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Lympstone Sailing Club Newsletter

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### CCTV

The notices around the Club state the CCTV system is now in operation. It covers the boat park, approaches to the Club & inside the entrance lobby such that we can view recordings up to 14 days after an event. The system has already detected an instance of unacceptable activity which was rectified.

### Social Diary Dates

Sat	16 Aug	Moules Frites Supper
Sun	7 Sep	Brunch
Sat	13 Sep	Mexican Dinner
Sat	20 Sep	French Breakfast

### Duty Roster to Mid-August

The names of those who have a role to play in running events at the time of going to print. Late swaps may have taken place - the definitive list is on the Noticeboard. Please arrange your own swaps - then inform John Balding on 01392 873961

Ian Schofield/Aline Neilson	Sam Collett/David Collett
John Balding/Helen Dimond	Ian Scholefield/David Hawes
Chris Carter/Ian Goult	Karl Neilson/Alan Dixon
Keith Goldsmith/David King	RichardCrisp/Ian Smith
Chas M-Wiggin/Don Govan	BrianRidge/Emily Hawes
RichardCrisp/RobLonghurst	BasilStrickland/Miles Freeman
Richard Bland/Sue Pike	Kevin Pike/Tim Dearsley

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The rest of the course took place the following weekend at the Sailing Club. Due to the late tides, sessions commenced at 6.00 pm. On Saturday evening the participants were scheduled to gain further experience sailing without an instructor in the boat. While some enjoyed the challenge the wind strength meant this was more difficult for the lighter crews. Fortunately, that day was also the Club Curry Night and the knowledge that a warm meal awaited them must have been a comfort during any impromptu swimming sessions!



With a similar forecast for the final day a more stable dinghy was borrowed which enabled all the planned exercises to be completed successfully. Although it was not possible to present certificates before the participants disbanded the five trainees had qualified for eight certificates which they received later. Had the weather gods been kinder it is likely that every participant would have achieved both Levels 1 & 2.

Isabelle Candy, Jill Dixon, Andrew Lorenc, Steven Pope and Nathan Upchurch must be congratulated on their splendid achievement. Each showed determination and made very significant progress, building on any previous knowledge and skills that they had.

Emily Hawes, Ian Smith, Toby Ingham and Alice Morgan (from Exe Sailing Club) provided instruction and made an invaluable contribution to the success of the course.

Brian Ridge worked consistently over a long period to set up the course, taking and confirming bookings, liaising with the Royal Marine Centre, organising the necessary personal etc. This included the safety boat drivers and shoreside personnel whose contributions were essential for the course to take place. *Samuel Woolley (Senior Instructor)*

**Stop Press > Reward for the return of a Lympstone Pennant on short staff - Editor**



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## David Moss-Gibbons

It is with much sadness that we report the untimely death of David Moss-Gibbons on the 25th July. We send our sincere sympathy and condolence to Nickie and the family. David was the Club's Hon. Membership Secretary and at the July Committee Meeting it was reported that his task of collecting in the Annual Membership fees had been completed for this year. David will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

## River Exe Regatta 2008

"Interest in the Regatta has waned – perhaps we should not continue into 2008". One line (from another club) that stuck in my memory from discussions in September 2007 about getting together a committee to organise this years event. I'm so glad we didn't go down that road!

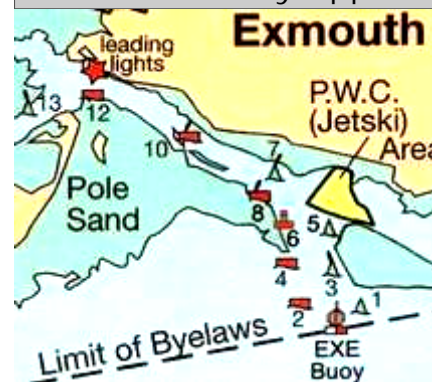
There is not much point in telling you what happened then, now – most of you were either involved in the organising and running of the event (bless you all) or sailed or partied or all three. People from all four river clubs pulled together to make this a very good event, we were blessed with good weather, not quite such good tides and – as the race officer will tell you – a wind direction organised by a committee of weather gods that had nothing to do with sailing.

