

Editorial matters

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The Club flag flew at half-mast late last month to signify the death of past member, Peter Hall. Peter was well-known in the village for his fishing boat & for his prowess at skittles.

This 'n That

- **Answer to p3 question:** 'Full and By'
- **Offer to Crew:** dinghy crewing again in 2010, I have RYA 2 & 3. **Howard Cookes** 01395 266216 evenings
- **Members are requested** to check the two right-hand columns of the Sailing Programme to see who is expected to perform duties at races. If needed, arrange your own swap and inform OOD/SB Roster co-ordinator Samuel Woolley of your arrangement.
- **OOD & SB** should be on duty at least an hour before race start.
- **Race Results** are once again posted on our website, usually within a day or two of each race.

Found

Yes, geese fly honking across Lympstone, but they rarely drop their necks.... I found a goose neck (stainless steel with a black plastic knob) on the road near Sowden End this morning (April 28th). Someone must have dropped it...*Jenny M* 01395-276569

Diary Dates

Sun	23	Tea after sailing
Mon	31 May	BBQ lunch
Sat	12 June	Supper
Fri	25 June	Fish & Chips
Sat	10 Jul	LSC Regatta BBQ
Sun	11 Jul	Tea
Sat	24 Jul	Bangers & Mash
Sat	7 Aug	After Sail Pizza
Mon	31 Aug	French Breakfast

**For Sale**

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

Mariners' Munch Wrap-up

Wow, what a superb season we've had. Thank you to all the wonderful cooks who made it so special: Diana & Rosemary, Richard & Anne, Keith & Norma, Joyce, Chris & Judith, Liz & Ron, Aline, The Monday Art Group, Jan & Jill, Clive & Eric, Sheila & Mai. There are others who made a sweet or soup, thanks they were appreciated. Although intended as a social get-together we raised over £400. See page 3 for how this sum will be used. Further thanks to Joyce for keeping account of the pennies. Hopefully we will have enough volunteers to run again next year. Thank you all for your support.
Adrienne



Lympstone Sailing Club

May 2010 Newsletter

Craning Afloat 2010

0715, craning is well underway with Scoosh aloft on a dry chilly overcast Wednesday morning and will be completed in 2½ hours due a very efficient & animated crane driver (did they send their top man this year to say 'sorry' for last year?) backed up by similar ground team, to whom we say "thank you". Preceded by a relatively prolonged spell of anti-cyclonic weather, most boats* were well prepared in good time, with several owners sitting in their boats drinking coffee or tea in the sunshine in the last few days *before* craning. Certainly the degree of shine on many a polished hull this year was remarkable.



Scoosh flies aloft still sporting the head-protecting bucket on her spars



Skylark's turn

Following craning, a most efficient clearing and re-levelling of the site was undertaken by machinery even before the Working Party arrived. So much so, that some keen WP members had to be restrained from hacking down trees and shrubs which might have caused more landslip from the cliff-face!

*Of course, there has to be an exception to every rule! See *Editor's Entry*.

Racing Tactics at Lympstone

I was only able to make the 'Start Tactics' talk by Chris Cooke & it was for me an interesting update. I last took a serious interest in the rules in the sixties & things have changed a bit! Chris had done his homework but he only covered 'flying starts'. Let me explain. Topsham Sailing Club has recently published a booklet to celebrate 125 years of club history. The following paragraph describes a foray to the Lympstone Regatta in 1894. 'On August 11th that year the Topsham boats converged on Lympstone for their Regatta where they were unable to use their expertise with "the flying start"'. At that time competing boats at Lympstone waited on the line at anchor with sails down & when the starting gun was fired the crews pulled up the anchor, set their sails & started racing. The story goes that one enterprising competitor laid out 100 fathoms of anchor rope in the direction of the first turning mark but at the last minute the starter reversed the course!' Perhaps we should reintroduce the standing start for some cruiser races. I have visions of Adrienne on the foredeck of White Lady struggling with a muddy anchor, with Martin attempting to light his pipe whilst directing operations from the cockpit!
Roger H

LSC Members Widening Our Horizons

A new generation of LSC members are about to be flying our pennant further afield this season. Membership Secretary Tony Grattan is off to join Ray Lawry in Bermuda as a crew member to help him bring back Silver Bear, a Najad 365, to Plymouth via the Azores after Ray & Ali's trip across to the Caribbean last November with the ARC Rally. It has been a dream of Tony's to do a Transatlantic for a number of years so we look forward to hearing of his experiences.

Also transatlantic-ing, but in the other direction, and solo, in his ex-round-the-world modified Tiki 21ft catamaran *Cooking Fat* (*Cookie* for short), is new member Rory McDougall, who only recently vividly recalled in words and pictures to us, his first major voyage in her, 20 years ago. This time, he enters the Jester Challenge, which is not a race, but simply a celebration of small craft (less than 30ft) single-handed sailing (no motors allowed) from Plymouth to Newport, Rhode Island. We will be able to follow Rory's progress via his website <http://roryandcookie.blogspot.com/> which already has pictures of Cookie's progress from Strawberry Hill to the harbour! The Jester Challenge starts from the western end of Plymouth Breakwater at 1300 on Sunday 23rd May 2010. Might a LSC flotilla see him off? Rory may be new to LSC, but wife Michelle was born in Lympstone and is greatly enjoying her return after twenty years or so in Australia, New Zealand and Belize.

