

**Editorial matters**

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**This 'n That**

- Answer from question on p.2: Tumblehome: description of hull shape when viewed in a transverse section, where the widest part of the hull is somewhat below deck level.

**Good With Food**

Fish & Chip Supper at the Club on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Two sittings - at 7.30 & 8.15 pm. Tickets £6 from Liz Gordon 01395 263954. Includes mushy peas, bread & butter, salt & vinegar & red or brown sauce. Sausage & Chips £3. Many thanks to all those who have prepared or served food over the last month - too many to mention but greatly appreciated.

**Website Wobble?**

Apologies for the non-update of our website with racing results for the last month or so. My guru is away so more of the same until July I'm afraid. *Ed.*

**Diary Dates**

Fri	1 Jul	1930	Fish & Chip Supper
S/S	2/3 Jul	0900	? Sail Coaching
Sun	3 Jul	0900	Junior Honda RIB Challenge
S/S	9/10 Jul	1200	Exe Regatta
Sun	10 Jul	1100	Sea Sunday
Wed	13 Jul		No evening meal!
S/S	30/31 Jul		Turf barbecue & camp
Tue	2/3 Aug	1930	I have had no information on this so I'm not sure if it is an alternative to the above event, or whether it is a separate event - look out on Notice-board & e-mails
Sat	6 Aug	1030	Try a Boat - Furry Dance

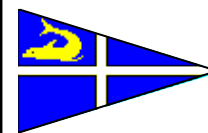
**Dinghy Park Notice**

Dinghy Park - use it or lose it. Midsummer is here & the dinghy park should be full. There seem to be too many empty spaces, so if you've paid for a spot please bring you dinghy down. At the start of July we intend to move boats around to free up some more space for those on the waiting list. Sam & Brett

**Skittlers**

All Dolphins & Lympets skittlers are invited to Starcross F&C Club on **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> Sept** (time TBA) for the Exe Estuary Skittles League presentation evening. A warm welcome, cheap beer & good food are assured. *Diana*

Whilst the Harbour Board are planning the craning ashore of boats in October, a 6-wheeler crane was used at the Norman Lockyer Observatory, in June, to lift a brand new 1 tonne fibreglass dome onto its similarly new building. The dome floats on an annulus of water for ease of rotation. When the building is complete, a 20-inch Newtonian telescope awaits installation.



# Lympstone Sailing Club

## July 2011 Newsletter

**Squires Trophy Race Report by Gregory Candy**

On Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> June, a small fleet of 15 boats, 5 of which came from LSC, raced in an exciting Squires 2011. On a day when the wind kept changing direction & the flag on the committee boat couldn't keep in the same position, only a disappointing 13 boats finished in what was an excellent race. After a brilliant day's sailing we were all treated to a delicious afternoon tea, had a look at the photographer's lovely photos & found out the all important results. Many thanks to the safety boat crews for providing great cover, to the galley crew & everyone who made cakes, to Don for giving us the results & to Chris Cooke & Team (including me) for running the race. Finally, well done to Jerry & Jenny for being LSC's best placed boat, finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place, as well as to all the crews representing our Club.

**CHANDIS 2011**

The weather forecast for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June was promising with sunshine & a brisk N/NW'ly for our annual Club cruiser pilgrimage to Brixham for which a course via Teignmouth outfall & seaward of the Ore Stone was set. It didn't take long for Dragonfly to show us her stern while Jesta, Lazy B & Merlin sailed happily along in close company for a while, each taking different tacks when past the Ore Stone. A following wind with a few whisker poles out & a glimpse of at least one spinnaker (short lived) saw us off Brixham breakwater by early afternoon, by which time the wind was becoming very light & variable.

