strong cold easterly wind. Grub at the Golden Lion was delicious, justifying the slightly higher price. Thus the last-minute change of plan to avoid Beer & the Grizzly Runners & supporters came good in the end with a very happy walk concluding the season. Many thanks to the then holidaying John B for masterminding the winter walk season. *Ed.*

Thanks to all walkers (& diners!) for their interest & support over the winter, particularly to those who volunteered & lead the walks & made my life easier as a result! *John Bennett*

**For Sale**

**Evolution 19ft** lifting-keel mini-cruiser 'Popeye' - with road trailer £5500, less trailer £4000 Contact: Alan Hoare 01395 264878



# Lympstone Sailing Club

## April 2010 Newsletter

**Dare to Dream**

Our Cook(i)e had emailed, Brian had spread the word & invited guests & last month's Newsletter gave prominent mention. In spite of the *Film Society & Tennis Club* holding alternative meetings, a record crowd turned out to hear our latest member Rory McDougall's marvellous talk entitled *Dare to Dream*, the story of his personal 7-year journey in more ways than one around the world in a self-built 21' catamaran named *Cooking Fat (Cookie)*, not forgetting *Harry*, the self-steering vane. Rory was surely well-prepared for this presentation, what with 3 generations of family (2 in-laws visiting from Sydney) to say nothing of a room packed to the walls with expectant friends, visitors & members. His easy delivery, measured pace, humour interspersed with moments of introspection answered so many of the questions that one has about the when, why & how of circumnavigation, especially when alone. His images from the early 1990s, were bright & undated, giving an eclectic view of the places he visited. Rarely has even a typical LSC audience been held for so long - last orders were taken at 11pm & £102 was raised towards his nominated charity <http://www.chichestertrust.org.uk>. Rory, will be flying our pennant as he takes part in the Jester Challenge for single-handed sub-30ft yachts, leaving Plymouth at 1300BST 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We look forward to hearing of his more recent experiences on his return from Newport Rhode Island & hope to be able to follow his progress & read his blog with links on our website.



*Cookie departs St Maartens, Carribean*

**Disposal of Time-Expired Pyrotechnics**

Following changes to the legislation covering the transportation & storage of explosives, HM Coastguard & the Maritime & Coastguard Agency will only accept pyrotechnics for disposal from recreational water users at 18 locations in UK. From 1st April 2010, to hand over time expired pyrotechnics, like distress flares, for safe disposal you must first contact your nearest centre to make an appointment. You will need to give details of the type, quantity, age & condition of your items when you call. Our nearest disposal point is Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre at Brixham - phone 01803 882704. A list of all 18 with their locations will be published on the Club Noticeboard & is at [www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/mcga07-home/emergencyresponse/mcga-searchandrescue/mcga-hmcgsarsarsystem/pyrotechnics.htm](http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/mcga07-home/emergencyresponse/mcga-searchandrescue/mcga-hmcgsarsarsystem/pyrotechnics.htm) (handy eh?) with details.

Following the theme of the excellent talk by our local Lifeboat Stations Operations Manager on flares & related things - when was the last time you checked your safety kit & read the instructions on how to use it? Are the flares in date & would you be able to use them safely & effectively in an emergency without delay? Could all members of your crew?

## LSC Otter Revamped!

Our little 12ft Otter has undergone a period of TLC thanks to LSC Bosun, Alan Dixon. The hull & foils have been sanded back & repainted. The name Otter is now proudly on the bow & stern.

As you can see from the picture it looks as good as new. Its broken trolley has been replaced, thanks to our Commodore & a new set of sails ordered from Rowsells. Traditionalists will be happy to hear that we have kept to the tan colour for the sails.

The Otter class dinghy is essentially a mini brother of the faster (& tippier!) Lark class. Here are some more Otter facts:

- Its sail symbol represents a bubble as this was the original name of the class.
- Can take a small spinnaker - watch this space!
- Designed/built in Devon mid-60s to mid-80s.
- Marketed as ideal for "young & not so young".
- Over 1000 boats were produced.

In its much improved state our Otter is ready to join in LSC racing or cruising this season. If you'd like to book it contact Gavin Lowery 01395 276995 or Brett Candy 01395 274839.



## Editor's Entry

Have you paid your LSC subscription for 2010 yet? If not, you are already liable to a rejoining fee. You have been warned! If you are not rejoining, please say so also.

