

THIS 'N THAT

As the Membership Sec. is in the process of moving house, please address any correspondence to him c/o 9 Underhill Crescent, Lympstone, EX8 5JF.

Wanted: Spinnaker for the Club Otter

Have you a small (e.g. mirror or lark) spinnaker that they could donate to the Club? Please contact Brett, 01395 274839.

Wanted Bike: mountain/hybrid for adult male; used but serviceable. Contact Editor 273211

SOCIAL DIARY DATES

Fri	7 Aug	1915	RNLI visit to LSC
Sat	1 Aug		Furry Dance
Sun	9 Aug	0900	French Breakfast
Sat	5 Sep	1930	Fish & Chip supper
Mo	5 Oct	tba	Craning Ashore

SOCIAL EVENTS

July has also been a busy month socially with our Regatta, hosting the Squires Trophy at the end of the month & the first breakfast of the season. A big thank you to all the helpers for these events, especially Alan Child and his BBQ team, Jenny Charles for organising the Squires Trophy Buffet and new members Phil and Gail Legge plunging in at the deep end to cook brunch on the 25th supported by Bob & Jacquie Spencer. So many people have helped, which has been wonderful, I am sorry not to mention them all. The children had a great time over the Regatta Weekend with the various activities, and the Treasure Trail organised by Bruce and Charlotte Ellis was a great success. Last but not least thank you to all those who baked cakes & maintained our reputation for the Club on the Exe with the best teas.

French Breakfast Sunday 9th August Baguettes, croissants, confiture, good coffee & hot chocolate £3. Isabelle Candy is organising this and there will be a booking list at the Club or contact her on 274839 bicandy@bbmax.co.uk

Saturday 5th September Fish & Chip Supper This is being organised by Frances Hurrell and Liz Gordon, details will be on the Board at Sailing Club nearer the date or contact Liz on 263954 or Frances 264039 hurrellspinnaker@ukgateway.net

Lost property

A large number of items have been left at the Club for some time. Canoe splash cover, Rubber sailing shoe, Sailing gloves, Green shirt, Orange shirt, Per Una Grey hooded cardigan, Umbrellas, Caps, White Scarf, child's grey top, Pair of glasses, Sunglasses, Blue backpack. There may be more in the Buoyals also. Please remove if yours, thanks *Judith*

DINGHY RACING - LYMPSTONE STYLE

Dinghy racing at LSC has, it is fair to say, a style of its own. Years ago we had a strong GP14 fleet and racing was taken quite seriously and to quite a high standard. We now have a range of boats although the GP still predominates. We still have some very good sailors but a broad range of skills and racing has become relaxed and accompanied at times with a fair degree of humor. I cannot recall a single occasion of serious friction between dinghy sailors on the race course since I have been at the club and that is now eleven years. Collisions have occurred from time to time are but always sorted out amicably. There is an atmosphere of support for each other and a healthy exchange of ideas and experience. All in all, racing at LSC is not something that should worry inexperienced sailors. All are made very welcome and we are very happy to switch crews around in order to share experience and gain confidence. I am in fact the current holder with my son James of the Darling Rock Trophy. This is awarded for the most 'unique' episode of sailing during the season and suffice to say we won the trophy following a prolonged engagement between a racing mark and a spinnaker. It is the holder's job to award the trophy for this season and curiously very few examples have so far come to our notice. Please contact either of us if you have witnessed such incidents and we promise to keep the informants details confidential for about two minutes.... *Jerry Chew (Dinghy Captain)*



Lympstone Sailing Club

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SECRETARY'S GOLDEN WEDDING CRUISE

Seventy seven family and friends joined Daphne & Brian to take part in the latter's Golden wedding celebrations aboard the MV Dart Explorer. Two coaches were laid on by our hosts to take us to and from Totnes. A delightful buffet lunch was enjoyed whilst cruising downstream to just beyond the castle at the mouth of the R. Dart and back. It was a marvellous occasion with friendship duration ranging from a few years for grandchildren to more than 65 years for school-mates! For those of us more used to navigating the Dart in our own boats, the vantage point when on the upper deck was similar to traversing Devon lanes in a double-decker bus. Throughout our time aboard, Pimms, wine, champagne and coffee kept us well refreshed. Congratulations Daphne & Brian on 50 years of marriage!



