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Lympstone Sailing Club Newsletter

Editorial matters

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This 'n That

- Lifeboat box was emptied on 22.2.80 of £23.64. Thanks

Diary Dates

Sat	2 Mar	1100	Starcross Steamer Pursuit race
Thu	20 Mar	1930	Dolphins' Supper
Mon	7 Apr	0700	Craning Aloft
Sa/Su	28/29 June		Exe Regatta
Sat	18 Oct		Craning Ashore

Slipway Water

Owing to passing cyclists misusing the water supply on the slipway, the water has been turned off until further notice. LFHB

Wanted

Outboard motor 3/4 HP standard shaft, integral tank: David Charles 01395 264359

<<cont'd from page 2 & 1>> about 3 hours & is free. Secondly, a weekend **beginners adult course** is planned for PB1 & PB2. Experienced boaters can achieve PB2 in one weekend but beginners will probably need more practice on the water to pass the PB2 test circuit. Cost of course £30. Thirdly a weekend PB1 & PB2 **course for Juniors & Scouts** is planned. It is hoped that some of the youngsters who obtained the PB1 certificate last year will be ready to tackle the PB2 test circuit. Cost of course £20.

Fourthly, depending on demand an **adult PB2/Safety course** will be available. Finally an **end of season Power Boat course** is planned for those who did not do an earlier course. Priority will be given to those who sent in their requirements on the 2007 training update form, thereafter on a first come first served basis. Let the Training Co-ordinator (275432) know as soon as possible if you wish to book a place.
Brian Ridge Training Co-ordinator

PB REFRESHER

Dates	Venue	Start time	HW
Sunday 30 th March or	Lympstone	10.00	HW 12.20 (2.4)
Saturday 12 th April	Lympstone	10.00	HW 11.54 (2.9)

PB1/2 BEGINNERS ADULT COURSE (Course 1)

Dates	Venue	Start time	HW
Saturday 10 th May	Lympstone	09.00	HW 11.02 (3.4)
Sunday 11 th May	Lympstone	10.00	HW 11.58 (3.0)

PB1/2 JUNIOR COURSE (INCLUDING SCOUTS) (Course 2)

Dates	Venue	Start time	HW
Saturday 14 th June	Lympstone	14.00	HW 16.18 (2.9)
Sunday 15 th June	Lympstone	15.00	HW 17.11 (3.1)

PB2/ SAFETY ADULT COURSE (Course 3)

Dates	Venue	Start time	HW
Saturday 6 th Sept	Lympstone	09.00	HW 10.48 (3.2)
Sunday 7 th Sept	Lympstone	09.30	HW 11.21(2.9)

END OF SEASON PB2 COURSE (Course 4)

Dates	Venue	Start time	HW
Saturday 11 th October	Lympstone	15.00	HW 16.50 (3.2)
Sunday 12 th October	Lympstone	16.00	HW 17.41(3.6)



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Club House Refurbishment

Some of you will have noticed the gaping hole that has appeared where the storage cupboard used to be – Not intended to be a permanent feature but the start of a refurbishment programme to give our clubhouse a bit of a well-earned face-lift. The cupboard has been reshaped (many thanks to Alan Dixon who supported me with his carpentry skills, good humour and a trailer load of heavy duty DIY tools) to allow for better storage both above and inside - but this is only the start. We will be looking to attack a number of long overdue jobs over the coming months not least of which will be a lick of paint around the place. Anyone out there with a bit of time on their hands and willing to

wield a paint brush or a tool of any kind should get in touch with me so I can get some idea as to who we can call on when the time arises. Those of you on email keep an eye on your inbox's – and rally to the call to arms when it comes. When it does please don't be backwards in coming forward.

