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Diary Dates

Fri	10 Nov	1930	Spuddle & Prizegiving
Fri	17 Nov	1930	Talk - Hot-Air Ballooning
Fri	22 Dec	1930	Topsham Youth Band - Carols
Sun	31 Dec	2000	Walker's Party (see p1 for story)
'07	27Jan		Dinner Dance (Village Hall)
'07	3 Feb		LSC AGM

This 'n That

First Aid Training Pete Redbourn has kindly agreed to give the RYA First Aid Course on Saturday and Sunday 25th and 26th November. The course will run from 09.00 to 13.00 on both Saturday and Sunday. The last 2-hour session will be for the examination. The course fee is £25 and successful candidates will be awarded the RYA First Aid Certificate. Please sign up for the course in the Clubhouse asap. It will be helpful but not essential to have a copy of the Dorling Kindersley First Aid Manual which is available from most bookshops or the RYA (cost £11.99: £10.80 from RYA [code ZF03]).

VHF - DSC Update Training Five more members required to enable Don G (266697) to arrange an update course in Exmouth - at good rates !

HRO Latest draft Harbour Revision Order is at www.exeter.gov.uk/har

Maritime & Coastguard Agency SAFETY ALERT No 11 Some lifejackets manufactured by Remploy and sold as ENGLANDS PROFESIONAL LIFEJACKET, manufactured between 6th Oct. 1997 and 24th July 2006, have been incorrectly assembled. These jackets which have a green outer cover, may fail when manually inflated. If you have one of these jackets, please check with the Secretary, who has a list of batch numbers of the faulty products. Any jackets found to be on the list should be returned to the nearest Remploy Lifejacket Service Station for inspection, repair or replacement.

Free Boat VHF radio - Chris Carter 274104

Skittles LSC Dolphins have broken their duck with another improved second-half performance by overhauling Exmouth Rowing Club. Score now: P4 W1 L3.

**Bar Roster
Friday Clubnights**

27 Oct	Trapnell P	265198
3 Nov	Wells L	279669
10 Nov	Goult I	270718
17 Nov	Broom B	264025
24 Nov	Boaden B	272067
1 Dec	Telfer R	272275
8 Dec	Tooke J	264437
15 Dec	Moffatt M	279952
22 Dec	Exelby K	266116
29 Dec	closed	nb please make your own swaps if req'd - don't ask a committee member

All Aboard the Skylark!

'Skylark' lived up to the well-known phrase "All Aboard the S..." as Brian & Daphne transhipped what looked like a refugee ship's worth of passengers from the brook to their moorings on the Thursday before craning "Has anyone seen a waterline?!"



Lymestone Sailing Club Newsletter

November 2006

Winter Walk Season Begins

Once again we have the benefit of a choice of two types of organised walks over the winter.

The first, typified by 'Walks to the pub for Lunch' sorted its programme at a well-attended meeting on 3rd Oct, as shown on the right. Details of each walk, with a sign-on list for ordering lunch will be posted at the Club a week before each event. Usual format will be a 4 to 5 mile walk culminating in a pub lunch.

If foul weather prevents a walk on the day, assignees will be expected to fulfil their lunch obligations at the pub. Every effort should be made not to cancel as this causes grief for organisers.

19 Nov	Shobrooke	Balding
10 Dec	Haldon	Exelby
1 Jan	tbd	tbd
21 Jan	Beer	Broom
18 Feb	tbd	Bland
11 Mar	tbd	Sutton
15 Apr	Princetown	Broom

Also a New Year's Eve Walkers' Party - is planned at the Club - bring your own food. Doreen will co-ordinate who brings what. 8pm start *Doreen & Bill Broom*

Additionally, following Roger's offer at this meeting:

Robin Telfer is happy to lead a couple of **longer walks** on Dartmoor & we settled on a distance of 8 to 10 miles – similar to the Belstone walk that Robin led a couple of years ago. Walkers should bring their own drinks & packed lunch together with adequate foul weather gear & walking boots etc. Aim to arrive at the starting point by 10am with a view to setting off soon afterwards. Let Robin know (01395-272275) if you intend to go & leave your phone number with him in case there is a change of plan – bad weather does not normally deter Robin! Please make your own car sharing / travel arrangements. If these two walks are reasonably supported then a third may be arranged in February or March. Details of the two walks are as follows :-

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Sunday 12th November

A walk around Bridestowe & Sourton Common returning along the disused railway line. Drive west on A30 to Sourton junction (3 miles W of Okehampton), take A386 towards Tavistock & almost immediately take minor road on left hand leading to a water treatment works near Prewley Farm – signposted 'The Granite Way' (a cycle path) - map reference SX 545 911.

