

Editorial matters

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Diary Dates

Sat	29 Oct	1930	Whiskeys & Cognacs
Fri	11 Nov	1900	Prizegiving & Spuddle - note start time
Sun	13 Nov	tba	First of Winter Walk Series - page 1
Fri	18 Nov	1930	AGM
Fri	2 Dec	1930	National Coastwatch Institution Talk
Sat	3 Dec	1930	Cocktails - RNLI & LSC below
Fri	23 Dec	1930	Mince pies & Mulled Wine

Social Activities**Saturday 29 October from 1930**

Enjoy a tasting night of Fine, aged & Rare Whiskeys & Cognacs. Plus a team & individual competitions for prizes

Try over 20 select & rare whiskeys from around the world plus a selection of rare French Cognacs & learn all about these ancient & noble drinks & how & why they are so different. Each bottle worth from £25 to hundreds of £'s Learn about the process, making, maturing & tasting of these great drinks, & answer questions about them throughout & at the end!.... so not too much to drink, or you may forget the answers!! Individual Winner - wins a bottle of fine whisky, Team (max 4) - win a mixed case of Ale from one of Britain's Finest brewers Price £10 per ticket, phone Alison on 274112 to book (so we have a rough idea of numbers!) Proceeds to The C group charity - helping all Royal Marines in need

Saturday 3rd December

Enjoy dressing up? - Support the RNLI & your Club by enjoying some wonderful cocktails. £10 a ticket which includes your first two drinks. Phone Alison on 274112 to book your ticket to give us an idea of numbers.

Clubnight: Winter Season of Talks

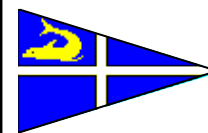
Friday December 2, 1930 for 1945, Coastwatch - Eyes & Ears on the Coast. Ever wondered what the National Coastwatch Institution do? Come along to what promises to be a fascinating talk by the local team for a chance to find out.

This 'n That

- Have you seen the **Chandis Cup**? Missing for several years. Take a look on your mantlepiece & bring it along to the Spuddle if you find it to earn the gratitude of the Sailing Committee.
- Collapsible plastic **laser trolley** - free to a good home. Contact Brett Candy
- Have you discovered **lifejackets** or any other things that don't belong to you once you have unpacked at home? Don't delay, tell the Editor for an inclusion here, or put a notice in the Club.
- **Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2-5 June 2012.** I'm sure the Club could put on an event in keeping with the occasion rather than races. Evening tides. There is an ideas meeting at the Village Hall 1930 29 November. Ideas to the Commodore please, so that we have a plan for the 2012 Sailing Programme.

Quiz Answers

- **Xebec:** A three-masted sailing ship of the Mediterranean.
- **Yoke:** A bar mounted across the top of the rudderpost having lines running forward for steering canoes and kayaks
- **Zulu** - a fitting word to end my Editorial hegemony. Farewell



Lymptstone Sailing Club

November 2011 Newsletter

Craning Ashore

This year's craning ashore proceeded according to a better plan in a calm atmosphere without incident & in good conditions. Many vessels large & small were previously stranded overnight in the brook or on the slipway, as was the crane on the hard. This latter innovation was brought about so that crane movements through the village would take place in daylight. Considering the plentiful evidence of thoughtless driving that one witnesses in the village daily, the escorting of the crane by a warning vehicle through the village helps to minimise difficulties. Thoughtlessness even extended to pedestrians this year, putting themselves at risk amongst heavy moving machinery. This lack of awareness of danger requires ever more vigilance from those assisting the operations & may require greater controlling powers to counteract the apparent lack of common sense from the general public. Don't blame the organisers if this comes to pass! Thank you Harbour Board & associates for providing this service to the boating community of Lymptstone. A comment heard that it seemed to be going slowly should not be taken pejoratively. Vessels received 'gentler' treatment during lifting whilst the placement of blocks & chocks should never become a rushed phase. Well done one & all, not forgetting the retiring Bacon Butties Crew, who once again kept the inner man (mankind) fed watered & warm. Volunteers please for April.