Seven Club cruisers were accompanied by motor boats Lady Jane (Bob Spencer) & Vegas (Alfie Beer) plus Curlew, Richard acting as always as photographer, standby & liaison between boats. Crewing aboard White Lady (Chas), Bret Candy was enjoying his first cruiser event & has threatened to come back for more! Yule Tide (Mike Gall) & Alba II (Adrian Ashton) completed the course with Dragonfly (Chris Cooke), White Lady (Chas McL-Wiggin), Jesta (Sam Watts), Lazy B (Roger Howell) & Merlin (Alan Hoare) remaining in contention. Once in the marina we were joined by Silver Bear (Ray Lawry) & several wives during the afternoon & evening. A good social mix from the Club is what we were hoping for & I believe we managed to achieve this.

Our evening meal for 24 members was very well catered for by Brixham Yacht Club with the added bonus of a firework display in the harbour courtesy of the end of Brixham Heritage Week. Sunday saw a cooler overcast day with predictions of N'ly winds of 4/5 forecast. With one or two boats having left early, the bulk of the fleet departed early afternoon with a good N'ly breeze. Sadly the predicted winds died away, leaving most to motor back the final half only to be caught in a deluge of rain when entering the estuary. However everyone arrived back safely so, a big thank you to all who joined in & a special thanks to Brixham Yacht Club who did us proud in the catering stakes. *Alan Hoare Cruiser Capt.*

*It gives me pleasure to record here the grateful thanks to Alan, our new Cruiser Captain, on behalf of all who partook & thoroughly enjoyed this excellent weekend, thanks to his hard work in preparation. I gather that he has plans for an even better event next year Ed.*

## LSC Event for All: 30/31 July

Have you noticed that there has been a concerted effort to include more Club multi-boating section activity in the Programme? So far we have had Cruiser & Motorboats converge on Brixham for a splendid meal at the Yacht Club (see Chandis report page 1) & overnight stay. Sadly, only cruisers partook of the Babbacombe day out (page 3), however the next big event is billed in the Programme as the Tony Clark Cruise to Turf. However, this is planned to be a comprehensive weekend of boating, barbecuing & camping. Firstly from 0900 on Sat. 30<sup>th</sup>, cruisers & dayboats spend a day offshore returning to Turf at 1830. Meanwhile dinghies will join them there for an on-shore BBQ. Of course, Turf can be reached by foot, cycle & vehicle to nearby carpark, so there is no reason why even those without a boat or those without the necessary time could not join us there. This is surely a great opportunity to have some fun together! Please see the Notices in the Club to signify your interest.

*Alan Hoare Cruiser Capt.*

## Dayboat Dabblings

So much for *Flaming June* - but at least the gardeners amongst us are happier! A fairly boisterous month but with some good sailing despite heavy showers on occasion. July offers three programmed DB events, starting with the third Jenkins Cup race on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>. No evening meal on 13<sup>th</sup> by the way. Dayboats are then invited to join the cruiser sail to Torquay over the weekend 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> (in the hope of more settled, summery weather by then) & a further 'day out' in company with the cruisers & doubtless some of the motor boats on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>, returning if wished to join in the programmed LSC BBQ on return at Turf and, tides dictate, overnighing there. Please keep an eye on the Club Noticeboard about arrangements as Alan Hoare will need to know numbers for the BBQ, etc. Happy sailing

*John B*

## Offshore Cruiser Events – Roger's Ruminations

The three events so far this season have been very different. The Dart Challenge organised by Topsham SC was a force 4 to 5 beat, dead to windward. The slow fleet (PY1200+) of 13 boats, took ~5 hours to reach Dartmouth & only 3 minutes separated the first three boats on corrected time. Being the only single handed boat, a few beers seemed in order followed by an early night. All was fine until 0200 when one of the inner boats on the pontoon decided there were too many boats rafted up outside him - it was blowing a gale together with a fine drizzle. As I motored slowly up the Dart at 0230, together with what for me was a skin-full of beer, it struck me how easy it is to get the wrong side of the law! Some gale force gusts on the trip home completed a satisfying shake down to the start of the season.

For a complete contrast the Chandis race to Brixham was a run & broad reach with the wind fading at the finish. Thanks to Alan's arrangements LSC filled the Brixham YC dining room for a most enjoyable evening. What sticks in my mind? Probably Chris (a chartered accountant) at full stretch for ten minutes working out Ed's wine bill!

