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Abandonment

Abandonment Notices have been placed on illegally-parked boats in the harbour area. Members who have left their boats without the permission of the Harbour Board should remove them or their boats will be destroyed within 28 days.
LFHA

This 'n That

- By my reckoning, about a third of our membership has e-mail and the world-wide-web. If you have it, do you use it? Have you changed your e-mail address recently? E-mail me!
- The Sailing Programme 2004 is now on the Club website. If you don't have the web, ask me if you need to know dates urgently, but the Programme will be available in print soon.

Diary Dates # = tickets != see noticeboard

Tue	17 Feb	1930	Shanty Group Singers (Richard Crisp)
Sun	22 Feb		Chestnut Appeal Lunch (Giles)
Sat	28 Feb	1930	Under Milk Wood playreading
Sun	29 Feb	1000	Walk Vennford Res. GRef: SX 685713
March	1,3,8	1930	1st Aid Course - places via Tony Clark
Fri	5 Mar	19:30	Bangers and Mash Evening
Wed	10 Mar	19:00	Boat Whisperer Talk SYC # see below
Fri	12 Mar	19:30	Story Telling (Jenny Moon et alii)
Tue	16 Mar	1930	VHF radio Training (contact A Harwood)
Sat	27 Mar	<<>	SUMMER TIME TOMORROW
Sun	28 Mar		Winter Walk (Hurrell/Sutton) !
March	19-25		Club closed for floor resealing
G Fr	9 Apr	07:30	Craning Afloat + Refreshments
Mon	19 Apr		Dinghy park open

Safety Boat Rota

If you have done Safety Boat duty before, or you intend to this season, please confirm any dates that you are unavailable for (else you will have to arrange your own swaps) with the Sailing Secretary at 01392 660426 or e-mail jerrychew@eurobell.co.uk very soon

Boat Whisperer

Boat Whisperer talk is on the 10th March. Please note that this will be at 1900hrs at Starcross Yacht Club. Please book as soon as possible in order to avoid disappointment. Contact - Tony Blackmore on 01392/420043 tony@sail-sport.com or Peter Baker 01626/863575 Peter-Baker@ArtGlassco.co.uk. The price is £2.50 per person. Send cheques to either, or you can pop across on race days and buy them in the Galley - see race times at www.starcrossyachtclub.co.uk/programme.htm. I strongly recommended this event and hope as many as possible from LSC go. I would suggest that the older juniors would certainly benefit as well as the adults, but maybe under 12's would probably find it too much to take in - unless they are experienced sailors.
JC



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From our Norwegian Correspondent**Sat, Jan 10th Bergen, ~0°C, dry**

Took funicular up the hill, snow from last week still evident. Clear view out to the islands, despite the bank of grey clouds. Triangle of boats bobbing about on the waves, mid-winter racing, tiny dinghies from this distance. Resolutely a sea-faring nation! Closer inspection at sunset, 15.30, city-centre harbour, reveals two dozen largish cruisers - crews of 5 or 6, well-gearred up, sturdy, but no doubt chilly, furling sails and rafting up, thermos at the ready. Straight coffee? - or Aquavit to toast the toes!



Liz

Annual Dinner Dance - A Huge Success

The Club's new venue - Woodbury Park - for this year's Dinner Dance was a huge success in all departments attended by the hundred-plus members and guests. A substantial group also took advantage of much-reduced rates for B&B together with swimming facilities. The format chosen had few formalities although a fire drill interrupted things earlier in the afternoon. The popular disco was provided by Barry Gardner. Whilst dancing finished at midnight, a few diehards could be found chatting until four in spite of the long-closed bar. The only unused facility was the golf course, due to lashing rain & high winds. Meanwhile, the maximum wind speed recorded at the Clubhouse was 56mph, Storm force 10!

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Walkers' New Year's Eve Party & A New Craze?

Those of us who attended the Walkers' New Year's Eve Party enjoyed a marvellous evening with delicious food, good company and plenty of wine - to say nothing of Commodore's punch - phew! Between the meal and midnight, we were all totally absorbed by his introduction of a game of Frog-racing. From the enthusiasm and eagerness of all who took part, it was clearly a HIT - to be continued on other social occasions no doubt. How about a Frog Ladder? At midnight, we were hushed by the knock of an appropriately clad first-footing Scot who duly recited some poetry in the vernacular.



