

**Editorial matters**

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**Mariners' Munch**

The Munch continues with a number of "new" cooks for March. It is really good to see the enthusiasm shown by cooks, helpers and munchers alike – thank you. If you would like to join us on a Friday lunchtime 12-2pm there are only 5 sessions left this season, so do come along, you are assured of a friendly welcome.

*Adrienne*

*Hint 2pm—think of it more as a closing time rather than last orders! Ed.*

**Diary Dates**

Fr	6 Mar	1930	Talk—Climate Change
Su	15 Mar		Walk: Richard & Jean Bland
We	18 Mar	2015	Sort the Summer—see p1
Fr	20 Mar	1930	Lifjacket & buoyancy aid check
Su	29 Mar		Long Walk has been cancelled
Sa	11 Apr	early 1930	Craning Afloat Craning Supper
Mo	5 Oct		Craning Ashore

**Skittles**

With just three matches to go the Dolphins stand at 10 games won, 5 lost. Our end of season meal is on Thursday 26 March in the Club **7 for 7.30pm** In the meantime we will continue with our Thursday non-match nights which have proved very popular - much chat and laughter with not a lot of serious skittling.

*Diana*

**Walkers**

15th March 2009 11:15am, meet at Aylesbeare Common car park south of the A3052 at the Hawkerland turn off. The walk will start at 11:30am and is planned to traverse the Aylesbeare nature reserve for approximately four miles. Shorter options are possible. The paths can be wet in places and rough under foot at times so boots are advisable. There are some ups and downs but no very steep hills.

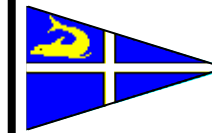
Lunch is at the White Horse on the A3052 near the Exeter Airport turning some two miles from the Aylesbeare car park. The tables have been reserved for 2pm. There is no carvery but they do a very good roast at £8.95 and other options are available.

We have booked for 20 people and we will take reservations on a first come, first served basis. As usual, in the event of the walk being cancelled lunch bookings must be honoured. To book for lunch please call Richard or Jean 01395 265628 before Wednesday 11th March so that we can confirm numbers with the pub. We look forward to seeing a good turn-out on the 15th.

**Swapping**

When the world was younger, imagine a fine sunny spring morning at Topsham. I am in my dinghy rowing upstream to my boat on the making tide. I pass Joe in his boat, "Morning Joe", "morning Sam, a fine day". On the way up I come across a drifting oar which I naturally grab and put in my dinghy. On my boat I fiddle about with the old engine, as one does with a vintage *Vire* and eventually get it running OK. Now, on the falling tide, I go to leave, bother I've lost an oar, still I have the one I found so I row back to the slipway. There I meet Joe, "You would never believe it" says he, "I got in my dinghy and saw I'd lost an oar then, amazingly one floated by". "I know" I replied, "we've swapped oars!". Joe, laughing said "I won't tell anyone, if you don't!" Well, it was a long time ago, but it still makes me smile and its all part of the fun of mucking about in boats!

*Sam Watts*



# Lympstone Sailing Club

## March 2009 Newsletter

**Sort the Summer – Wine & Tapas**

Tuesday 17th March 8.15pm

I am holding a meeting at the Clubhouse for all members who are willing to help in any way with the summer social programme. Existing helpers and new helpers are invited to come along and also enjoy a glass of wine and partake in some tapas.

The following events are planned:

Saturday	11 April	Craning Afloat Supper
Saturday	25 April	Cornish Pasties
Saturday	23 May	Evening BBQ
Saturday	6 June	Moules Frites
Sunday	21 June	Pasta Supper
Sunday	5 July	Tea and Evening BBQ
Saturday	25 July	Brunch
Sunday	9 August	French Breakfast
Saturday	5 September	Fish & Chip Supper
Sunday	20 September	Breakfast
Saturday	10 October	Craning Ashore Supper

Ideas are welcome for these & any other events. Please come & bring your diary.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Helping with social events is an excellent way to get to know Club members. Any level of help is appreciated from baking a cake, laying up tables, clearing up, selling tickets, cooking a dish or organising an event. You will not be on your own—there will always be others to help you. It would help if you could **let me know if you are coming** on the 17th March but not essential, just come

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**Jupp's Marvellous Crew Delighter**

A plastic dustbin has a plastic tube stuffed up through the middle, projecting upwards so that, when afloat, the top is level with the bows. The mooring chain runs smoothly through the tube, terminating at the upper end in a ring that cannot slip back down the tube. The approaching vessel thus has presented to it at bow height, a ring that is readily grasped, pulled over the bow fairlead and slipped onto the Samson post. Jupp's Marvellous Crew Delighter has been fully described elsewhere & its many other Superior Advan-

tages & Thaumaturgical Features have recommended it to the Quality. *Extracted from a letter to the editor of Yachting Monthly by Edmund W Jupp, The Firs, Lympstone, printed in Sept. 1973 and brought to your Editor's notice by Roger Howell. Thank you Roger!*

On Friday 1st May 2009, a civic 'unveiling' of *Rue Edmund Jupp* will take place in Lympstone's twin village of Biéville-Beuville, near Caen in France. Lympstone Twinning Association members including your Editor & Edmund's grandson Tim, will be there, as well as Edmund's son Peter from Edinburgh.

