

Editorial matters

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Diary Dates

Clubnight: Every Friday from 1930

Fri	30 Nov	1930	LSC EGM (see November issue page 1)
Fri	14 Dec	1930	Christmas Party + Starstruck Band
Sun	16 Dec	1030	Walk (see below)
Mon	31 Dec	1930	Walkers' New Year's Eve party
Sat	26 Jan		Annual Dinner Dance
Fri	1 Feb	1930	LFHA AGM

LSC Walkers

The December walk (16th) will be a repeat of last month, but hopefully with drier weather so will start at 10:30 from the Swan's Nest pub car park, Exminster, just east of the mini roundabout on the A379. A gentle 4-miler. Details on Notice Board at the Club. Don't forget our traditional New Year's Eve Party. *Bill*

Job Swap?

I've been doing Sailing Secretary & dinghy park management/maintenance for the last couple of years and feel guilty that I may be depriving someone else of their opportunity. if anyone feels like having a go at either post let me know. I'll quite happily support and assist through the first year. *Ian*

Skittles

Dolphins have won 6 and lost 1 match so far. Free weeks for practice are Thursdays 29 Nov and 6 Dec. Novelty skittles will be on Thurs. 20 December - please bring a few nibbles! *Diana*

Annual Dinner Dance

The 2008 Dinner Dance will be held on **26th January** at the **Village Hall**, and includes a 3-course meal by **Food with Flair**, bar and dancing to **Carnaby Street**. The Theme this year will be **'A Night at the Movies'**, so fetch out your dickie bows and ball gowns (as appropriate), and come along and be a star for the evening. Rally your shipmates and get them organised for a night to remember, a night not to be missed ! A booking form will be issued with the January Newsletter, and tickets will be available from Gill Newport. See you there!

Missing Trophies

The following lists trophies that are missing. If anyone has any idea of their whereabouts please let me know, thanks *Ian* Kett Trophy, Chandis Cup, LSC Junior Plate, Mirror Open Salver, Optimist Shield, Jubilee Trophy, Rowena Bruce Trophy

Lympstone Fishery & Harbour Association

Craning Afloat Mon. 7th April 2008
Craning Ashore Sat. 18 October 2008

We plan to hold the **LFHA AGM** on Friday 1st February 2008

There will be a **EGM** of the Lympstone Fishery & Harbour Association early in January 2008 to discuss three main items: Association liabilities, Moorings & Voting Rights. The date and venue will be displayed on the Harbour notice board & at the Sailing Club.



Lympstone Sailing Club Newsletter

Prizegiving & Spuddle 2007

Our annual prizegiving which took place on Friday Nov 9th was greatly enjoyed by all present. The trophy winners were announced by the Sailing Secretary, Ian Smith and presented by our Commodore, Rosemary Maltby. They are listed on page 3. There was also a new award, The Tony Clark Memorial Award. It will be presented annually for ten years to the Club member who has contributed most to support the Club's Junior members. Jenny presented the inaugural Award for 2007 to Toby Ingham. The Award comprises a Certificate and £25.

The Commodore reminded us of the invaluable contributions from those who officiate and help at events, be it on safety boat, shoreline or Clubhouse duties and those who work in the background preparing rosters, reminders, food, organising training, bar duty and the 101 other things which keep the Club up and running. Prizegiving over, the meeting transformed into the Spuddle, open for suggestions from members regarding possible improvements on the sailing and related fronts. A number of useful ideas were raised and these will be considered by the Committee over the next few months. By this time, eyes were turning longingly to the table of food so the meeting was concluded. I'm not sure when the last members left, but the party was still going strong when I left late in the evening – well done to all.



From our India Correspondent

South Asian Spice, *alias The Commodore's Signal* from her India Office, Hyderabad

With no chance of a sail in the foreseeable future & slightly less Club responsibilities at the start of the 'low' season, I have escaped the rain & chill winds of the UK to warmer climes. So welcome to the land of dust, noise and bustle, streets filled with people & overloaded cars, trucks, bikes, tuk-tuks* all constantly hooting & beeping, forcing their passage – yet apparently not colliding! Very hairy – reminiscent of the Squires start last summer. The sun shines, temperatures are warm curries are hot, Bass non-existent but Kingfisher at 60p for 650ml an acceptable alternative. No sunbathing in our location – strictly covered legs & high necklines – so of course traditional cool & comfortable silky Indian outfits must be acquired, numerous small shops, bazaars & market stalls must be visited, new fruits & foods to be tasted, so many different sights to be experienced. Since this is a working trip (really!) field outings are taken into the undiscovered rural areas where buffalo & cows wander at will, life is basic & hard but communities close-knit, kindly, welcoming; shades of our Lympstone spirit? But beware of not being constantly

* powered rickshaws – overloaded yellow & black buggies with two-stroke 'lawn mower' engines buzzing around like swarms of busy bees loaded with pollen. (*onomatopoeic !- Ed*)

vigilant with your belongings!

No doubt life continues as normal in Devon & the wheels are in motion for winter events. For those not there, the Spuddle & Prizegiving was fun - an excellent evening. Thank you to all those who brought food – quite a feast, also to those running the busy bar, & to the late drinkers who thoughtfully tidied up the chaos before leaving. Next date to remember is the short EGM on 30th November followed by bar snacks.

14th December is our **Christmas Party** with carols & members of Starstruck Band to accompany us. Please let me know your suggestions for post-Xmas Friday evenings – but remember the bar is always open on Friday nights & convivial winter evenings should not need special organisation! Dinner Dance, last Saturday in January – look out for updates. Still working on logo for personalised clothing – nearly there – may be rather last-minute for Christmas presents but fingers crossed!.