Toasting the chefs during the dinner



Committee Matters

- There are two vacancies in the management of running the Club smoothly, see p3. Please contact the Commodore if you are at all interested to find out more of what either entails.
- Committee meeting dates have now changed to the third Monday of the month.
- As this goes to press, the first Dayboat Spuddle takes place with Captain John Bennett - three cheers!

Editor's Perch

- Make no mistake, all members are valued (as long as they pay their subs promptly!) by the Club. However, I believe that during the year, the Club plans to put on something for all tastes. So can I expect to meet all members *at least* once this year? I hope so.
- Training Update sheet is included with this Newsletter. If you are to be involved with any training/teaching in the Club or have any current qualifications please fill in all relevant sections and return the tear-off section and give it to the Training Co-ordinator, Tony Clark. Thanks
- So Liz Wells more than adequately paid her dues (see page 1) following her advert in the previous Newsletter!
- Since the weekend of the Dinner Dance, the maximum windspeed recorded in the Club has risen to 58mph!
- Note on the Diary Dates (p4) that the Club will totally close for a week whilst the floor is stripped and re-coated.
- 8 weeks until Craning Afloat - but recent sunny warm days are encouraging us to start refretting for the season's sailing. Fitted wardrobes must be completed first - for me!

New Committee Members

RNLI Talk

Title	Name	Job Description
Commodore	Martin Hebdige	Overall
Vice-Cdre	Chris Cooke	Water Activities
Rear C'dre	Rosemary Maltby	Shore-based Activities
Secretary	Brian Ridge	Admin. of Club affairs
Treasurer	Don Govan	Accounts & Budgets
Mem'ship	Christine Ashton	Membership records
House	Frances Hurrell	Planning Projects & Maintenance
Bar	vacant	Bar-stocking, maintenance
Sailing Sec.	Jeremy Chew	Sailing programme & its support
P.R.	Richard Crisp	Newsletter, website, P.R.
Social	Jenny Charles	Organising Social Events

A comfortable room-full greeted Mack McLarren of the RNLI. Born and bred alongside the sea and fishing, with a long pedigree of lifeboat service, Mack informed us of many interesting facts of the RNLI today and yesteryear.

Did you know that the Spurn Head lifeboat crew are paid due to the remoteness of the station? That whilst water-jet technology is on the imminent horizon for lifeboat propulsion, it was first investigated by them in 1944? Lifeboats res-

Key players

Title	Name
Club Training Principal	Chris Cooke
Chief Instructor	Alan Harwood
Cruiser Captain	Don Govan
Dayboat Captain	John Bennett
Dinghy Captain	vacant
Training Administrator &	Tony Clark

cued 20 people per day in 2002 on average. Two Club members admitted to being rescued by lifeboat. Heartstrings were pulled as he recounted the tragedy of the Penlee disaster in 1981. The audience donated £45 towards the local Crew training Appeal. A good talk, let down somewhat by a lack, on the night, of equipment to project slides.

Commodore's Review of 2003 Season

In reviewing 2003 at the AGM, Martin noted that in spite of difficulties, all his objectives had been attained. The bar, kitchen and changing rooms have been significantly improved, flotilla sailing has required all the silverware to be re-polished & awarded, RYA-approved Training Certificate was obtained, Newsletters monthly, 48 new members (unplanned), a suite of social events with food provided. 2003 had been a significant year of all-round improvement. He thanked those on the Committee, and particularly those on the sub-Committees who had driven the activities, individual members who had put on very successful one-off events, and members for their support. Plans for the coming year included the commissioning of a new Safety Boat, improved VHF radio communications between Safety Boat & others, a full members' training programme and if funds were still available, an awning for the balcony and improvements in the galley. L.S.C. hosts the Exe Regatta in June (26th/27th), a prestigious under-

Subscriptions

At the AGM, a motion from the floor proposed an increase in subscriptions to £20 single, £30 couple. Members were requested to pay promptly as from now. This was the first increase for four years.

taking which will require 'all hands on deck'. Martin paid tribute to the four retiring Committee members for their respective input to the Club over many years and welcomed the new. It had indeed been a successful 'building-year' with plans well-laid for a better one to follow in 2004.