As I write this at the usual last minute the work goes on - I know that we have a 'mop up meeting' tomorrow to discuss what worked & what didn't and to try and encourage next years owners (ESC) to put on an even bigger event. Perhaps they will have a bit more success with some of the activities that we tried to get up and running and failed on but whatever we will be there to support them.

Well done LSC – the event that might not have been turned out to be truly 'Exe-cellent' and you can be rightly proud of your efforts. *Ian Smith*

There is a comprehensive album of photographs from the weekend via the regatta website: <http://river-exe-regatta.org.uk/> and a few social scene ones at LSC on ours. (Ed.)

## Exe Estuary Approaches - The Saga Continues!



The Notice to Mariners concerning the Approaches to Exmouth has now been published. SeeNM3704(p)/2008. To access the data, go to [www.admiraltyleisure.co.uk/ALD\\_FOLIO\\_NM.asp](http://www.admiraltyleisure.co.uk/ALD_FOLIO_NM.asp) & choose SC 5601 East Devon and Dorset Coast. Full information is reproduced on pages 7, 8 & 9. For navigation out of the Exe, follow the old channel (approximately SE by E) until the red port hand buoy No8 (new position) & then turn approximately 4 points to starboard (S by E) (for those of you operating in the digital age, he means 45°!). The Secretary can provide a hard copy of the buoy co-ordinates. Happy sand-banking! Reference on our website too, Ed

## Editor's Perch

Following the Exe Regatta weekend during which I had a very civilised couple of days aboard an ESC cruiser anchored on the approaches to the Clyst doing recorder duties for the very small 'B' fleet, Anne & I packed-up and went, as we usually do, for a week at Henley Royal Regatta staying nearby in our caravan. I must say that this was done with a tinge of regret this year as it meant that we would be missing the first Tony Clark Classic weekend here, but commitments to far-flung friends meeting us at Henley pre-dated LSC's Programme of Events.

Our trip to Henley is the one and only time we take a TV with us as the evening play & replays from Wimbledon ideally complement a day out watching the rowing. Such was the rain-free nature of Henley and Wimbledon this year, that weather forecasts aside, I was totally unaware until much later, that the events in Lympstone had been cancelled due to bad weather. Hopefully they will be enacted sometime soon.

It will always be the case that a few in the Club (10%?) will do a great deal more work (90%?) than others, but however much one volunteers to do, one should commit to doing it with no less a degree of commitment than anyone else. The reason is obvious if you stop to think about it; to arrange for a group of helpers to run an event on a particular day and time takes some effort and a large collective commitment. Each person has in effect dedicated that day, in not longer, to be available for others, rather than doing something else. When that weekend falls in the middle of a spell of good weather when one might be cruising or away with family, the personal commitment is the greater. It is very inconsiderate therefore if the level of commitment by trainees or whoever the event is provided for, is less than that of the providers. It is also exceedingly annoying for the organisers. One option is to impose an inflated but only part-refundable booking fee. Don't show up or cancel without a very strong reason - no refund! You have been warned!

Many thanks to Secretary Brian for alerting us to the new information on the July changes in the estuary approaches but also in the channel directly north of the Warren near buoy 13. In particular, where charts show a good 5m of water but the update shows 0.8m! Cruiser route plotters should look at the detail on page 7 of the data. We took Curlew to inspect the new 'avenue' of port & starboard buoys between No 8 and the Safe Water Mark, and very clear and logical they are too. Oh that all British navigation marks were so!

