

Editorial matters

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Diary Dates

Clubnight: Every Friday from 1930				
Fri	8 Jun	1845	OOD duties Review before Clubnight p3	
Sun	10 Jun	1330	Squires Trophy @ LSC + Tea	
Fri	15 Jun	1845	Racing Tips Forum before Clubnight	
Sat	16 Jun	tba	Clubhouse redecoration completion	
Wed	27 Jun	0000	Closing date for purchase of Regatta tickets	
Sun	1 Jul	1200	LSC Regatta - see page 1	
Fri	22 Jun	1930	Powerboat Refresher Talk (see below)	

This 'n That

- Surprising the effect a bin-liner can have when it wraps itself around the propeller of your boat. It happened just as I approached the crowded landing stage at Dartmouth. Vibration on the tiller was immediately apparent but a drastic reduction in propulsion came as a surprise. Still it could have happened at sea, where my remedy of cutting the offending object free with a breadknife lashed to a pole whilst lying on a pontoon, wouldn't have been possible; it all goes to reinforce the old saying, 'worse things happen at sea'!
- Congratulations to Sir Robin Knox-Johnson for completing his second solo world navigation 37 years after his first at the age of 68 in roughly half the time. He finished fourth in the Velux 5 Oceans race.

Powerboat Theory Refresher

Tony Clark will give a talk at the Cub from 1930 on Friday 22 June. This will be a refresher covering the theory for RYA Powerboat 1 & 2 certificates. So, if you took the qualifications some time ago and the theory is getting a bit hazy, or you want to do a PB 1 or 2 course soon, or just want to increase your boating knowledge, this is not to be missed. Fun, informal & valuable! Note it in your diary now.



More on Security

Work is about to start improving security at the Club and in the parkso will you want a new key for the Clubhouse? The current padlock will be no more. So far 20 have signed on the list - assessing demand influences the choice of locking system - perhaps you favour a keyless system? We value your input. For security of your belongings mark things very visibly & also have them listed on the police database (on-line or use the forms in foyer). We have purchased an engraving tool for use at the Club - members wishing to use this for outboards etc., contact the Bosun, David Moss-Gibbons (275782).



Lympstone Sailing Club Newsletter

Socially Speaking

Thank You

Two great breakfasts were provided in May, the first by Alison Gall & Sarahleen Strickland & the second by Mandy Mitchell and Jeanette Childs. Thank you for all the effort you and your helpers put in to provide these which were enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Bar Snacks Friday 1st June from 7.30pm

Doreen Broom has kindly offered to prepare Bar Snacks on Friday 1st June, so come down to the Club and have a drink or two and enjoy something to eat as well.

Squires Trophy Tea, Sunday June 10th 3.00pm

This is the major social event in June which LSC is hosting for all the clubs on the Exe. Apparently we can expect up to 150 people for this. Jenny Charles is organising a team to co-ordinate this but she will need lots of cakes. If you can provide a cake please phone **Jenny 264359** when you get this Newsletter and let her know this so she can plan this event which is now only a couple of weeks away. She will need the cakes delivered to the Club at 1.30 pm on the day. The Squires Trophy is always a great event and even if you are not sailing come down and watch the race and have tea.

Club Regatta Sunday 1st July

Alan Childs and Stan Parker have got their team of BBQ Chefs lined up for this event. I will need people to prepare salads: tomato, bean, coleslaw, or a salad of your choice. Please call or email me to say what you can do. I will also need some helpers to serve salad & to clear up so volunteers are welcomed with open arms! And on that point volunteers do not have to be female!

There are a range of activities planned for the Regatta for all ages:

- Cricket / rounders on the Cliff Field at midday
- A Treasure Hunt for the youngsters, (ages 3 to 7 approx), for which they can dress up as pirates and bring their spades to dig for treasure
- Tea for youngsters after the Treasure Hunt; Crabbing
- Tug of War; Rowing race; Sail Past at 1900
- The Sail Past will be followed by a BARBECUE, hopefully accompanied by music from Topsham's Star Struck Band.

TICKETS, £5 adults, £3 children under 12, will be available from beginning of June from: the bar or Chris Batson 222594 or Ian Smith 222136

IT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP IF ALL TICKETS COULD BE PURCHASED BY WEDNESDAY 27th JUNE, - thank you.

- If you are interested in the Treasure Hunt, please contact Gavin Lowery, 276995

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Your First Sailing Memories

My e-mailed request for 'first sail' information struck a rich vein with a swift response - thank you! So far I have:

Anon	Bosun	R. Thames, Vauxhall	1996
Graeme	GP14	Cyprus	1969
John	Albacore	Chichester Harbour	1955
Ian	National 12	Lympstone	1991
Richard	Cadet	Frampton-on-Severn	1957
Dennis	International 14	R. Blackwater	1936
Don	International 12	Swindon, Cotewater Res.	1957
Gill	GP14	Starcross	1966
Jenny	Bristol Channel Pilot Cutter	Gosport	1977
Chris	Yachting World Knockabout	Padstow	1957
Nick	Laser	Salcombe, Hope Cove	1985
John	Redwing	Maldon, Blackwater	1960
Tony	GP14	Thames Estuary	1963
David	Enterprise	Reading	1971
Jill	Catamaran	Poole	
Sam	Old clinker tub	Topsham	1950
Ron	Moody 29	Ramsgate - France	1988
Bill	Wayfarer	South West France	1992
Brett	Lark	Blashford Lake, Ringwood	1988
John	Snipe	Budworth Mere	1952
A & M	GP14	Salisbury, Rhodesia	1972
John	GP14	Marlow, Thames	1955

However, some of the accompanying stories will be reproduced in these pages starting with Sam's - magic!

