

Editorial matters

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This 'n That**• Practical Boat Owner items****May**

Exe Boat Hook - p14

Bilge pump comparison test

Using Gelshield 200

Revivifying sprayhoods

June

Canopy window 'fog' removal

Pt 1 of repairing inflatables

- Did anyone attend the Beaulieu boatjumble at the end of April? Was it good?
- Any member planning a passage to Brittany this summer, please contact the Editor
- When you have a notable moment whilst afloat this season please remember to send the Editor a few words to share the moment!
- Newsletter distributor for the Strawberry Hill circuit wanted. Contact the Editor please.
- Anyone with unused kit to sell? How about a sale or auction?

Wanted On Loan

4 bee-keeping hats & veils

Please Contact the Editor

Diary Dates

There are 12 dinghy events listed on your Sailing Programme and 10 for cruisers this month. The Programme is also posted on our website. However, what pleases those who put in hours of preparation and organisation on the day is a personal dialogue with their 'customers' so that they know that their efforts are to be rewarded by your attendance on the day. Where food is on offer, make sure that your name is written on the Noticeboard so that catering quantities are factored in.

Duty Roster to Mid-June

The names of those who have a role to play in running events at the time of going to print for the next 6 weeks appear below. Swaps may have taken place - the definitive list is on the Noticeboard. Nb arrange your own swaps then inform John Balding 01392 873961

Ian Smith/ Helen Dimond

Bill Broom/Debbie Mitchell

Norman & Anne Cann

Martin & Adrienne Hebdige

Keith Goldsmith/David King

Ian Scholefield/Ian Gault

Norman & Anne Cann

Brian Hawkins/Oliver Weinhold

John Lupton/Sue Pike

David Charles/Chris Doak

John Bennett/Tony Ingham

Colin Dawson/Mike Moffat

Mike & Alison Gall

Liz Wells/Gavin Lowrey

Karl Neilson/Andy McCance

Mike & Alison Gall

Tim Dearsley/Gavin Lowrey

Miles Freeman/Andy McCance

Sarah Hall/Neil McCracken

Jason Ingham/Pete Salter

Mariners' Munch

We enjoyed a really happy season at the Mariners Munch. Thanks to all who provided such wonderful fare every week and to those who supported us. Although not the intention to make big profits we did raise over £335. Remembering we raised around £200 last year we have asked the committee to consider putting in hand-driers in the Buoys and Gulls toilets. We do want a good powerful product and if anyone out there has any knowledge, please, we would appreciate your input. We hope all the Munchers approve and here's to next year. *(But let's have a summer first please! Ed)*

For Sale

About 10m of riser chain - used for one season.
£10 contact Chris Carter



Lympstone Sailing Club Newsletter

May 2008

Phoebe Rose Named & Launched

A special event took place at the harbour on Sunday 20th April when the Commodore had the great pleasure of 'launching a ship' for the first time. After much hard work to bring her up to scratch, Toby Ingham's boat was named *Phoebe Rose*, anointed with champagne and heaved into the water with much ceremony by a hefty crowd. What fun – and my best wishes to the proud owner, for good times on her. Toby then motored into the sunset accompanied by Phoebe and Rose and proceeded to take several 'tours around the bay' with various passengers before installing her safely on her mooring. Good fishing Toby! *(pictures in colour on website)*

**Honda RYA Youth RIB
Championship 2008**

If our hard-working Secretary blotted his copybook on the water before craning, he deemed himself by organising single-handedly the LSC heat of the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship last Sunday! With a handful of helpers on the day and blessed with beautiful weather, three entrants had ideal conditions for completing their two timed runs around a tight slalom course using a Club safety boat. As observer and assistant timekeeper to John Bennett aboard Curlew, I was impressed by the bravura of all three contestants who posted very similar times - before the addition of penalties for indiscretions at least! Before the next round at Royal Torbay YC on 24th May I suggest some practice in a rib bearing in mind that the quickest way through a slalom is usually the shortest. Thanks also to Chris Batson, Alan & Jill Dixon for manning the safety boats.

Sailing Secretary's Scribings

Dinghy racing

Our new season is underway and six boats took part in our first dinghy race. Considering the dubious conditions and with many boats still not in the park this was a good start and I am optimistic about future turnouts.

Instruction sessions

The first tuning talk took place on 19th April – probably the wettest day for weeks and this forced us to do the whole session inside. This meant lots of drawings on the whiteboard and far too much talk as opposed to the anticipated practical instruction outside with a real boat however many thanks to the twenty or so people that turned up and listened politely whilst I rambled on! There will be a second session on Saturday 10th May @ 0900 when (weather permitting) we will deal with a practical spinnaker handling session and review any items that people wish to cover.

Race officer training

I've scheduled an evening talk at 8pm on May 15th. This will cover all the practical aspects of the duty. If anyone is down for duty on a Pursuit race day I can cover this too – they are rather different to a 'normal' race so it may be worth coming along. I will also be running a Pursuit race myself on May 3rd, come along if you wish and I'll try to enlighten you as I run the race (but the race will take priority over instruction)

Dinghy Park

This is filling up nicely and if your boat is not down yet you risk losing your place even if you have paid- see the notice board for allocated berths.