2009 HONDA RYA YOUTH RIB CHAMPIONSHIP



I am delighted to be able to tell you that at the Regional heat, hosted by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, on Saturday 11th July, Lympstone Sailing Club youngsters swept the board despite the overcast conditions, gusty winds & choppy seas. In the 13-16 age group event, Adam Butt won in a time of 1 minute 10 seconds (aggregate time corrected for grazing a buoy, 1'15"). Adam was closely followed by Josh Spencer with

a faultless round of 1'21". In the 8-12 event, Tom Pryor came third in a time of 1'50". The first three contestants in each category were awarded RYA gold medals. In addition Adam will be representing the South West Region at the National finals at the Southampton Boat Show in September. I hope there will be a goodly contingent from Lympstone to cheer him on. Congratulations to all 6 youngsters who took part; we are very proud of your efforts. Well done and thank you. [*'Thank you' to indefatigable Brian Ridge for organising it all. Ed.*]



RNLI LIFEBOAT VISITS US ON FRIDAY 7TH

There will be a courtesy visit from the Mersey Class Exmouth Lifeboat, the "Margaret Jean" to Lympstone Harbour and the Club on Friday 7th August at 19.15 BST, subject to service requirements. Please come along to give the Lifeboat Crew a very warm friendly welcome and at the same time view the technical wizardry that helps to keep us all safe afloat. Later in the evening there will be a presentation of all the 37 Certificates gained as a result of this Season's Sail Training courses.

DAYBOAT DOINGS

Mid-season already and several of the Club's dayboats made the most of the (long awaited, now seemingly disappeared) seasonal weather. A welcome here to Mike Bourne and his smart Dabber, a fine addition to the LSC fleet.

Three Lympstone dayboats entered the **Exe Regatta** on 4th & 5th July, competing in the Slow Dinghies & Dayboats class with assorted Cadets, Toppers and others. *Bizzy Lizzy*, sailed by Rosemary & Chris Cooke, led the LSC fleet round the course on the Saturday, in a close encounter with Pat & Bill in *Trisha Treat*, their Hawk 20. *Pula*, with Marleen Johnson aboard on Sunday as an experienced tactician, was, alas, tail-end Charlie on both days. The second race on each day, however, provided good sailing but *Pula*, particularly, suffered with the light conditions and fierce tides that characterised the first race on both days. (Her persistence in eventually crossing the start line some 25 minutes late on the Sunday morning, brought a cheer from the Start Boat officials and a 'mention' (taken to be honourable - but where was the wooden spoon?) at the prize-giving at Exe SC on the Sunday afternoon). An enjoyable event; the helms had politely declined a late stage request by the Race Officer to transfer the Dayboat races outside the estuary - impracticable given the timings of the races and tides for us. Results on the website show that Pat & Bill finished 4th overall on handicap (4 out of 5 qualifying races), *Pula* 7th (4 out of 5) whilst *Bizzy Lizzy* would have been much further up the table had they contested more than just two races.

Trisha Treat, *Pula* with Andrew Lorenc as on-board meteorologist/crew, and *Grace*, Gavin's Piccarooner, with a seemingly full complement of lightweight crew members on board, enjoyed our **Club's Regatta** fun race to Turf with the cruisers & dinghies in the evening, followed by a brisk sail back on the early ebb tide. *Pula* broke the sailing with a few minutes 'R&R' alongside *Helena* and *Wizard* moored at Turf—thanks, Chas, for the welcome issue of 'engine oil' which set up *Pula*, or rather her crew, nicely for the return! Enjoy the second half of the season and may summer return! John

SAFETY & INSURANCE DECLARATION REMINDER

As a reminder to all members who are also boat owners who have not yet returned your Safety and Insurance Declaration to the Membership Sec., please note that the General Committee requires the completion of this declaration if you intend to take part in Club events of any kind (not just racing). We will start to enforce this from 23rd August, 2009. Forms have been distributed to all boat owners, but if you have misplaced yours, copies can be obtained from the Membership Sec. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. *Tony Gratton (Membership Sec.), Brett Candy/Gavin Lowery (Sailing Sec.)*

EDITOR'S ENTRY

My pilgrimage to 'the Wimbledon' of a different form of watersports with which my past is linked, not only coincided with the lady grunTERS & shriekers and the marvels of hawkeye, but also unfortunately our Regatta. This was a sadness to me as I was in full support of the return of the format of sailpasts and fun for all, which Regatta weekend used to be. However following support of the River Exe Regatta the previous weekend, simply watching the strenuous efforts of others on the River Thames at Henley made a welcome contrast — especially during the heatwave! However, the sailpast didn't happen apparently due to poor weather here, so I hope another is organised soon.