Do members understand why the Sailing Club & the Lympstone Fishery & Harbour Association are separate organisations? The two seem similar - both are devoted to facilitating boat use for Lympstone, both own property, have trustees & management Committees. There is also an overlap in the two memberships. But if you consider the difference of the day-to-day tasks that each perform together with the difference of expertise & interests of those who currently serve on the two Committees, then the distinction makes more sense. Undoubtedly Lympstone boaters in particular, but all residents generally, owe a huge debt to those past & present who have worked & continue to do so to maintain & improve the facilities & amenities that we enjoy at such very low cost. If you own a boat & have been granted a license by the Harbour Board to keep it on a mooring or in the harbour, you are of course a member of the LFHA. With your membership renewal comes an exhortation to abide by the Rules. Members who have mislaid their copy can now see them on our website along with the current LFHA Newsheet.

As I write this, there remain less than 4 weeks to craning but a mere handful of cranes have been regularly seen fettling their craft during the recent dry & warmer spell. If all planned jobs (not just the necessary ones) are to be completed on Curlew, I need a continuous spell of dry & warm weather between now & then, some chance! The Sailing Programme with names/duties for events is on the website & will be published soon. Please consult & annotate your diaries.

## Mike's Message

It has apparently been the coldest winter in 50 years but I'm told that antifouling & varnish have lost some of their viscosity & can now be applied so our excuse for inactivity seems to have passed with the changing seasons.

I'm told the daffodils are emerging - not in my garden - but certainly the last two weeks have seen a significant increase in activity around the Club. Members in preparation for the new season have had the safety boats serviced, the Brook has been both dredged & widened and we have seen the first activity on the water with a visiting Laser sailor braving the northerly wind. Sorry Brett, we've been caught out, talking the talk, not sailing, so we've been beaten again! We have also seen a modest rise in bar takings with a couple of social events & some informative winter talks culminating in excellent recent evening talks by our round the world hero Rory and two local RNLI men, Peter & Kevin Riley MBE who covered flares & safety gear and . The latter's presentation opened with a series of photographs showing skippers getting their crews & boats in all manner of difficulty & finishing with a role playing exercise during which our own skipper failed to take control of the situation, our safety gear was found to be scattered around the cabin in varying degrees of poor repair, the flares were found to be out of date & ineffective & my radio voice procedure was found wanting. It was a salutary lesson that brought all the pitfalls of lack of preparation and practice into focus & has prompted me to draw your attention to the skipper's plethora of responsibilities. Chas will be delighted to conduct sea safety checks & there valuable courses planned - see the enclosed Training Sheet and the Noticeboard.

## Social Secretary's Scribings

### Quilting for Village Hall Restoration

Great headway has been made on the quilt to raffle to raise funds for the Village Hall, but there is quite a bit more work to be done that we want to have finished by the end of April. Pat Boaden is looking for volunteers to help with hand sewing/quilting at her house; also a number of people willing to sell raffle tickets over the Summer. Please contact Pat if you can help; Pat Boaden, 272067, [patb@millcombe.com](mailto:patb@millcombe.com)

### Craning Afloat Supper Saturday 17th April 7.30pm

Karen Gratton & her team are organising the Craning Afloat Supper. Look out for the poster in the Clubhouse which will be on the notice board after Easter, or contact Karen, 275017 [karen.gratton@fintecs.com](mailto:karen.gratton@fintecs.com)

### Safety on the Water for Young Sailors

Josh Spencer, one of our experienced young sailors, has volunteered to do a short presentation about Safety on the Water for other youth members, ( under 18's ). This is an important subject & I am sure this talk will be valuable to all our young members. The talk will be on Saturday 24th April at 2pm in the Clubhouse. Brett Candy & Chris Batson will also talk about events planned for this sailing season. Please put your name on the Noticeboard list to attend this talk so that Josh will have an idea about how many people to expect.

## Test Your Nautical Knowledge - E

Question: What does the acronym EPIRB stand for? Answer on page 4. Very topical!

## Harbour Spring Clean

A working party will convene on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April starting at 1400hrs** in order to prepare for the opening of the dinghy park on the 18<sup>th</sup>, & to reorganise the boat store. Craning Afloat: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, HW 3.7m at 0728 BST. Safety brief at 0600.