

Editorial matters

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**Bar Roster
Friday Clubnights**

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27.4 Hall D 225236

This 'n That

- Our anemometer readout may be dodgy, but one can always get an idea of conditions by visiting StarcrossYC website: <http://www.starcrossyc.org.uk/index.php?categoryid=108>
- Musty water containers? Use the disinfectant for baby feeding equipment: *Milton Maw*

**Diary Dates**

Every Friday: 1930 Clubnight & 1200 Mariners' Munch 'til 13/4

Fri	6 Apr	1200	Mariners' Munch 'wiches & Hot X buns
Fri	13 Apr	1200	Mariners' Munch - last of season
Fri	20 Apr	0730	Craning Afloat - yes Friday!
Sat	21 Apr	1930	Craning Supper
Sun	22 Apr	~10	Boat Park working party
Wed	2 May	1900	First race of the season - Tune Up!
Sat	5 May	0900	Breakfast
Sun	20 May	0930	Breakfast
Sun	1 Jul		LSC Regatta

Boat Jumbles

Sunday 8 April 2007. **Plymouth Boat Jumble.** Open 10am. College of Further Education, Kings Road, DEVONPORT, Devon, PL1 5QG. Admission £2.50, accompanied children and car park free. Parking 60 yards at DH Boys School. Telephone Dean Reynolds on 07767 713393

Sunday 15 April 2007. **Dorset Boat Jumble.** Open 10am. Canford Park Arena, Magna Road, (A341), WIMBORNE, Dorset, BH21 3AP. RAC signs. Admission £3.00, accompanied children and car park free. [Chaddock and Fox Promotions](#). Telephone 023 92381405 or 07887 771451

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**Lympstone Sailing Club Newsletter****Steve Venton**

Earlier this month Steve Venton sadly lost his courageous fight against cancer. He spent most of his life in Lympstone, latterly moving to France where he enjoyed a happy but short retirement.

He attended Lympstone junior school with John Bowers, Jim Holman, Ted Norton, Wilbur Spiller, Jim Squires and others. On finishing his education his interest in boats and carpentry lead him to become an apprentice at the Lavis Yard in Exmouth.

Examples of Steve's great skill with wood could be seen in his lovely boat, *Queen of the May* and the much admired, traditional clinker tender he built for John Parker - always referred to as the Millennium Barge.

His love of the sea led him to fishing boat trips for holiday makers and then spending most of his spare time living and cruising on the *Queen of The May* which of course went with him and Jan to France.

He was involved with Lympstone Fishery & Harbour Association, being the Harbour Master for a number of years and a member of the Sailing Club in earlier days, entertaining us with guitar and song. Many have been grateful to Steve for his quiet assistance, solving problems with our vessels and sharing so generously with his great knowledge of boats, the estuary and the weather. Latterly Steve shared his love of boats with a four wheel companion, his white Rolls Royce which was often seen transporting brides to and from church.

He was one of Lympstone's characters, a friend to so many and 'The Buildings' were never the same after he left for France. He was very much a family man, happily

married to Jan and between them raising three children, Luke and Sally who still live in the village and Kate in Australia.

Living in France his family and friend still had the pleasure of his visits but alas no more. The Club showed our respects on the day of his funeral by flying the flag at half-mast and we convey our deepest sympathy to Jan and the children in what we know to be their untimely and sad loss. A memorial service will be held in Lympstone Church at 11am on 14th April.

Sheila Parker

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Craning Afloat

Craning takes place on Friday 20th April with the first boat due to be moved from 0730. Hot drinks and bacon butties will be for sale again from the Clubhouse.

Craning Supper etc

A Mexican Supper is planned for Sat. 21st April to celebrate Craning Afloat. The menu will be Salsa and Guacamole dips with Tortilla chips, Chilli Con Carne both mild and spicy followed by dessert. We will start the evening off at 7.30 with a Tequila Sunrise Cocktail. If you would like to book tickets, these will be £5. Book a place by putting your name on the list at the Sailing Club or phoning me, 274104, or sending me an email. I could do with one more volunteer to cook a Chilli Con Carne and a helper on the night.

BREAKFAST COOKS WANTED

The next two social events are for Breakfasts on Sat. 5th & Sun. 20th May. Offers to help with these please.

