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**Bar Roster
Friday Clubnights**

8.12 Telfer 272275
15.12 Moffatt 279952
22.12 Exelby 266116
29.12 closed

Walkers' Diary

10 Dec Beer Broom
31 Dec NYE Party
1 Jan NYDay Walk
21 Jan tba
18 Feb tbd Bland
11 Mar tbd Sutton
15 Apr Princetown Broom

Walk 10 Dec, Beer

A change from previously advertised, Doreen & Bill Broom will conduct a 4½mile moderate walk from Beer Village car Park OS map ref: 229892 setting off at 10:30am

Lunches at the Dolphin Hotel must be pre-booked via Doreen/Bill by 7th December. A full menu is on view on the outside Club noticeboard.

Found

A bunch of keys with distinguishing features but no owner id. found in Sowden area. Contact the Editor.

Diary Dates

Fri	22 Dec	1930	Carol Singing (see page 1)
Fri	29 Dec	-----	No usual Clubnight
Sun	31 Dec	2000	Walkers' New Years' Eve Party
Mon	1 Jan	1030	Walk
Fri	12 Jan	1200 1930	Mariners' Munch (see page 1) Talk - Hurricane-proof marina
Sat	27Jan		Dinner dance (village hall)
'07	3 Feb		LSC AGM

Good Websites

- www.caktanks.co.uk - water tanks, plumbing, galley fitments, lighting, loos, and more for caravans & boats
- www.windguru.cz/int/index.php?lang=eng - 7-day 3-hourly forecast of windspeed & direction, temperature, waveheight, cloud & rainfall, choose any European site including 3 for Exmouth.
- www.xcweather.co.uk/ - nice chart with interactive data but only one parameter per page
- www.metcheck.com/V40/UK/HOME - then put in Exmouth
- www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather//uk/surface_presure.html - synoptic charts

Wanted

If you have an old mooring buoy, fender or chain you want to get rid of, please donate it to the Club. The cruiser section would like to buoy part of the channel to Number 21 next year. Contact cruiser captain Don Govan or Commodore if you have any surplus items please.

Talent Scouting

Lypmstone has exceptional talent amongst its community as witnessed by those who attended the Lypmstone Concert. There is also some evidence that members are keen to support Lypmstonians who decide to give a talk to the Club. Please contact the Commodore if you can enliven our winter evenings.



Lypmstone Sailing Club Newsletter

December 2006

Spuddle & Prizegiving

Those who did not make it to the Spuddle & Prizegiving missed a very enjoyable evening attended by a good-cross section of members. It would have been good to see more dinghy sailors especially some Juniors. A few pots remain to be collected by those successful sailors who didn't make it on the night. Tony Clark gave an amusing summary of the many crises and embarrassing incidents he had observed through the year before passing the Darling's Rock Trophy to Neil. Views on last season were then exchanged, suggestions put forward for future sailing and a friendly discussion developed. There was a plea for a continued Junior programme and particularly for a volunteer to encourage, support and head up Junior sailing so if you think this could be you, *please* volunteer. The 'bring a plate' system produced an excellent spread and a good crowd stayed on late chatting over experiences, catching up and enjoying each other's company. A lovely wind-down at the end of the season. *Rosemary*

Christmas Carols - 22nd December

Don't forget to drop down to the Club to enjoy the Christmas Carol night on Friday 22nd December. 'Starstruck' will be joining us again under Graham Pearson's leadership with their lively mix of music and carols to listen to and join in with. Snacks, mince pies, mulled wine and fruit punch will be served as usual – always a good evening!

Dolphins Skittles : Half-term Report

"Tries hard but with limited success; could do better" would perhaps be an accurate report for the Dolphins skittles team as the half-way point for the season approaches. We have played 7 games, won 3 and lost 4, doing well on the beer leg so we obviously need to feel thirsty a bit earlier in the evening! There are no more

games at the Club on Thursdays until the Novelty Skittles evening on 21 December. Perhaps we will excel when given silly things to do!
Diana

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Mariners' Munch

To complement Friday night Clubnights, a new initiative, the midday Friday MARINERS' MUNCH will start at noon from 12th January 2007. A chance to meet and chat over a light lunch in the convivial surroundings of the Club in daylight.

Menu: Home-made soup with a roll. Anticipated cost around £1 Bar or tea/coffee available. Come and meet your friends in the warm Clubhouse. All members very welcome.

Future Friday menus will be on the notice board. It would be helpful if you could let Joyce Malster 277077 or Adrienne Hebdige 275262 know if you intend coming so we have some idea of numbers.

