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For Sale & Wanted

Wanted: oars, rowlocks, trolley
small outboard etc Liz W 279669

Dinner Dance update

There are still some places available for the Club's Annual Dinner

Dance at the Woodbury Park Hotel Golf & Country Club. £20 per ticket is terrific value compared to usual rates (non-profit making for our Club) and a most enjoyable night is assured. If you wish to over-indulge on the intoxication side, rooms can be reserved with additional recreational facilities thrown in. Contact Jean Bland or any Committee Member without delay.

Training Update - Important to all Members

This season we hope to concentrate on building upon the sail training work we did with the juniors last season. Therefore we would like to hear from you so that we build a suitable training programme. This includes both those that were trained last year and new entries to add to the programme. This March we will also be running a further First Aid Training Course as this is an important qualification as ideally, we would like a trained First Aider in every Safety Boat deployment. We are thankful for Don Jellard's valuable work last season and for Alan Harwood who will be our Chief Instructor this year. In addition we are delighted that Tony Clark has agreed to become Training Administrator and Co-ordinator. We are inviting your responses to this communication to be made to Tony and he can be contacted on 01395/274292 or tony.d.clark@btinternet.com JC

This 'n That

Thinking ahead to the **Chestnut Appeal Lunch on 22 Feb**, Stan Parker or any Committee member will gratefully receive donations for the Raffle. Thanks. **Tickets** on sale now, hurry!

2 places going on **Powerboat Instructor Course**, Exmouth in March - £30 - one week Monday to Friday: contact Sailing Sec

Diary Dates # = tickets != see noticeboard	
Fri 30 Jan 19:30	L.F.H.A. — A.G.M.
Sat 31 Jan 19:30	Dinner Dance, Woodbury #
Sat 7 Feb 19:30	L.S.C. A.G.M.
Fri 13 Feb 19:30	Dayboat Spuddle & BBQ
Tue 17 Feb 19:30	Shanty Group Singers
Sun 22 Feb	Chestnut Appeal Lunch # going.....
Sat 28 Feb 19:30	'Under Milk Wood' (see below)
Sun 29 Feb 10:00	Winter Walk (see page 2) !
Fri 5 Mar 19:30	Bangers and Mash Evening
Fri 12 Mar 19:30	'Story Telling'
Sun 28 Mar	Winter Walk (Hurrell/Sutton) !
G Fr 9 Apr 07:30	Craning Afloat
Mon 19 Apr	Dinghy park open
Sun 2 May 17:00	Dinghies & Dayboats Flotilla event
M/T 2/3May 18:00	Kett Trophy Pursuit races



Lympstone Sailing Club

Newsletter

January 2004

Commodore's Report

Your Club relies very heavily on volunteers, especially within the General Committee and the Sub-Committees. We currently need more volunteers. Don't be put off by feeling that you are too new to the Club; you are often the 'breath of Spring' needed to refresh the 'Old Salts'. Perhaps you think that the job you would be good at is already spoken for, but in fact, the current holder and others may well be looking for a change of responsibility within the Committee, so your offer might enable a 'Cabinet Reshuffle'. So if you are interested and would like to sound out the possibilities, please feel free to contact me.

Skittles



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Our Club boasts two of the ten league water-sport teams on the River Exe. The Fishermen (including a lady of course) led by Graham Wills has an enviable record of winning the league for the last two years and are looking for a hat-trick having won 7 of 8 games this year. The Dolphins led by Diana de la Rue are in close attendance having won 5 but having lost 3 closely fought needle matches. The Club is open for social skittles on most Thursdays and you are very welcome to come, but do ring Diana 274099 to check that there isn't a league game being played. Friendly matches are also played against teams from Badminton, the Royal British Legion, Flybe and Probus. AH

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Sailing Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 7th February 2004 in the clubroom at 7.30pm

Agenda

1. Commodore to declare the meeting open.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the last AGM (see enclosed).
4. Matters arising from the minutes.
5. Commodore's report for 2003.
6. Honorary secretary's report
7. To receive and, if thought fit, to approve the accounts for 2003.
8. Approve an increase in subscriptions proposed by the General Committee
9. To re-appoint the auditor for 2004
10. To re-appoint the trustees of the club.
11. To re-appoint the president and vice-president.
12. To elect the officers of the club.
13. To elect the general committee members to their specific responsibilities.
14. Following the meeting – Any other business.

The bar will be open from 7pm but will be closed during the AGM.

February Winter Walk

Dartmoor, Sunday 29th February, 10 o'clock start.
 Start Car Park, to northwest of Vennford Reservoir (GR: SX 685713).
 Distance 5¼ miles. Lunch, The Forest Inn, Hexworthy.
 Details on Sailing Club Notice Board. Contact, Brian Ridge (telephone 275432).

New Members

Welcome to Mrs L Samouelle & Dr I Goult as new members who have recently moved into Longmeadow Road. They have no boat at present.

Editor's Perch

- One person's junk is another's much sought-after item. Advertise 'For Sale & Wanted' in your Newsletter! Maximum one full-width line including name & tel number. Fee: one short original item for future Newsletters to accompany the advertisement. See p4
- Whilst there will be a Newsletter each month, the next one will be subtitled March, so as to normalise the issue month with the calendar.
- Apologies for the picture quality last month. Third time lucky?
- RNLI talk report delayed again due to AGM information

Job Table

Title	Responsibility
Commodore	Overall
Vice-Commodore	Water Activities
Rear Commodore	Shorebased Activities
Hon. Secretary	Administration of Club affairs
Hon. Treasurer	Accounts & Budgets
Membership. Secretary	Membership matters and database
House	Planning Projects & Maintenance
Bar	Bar-stocking & maintenance
Sailing Sec.	Sailing programme & its support
Public Relations.	Newsletter, website, P.R.
Social Co-ordinator	Organising Events

AGM = Some new blood on the Committee (but not on the carpet I hope!)

There has been some discussion in Committee on how to encourage some new blood onboard. The current nomination arrangements – a list in the foyer – is viewed by some Committee members as the existing Committee staking their claim to another year of immortality (I typed it first off without the t & the spell check didn't pick it up). From my point of view as Secretary, the list in the foyer does not comply with rule 4.2, which deals with nominations to committee. I have tended to ignore rule 4.2 in the past as I don't understand parts of it – the sentences are long & I'm getting older. As Secretary I will therefore give you my interpretation. Complete written nominations as described in the rule to be with me (15 Birch Road, Lympstone, EX8 5LB) at least seven days prior to the AGM. I will then display (ASAP), in the foyer, a list of the nominees.

Rule 4.8 was written to ensure that the most senior committee members retire in rotation. Richard Bland is conscious of that rule & has stepped down after years & years of service to the club. Several of us feel we have been around for too many years & although some are prepared to stand again they would welcome the opportunity to stand aside. Currently we have a vacancy for bar manager & the treasurer has not 'signed up' for another year. I have been on the committee for nine years (apart from a previous stint) & may not be putting my name forward for re-election.

In the December newsletter Martin said that no position was sacrosanct to those already on the committee.....so think about offering your services to the club. Ring Martin if you want to discuss putting your name forward – he is asking you to volunteer, see the Commodore's report. If you don't get elected you will at least have shown your willingness to contribute & the Commodore will probably be tapping you on the shoulder & asking for your help.

To end on a lighter note – I will endeavour to keep the front door of the club locked so you can't see the nominations list – then you will have to come to the AGM to find out what the hell is going on! See you there, with your pens at the ready to make your marks on the ballot papers.

Roger Howell Hon. Sec.