Another Early Sailing Memory

My first attempt to sail was in the late summer of 1942 - on the Thames upstream of Richmond Bridge. I hired a small clinker-built dinghy rigged with a lugsail, The untutored, optimistic venture ended in frustration, in a capricious light wind I made little headway against the stream so resorted to oars!

In 1943 as a Sea Cadet I went on a week-long course on seamanship, based on a relic of Nelson's era - a "wooden wall" - the *Fondroyant*, moored well out in Portsmouth Harbour. Tuition included sail-training on Navy whalers and cutters. My main recollection being the fearsome CPO Instructor's insistence on our learning to be quick & effective in executing the order to 'brail-up' the heavy canvas mains! on the cutter - I guess he didn't relish capsizing in a stiff breeze in a boat manned by greenhorns. But my subsequent naval service in Coastal forces never included sail-powered boating!

It was the late 1960's before I had a chance to take up sailing for pleasure when we moved to Sevenoaks and I discovered Chipstead SC, using an old gravel pit on the outskirts of the town (satellite mapping shows at least 500 dinghies *Ed*). To select a dinghy I went to the Earls Court Boatshow and fell in love with a shiny new wooden racing dinghy the Firefly, a 12foot Uffa Fox revolutionary design in 1946, with a hot-moulded planing hull and aluminium mast. I bought the boat on display, raced it for nearly 20 years and have a few tankards to prove it - albeit mostly in the all-classes Veteran's Trophy!

Sadly I heard before moving to Lymptstone in 1988 that Fireflies were not to be found racing here so I acquired an old GP14 (sail no. 803) before graduating to a 20 foot Signet keelboat in 1992, sailed today by the Commodore.

Footnote: . . . "the art of sailing is essentially a practical one . . . to attain perfection it is necessary to study the theory closely" *Admiralty Manual of Seamanship, Volunteer II, 1932*. I should have read it before I started!.

'Tim' Tapscott - 1924-2007

Tim was a founding member of our Club, when they used to meet in Peter's Tower and was instrumental in many aspects of village life. He sailed an International 14 both here & at Exe SC & likewise crewed for others in particular at Plymouth Corinthians. He built a GP14 (4341 Cinzano) which was eventually sailed by our President-elect, Bob Blackmore. Tim was a funeral director and Bob recalls a Club dinner at which a guest, Bob Fisher, who wrote on sailing matters for the Guardian & sailed an International in the Olympics, commenting that whenever he was on the train travelling to Plymouth he always looked across the river too see if he could see Tim's GP14 fitted with brass handles! Tim was closely involved in the conversion of the old store into the existing Club after it was acquired in 1959 & later when we were improving the kitchen & the lobby he showed great interest making daily visits to see progress. The Church was crowded at his funeral on 1st November & our sympathies are with his widow, Pat.

LFHA - Moorings Update

Before boats were craned ashore we were able to carry out a survey on a high tide, and obtained GPS/OS positions for 82 moorings that were marked with floating buoys. Of these, 65 moorings were marked with a numbered buoy, or had a boat on them that could be identified: the remainder cannot be identified.

LFHA allocate 134 moorings and it would appear that a high proportion of moorings are not being used, even though fees are paid regularly.

The Board is also concerned that some moorings are not being maintained to the standard required by Membership Rule 6(f), and members are reminded of their responsibilities under Rules 6(f) and 6(g). We would expect to carry out a similar survey after craning afloat in the spring so members are asked to check that their mooring is clearly marked with the mooring number. This exercise is necessary so that we have a proved system in operation before the new Harbour Authority comes into being.

2007 Prizewinners

Cruiser	Jupp Salver	Don Govan
Cruiser	LSC Cup	Don Govan
Cruiser	Presidents Cup race	Don Govan
Cruiser	Smith Tankard	Don Govan
Cruiser	Kett Trophy	Chas McLennan-Wiggin
Cruiser	Chandis Cup	Sam Watts
Cruiser	Overall Cruiser series	Don Govan
Junior	Junior crew Burton Cup 12' & under	Phoebe Hall
Junior	Most improved junior June 12th Cup	Toby Ingham
Junior	Keeping the Mirrors represented - Junior Mirror Shield	Toby Ingham
Junior	Adventurous Sailor of unstable boats Sutton Bingham Trophy	James Chew
Dayboat	Commodores Cup	John Bennett
Lug	Lug & Mizzen class Jenkins Cup	Gavin Lowrey
Dinghy	Lady helms Kay Connor Cup	Karol Chew
Dinghy	Spring series 1st Moore Cup	Ian Smith
Dinghy	Spring series 2nd Coombe Cup	Jason Ingham
Dinghy	Summer series 1st Peters Cup	Jason Ingham
Dinghy	Summer Series 2nd Campbell Cup	Mike Musgrove
Dinghy	Autumn series 1st Horn Cup	Ian Smith
Dinghy	Autumn Series 2nd Spurway Cup	Richard Bland
Dinghy	Slow Handicap 1st overall season Freda Bartlett Cup	Gavin Lowrey
Dinghy	Slow Handicap 2nd overall season Founders Cup	Toby Ingham
Dinghy	GP14 overall season 1st GP14 cup	Jason Ingham
Dinghy	GP14 overall season 2nd Garner Trophy	Mike Musgrove
Dinghy	Pursuit series 1st Eileen Flint Trophy	Ian Smith
Dinghy	Challenge 1 (Champagne)	Jason Ingham
Dinghy	Challenge 2 Champagne)	Mike Musgrove
Rescue	Rescue duties Salvage Trophy	Miles Freeman/Debbie Mitchell
Any	Biggest blunder of year Darling Trophy	Tim Mitchell