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**This 'n That**

• **Quilting Exhibition** Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th August, 11—4pm at Brookend, Harefield Cottages. Lympstone. We will be displaying & selling raffle tickets for the Quilt at a special Exhibition of Quilting which will be held over the above weekend. Quilts & quilted items will be on display. Entry will be £1 to include entry to a draw on the day. Teas will be available in the Sailing Club Marquee. Spread the word to come and visit. A Village Hall fundraising event.

• **Curry Night- Saturday 24th July**, contact Stephen Pope, 2 7 9 7 7 4 , spope@dsfire.gov.uk for tickets or sign up on the list on the Club notice board

• **Answer to p3 question:** Hull Down

• **Apologies** for no images from the Honda RYA Youth Rib Championship this month—failure of the mains power supply to my main laptop meant that I could not access the files before going-to-print deadline.



Kids' Fun Sail — see p.3

**Diary Dates**

Sat	10 Jul	LSC Regatta see p.3
Sun	11 Jul	Tea moved to 10 July
Sat	24 Jul	Curry Night
Sat	7 Aug	Furry Dance - After Sail Pizza & Fun Sail are cancelled because these clash with Furry Dance
	30 Aug	French Breakfast

**For Sale : GP14**

Norman Cann, a longstanding member (founding member?) of the Club is wishing to sell his **GP 14**. sail number 10297, an old grp model. Full set of sails plus an extra small jib boom-up cover, combi-trailer in good condition, all for £300 tel: 01392/877233



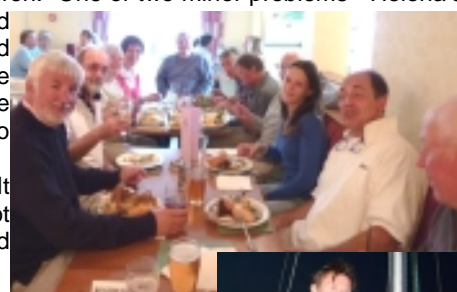
# Lympstone Sailing Club

## July 2010 Newsletter

**Chandis Cup 2010**

Conditions for the 0930 start of the race were ideal with a predominantly NE-ly giving a star-board reach the whole way to Brixham although as usual, the wind would drop after the Ore Stone making the leg across Torbay ponderous, though a couple of knots were maintained. Unfortunately two boats found themselves downwind of the leeward end of the startline, giving themselves an added handicap that split the fleet even at the start. Though Helena made the best start, she was soon overtaken by Alba II & Merlin who for an hour or so sailed together before closer attention to sail setting saw the latter draw ahead. Meanwhile, Jesta had made a tardy start & an even tardier effective deployment of her spinnaker but across Babbacombe Bay, she simply streaked through the fleet & disappeared across Torbay to take line honours whilst the remainder trickled into Brixham over the next hour & a quarter with tail-end Charlie coming in at 1345. Already there to greet us on the Events pontoon were White Lady & Valkyrie, bring our number to 7. The afternoon was variously spent seeing the sights, wandering the town & in the case of your Editor, sleeping in the sunshine in the cockpit of Merlin. An evening meal in the harbourside Prince William Restaurant was followed by a walk up to the Brixham Yacht Club for after dinner libations, with a great view across Torbay. On Sunday morning crews did their own thing, most visiting the French market for goodies for lunch whilst Merlin took advantage of the decent wind to visit the R. Dart venturing upstream as far as Dittisham. Meanwhile the Lympstone-bound Brixham mob left earlier than usual due to the forecast indicating increasing strength of S-ly winds. This proved to be a good call as the wind & sea conditions became difficult from the Orestone back to the Safe Water Mark off Exmouth. Helena recorded 7.2 knots at one point & we were constantly trying to avoid uncontrolled gibes, whilst surfing with the waves, whilst Merlin sailed from Dartmouth to Exe buoy in 4 hours noting 7.9knots. The approach to Exmouth was lumpy until we got behind the Warren. One or two minor problems - Helena's engine stopped in the estuary but as luck would have it, Adam Butt was out in his RIB so helped us to a temporary mooring. A blocked fuel line was cleared so continued to mooring. White Lady had problems with her rigging which was to require attention later.

Many thanks to all those who participated. It was an enjoyable weekend ending with a not uncommon sting in the tail which made one glad to be safe & sound on terra firma.

**Rory & Cookie Have Arrived: Newport!**

I do hope many members have been enjoying the unfolding story of Rory & Cookie's experiences as they cross the North Atlantic in the 2010 Jester Challenge from Plymouth, Devon to Newport, Rhode Island, USA <http://roryandcookie.blogspot.com/>. It has been an exciting month with Rory & Cookie after being becalmed just off Nantucket Island & at the mercy of strong currents finished the Challenge a mere 2.5 hours behind Igor Zaretskiy in a Peterson 25 from a starting fleet of 24 & 32 days at sea. Fantastic! Anyone wanting to crew for him on the return leg, contact the Editor.



Photo: Dave de la Cour

Rory berthed Newport, RI

## Honda RYA Youth Rib Championship Falmouth 19th June 2010

Falmouth is steeped in maritime history; the third deepest natural harbour in the world. Lieutenant Lapenotiere landed at Falmouth from *HM Schooner Pickle* to carry his famous dispatch from Vice Admiral Collingwood to London.

The daring Saint Nazaire raid (*The greatest raid of all*) began from Falmouth and is commemorated there with a poignant memorial in which the five Victoria Crosses awarded are signified with five Victoria Cross facsimiles set in the pavement.