A few gentle reminders: We have very limited space so please do not leave demountable masts / booms protruding past the bow or stern of your boat. Likewise do not leave your boat part way off its trolley so that it drains – please build a bow support so that you do not use up additional space. Please keep trolleys / covers in good order, we may have to move your boat & if it's full of water or has flat tyres *!#!#@* may echo around the park.

Social Activities

Thanks to Lucy McCance for organising the Pasta Supper - 43 people came despite the weather, no sailing but a good time had eating Pasta. Thanks also to the other cooks and helpers, Margaret Bennett, Jill Wilson, Anne Crisp and Frances Hurrell. On Saturday 3rd May, Liz Gordon and Frances Hurrell are organising the Fish and Chip Supper, which is always very popular. Put your name down on the list in clubhouse or contact Liz 263954 or Frances 264039. Cost £5 to be paid in advance On the evening of Sunday 4th May, Doreen Broom will be providing Bar Snacks - Hot Dogs, after Sailing.

We have a couple of Brunches during May & I am looking for some help with the Brunch on Sunday 25th May, the second Bank Holiday weekend. We have a BBQ planned for the evening of the 1st June and I am looking for BBQ lighters/cooks, and Salad Makers. Please keep an eye open for further announcements and the Club Notice Board for more details. Thanks to Anne Crisp & Heather White for helping with Brunch on the 26th April & to Jenny Moon for helping with the clearing up. Finally any help from members new or old will be welcome - doesn't have to be much, just lending a hand at some of the events, you will never be on your own and for new members it is a great way of getting to know other members. *Judith Carter 274104*

Editor's Perch

Those who attended the Lympstone Film Society presentation last month watched a beautifully shot and artistically edited few minutes of video of our craning. Boats aloft lit by the early morning sun against a cloudless sky were marvellous, undermined only by memories of ice and frost on decks and cockpits, reluctantly starting engines and so forth. However, the hot drinks and bacon butties were all the more appreciated! Once again we are indebted to members of the Harbour Board for organising it for us.

Bad news that red diesel for pleasure boat propulsion is to be taxed as road fuel although existing fuelling facilities will remain. Write to your MP on the illogicality of this.

Looking at the Beaufort wind scale, in landlubber terms there is only one noun describing windspeed between walking-pace and a gale namely 'breeze' whereas in nautical experience there are five degrees of breeze, all recognisable to a sailor. It has always made an impression on me that such a small proportion of the 12 levels of the Beaufort scale might be termed benign for the fair-weather sailor. For boating, I always convert windspeed into the Beaufort number before judging how to proceed.

Our Commodore has confidently put our Club in the driving seat of this year's Exe Regatta & is leading by example in already making a significant commitment to planning & negotiation with other Exe estuary clubs. Quite a responsibility. It is therefore up to the active & able amongst us to play our part in supporting her & the Committee by, in some way, committing to help during that weekend.

Commodore's Signal

Craning afloat was as usual a successful, streamlined event despite the frozen boats - lethal to walk on & a struggle to unlock! Thank you as ever to the Harbour Board team, to the galley folk for the very welcome butties & hot drinks, & to the boat taxi crews.

So, welcome to the summer (if a little chilly) & the start of our sailing programme. It's so good to see the enthusiasm with a good turnout to Ian's tuning session, despite the rain as well as the first well-supported dinghy races (*results on website, Ed*). The park is gradually filling up too – make sure you grab your allocated space & join us on the water soon. Some cruisers are still to appear on their moorings & a mast or two yet to be stepped.

Just a reminder, if you're going out on the water outside programmed events, please be sure that someone knows your plans, just in case a problem occurs. However careful you may be accidents can happen – & in view of a couple of recent incidents we are planning to set up an 'emergency cupboard' provisioned with warm dry kit & essentials for anyone who may need rescuing.

Already we say thank you for two successful social events in April. For the Pasta Supper see Judith's report opposite, then for the Brunch on Saturday, cooked by Judith & Chris with help from Anne & Heather – the best breakfast I've had for a long time! Please remember to offer your help for future social events – especially some of the newer members – joining the team is an excellent way of getting to know people. The Mariners' Munches have ended for the summer, but I reiterate my sincere thanks to all involved. An excellent regular social focus through the winter months which also made money for the Club, soon to be spent on hand driers for the changing rooms. You will have noticed the huge clean-up, paint job & general refurbishment going on too – thank you to all the numerous volunteers who wielded mops, paint brushes, woodworking tools & the rest – your efforts certainly don't go unnoticed. It's good to see the Club looking in good nick, especially when we'll open the doors to so many visitors for the regatta at the end of June.

Lastly, does anyone remember reading about a competition for a Club tee-shirt design? No youngsters have yet sent any scribbles or ideas! Check out the March newsletter & see what you can do. So far we have offerings from just 2 slightly more senior members!