AGM

Reminder – this year's AGM is on Friday 18th November. Please come down & give your support. Bar opens 19:30 - closes just for duration of AGM. The agenda is posted at the Club with nomination lists which YOU may add your name to with signatures of 2 other members willing to nominate & second you for a position on the General Committee. Club members who wish to, may put themselves forward to fill gaps or compete for positions with names already listed. There are also non-committee roles which can help the smooth running of the Club. So if you have a little time or particular skills and would like to lend a hand and get more involved, please volunteer.

Prizegiving & Spuddle Friday 11th Nov. 7 for 7.30pm

Come to Prize Giving on the Friday 11th November to receive or applaud the winners of the season's sailing trophies (nobody knows who will be the recipient of the Darling Trophy). Bring your comments on the Sailing Programme this year & any suggestions for next. Thirdly, BRING A PLATE of sweet or savoury food for after the meeting. It should be a good evening to celebrate the achievements of the 2011 sailing season & importantly to thank in person, all those who have worked hard to make it all happen. Note the start time.

Sunday Winter Walks Programme

13 Nov	John & Margaret. Probably Knowle - Bystock Ponds area
4 Dec	Guy & Jean. Blue Boar, North of Sidbury & vicinity
15 Jan	Ian & Terri. Location t.b.a;
19 Feb	Alistair & Barbara. Location t.b.a;
11 Mar	Tony & Viv. 'Green walk', Barnstaple line?
25 Mar	Jenny Moon. A longer walk (~ 8mi, with picnic lunch) - <i>apologies from Martin, Ed!</i>

Thanks to all who came to the planning meeting & to walk leaders.

John Bennett

This Editor's Last Entry

So, another season ends with my hopes of exploring further west than the Dart in Curlew unfulfilled for yet another year! Mind you, what with needing to visit the boat regularly to keep the battery charged since she latterly developed a leak, I see that I have been aboard 3 dozen times this season, a record! And not necessarily just to charge the battery, last but not one outing I came across a kitesurfer mid-estuary with insufficient wind to operate so I picked him up; he had mates in similar straights dotted around the estuary so the battery had had a good charge by the time I had deposited all 5 at Topsham. Next outing, I ended up towing one of our cruiser from mooring to the brook, so never an idle moment! But returning to unfulfilled hopes, so what? No harm done! Perhaps next year? Well, I will not have a monthly Editorial commitment for a start - you will realise dear reader, that this is my last Newsletter. So after 93 editions, you can see them all on the website or thanks to our previous Secretary Brian Ridge, most of them in colour print in the Clubhouse, I hand over to our new Editor, Margaret Turgoose. I wish her plentiful copy; her task will be made much easier if those with responsibilities for Club sections & social activities automatically report their activities to her as part of their wrap-up of events. Being retired, I have had time to spend on the Editorial task, whereas from now on, contributors will need to be sharper as this is no longer the case with your new Editor! Any Member with a short story to tell is encouraged to do so at any time. It is your Club's Newsletter, so why not use it more for lost, found, for sale & wanted more! No charge to Members! Will I miss it? Yes undoubtedly, but of course I can always continue to record the odd Curlew incident, which the Editor may or may not choose to use. I look forward to reading the December Newsletter fresh from an e-mail, never having seen a word of it beforehand! Many thanks for your contributions & expressions of support over the years.

Richard Crisp

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How often do you look at our website? What information would you like to see there? How would you like to see it develop? Would you look to it more frequently if you knew it was updated both as a source of upcoming (in say the week ahead) information, as well as brief reports with photos of each Club activity day by day? If so, what guidelines should be established to maintain interest in the monthly Newsletter readers who also read the website? How would it relate to Chris Cooke's emails? As no other volunteer has come forward, your retiring Newsletter Editor has been given the green light to continue maintaining the Club website & to develop a new look with new software over the next 12 months, which may help to cover up his inadequacies in website manipulation & the uploading of photographs under the present system. These things may be discussed at the Spuddle or elsewhere, but unless a steer is given, you know who, will just plough on making his own judgments on such issues.