With this background seven excited junior Lympstone Sailing Club members arrived at the Falmouth Watersports Centre together with contestants from across the region to take part in the Regional Heat. The L-shaped course had been laid in the Inner Harbour close to Kings Jetty beside the Maritime Museum. The conditions were calm and sunny with a gentle northerly breeze. The event commenced in earnest, after a delayed start, to enable a ponderous floating Gin Palace to get out of the Fairway!

At the end of the afternoon we adjourned to enjoy the hospitality of the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club, on their lawn overlooking the Penryn River & to hear the results. Our youngsters acquitted themselves well despite some stiff competition. The haul of medals was 1

RIB 1 8-12 age group			
Position	Contestant	Club	Time
1 gold	Harry Wright	LSC	1' 30.4"
2 silver	Ted Hatcher	Royal Cornwall YC	1' 57.4"
3 bronze	George Turgoose	LSC	2' 10.0"
RIB 2 13-16 age group			
1 gold	Jordon Hanley	Tamar River SC	1' 28.3"
2 silver	Tom Pryor	LSC	1' 28.7"
3 bronze	Jamie Dawson	LSC	1' 37.6"

gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze, plus a Commodore's cap. All participants were given certificates. The medal winners were also given a bag of goodies. Lucia Ellis was awarded the Commodore's Cap for the best drenching of the long suffering bow-man! In addition Harry will be representing the South West Region at the National finals at the Southampton Boat Show on 12 Sept. Well done Harry! I hope there will be a goodly contingent from Lympstone to cheer him on.

Congratulations to all our competitors (George Collett, Jamie Dawson, Lucia Ellis, Jack Mahoney, Tom Pryor, George Turgoose & Harry Wright), we are very proud of your efforts. Thank you. They & all the parents involved thank the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club for their hospitality & in particular David Stewart & the Organising Team.

We left Falmouth after a very happy day with the strains of vigorous Sea Shanties ringing in our ears. A rascalion of Shantymen were performing all over town; the Exmouth Shantymen amongst them!

*Brian Ridge*

### Editor's Entry

I am aware of the fact that as I am no longer a dinghy sailor, the main racing activity of the Club, namely dinghy racing, is not adequately reported, if at all, in this Newsletter. Of course the results are posted on the website promptly and the section captains do send emails to participants. This however excludes the majority of members from reading about the thrills & spills of our dinghy racing, which after all is the mainstay of our boating activity. I therefore invite any of the regular participants to email to me either regular or occasional accounts or anecdotes from their activities. It need not be long, as you can gauge from these pages. Photographs too are welcome.

Meanwhile, the longest day has passed, so make the most of it whilst it lasts!

## Kids' Fun Race

A sunny & breezy Sunday saw five dinghies & two day boats join in the kids fun race. The course was set as a conventional triangle, with the first leg aiming for the Commodore's rib, from which – less traditionally - balloons were released, to be retrieved & handed out to safety boat 1 to complete the second leg. (When this becomes an Olympic event, remember it was invented here first!) Right from the start, it became clear that getting close to the other boats & making their crew as wet as possible was one of the main objectives. The OOD was so distracted by the various antics involved that she completely failed to notice which boat completed the course first! However, she wishes to make special commendations for junior Mirror helming & highest number of balloons retrieved (Lucia Ellis & Simon Adams), most pirate-like behaviour (Tom Pryor) & the variety of wetting implements being used – water guns (brandished by a very determined Ian Sword & sister Heather), bottles (Pryor & Lowery crews), sponges (Candy crews) & paddles (Simons 1 & 2). There were even allegations of a "naughty safety boat" joining in with bailers.

Once all balloons had been caught, wet & smiley sailors retired to the Clubhouse to replenish their energy levels with ice-creams, cakes & crisps. A combination of sugar, sun & tea even resulted in ideas for the junior part of the LSC Regatta programme being put together.

Overall, a very enjoyable way to spend a Sunday afternoon for all involved.

## River Exe Regatta – It's Almost Here!

The first weekend of July (3rd & 4th July) sees this year's River Exe Regatta. There is dinghy racing on both days, this time in the river. The fast fleet will start from the Starcross line, whilst the slower dinghies will race further down river, off buoy 19. There will be three races on Saturday & two on Sunday. More details can be found on the Regatta website [www.river-exe-regatta.org.uk](http://www.river-exe-regatta.org.uk), including how to register your boat & the Sailing Instructions for each dinghy fleet. Fleets are partitioned according to the PY numbers. Registering is free, so go on, register & join the band of boats representing LSC. It's a great experience sailing in a large fleet. The cruisers will be busy too with a course out in Lyme Bay on both days. Again Sailing Instructions are on the Regatta website.

This year Topsham, the organising Club, will host the Saturday night party from 1930 with food, a bar & a live band. Don't forget that the famous Regatta tea & prize giving will also take place at Topsham from 1630 on Sunday. Pick up your programme from the LSC bar.

## LSC Regatta – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010

- 1300: Cricket Match on Cliff Field  
Kids & Adults are encouraged to dress up as pirates, mermaids, anything nautical
- 1500: Mini Raft Building for Kids
- 1500: Treasure Hunt for Kids
- 1600: Tea
- 1700: Kids Fun Sailing Race followed by an organised capsized and swim ashore
- 1800: SAIL PAST- if it floats get out with your craft for the Sail Past  
BLING YOUR BOAT COMPETITION  
Decorate your craft for the Sail Past, the whackier and glitzier the better
- 1900: Jousting in the Brook
- 1900: Crabbing
- 1900: Pimms on the Balcony
- 2000: BBQ

## Test Your Nautical Knowledge - H

A distant vessel, of which only her masts and superstructure can be seen above the horizon Answer on page 4.