Sunday 3rd December

Circular walk NW of Postbridge. Meet in the car park in the centre of Postbridge adjacent to the bridge over the East Dart River – map reference SX 647788. *Roger Howell*

Sailing Secretary's Reminder

Topped up? There was an emergency launch of one of our safety boats last month to provide assistance to dragging and drifting yachts. Fortunately, the fuel tank had been left pretty full – so time was not lost before venturing out into what was the worst wave conditions I have ever seen on the estuary. (Wind against tide with a strong southerly over an ebbing 3.8 tide). **Key points:**

- The safety boats are available for competent members to use (club keys in the usual place; Bosun's locker key in the OOD locker; safety boat keys and equipment in the Bosun's locker) but ensure crew are competent for the conditions – **if in doubt don't launch but call the coastguard on 999**
- Take the usual safety boat kit, including watertight box, paddles/boathook, fenders, bucket, loads of rope and VHF radio
- Ensure someone ashore is aware of your mission and leave a handheld VHF with them (agree operating channel)
- Wear a lifejacket (spares are kept in the Bosun's locker for precisely this situation)
- Remember to switch engine OFF on approaching casualties in the water
- If you use the safety boat (for club events, training or whatever) **please always leave the onboard fuel tank topped up** & complete the logbook.

How's your tackle? How big is yours, where is it stowed? Your anchor & warp should be accessible & ready so someone else can get on board & chuck it over!

What does YOUR insurance policy require? Mine says 'Warranted the mooring is annually inspected & regularly maintained by the assured or his agents'. This had to be specifically requested as the standard wording required the mooring to be 'professionally maintained' which obviously wouldn't cover most of Lymptone! But define "regularly"!!

Editor's Perch

With our recent history of boats breaking away from moorings, I trust that we will all be checking every facet of our mud-anchors, ground chains, risers & strops this winter with greater diligence and perhaps erring more on the side of caution. For those of us not used to the vagaries of Lymptone mud and how ground conditions vary from place to place, a degree of care is advised. The advantage of being a club member is that there are others to seek advice from and perhaps pair up with to share tasks. I find taking a spade with me as much use as a walking stick as a means of digging mud. Safe mud-plugging!

Of course, errant vessels are not the sole preserve of LSC. More recently we have been 'visited' by two vessels which pitched up on or slipway on the evening of 19th October. Whilst one was swiftly dispatched to a vacant mooring, *Summer Song*, a traditional long-keel, was the object of much interest as she lay sadly on the hard suffering albeit relatively lightly as day after day of high winds & rain swept over her.



Dinner Dance 2007

Cruisers craned out, dinghies tucked up for the winter, nights are drawing in. Social events such as skittles & walking events are already underway and now is the time to think about other winter social events including our annual Dinner Dance.

The Village Hall is booked for Saturday 27th January 2007 so please mark the date in your diary now. Ray Beavis and Honest John are returning so you can look forward to enjoying good music and good dancing.

We have a theme, lots of ideas, thoughts on the meal so all we need now are some volunteers (*please keep reading!*) to help put it all together. If you've been involved before we'd love your help again, if you haven't now is the time – no experience needed, just a little enthusiasm for a good night out and your input on the sort of evening you and your friends would enjoy. *Rosemary Maltby 01395 275752*

Commodores Signal

Craning ashore went well – Exe SC kindly postponed their craning, due to a bad forecast, and we were able to use their slightly larger crane, I believe for no extra cost.

As it turned out, conditions were calm for the 0530 start with a bright full moon lighting up the estuary till dawn broke. There's a few photos on display in the club room – including a spectacular shot of a boat being lifted with a setting moon behind – do have a look! Many thanks to Graeme Wheeler and the Harbour Board teams, the water taxi and galley crews, Exe SC! and huge thanks to Julia and Neil McCracken and all those who helped with cooking, serving, bar and washing up at the supper in the evening. Another great success.

We have already started on the 2007 programme, and need your views now before the idea is lost! Ashore, as well as skittles and walks, a number of Friday evening events at the club are being organised as well the possibility of a lunchtime "Mariners' Munch" (more next month). Talks on a "Hot Air Balloon Flight" and "Building a Hurricane-proof Caribbean Marina" to mention a couple! There's always room for more – could you do a 30 minute talk on a relevant topic, or organise an event? Or do you know someone who can? Let me know if you do.

Chris

Prizegiving & Spuddle

Friday 10 November 2006 - 7.30pm for 7.45 start. Please bring a plate of food to share for our end of season Prizegiving and Spuddle, a chance to give the Committee your thoughts for 2007. Dinghy, dayboat and cruiser sailors, safety and bridge crews and all interested members most welcome - come and have your say - it's your Club and we need your input. The Spuddle is not necessarily restricted to the sailing programme but is a good time to air views that might be considered for Motions at the AGM. If you cannot attend give your views to Chris or Ian.

If you were a prize winner last year please bring your trophy on the night or hand it over to any Committee member well beforehand.



Tools, parts, paint & oil in the garage & kitchen throughout the winter - and all for what?