Do you recall my story of the unstopping engine on Curlw (June, Newsletter)? Well, the problem recurred this week and I have now solved the mystery! No perpetual motion, just the electrical contacts in the starter solenoid not opening on release of the starter button, hence the starter motor became the engine! Proven by disconnecting the battery.

TRAINING MATTERS**Junior Youth Sailing Scheme, Stage 2 and 3 (Course C)**

This course was completed successfully despite a wipe-out on the last day. The following trainees gained Stage 3: Alex Griffiths, Max Griffiths and Harry Wright. The efforts of the youngsters should be applauded: well done!

Dinghy Sailing Refresher (Confidence Builder, Course D)

An eclectic array of eleven people with a wide range of abilities assembled for this course; some seasoned but rusty salts, others beginners. The three evenings provided some bluster conditions and a steep learning curve for some. The craft used were the Club's GP, a Magno Topper, a Lark, a Tideway 12, and the Heron (forerunner of the GP14), lovingly restored by Ted Norton our Harbourmaster. The class room sessions were expertly conducted by Rob Berry with a good sense of humour.

The strong southerly wind made launching from the brook difficult. Richard Bland in his GP14 unknowingly, gave us a master class on how it should be done. Special warm thanks are due to Pat & Rob Berry (dinghy & senior instructors respectively) of the Royal Dart Yacht Club who gave up their time to help us.

Grateful thanks are also due to all those who helped in the above courses, particularly those who loaned dinghies.

MIKE'S MESSAGE

I was warned at the start of my tenure not to dwell on the weather and its impact on our favourite pastime - spending time on the water. I have to say however that there are some common threads linking this season with last. It is late July and the best equipped dinghy sailors are still wearing dry suits, the less fortunate are still in wetsuits and and no self respecting cruiser helm has ventured far without ensuring immediate access to foulies and lifelines. They say the sun shines on the righteous; well it did for this month's Sea Service. I hope that the second half of our season sees some improvement.

From a personal standpoint I have decided to escape the misbehaving jet stream and its effects on the south of England by heading to Borneo and the delights of the South China Sea. I'll happily trade the risk of rapid onset hypothermia for sunburn and even the risks inherent in swimming in a sea full of creatures that want to sting, bite or even eat the unwary. I anticipate a less threatening welcome from the Royal Brunei Yacht Club. It still welcomes traveling yachtsmen and I am hopeful that an exchange of burgees will result in a formal affiliation with our Club. I'll keep you posted.

Notwithstanding the weather, the Club has been very busy training and competing in all manner of events. Firstly I want to thank everyone for making our Regatta such a success and to share my disappointment at the cancellation of the sailpast. While the decision may have been unpopular it was undoubtedly the right one. The weather that held out for the evening sail to the Turf, the barbecue and for the shore-based events on Sunday deteriorated to the point where it would have spoiled the mood of the day. Perhaps we will do it later in the season. (*No 'perhaps' - August please, Ed*)

The RNLI have planned a courtesy evening visit to LSC as part of their Friday night training on 7th August from 1915. Unfortunately I will be away but I have taken the liberty of indicating there will be a warm welcome from the Club. I have suggested that we advertise the visit around the village where there may be some additional interest in a closer look at the boat & the crew.

In closing I want to acknowledge all the trainers, competitors and supporters who represented our Club to such great effect at the regional round of the Rib Challenge. The impressive outcomes are detailed on page 1, but I have received unsolicited comments about how well all our youngsters acquitted themselves both on and off the water. They have brought great credit to themselves and to the Club. Thank you and well done. For Adam, fortunate enough to be competing again at the Boat Show - good luck!