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Diary dates # = booking required

Sat	29 Nov	Wine Tasting #
Sat	6 Dec 19:30	RNLI Talk by Mack McLarren
Tue	9 Dec 19:30	Games
Sun	14 Dec	Winter Walk
Sat	20 Dec 19:30	Christmas Carols
Sun	1 Jan 04	Winter Walk
Fri	9 Jan 04 19:30	Scrabble
Wed	14 Jan 04 19:30	Story Telling
Sun	18 Jan 04	Winter Walk
Fri	30 Jan 04	L.F.H.A. — A.G.M.
Sat	31 Jan 04 19:30	Dinner Dance, Woodbury #
Sat	7 Feb 04	L.S.C. A.G.M.
Fri	13 Feb 04	Dayboat Spuddle & BBQ
Tue	17 Feb 04 19:30	Shanty Group Singers
Sat	21 Feb 04	Lymstone Players
Sun	22 Feb 04	Chestnut Appeal Lunch #
Sun	29 Feb 04	Winter Walk
Fri	5 Mar 04 19:30	Bangers and Mash Evening

Featured Event: Sat 6th December 19:30

Please make a special effort to hear Mack McLarren, a senior RNLI member, talking about happenings behind the scenes of the service at the sharp end of our leisure activities. An entertaining, amusing and most informative evening is promised.

This 'n that

- Donation of **PRIZES** for Dinner Dance to Christine Ashton please.
- Alan '*I run the Bar*' Childs told me that we're not **drinking** enough to keep his profits target on track! So come to regular Friday evenings and bring your purses with you please!
- Are you connected to www & email? If so, have you informed the Membership Sec. of your **current** address?
- Club activity of Lymstone Sailing Club Members seems to cover a wide range from daily significant commitment to perhaps just a couple of appearances a year or even less. So do all Members want or read monthly **Newsletters?** How about quarterly or annually? Please let me know.
- So Woodbury boatstore is no more, with no replacement and apparently no problems. Was it really needed?
- We now have a Dayboat Captain so dayboaters mark your diaries (see **Diary Dates**).
- **GONE ADRIFT Reward** offered for information leading to the recovery of a large bunch of keys with a Nestlé enamel fob — please contact the Editor.
- Sailing Prizewinners - December issue



November

Lymstone Sailing Club Newsletter

Commodore's Supper

Thirteen hours after the start of craning ashore operations, members were back at the Clubhouse for the Commodore's Supper to celebrate the Club's equivalent of Harvest Festival. With the boats safely ashore following a remarkable season as far as weather was concerned together



with a continued revival of Club activities both on and off the water, the marvellous meal was indeed a fitting celebration. In voicing his appreciation of the day's work by the craning-ashore and catering teams, Martin gave a vote of thanks to all and loud appreciation of his speech endorsed his sentiments by all present.

Tucked-up for the Winter

The Annual Craning-Ashore took place on Saturday 11th October in warm calm day buffered by windy days. A 6 o'clockish start in the dark and 50-metre visibility due to mist caused a few amusing moments as owners

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temporarily mistook their crafts' mooring positions when being taxed out — bring your GPS's next time! Despite appearances, the operation continued smoothly throughout the morning, with the food and drinks Team reviving and sustaining many a flagging soul and stomach. Bootiful! Congratulations to Alan and his well-organised Team on planning, organising and carrying-out an efficient morning's work.

Pre-Craning Panic?

Four days before Craning-ashore, scaffolding appeared on the house at the entrance of the private access to the harbour and in the Strand. Would the mobile crane be able to reach the slipway at all? In most peoples view, the answer was 'No!' Unruffled Commodore declared "inform our LFHA contact man, he'll sort it out!".

After several phone calls, by Friday the offending poles had been temporarily removed. And Saturday morning proved the 'No's' correct.



Committee Comments

• Club Racing Coach – Training Course

Nominees are **urgently** required to undertake training to become a qualified Racing Coach. Phone Jeremy Chew today (tel: see page 4) to find out more.

- With the Commodore's insistence, the **2004 Sailing Programme** has been under discussion earlier and so will be published before the New Year. Knowing how my 2004 diary is filling already, the Programme cannot come too soon – good show! First come, first served?

Club Bar

Volunteers are required to man the club bar on Friday Evenings (Club Night) between December and April next year. This will require opening the bar from 1930 hrs until about 2200hrs (no requirement to visit the cellar). A bar duty roster is displayed in the clubhouse foyer on which names can be inserted against convenient dates. Thank you.

Welcome to a new Member this month:

Keith Bassett of Rockbeare who sails a Drascombe Dabber.

Editor's Perch

First, as your new **Newsletter** editor, may I offer on your behalf, many thanks to Roger for a job well done. Thanks also to Membership Sec. Christine Ashton who creates distribution lists and with others delivers **Newsletters**.

I hope to produce a **Newsletter** every month, but to do this with interesting content I will need a regular flow of short articles, anecdotes and graphics from you, dear reader. Passages, mishaps, history, boats... See page 4 for contact information. With a monthly issue, I call for more volunteers to help distribute in their localities/roads.

To reduce the distribution task, can I tempt those of you with internet connection with the fact that by receiving the **Newsletter** electronically, the pictures will be in **colour!**

Do let me know of your **current** email address. I will pass new information on to your Membership Secretary. The plan is to put the Newsletter on the website—not yet! Can anyone tell me how to convert .pub files to .html successfully, please?

Bosun's Bit

So I come to the end of my first season as Bosun. I confess to going 'awol' for 4 weeks in September—apologies, but I did return for craning ashore & Commodore's Dinner before visiting USA. Considering the amount of novice use the

Safety Boats & Mirrors had, the equipment has survived well. Damage repair is costly in time and cash, so a '*Take Care*' promotion will be launched for next season as there will be no Mr Instant Fix-it available.

Annual Dinner Dance

It may be going a little up-market, but value for money should be no less as Jenny has negotiated super deals with Woodbury Park. See enclosed sheet and *Diary* for further information. You don't have to make up groups of 10, but you

have the opportunity of picking your neighbours at table. It'll be a great evening, but what about a sauna or 9-holes of golf on Sunday morning after a night in a Lodge, £180 between 8. Responses to Jean Bland only, please note.

COMMODORE'S COUNCIL

Training Update Unfortunately I have to report a 'parting of the ways' regarding our Training Instructor/Principle, Don Jellard. No one can dispute the time and energy he has put into this programme over the past year, but alas, he felt he wasn't receiving the support that he hoped for from both the Committee and Members and as a result has now resigned from this valuable position.

Replacing such a key position is a serious issue for the Committee, but I can report that Alan Harwood is now our new Chief Instructor. Alan is already fully RYA-approved for powerboat training and expects to upgrade his dinghy instructor status to 'Senior Instructor' early in the New Year; our sincere thanks to Alan for taking on this role. Our new Training Principle is Chris Cooke (Vice-Commodore).

The RYA has been informed of these changes and will be revisiting us shortly

to reassess the Club. So, all being well, it will be business as usual by the start of the new season.

Crews' Nights The Tuesday night opening of the Club has not been supported as well as hoped so it has been curtailed at least until further interest is shown.

Joan Jupp It is with much sadness that I have to report the death of Joan Jupp. She and Edmund have been Members since the early 70's and have endeared themselves to all they have come into contact with. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Edmund and his family. A great loss of a fine lady.

Newsletter You must have noticed that this has taken on a whole 'new look' thanks to your Club's new P.R. rep Richard Crisp. Producing this on a monthly basis throughout the year will require your input please, 'Letters to the Editor', 'Complaints', anecdotes and anything you may find interesting and productive.