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Summer Walks

Sunday 20th June

Sunday 25th July

Sunday 22nd August

The walks will start at approx 4.00pm or later. See the Noticeboard for full details 10 days before each walk or phone Mary Downes 01395-271992

This 'n That

- If you have not received (& wish to have done) an **email** from me in May - email me! I may not have your email address.
- Congratulations to **Peter Dixon Chandlery** who have moved all of 20 metres into spacious new premises overlooking the harbour.
- First reports from some who competed in the Chandis Cup race to Brixham were not good - first time I've ever felt sick - fair easterly wind creating a nasty corkscrewing roll on the boat - more next month
- So was that summer? Hopefully not!

Diary Dates

Sat	29 May	1400	Squires Trophy !! Starcross YC start line	
Sun	30 May	1500	Flotilla dinghies & Dayboats + Tea	
Sat	12 Jun	1430	Dinghies & Dayboats	Tea
Sun	13 Jun	1500	TRY SAILING - allcomers	Refreshments
Fri	18 Jun	1900	Flotilla Dinghies Dayboats & Cruisers	Bar Snacks
Sat	19 Jun	1100	Dayboat Picnic @ Dawlish Warren	
Wed	23 Jun	1930	Penny For a Song - playreading	see below
Sun	20 Jun	-16	Walk	see Noticeboard for information.
Sat	26 Jun		L.S.C. hosts of Exe Regatta	Supper
Sun	27Jun		L.S.C. hosts of Exe Regatta	Tea

For Sale

The Club Dory is still for sale, due to (?) temporary cashflow problems of a prospective buyer. Contact the Commodore for details soon.

**Playreading**

Following the success of Under Milk Wood, the Lymestone Players will perform another play-reading. The play **PENNY FOR A SONG** by **John Whiting** is set in a garden on the south coast of England and we are delighted that Pat and Richard Giles have invited us to 'stage' the play reading in their lovely garden at mid-summer followed by a BBQ. If it is wet we will adjourn to the Sailing Club. The date and time are Wednesday 23 June at 7.30. Please bring a garden chair, a rug or extra sweater if the temperature drops at sunset AND food to be cooked on the BBQ. Further details from John Welton on 271915



Lymestone Sailing Club Newsletter

June 2004

Calling All Hands! Calling All Hands!

Lymestone Sailing Club hosts the River Exe Regatta in 2004 – over the weekend of Sat 26/Sun 27 June (HW 1301/1403 BST 2.8m/2.8m)

This year will be the fourth River Exe Regatta. It's our turn to host the event following Exe SC, Topsham SC and Starcross YC last year. This is an open event so anyone with a seaworthy craft is invited to participate – on or off the water.

"Sailing" comprises a Swallows and Amazons adventure "up river" on the Saturday and racing on both days for the more serious sailor. Cruisers and windsurfers will be down at Exmouth whilst the dinghies and dayboats will be on two mid-river courses. See club notice board/website for further information and entry details soon. (Entry is free if you register by 18 June)

Ashore we expect several hundred visitors from the other clubs, as well as a big turnout from LSC members for a grand party on the Saturday evening (food served from 1945 – pay on the night, band from 2030) and high tea, prize giving and prize draw Sunday afternoon (from 1700).

I have already asked a number of LSC members to help with "on the water" activities and I now need volunteers to help as follows:

- Working party to prepare the club and harbour, erect awnings/gazebos etc (all day Fri 25 June)
- Processing results ashore (Sat and Sun afternoon – computer skills a must!)
- Food preparation (Sat – Jenny Charles is coordinating)
- Manning the bars (yes bars!) (Sat evening – chaps only please, so we can give the ladies the night off)

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- Teas and bars (Sun afternoon/early evening)
 - Grand tidy up (Sun evening)
- Please can you help?** Even if just for an hour or so. Please ring me (h 01395 276 524) or even better, send me an email: cooke.millvale@eclipse.co.uk
- Also** Bunting, old flags, outdoor fairy lights and gazebos needed. Please contact me if you have anything that might help on the night - please contact me as well...
- Let's show our visitors how to give a really good party! I look forward to hearing from you, otherwise you may be hearing from me!!
- Chris Cooke
Vice Commodore, LSC
Chairman, River Exe Regatta Organising Committee

Squires & Flotilla Upcoming

Saturday - 29th May - Squires Trophy - Dinghy only event - hosted by Starcross Yacht Club. 14:00 start time. This event is shared with SYC and this year it is their turn to host. Please note that this event is likely to be started on the other side of the Estuary near SYC and you will need time to get across. Tony Blackmore is hoping to pop some sailing instructions down to LSC on Wednesday evening, but whilst I don't want to guess the instructions, if the format is similar to last year you need only sail close to the start boat and they will take your sail number. There is likely to be a separate fast & slow handicap starts with fast away first. No LSC boat that I know of will be in the fast category. After the event (approx 90 minutes sailing) go ashore briefly at SYC and register yourself for results purposes. There may be some refreshments (don't quote me on that!).