If you have never catered for one of the events at the Sailing Club, help will be available from people who have done it before – so have a go, it is good fun. If you want to discuss this to find out more, please give me a call or speak to me down at the Club, I'm usually there Friday Clubnights. *Judith_Carter@hotmail.com*

Club Security

In line with most sports clubs, we are proposing to issue front door keys for members to access the downstairs area of the clubhouse. Security is becoming more of an issue and this will allow for the main doors to remain locked during the day. A small deposit will be charged (returnable on resignation and return of key!). This will not happen immediately as the doors need servicing and a better lock will be installed, but it would be useful to gauge interest so please contact me if you want a key or add your name to the list downstairs. In addition we also intend activating the code buttons on the changing rooms so watch out for information on obtaining the code! Lastly, if you have some redundant keys for upstairs it would be helpful if you could hand them in – one on the set is still in use and it will save having additional ones cut.

Editor's Perch

My award for the outstanding innovation in Club activity during the winter goes to Joyce Malster & Adrienne Hebdige for initiating and running Mariners' Munch. Not only have they offered delicious fare, but perhaps more importantly, they have provided a social activity which attracted a welcome new group of regulars to the Club.

I'm sure there are some who would like Mariners' Munch in its present form to continue throughout the summer, but I think you'd agree that from a providers' point of view, it might become burdensome with numbers fluctuating even more widely. However, the new key policy outlined above should encourage members to not just open the front door, but to open the Clubroom for themselves and enjoy the balcony. So why not carry on a D-I-Y form of Mariners' Munch any day of the week?

Two men in a white van came to replace the battery (apparently) in the anemometer on the end of the jetty which cured the zero reading, but it still under-reads. Does anyone have an accurate cup anemometer that we can hook up to check? One of my tasks on joining the Met. Office at its research station at Porton Down was calibrating anemometer on a 6-foot diameter wind-tunnel!

Finally, I'm offering the reward of a bottle of wine to the most prolific contributor to the Newsletter (not including Officers' reports!) this coming sailing season and I would also like to compile data of members' passages (captains willing) and ports of call that span a minimum of one night away from Lymptone moorings. *Richard*

Commodore's Signal

Thank you to those who have returned their subscriptions promptly; 75 at the last count (not quite half the membership, however). We hope you are pleased with the programme (finalised after hours of work and numerous drafts – thank you Don) and so are now keenly preparing for the start of the season. Plenty of racing tabled, alternative events for dayboats and in many, dinghies and cruisers may join in. There's every opportunity too for groups / families / individuals to do their own thing (and remember to tell us about your best experiences in case they could be included on future programmes (*and a good read for Newsletter readers Ed.*!))

Craning afloat is now imminent (*hang on, I need the 3 weeks! Ed*) – Friday 20th April from 0730. We need volunteers to ferry folk in from their moorings so please contact me if you are available to do a stint in the safety boat. Don't forget the craning afloat supper on Saturday too – see top of page 2. On Sunday, a working party will be cleaning up the park in preparation for the dinghies and tenders to be brought down from Monday 23rd. Please try to get down and give a hand – remember as boat owners we are all members of the Harbour Association and should try to contribute a little time. We are also hoping to complete the outside painting of the Club that day or Sunday 29th, depending on the weather and how many can turn out, so please volunteer if you can. Your renewals for moorings and places on the park should have been sent off to LFHA by now and you will receive larger stickers to be prominently displayed & in addition numbered parking spots. No boat parked without a current sticker please!

So the weather is at last warming up, days getting longer - no excuse for not getting on with those now urgent jobs with paint brushes and rollers, airing kit and so on. The safety boat engines are soon to be serviced, Club buoys to be painted and laid. Thank you for the donated chain; Club member David Winter kindly brought a good length down from his home in Radstock having read our request in a previous newsletter. Still some sailing booties available (mostly small / children's sizes) – we have samples at the Club so come and check them out on Friday Clubnights as you visit the bar! Look forward to seeing you. *Rosemary*

Club Trophies

We have been aware for some time that some of the sailing trophies have not been returned. We have carried out an inventory but cannot account for the following: Jenkins Cup, Jubilee Trophy, LSC Junior Plate, Darling Cup (not the 'lighthouse'), Chandis Cup, Burton Cup, Mirror Open Salver, June12th Cup and Optimist Shield.

Would all sailors who have won a trophy in the past few years please search their lofts, cupboards etc. and if any items are found please return them, in the strictest confidence of course, to the Commodore.

Club Communication

Your Committee has decided, for several and various good reasons, to concentrate on Club communication via the paper format of this monthly Newsletter. Our website, from what I can gather from a 'hits counter', is little visited, and Chris's last-minute e-mail reminders are more likely to be read by the large minority of members who have internet connection. Similarly, racing results can be e-mailed as well as being posted in the Club. So for Newsletter content etc., contact the Editor (see p4), whilst for e-mail communication contact our communications committee man, Chris Cooke

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