## Training

The Committee have responded to demand by arranging several sail & power boat training sessions as described below and with dates & times on a separate sheet for reference.

### Sail Training

Samuel Woolley has been reappointed as Acting Chief Instructor and we are very grateful to him for this. Three Sail Training Courses have been arranged, one for Junior beginners (and Scouts), one for Junior Intermediate and one for Adults. The courses will be YOUTH SAILING SCHEME Stages 1, 2 and 3 for Juniors and NATIONAL SAILING SCHEME, level one and 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 Lymptstone, sailing Mirror dinghies, the Otter, the GP 14 and any other craft we can borrow).

The booking forms for the courses will appear on the Notice Board soon and places will be allocated on a '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 is likely to be about £30 for Juniors & Scouts, £60 for Adults.

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 & 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, shoreside 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 6 Power Boat courses throughout the season & we are extremely grateful to him for this. He 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 us a chance to revise our skills. The course will last for about 3 hours & is free.

Secondly, the local heat of the Honda Rib Trophy will be held for Juniors (8-12 years, and 12-16 years). This event is aimed to get youngsters on the water and no formal qualifications are required, so please have a go. No entry fees.

Thirdly, a weekend PB1 course for Juniors and Scouts is planned (participants over 8 please). If it turns out that there are sufficient over 12s then PB2 is possible. Cost of course will be about £20.

Fourthly, a weekend advanced adult course is planned for participants who already have PB2 and that is the Safety Course. Cost of course will be about £30.

Fifthly, a weekend adult beginner's course (PB1/PB2) is planned. 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 will be about £30.

Finally an end of season Power Boat course is planned to sweep up any people who did not get on an earlier course.

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Brian

## Mike's Message - or The New Commodore's Pennant Raising Signal

The AGM is behind us, the weather's on the turn & only seven weeks until craning! A fortnight ago there was snow on the ground; a week ago the Club's GP14 took to the water for the first time in 2009 & our Bosun gave the safety boats a run up to Turf. Clive gave the boat crews a warm welcome & hot coffee whilst their fingers thawed out. This weekend I witnessed the first serious scraping back & wood preservation tasks underway so it looks as though work is about to start in earnest. Away from the Club & in a moment of madness I cut my grass & applied the first layer of varnish on my rudder but I fear it was all avoidance behaviour, I should have been writing this, my first Commodore's Signal or as I shall call it, Mike's Message. Now time is pressing as there's work tomorrow & a deadline to meet for the Editor!

One again the AGM was well supported & we managed to bring some new blood onto the Committee as well as shuffling the positions held by some long-standing committee members. I understand my position in the pecking order - MPs are elected, officers are promoted & the President of the USA was inaugurated whilst I was installed & consequently know my place - alongside the dishwasher & other kitchen appliances - useful but replaceable! Seriously, I'm looking forward to working with you all to ensure the Club flourishes. My first task was to call on the Chairman of the Fisheries & Harbour Association seeking his agreement to improve the mooring facilities & to develop plans for a storage rack for inflatable tenders & the like. The relationship with our sister organization is good and I am hopeful that our shared amenities will continue to improve.

I anticipate that the request for annual subscriptions will come with the Newsletter or just after. Please help the new Committee by returning your subscriptions & forms in good time & engage with the new team who share my vision of retaining the Club's friendly ethos. As I said at the AGM, it is our Club, not the Committee's & no more mine than thine! I've set up a new forum through [talk2thecommodore@googlemail.com](mailto:talk2thecommodore@googlemail.com) and I am making arrangements for the whole committee to have access to it. Let us know how you would like to see the Club evolve.

As well as catching up with maintenance on our own boats, there is work to do preparing the Clubhouse & the dinghy park. Please keep a watchful eye on the notice board & join the working parties so that we are well prepared for the season. *Mike*

## Editor's Entry

Thanks to the old guard and welcome the new. At least there is no longer ambiguity in reference to the Commodore's 'wife'!

Whilst we may have been lying low as far as boating is concerned, the excitement of all the incidents and video clips from the Vendee Globe race has certainly kept the pulse racing over the last three months. It is very difficult to even imagine the unrelenting physical and mental stress that racing at such speeds in such extreme conditions for so long impose on the lone sailor. Curiously, modern satellite communication, whilst irking skippers at some moments no doubt, must ameliorate feelings of isolation and give great encouragement to the lone sailors. I would go out of my way to hear a talk by any one of these competitors.

On a totally different point of sailing, Roger's follow-up illustrated talk of cruising and anchoring between Plymouth and the Helford River gave us encouragement to forsake the comfort-zone of marinas and to enjoy the isolation and tranquillity of 'holing-up' in safe anchorages beyond the Dart. I do hope that by applying a mere hint of the Vendee Globe spirit to our cruising plans, a Lymptstone flotilla might follow in Roger's tracks this season .