Sam's Story

I had an uncle who owned a small farm at Topsham by the Goat Walk which was then still countryside, we had cattle, pigs and grew vegetables, unlike now when the area is infested with birdwatchers and retired Londoners. Anyway, my cousin and I and other friends mucked about with an old clinker rowing boat which leaked like a sieve, We kept the water out with copious applications of black bitumastic tar. A mast was fashioned out of a bit of larch and an old brown sail hung off it - all good fun when you are fourteen. We kept the old boat chained to the slipway wall which was a mistake, for after one very windy night the next morning revealed the chain OK but only a small bit of boat left on it. We all learnt that the old boating saying "if it can go wrong, it will" was true.

Editor's Perch

Have you noticed? There seem to be more dinghy-sailing members getting out on the water, both whenever there is suitable tide & weather and for Club races. I sense that LSC dinghy racing is on the up & we could see a revival of junior members in the next few years. Enthusiasm from a committed nucleus can soon spread, so let us enjoy the season to the full. There is a wealth of experience amongst members (see Sailing Secretary's Shout p3), so don't be afraid to ask if you want some ideas for sailing faster. How about a technical rigging afternoon, where masts & rigging were deliberately adjusted and test sailed to learn from experience?

Don G's Results Service is getting slicker & faster and as you can see from the dates on the website, I'm getting quicker at posting them there. If you see a possible error or omission, please contact Jeremy, Ian, Don or myself & it can be checked.

Whilst the exploits of the dinghies are within view, the cruising fraternity, less noticeably, are also already active, with more planning to venture further than the River Dart this summer, myself included. I would be very pleased to receive résumés of any passages away from the Exe for more than a day, either to pass on tips on harbours or anchorages or of incidents encountered and fun had.

Martin & Adrienne in White Lady and Anne & I in Curlew can again vouch for the welcome from the Staff at Darthaven marina at Kingswear, and tasty filling meals with marvellous surroundings & view at the Royal Dart Sailing Club from about £12.50 a head - concentrate on starter & main course I suggest.

There are still 22 unpaid subscriptions. These will not be receiving the Newsletter & will only remain members if they pay up now - they have been reminded. The reapplication fee will be small recompense for the grief caused to our Membership Secretary.

Commodore's Signal

What a busy May! Well done to everyone who's been out on the water – an excellent start to sailing with 22 different dinghy helms competing already. A few cruisers racing, a couple have braved a windy run down to Dartmouth to party at the music festival and several day boat and cruiser folk have been setting off for adventures down the coast – Chandis Cup this weekend.

Events ashore have been successful – two great breakfasts followed racing this month thanks to the efforts of Alison and Sarahleen, Mandy and Jeannette and their helpers. A real treat after a morning sail. But *please* help by signing up / emailing / telephoning your booking (or even provisional plans). It's hard to organise for an unknown number and without support from the membership events *will* be cancelled! Judith is working very hard planning social events – have you volunteered support yet? If you could help but don't feel you can 'do' an event she really needs an assistant to take some of the load – doing occasional shopping, being a contact for ticket sales, putting up posters or collecting money – not too much time involved but a huge help – this could be your contribution so *please* get in touch with Judith.

Apart from the Squires the next big events are the regattas. Exe River Regatta 7-8th July, ours on **Sun 1st July** with sail past and BBQ. We are planning cricket, crabbing, children's treasure hunt and tea for tots, tugs of war on the mud, and rowing races for linked teams of tenders! Please help – the committee can organise but can't **do** this all alone – if you think this could be a fun day please contact Judith or myself and offer your ideas and support. Keep your eye on Chris' excellent regular emails, look out for notices and updates in next month's newsletter so you don't miss anything!

Finally, please note **Saturday 16th June** to complete the outside redecoration on the Clubhouse.

Sailing Secretary's Shout

Race Officer duty overview. Friday June 8th at the Club at 1845. This will be a short discussion session for those of you new to the duty or who just want to ask questions. Bar opens at 1930 so this will be kept short & simple but for those with a burning desire for a deeper understanding I will stay around to answer all your questions. Prepare by reading the 'LSC Starting procedure' document on the Club web site first.

Squires Trophy Races. On Sunday 10th June we are running the Squires Cup event, normally this pulls in about 60 boats so if anyone with a Rib or other suitable boat would like to assist with safety cover / buoy laying please let me know. 1330 start. Your chance to show your racing skills. Sailing instructions on the web site or copies at the Club.

Racing tips Friday June 15th at the Club at 6.45pm. Another discussion session where you can ask why Mike & Jason always finish the first lap 5 minutes ahead of you. You will not learn any fantastic secrets in fact you probably already know the answers to the questions - but will you actually take what you already know & the little bits of new knowledge & apply it all to your future racing?

Training Our gallant Secretary is heroically trying to pull all the strands together for an official session or three (but the strands are proving difficult to pin down). In the meantime there may be some *ad hoc* opportunities arising. Some of your training needs might be met by something less official, I will be in touch with those I think I can help in this way.