Also don't forget to let me know if you notice anything needing attention around the clubhouse. As your 'House Rep' I can only look into problems if I know they exist. Get in touch on: Tel 01395276368 or Email mclennan-wiggin@lineone.net Chas:

Annual General Meeting

The New Roles of Committee Members are:

Commodore	Rosemary Maltby	275752
Vice Commodore	Mike Gall	
Rear Commodore	Ron Gordon	
Treasurer	Don Govan	266697
Secretary	Brian Ridge	275432
Membership Sec	David Moss-Gibbons	275782
Sailing Secretary	Ian Smith	222136
Dinghy Captain	Jeremy Chew	
Dayboat Captain	John Bennett	
Cruiser Captain	Don Govan	
Bar	Ron Gordon	
House	Chas McLennan-Wiggin	276368
Social / Catering	Judith Carter	
Communication & Training	Chris Cooke	
Junior Liaison & Training	Chris Batson	
New member Liaison	Gavin Lowery	
Newsletter & Website	Richard Crisp*	273211
Duty Roster	John Balding*	

* = not a Committee member

Training Matters

The Training Sub-committee have responded to demand by arranging several sail training & power boat training events as detailed below.

Sail Training

In the absence of Alan Harwood, David Moss-Gibbons has kindly agreed to become our temporary Acting Chief Instructor & we are very grateful to him for this.

Two Sail Training Courses have been arranged, one for Juniors & Scouts & one for Adults (to reinstate the course which had to be cancelled last season).

The courses will be YOUTH SAILING SCHEME Stages 1, 2 & 3 for Juniors & NATIONAL SAILING SCHEME, level one & two for adults. Each course will comprise two weekends sailing. (The first weekend will take place at the Royal Marine Boat House at Exmouth using their Bosun dinghies: the second weekend will be at Lympstone, sailing Mirror dinghies, the Otter & the GP 14).

In the case of the adult course priority will be given to those who had enrolled on the cancelled course. It is anticipated that the Junior course will comprise beginners as well as those who gained Stage 1 last year & wish to progress. Places will be allocated on a strictly '<<cont'd on page2>>

<from page 1 >> first come first served' basis. So please let the Training Co-ordinator know as soon as possible if you wish to book a place. The cost of the courses will be £30 for Juniors & Scouts & £60 for Adults.

NATIONAL SAILING SCHEME, Level 1 & 2 (Course A) Maximum number 9 adults

Dates	Venue	Start time	HW
Saturday 17 th May	Exmouth	09.00	HW 17.57 (3.4)
Sunday 18 th May	Exmouth	09.00	HW 18.37 (3.5)
Saturday 31 st May	Lymptstone	14.00	HW 16.10 (3.1)
Sunday 1 st June	Lymptstone	15.00	HW 17.14 (3.4)

YOUTH SAILING SCHEME, Stage 1, 2 & 3 (Course B) Maximum no. 9 juniors or Sea Scouts

Dates	Venue	Start time	HW
Saturday 12 th July	Exmouth	09.00	HW 14.07 (2.7)
Sunday 13 th July	Exmouth	09.00	HW 15.19 (2.7)
Saturday 19 th July	Lymptstone	18.30	HW 20.27 (3.7)
Sunday 20 th July	Lymptstone	19.00	HW 21.03 (3.7)

This is going to be a labour intensive exercise, since at least 6 or 7 people will be required at Exmouth per day & at least 5 at Lymptstone. Apart from the qualified Instructors and Assistant Instructors, we require experienced sailors as helpers (who will be deputised as temporary assistant instructors for a particular session). We also need Safety Boat crew, shore-side helpers & qualified first aiders. Please volunteer to the training Co-ordinator as soon as possible, so that we can get the show on the road. Your help is needed so please volunteer. Also, if I approach you for help please say yes!

Power Boat Training

Chris Batson has kindly agreed to put on 5 Power Boat courses during the season & we are extremely grateful to him for this. Chris is looking for volunteer instructors to assist him; particularly people with their own RIBs, please volunteer. We begin the season with a fun **Power Boat refresher** aimed at people who might be called on to act as cox'n to the Safety Boat during the season. This will give you a chance to revise your skills. The course will last for <<cont'd on page 4>> ..