The sail in company to Babbacombe was well supported & most boats managed to sail both ways. The normally ever present Curlew did not materialise to provide a water taxi service so only three members made it ashore, the rest relaxing on board in the sunshine. What sticks in my mind? Eating an ice cream outside the café on the front, Martin suddenly remembered he had walked out of the pub without paying for lunch. Soon rectified. Senior moments seem to be getting more frequent!

*Roger Howell*

## Test Your Nautical Knowledge

What is tumblehome? Answer on page 4.

## Babbacombe Day Sail

After a postponement from the previous day awaiting better conditions, six LSC cruisers made the Exe Safety Mark for a 1030 start to Babbacombe on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June. With a W'ly 2/3 for the first few miles, we sailed along in company apart from Scoosh (Richard de la Rue) who whipped into overdrive very quickly in ideal conditions for a multi-hull. Thereafter, he became a mere dot on the horizon & due to distance & reception difficulties with his VHF, missed a decision to leave Ore Stone to starboard before arrival at Babbacombe. Subsequently, with winds freshening & backing S/SW'ly, White Lady (Chas McL-W), Big Ben (Tony Gratton) & Merlin (Alan Hoare) rounded the rock & met up with Helena (Don Govan), Lazy B (Roger Howell), Scoosh & Dorwynd (Ron Gordon having made a late start), already ensconced in the quiet lee off Babbacombe by 1400. Interestingly, several scuba divers were entertaining themselves underwater as one or two of us crept in to anchor. No points were on offer for hitting one with an anchor so we were very diligent!

Scoosh (Richard & Martin Hebdige), having arrived ahead of everyone else, were already enjoying their lunch ashore with the one inflatable & leaving the rest to enjoy our lunches on board (bad planning men!) However, it gave Tony Gratton aboard Big Ben the opportunity of some late 'pre-season' preparation work in the afternoon sunshine.

For some of us it was our first visit to Babbacombe & impressed we were with six mooring buoys available & quite idyllic in a good lee & plenty of sunshine.

By 1700 after a lazy lunch & rest, the last of us had left to enjoy a brisk mainly S/SW'ly breeze for the homeward leg with everyone all fast back in Lymptstone by 2030.

Not the warmest of days approaching the Summer Solstice but the rain held off & we did have some sunshine & more importantly, fair winds.

In conclusion, a good sail there & a good sail back, followed by a debrief in the pub over a pint was the end of a good day out for all involved.

*Alan Hoare Cruiser Captain*

## Commodore's Corner

Time does fly. It only seems a couple of days ago that I was penning my last missive although much has happened since, which probably accounts for the apparent rapid passage of time. Despite the demands of work, boating has taken a leading role lately as I'm sure it has for many. All the fleets have taken full advantage of every opportunity to get on the water. Dinghies have been out in force, though I note there are still some yet to appear in the boat park (see page 4 Ed). We have hosted the Squires. Junior sailing has been a great success. The cruisers have raced to Brixham joined by the powerboats & a great day out to Babbacombe was had by seven boats & their crews. Add to that the visit of four coast-hopping Silhouettes from Teignmouth & a range of on-shore entertainments, that adds up to a busy month. July & August on the horizon with the promise of some great water activities on the cards. Bring it on I say – see you on the water.

## A Personal Thank You

We would like to thank the Club for giving us a surprise dinner on my retirement as training Co-ordinator & especially for the great gifts which we will treasure. A dolphin bottle opener from the junior members & a compass from the senior members. We no longer have an excuse for losing our bearings!

*Brian & Daphne Ridge*

## Editor's Entry

My recent experience with Curlew accompanying the Chandis fleet pointed up a valuable lesson; short trips in the estuary can mask developing problems which a longer trip will fully reveal, namely a slow leak via a keel bolt & a reduction in engine cooling water flow, which under certain throttle settings produced overheating. Neither of which prevented me from responding to a radio request to stand by in case Yule Tide required a tow into Brixham with similar overheating. Blind leading the blind?! 4 more editions to go & counting! Ed.