If the website becomes a more universally used point for News, information updates & resource for Members, then we might be able to reduce further the number of printed Newsletters that have to be created & distributed. Rest assured, however, those with no internet connection will continue to receive their paper copy. I would remind Members that internet-based Newsletters are in colour, can be stored & enlarged.....

Please send any comment direct to me: r{at}rgtcrisp.plus.com. Note that I use {at} instead of @ in e-mail addresses to fool the automatic e-mail picking spammers.

Test Your Nautical Knowledge

1. How many masts does a Xebec have?
2. Where would you find a yoke in a boat?
3. What is the word for Greenwich Mean Time?

Tough Choices

Members of the Exe Estuary Partnership in particular, but all are alerted to Devon County Council's *Tough Choices Roadshow*, which is now on the go again. However, the results of last year's debate showed very little public concern about spending on environmental issues, although its not clear if this truly reflected public opinion in Devon. If you are concerned about environmental issues in our future, I would encourage you to indicate so in your participation in this year's debate. Environmental issues are covered by the Countryside service within Devon County Council. 15 November 1830 Exmouth, Elizabeth Hall is the nearest, but there are others. More information at www.toughchoices.co.uk

Motor Boat Captain

Good grief, what happened to this season? I need to remember this feeling now to prompt me to plan more next year. Other than a trip to Brixham & several to Turf it seems we never managed to coordinate the weather with days off. Nonetheless, I know many of the motor boat section have plenty of work we put off last year to undertake during the winter.

The highlight of the year has to have been the Junior Honda RIB Challenge. The standard seems to get better each year but with the amount of LSC juniors taking part I am sure we could be real contenders to win the amazing Honda RIB for the Club.

I know a few of us will be keeping our boats in the water or putting them back a little sooner than the craning afloat so hopefully we may yet catch some pleasant days on the water, even if it is only a potter on the Exe. Let's hope the winter is kind & quickly over & we can do it all again next year.

Bob

PS On behalf of the Motor Boat section real thanks to Richard as Editor! One of the unsung heroes of LSC! BEST WISHES

Commodore's Corner

Well folks – there it is. The season has been & now gone as dinghies have departed for snug nooks in gardens, outbuildings & corners of fields & the cruisers stand proud like sentinels against the oncoming winter weather or like beached whales desperately in need of water around them - whichever your view. Either way the summer season is now behind us & the winter programme of Clubhouse social activities is what we have to look forward to until craning afloat next year. Our appreciation must once again extend to the Harbour Board & all involved in the craning. After a justifiably slow start as Greame & Alan made sure their new layout plan got underway efficiently all those due to air their hulls to the world were raised & lowered safely onto the hard. What luxury this year as we find ourselves with plenty of room around all of us to tackle those much needed internal & external jobs in prep for next season. Add to that, the bacon butty sustenance during the lifting activities (I succumbed to three!!!) & the excellent craning ashore supper laid on by Alison & her hidden army of galley crew. – what a way to end our season! Sailing may be finished but tinkering never does. Bring it on..... Looking ahead Liz Wells is hard at work planning our program of winter talks, Skittlers have started skittling, Mariners will be munching on a weekly basis & the regulars will be recounting salty tales at the bar on a Friday evening. Add to that the fine brown spirit & cocktail tasting events being run by Alan Holding, the Prize giving & Spuddle on Friday 11th Nov (*come & give your views on what you want from YOUR club*) followed closely by the AGM on the 18th gives us quite an interesting start to our winter season. Do cast your eyes over the notice board in the Clubhouse now & again for notes of interest. One in particular will be the list of candidates for your committee to be elected at the AGM. If you feel you would like to put a little back why not pop your name in one of the boxes. More than one candidate can be nominated for each post so don't feel you have missed the boat if the space already has a name in it. Finally my appreciation to our parting Editor, Richard Crisp, with this his final newsletter after many years at the keyboard on our behalf. See you all around the Club.