Sunday - 30th May - LSC flotilla (dinghies & Dayboats event) plus Tea
 Sunday - the last of our Spring Series of Dingy/Day Boat sailing events. Race start time of 15:00 (give yourself time to get ready). We have been encouraged by the turn out so far but there are quite a lot of people yet to be seen this season. This event will again be in LSC's relaxed style and I hope that as many as possible will come along. If you are looking for a crew or what to crew please let me know and I will circulate using this distribution list. Also our brilliantly supportive Galley Crew team will be supplying a tea for all. If you are new to the club or have not been around much recently it is a good chance to stay for a natter, make up entirely fictitious or exaggerated stories about your sailing exploits and generally enjoy the company and eat cake!
 Jeremy Sailing Secretary

Committee Matters

- Last month's request for overdue subscriptions has roughly halved the number to about 25. However, several still on the list are habitually late-payers. The Committee will consider proposals for substantially increasing the subscriptions next year but with a discount for prompt payment. *[Perhaps a move to direct debit payment might be the answer?]*

NEW MEMBERS

The Committee extend a warm welcome to the following:
 David Pick, Exmouth;
 John & Terry Day, Clay's Cottages;
 Ralph & Barbara Rochester, Malt Field;
 Ron & Liz Gordon, arriving in Lymptone shortly

Editor's Perch

- Only two events into the season and we appear to be witnessing a very un-Lymptone Sailing Club attitude to racing - or so I was led to believe! I refer of course to the verbal and otherwise jostling between the Sailing Secretary and the Dayboat Secretary on page three. That's the trouble with racing, it encourages one to be pushy. Much better to sail quicker between buoys in clear air I say. I trust that Race Officials will use their Nelson's eye for future

unsporting behaviour. Just because SYC allegedly resort to protests and so forth, there is no need for us to become embroiled in such distasteful matters!

- Capsize & MOB. As this didn't happen, I am unable to fulfil my promise to report on these activities.
- Can you think of any downside to having the AGM in October, so that the incoming Committee has time to devise a coherent Annual Programme?

First Sailing Event - Sunday 2nd May

We had the good fortune to have excellent weather for the first dinghy/dayboat event of the season. 14 dinghies and 2 dayboats took part and 3 crews were new members this season. Many grabbed the opportunity for bar food and liquid refreshment so ably supplied by the 'House' team.

There were a number of infringements on the water and for the most part (since it was the first event) these have been ignored by the start team (SYC would not do so!). NB. The leg from number 3 buoy to 1 should always be through the start line. Have a look at the sailing instructions in the clubhouse but the start line is a transit from the red/white board on the clubhouse, the flagpole at the end of the harbour wall & the perch near the outside of the moorings. The perch is a single pole with currently a small red flag on it. It has been knocked askew and will be straightened in due course.

We will do something about the lines for the new race buoys - they float and no less than 3 were picked up!
 Jeremy Chew - Sailing Sec

Sailing Notes - Sunday 9th May

Congratulations to those who turned up on a dismal morning to take part in the Dinghy & Dayboat Flotilla - 12 boats in all. Highlights : Alison Gall and crew with a superb performance, 2nd to the windward mark on 1st lap. Jeremy Pike's helming of the 420 in the second race, - crossing the finishing line first. Steph Johnson - James Chew's novice crew who when James fell out of the boat (!) before the start of the first event, followed James's shouted instructions from the water to bring the National 12 round in a perfect hove to. Great to see Gavin & Frances in their home-built boat going well in the decent breeze. John Bennett and I came close to an incident at number 3 buoy - John played 'hardball' - causing me to take the safer option (I reckon I could have overlapped within 2 boat lengths!). Then John's shroud failed - divine retribution?

John Welton showed speed in his new boat first time round - caught napping by the second start! Many thanks to the Safety Boat Crew & the Race Control Team who had to brave the elements without even sailing, & to the Galley Crew for THE BRUNCH; just the job after a chilly sail
 Jeremy Chew - Sailing Sec

John Bennett replies: Jeremy is partially correct - I wasn't going to give him an inch! But whether he would have got his overlap **before** I was within 2 boats length of the mark is the stuff protests are made of! What a gent he is for not pushing his luck! As for divine retribution, plastic tape over the shroud ferrule was obviously not a good idea - keep things visible and keep an eye on them should be the lesson learned. Pity though, I was pretty well-placed at the time for a little 'un!

Flotilla Notes 15 May

Saturday again saw a dozen boats take part in the dinghy/dayboat event. The weather couldn't have been better apart from a sea breeze that ideally could have been stronger. After a briefly delayed start 2 races, each of 2 laps took place. For the first race, the course proved a touch long for the slow-handicap dinghies and most retired after a single lap. The second race was therefore largely fast-handicap boats and we shortened the course. The breeze then piped up a little, but it made for a keenly contested race with the National 12's and the Europe showing the way round. We are gradually seeing more boats appearing and this will stiffen the competition as the season goes on. In particular we are keen to see the slow handicap fleet develop and it is true to say that this is a wide-open competition. We will try to ensure Slow Handicap gets a course of the right distance and duration. Thanks again to the Start team, the Safety Boat crew and the House Team.
 Jeremy Chew - Sailing Sec