Lymptstone Fishery & Harbour Board 20.2.08

A good humoured & positive meeting at which the new regulatory framework for managing the Exe Estuary (including Lymptstone waters, shore & adjacent land) was first presented along with the history of ownership of Lymptstone Fishery & Harbour Association territory from 1895 in the Village Hall. After refreshments, the current ownership was made clear & the reasons why management of the site in the present climate of risk management had necessitated the "No Rights of Way" sign to which some members of the community had objected. Trustee liabilities & the law relating to risk & the nature of litigation arising from it was so different from the 'good old days'. The presentation concluded with a clear statement that the offending sign will be removed & that Public access to LFHA property will be maintained. In order to meet the liabilities identified in the risk assessment, new signs will have to be put up stating that the area is a private working harbour & the public enter entirely at their own risk. There never was & never will be any desire or action to deny responsible pedestrians from the area except whilst boat craning & during the occasional days of site maintenance, although cyclists & dogs not on a short lead were not welcome. To avoid such misunderstandings from arising in the future a private forum would be set up at which delegated Councillor & Harbour Board members could discuss public issues but not matters of management. Questions were answered & a comment from the floor to the effect that now had been the time to have your say but on leaving, it was time to stop harping on & move on, was warmly received.

Commodore's Signal

Lighter evenings as February draws to an end, sunny days suggest a touch of spring but daffodils are blowing flat & it is still too chilly for paint to dry! Nevertheless it's only just over a month to craning & opening the dinghy park - earlier than usual, so make the most of it. Time to start cleaning, sanding & preparing for another great season.

The AGM was well supported when we saw Christine's departure from Committee after 12 years as Membership Secretary – huge thanks to her for her hard work & dedication which extended far beyond liaising with new applicants & collecting subs – that alone can be quite a battle. But also monthly newsletter distribution & being actively involved in all Committee issues. She now has more time to enjoy her golf & sailing & we welcome instead David Moss-Gibbons in the role. Please help him by returning your subscriptions & completed forms speedily – the paperwork will be dropping on your mat shortly. Please also welcome & support your newly elected flag officers – Mike Gall (Vice Commodore) & Ron Gordon (Rear) as well as the ongoing committee members all of whom give their time & energy on your behalf. If you think you can give some additional input please step forward – Alan Dixon has offered to shadow our Bosun with a view, we hope, to taking over from David. We also need someone to assist Ron with the bar. Please get in touch if you can help, possibly with a view to taking this on in the future.

Calling all cups! Those who were at the Spuddle may remember the suggestion & general agreement that trophies will be returned, to be engraved & displayed. Now is the time! If you could dust them off, take your photos & get them back to Ian or myself by the end of the month it would be much appreciated – a display cabinet is under construction. Interior decoration is also on the agenda before the cabinet is in place, so please look out for requests for help & spare a few hours to wield a paintbrush.

Lastly, did you enjoy the Shanty Men? For those who were elsewhere, you missed an excellent performance & quite a comedy act, so thank you to them & to all those who filled their buckets or bought CDs to support the RNLI. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Competition!

Would you like your artwork displayed for the world (or Lymptstone) to admire? We invite you to consider what big, bold / fun / wild LSC-related design would look good printed across a tee shirt. So all you youngsters - and young at heart adults – with some ideas and a bit of flair, get out your pens and pencils and give us your ideas. There will be prizes / free shirt for winning design!! Entries to the Commodore.

Editor's Perch

Whilst the issue of dog-fouling was merely mentioned in the LFHB presentation, the reaction it caused in the audience was huge. This is clearly an issue that affects the whole village, not just the harbour area. It is an issue that the Parish Council will surely be pestered about to take a more pro-active stance against. Dog-owners who continue to be insensitive to the anger their inconsiderate actions and inactions generate in others will inevitably engender greater intolerance. The "we have always had it this way" argument that was introduced into the harbour signs debate simply does not hold with this issue either, with the ever-increasing pressure of people & dog numbers and the former's urbanised lifestyles.

This year, unlike last, when with a relatively late craning afloat date and a beautiful early spring, we had longer than usual to prepare our craft before the big day, we now only have five weeks to go but temperature and humidity are not yet settled enough for battle to commence. There will be an intensive few weeks ahead - see you there!