Cookie will be berthed at QAB Marina before the start. I plan to depart Lympstone around the noon high tide on Thurs 20th May & will depart from the slipway with my two brothers as crew just for the trip to Plymouth. The best way to follow the progress & story of the voyage is on <http://roryandcookie.blogspot.com> which already has some local interest.

I am fundraising for the Sir Francis Chichester Trust which helps disadvantaged youths from Devon to attend Outward Bound courses. These courses do wonders for self-esteem, development and team-working of members through challenging adventure. A very big please to everyone to donate generously - follow the link

<http://www.justgiving.com/RoryandCookiesJesterChallenge>

Crew Wanted!

Crew needed for the return leg on Cookie from Newport to Plymouth. Must love small spaces, not mind being damp for long periods, have an endless sense of humour and seasickness not an option!!!! Estimated departure 2nd week of July. Trip should take 3-4 weeks. Please contact Rory soon on 07564 386 556.

Editor's Entry

The opening article on page 1 refers to an exception to the unhurried state of preparedness that most owners found themselves this year. I have to own up to being that exception due to a couple of personal commitments requiring a week away in the caravan and so earning myself the nickname of Justin (cf just in time) amongst my neighbouring boat fettlers during the final week of good weather before craning. In response to the persistent question "All ready for craning?" I had a simple answer, "No, but she'll float!" True enough and the only major progress I managed to make this last winter in the refurbishment of Curlew was to resolve in my mind how I am to carry out that refurbishment of the cabin-top next winter! But it has been so good to be back on the water. A trip up the estuary to the trots just upstream of the motorway bridge enabled us to get out of the still chilly southerly wind but was hardly peaceful with the incessant traffic noise. Coffee rather than a bottle of wine was definitely the order of the day! Rory & I spent nine hours on the water off Exmouth in Curlew testing a prototype generator for Ampair on the first day in months when it rained morning and evening. Still it was an enjoyable day even if Curlew couldn't go as fast as desired.

Clarification of Rules on Clubhouse Usage

BAR All drinks should be purchased from bar & members should not bring in their own supplies. Guests are not allowed to buy drinks or go behind the bar. Guests must be signed in by a member in the Visitors Book which is kept on the bar. The number of guests that a member can sign in at anyone time is limited to 2 people. A guest must not be signed in on more than 4 occasions a year. No person under 18 is allowed behind the bar. The above are conditions of our licence & it is important that they are observed.

KITCHEN Members can use the kitchen to prepare food for other members after or before sailing as long as this does not disrupt other Club events. Members should clean & tidy away crockery & utensils after use & leave the kitchen clean. Money for teas & coffees should be put in box in food cupboard. A price list is inside the door of the cupboard where the coffee is kept. Do not leave food in fridge which will go off.

Children under 12 are not allowed in the kitchen when meals are being prepared

CLUBHOUSE The Clubhouse is available for use by members & any member can obtain the keys & use the Clubhouse. However if members wish to hold a function for selected members & guests this would be considered to be a private function which should be booked in advance by writing to the Secretary & paying the booking fee of £25. Availability of the Clubhouse can be checked by looking at the calendar in the kitchen & the Sailing Programme to see what events are planned. I hope the above is useful, the full Club Rules can be found in a folder on the bookshelf alongside the bar.

Judith Carter

Social Events

Mariners' Munch through the winter was very popular thanks to Adrienne Hebdige for masterminding them (see p4). At Adrienne's suggestion the Committee have agreed that profits will go to purchasing new tables to replace the worn out small tables, some new chairs to replace the wicker style chairs & a supply of new china mugs.

The Craning Afloat Supper organised by Karen Grattan was a great success, a fantastic supper & although fewer attended it made the Clubroom a little more comfortable for seating. £72 profit was made.

Sunday 23rd May 4.30pm Bring a Plate Tea. Please bring a plate of scones, a cake or some sandwiches to the Clubhouse between 2.30 & 3.30 & join others after sailing for tea

Monday 31st May BBQ Lunch 12.30 Put your name on the list which will be on the Clubhouse notice board from 11th May, if you want a ticket for the BBQ, or email judith_carter@hotmail.com. Tickets are £6 for adults, £3 for children. Please let me know if you are able to help with serving or can prepare a salad.

Saturday 12th June Moules Frites or Chicken & Chips, more nearer the time.

Quilting A beautiful double bed quilt is nearly finished & looks spectacular, thanks to many hours of sewing by Pat Boaden & a group of helpers. Raffle tickets will be available from June at a £1 a ticket. The Draw Date will be Saturday 11th September. We aim to sell a thousand so need lots of people to sell tickets. Please email me if you are willing to sell tickets. Profits will go to the Village Hall Restoration Fund. The Quilt will be displayed in the Clubhouse in June.

Spring Clean at the Clubhouse A big thank you to Pat Boaden, Liz Gordon, Jean Bland, Jenny Moon & Karen Grattan who helped me clean everything in the kitchen & Kay Coomber helped Phil Legge clean everything behind the bar. We also took various pieces of junk, old magazines books etc to the recycling centre, turned out the Ladies Changing Room & the cupboards in the Lobby. Please help by keeping these areas tidy. *Judith*

Test Your Nautical Knowledge - F

What is the phrase describing sailing close to the wind with all sails filled but not as close as close hauled? Answer on page 4.