## Sailing Secretary's Scribing

I can honestly say I consider my efforts this year a bit of a failure – the weeds are back, the boats are not lined up or reorganised quite how I would like them and some promises to people of a better location for their craft have not been achieved. Thankfully no one has complained to me directly but I reckon by late October things will be looking much tidier....

Sailing – nearly forgot this bit! We have actually lost some races to the weather this year – I maintain that it is purely a coincidence that on each occasion a race was not sailed I was away on family matters. August is nearly upon us and the sun blazing down (well across anyway as it's 6:30am) and a good day beckons. Get out there and enjoy doing what we are all about – sailing.

I wrote the above shortly after reading an email from Rosemary about a new friend – sadly that friend, so recently joined and such a committed sailor has now been taken from us. Personally I'm a bit hacked off with a higher power nicking all our good sailors so could you please all commit a few more rule infringements on the water and not be quite so helpful around the Club or be such nice people then perhaps 'he' will not want you on his team quite so early.

Thanks to all those involved in the recent sail training event but in particular many thanks to Brian Ridge for his unstinting efforts to get this off the ground. Participants had some unfavourable conditions in which to learn but coped admirably

## Commodore's Signal

August already – and a month off with no meetings – unbelievable after the mad build-up to the Regatta on top of the everyday running of the Club. But what a Club! We are now known far and wide as the friendliest Club, members know how to pull together and able to put on an excellent event. And what great weather in a dreadful season – ideal conditions for both sailing and partying. A 'new benchmark' is established, so please feel very proud to have been part of it and done your bit – and again thank you.

July was certainly a busy month. The first weekend we saw the worst of the weather when most of the planned Tony Clark Classic events had to be cancelled. A brave group of family and friends did shoot up to Turf by RIB for breakfast and to down some 'bubbly' struggling to make it back! However the bad conditions the night before rather enhanced the arrival of our RNLI visitors. A wonderful sight as they appeared racing up the river, lights blazing through the driving rain, and tied up in the entrance to the inner harbour, inshore boat gliding up the slipway. What a treat to have a guided tour of the new boat and chat with the guys over a drink upstairs – and then the 'shout'! Off they dashed – newly refreshed pint glasses left untouched – and rescued three boats across the river, luckily nobody in real danger, but a late return home I hear. We will certainly be inviting them again so if you weren't down at the Club it's definitely something to look out for in future. The rain held off and the sun managed to come out on Sunday afternoon – though the strong wind persisted – and many of us enjoyed the Service to mark Sea Sunday, led by Revd Geoffrey Wrayford, accompanied by Lympstone Band. Another good event, drawing together villagers, Sunday school youngsters who did a grand job, as well as Harbour Board and Club members – all having to sing with gusto to compete with the gale! As if this was not enough for the first weekend in July, we also enjoyed another typically excellent breakfast at the Club that morning, cooked by Mandy Mitchell and Jeanette Child.

The curry night later in the month, excellently prepared & served by Chris & Judith, became a special evening for Margaret Middleton who unveiled the plaque on one of our new benches which is dedicated to Dick's memory. How very, very sad now to be mourning the sudden & unnaturally early loss of yet another good friend, sailor & active member, David Moss-Gibbons.

## RYA Level 1-2 Adult Sail Training

A course for adult Club members took place over two weekends during July. A variety of wind strengths was experienced providing something for everyone!

The first weekend of training took place at the Royal Marine Water Activity Centre, Exmouth. The first day, 12<sup>th</sup> July, was unseasonably cool & overcast but the F3 wind provided good conditions for those with little or no experience in dinghy sailing. All present made good progress while some of the windier moments made life more exciting for some. The following day started with next to no wind and glorious sunshine so the opportunity was taken to tackle a significant proportion of the essential theory ashore. By mid-morning the wind had increased and there was the opportunity for further training afloat. After a late lunch break the highlight of the first weekend, capsizing recovery, was enjoyed by each crew in turn followed by a distinctly warmer session over a cup of tea in the classroom ashore.



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