Prizegiving & Spuddl e

Dinghies:

Moore Cup	Richard Bland
Peters Cup	Ian Smith
Horn Cup	Ian Smith
GP14 Cup	Mike Musgrove
Slow Handicap Series	Gavin Lowry
Kay Connor Cup	Karol Chew
Pursuit Races	James Chew

Day Boats:

Overall Series	1= John Bennett equal points & both
	1= Gavin Lowry had one 1 st & two 2 ^{nds}
Commodore's Cup	Ian Scholefield

Cruisers:

Smith Tankard	Martin Hebdige
Jupp Salver	Don Govan
Kett Trophy	Martin Hebdige
President's Cup	Martin Hebdige
Chandis Cup	Chris Cooke
LSC Daytime Cup	No Races Held

Allcomers

Darling's Rock Trophy	Neil McCracken
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Editor's Perch

I was really annoyed with myself for missing the Spuddle & Prizegiving for no good reason at all. For one thing I wanted to applaud the prizewinners, especially the Darling's Rock Trophy winner, which for those of you who may not know, is awarded annually, by the holder, to the member who has been observed making the most significant boating faux-pas. Although my recent debacle of falling headfirst, fully clothed with digital camera & mobile phone into the brook was well observed by others, I felt safe from the aforementioned award as no boating dimension was involved. Having heard a puzzling explanation of how Neil qualified, admittedly second-hand, without apparently having committed any demeanours, I wonder whether I really was so safe from nomination. Whilst not wishing to cramp Neil's choice next year, I would hope that it is governed by deeds of boating madness, which may not be so unusual, but which we all occasionally commit, and which we can share the frisson of the moment just before nomination as we think - oh it might be me!

I am delighted to amplify here part of the Wanted notice on page 4 namely the request for buoys to mark Lympstone Lake. So far I have always just managed to regain my mooring up to 3 hours after high water in Curlew using as much luck as judgement probably, but having it well-defined will benefit more than just cruiser helms I'm sure. Please dig out any unwanted buoys.

So Summer Song was eventually craned into the brook and subsequently towed upstream by Trout's men. Doubtless the cost of the exercise will outweigh the value of the vessel - and all for the sake of a secure mooring.

I made a right hash of several dates around the end of December and New Year last time, apologies for any confusion.

Commodore's Signal

Season's greetings!

In between late night shopping opportunities, the Club has held a successful Prizegiving & Spuddle and a most entertaining and informative talk on hot air ballooning from member and balloon pilot Alan Dixon. Beware, the planned talk for Friday 15 December has had to be postponed – but watch the notice board and e-mails as a replacement is being sought.

Not much sailing going on at the moment, but the walkers are a walking, and the skittlers are home and away a skittling! And don't forget the visit from the excellent Topsham juniors with their Starstruck Band to lead us through carols at the Club on Friday 22 December. Another date for your diary is Friday 12 January 2007 when member John Brewer will be giving a fascinating talk on his firm's involvement in the design and build of a hurricane-proof marina in Barbados.

Just as well the Lympstone boats are safely laid up with the current spate of depressions and fronts tracking in on a particularly settled jet stream. So batten down and whilst storm bound, use the time to get a note to Father Christmas for some really useful presents - for the boat.

I wish all members a Happy Christmas, useful boating bits and good sailing in 2007.

Chris Cooke

Annual Dinner and Dance

The 2007 Dinner Dance is scheduled for **Saturday 27th January** at the **Village Hall** and includes a three course catered meal, bar and dancing to **Ray Beavis and Honest John**. So make sure you have this marked in your 2007 diary, get your shipmates rallied to sit together, drop anchor and come ashore at 19:00 to take on wine and vitals . A night to remember, not a night to be missed!

Details will be published with the January Newsletter and Tickets will be available from Gill Newport.

Summary of Training Year

From the Secretary's meticulous records, there is evidence of completion of a good deal of training this year with 25 trainees taking part and the following certificates awarded: 10 Power Boat 1, 9 Power Boat 2, 2 Safety Boat Level PS and 8 First Aid.

Many thanks to the Training Team and helpers for providing these opportunities.

A plea for next year: be very careful before moaning that there is no such-and-such training available when you have not previously responded to well-advertised training opportunities. There is nothing that aggravates more....

E-mail Addresses

Are you receiving LSC updates by e-mail? I don't have e-mail addresses, or addresses that work, for about 90 members!! If you are on e-mail and do not currently receive LSC update messages every week or so, please send one to me so I can pick up your address.

Commodore