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26 Jan	DD committee	
2 Feb	LFHA AGM diy	
3 Feb	LSC AGM diy	
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Walks

21 Jan	N Poppleford	Sutton
18 Feb	tbd	Bland
11 Mar	tbd	Sutton
15 Apr	Princetown	Broom

This 'n That

Please note under Diary Dates the time and date of the Lypstone Fisheries & Harbour Association AGM. This is a departure from our usual Friday Clubnight which is deferred 24 hours to the Saturday AGM.

Maritime Safety Weather Information for Coastal Mariners

Welcome changes to the VHF transmissions will be in place from 1st February. Time, frequency and content will change but local details will still be announced on Channel 16 prior to the MSI forecast. Channels 23, (84 & 86) are the ones covering Portland to Land's End.

The daily cycle of broadcasts starts with a full MSI report at 0710 (always local time) and are followed every 3 hours with local updates. For full information search the internet using "RYA MSI" and then follow the links.

Diary Dates

Fri	12 Jan	1200	Mariners' Munch
		1930	Talk - Barbados marina (see p1)
Fri	19 Jan	1200	Mariners' Munch
Fri	26 Jan	1200	Mariners' Munch
Sat	27Jan	1900	Dinner Dance (Village Hall) see p1
Fri	2 Feb	1200	Mariners' Munch
		1930	LFHA AGM
Sat	3 Feb	1930	LSC AGM
Fri	9 Feb	1200	Mariners' Munch
		1930	Talk - Cruising to the Scillies

Mariners' Munch

The Friday Mariners' Munch will start from 12th January at noon. Menu: Home-made soup with a roll. Anticipated cost around £1. Bar or tea/coffee available. Come to meet friends in the warm Clubhouse. All members very welcome.

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

Power/Safety Boat News

Stand by! We are trying to firm up a refresher day for club members who will cox the safety boat next season.

We also plan more RYA powerboat 1 & 2 courses for members, including juniors.

Dates will be published in the newsletter and by email. Please contact training co-ordinator Brian Ridge to put your name down.



Lypstone Sailing Club Newsletter

January 2007

Dinner Dance : Saturday 27 January

Please join us in Lypstone Village Hall, 19:00 for 19:30. The night not to be missed so apply for your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets are available NOW from Gill Newport Rostega, The Strand, Lypstone in writing please, using the flyer in this newsletter. Ticket requests to be accompanied by your menu choices & **payment** – cheques to be made out to Lypstone Sailing Club.

Winter Talks at the Club

To help survive the remaining dark winter evenings three illustrated talks have been organised on particular Clubnights:

Friday 12 January - John Brewer: Designing a hurricane-proof marina in Barbados, a look at the design criteria so that the Branson brigade can survive the worst!

Friday 9 February - Roger Howell: A look at the history and photos of Roger's voyages of discovery between Lypstone and the Scillies (he never stays in marinas!)

Friday 2 March - John Goss-Custard: Birds and the Exe cycle track – the science & the legislation. For all Talks: Bar opens 1930 for a prompt 1945 start please.

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Clubhouse on Saturday 3rd February 2007 at 7.30 for 8.00 pm

Following the meeting – Any other business. The bar will be open from 7:30 but will close at 8.00 pm for the duration of the AGM

Agenda

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Walkers	4	10. To re-appoint the Trustees of the Club.
		11. To re-appoint the President and Vice-president.
		12. To elect the Flag Officers of the Club.
		13. To elect, after a ballot if necessary, nominees for the General Committee.
		14. Installation of the new Commodore.

Sailing Matters

Junior Sailing / Training. Over the years LSC has had, like most small clubs, a cyclical record of training & events for our younger members. A period of growth, usually culminating in some excellent results at home & abroad is inevitably followed by a decline as that particular set of youngsters grow up & move on (& the parents breathe a sigh of relief & get their weekends back). We have had a few quiet years recently with little demand but there are now some signs of an upturn. To fully gauge if we can achieve a 'critical mass' of youth sailors we would like to know what our members want so please let us know. Any progress in this area will need to be fully supported by parents and we would hope that a group of them would be prepared to come forward & devise and run a programme of events. If you have a child that wants to learn more would you be prepared to form part of that team? If so please contact me or one of the other committee members so the idea can be developed further.

Novice Sailing / Training. This is another area where demand has been low & to be honest we do not really have the resources to facilitate a programme of dedicated training for novices. What we do have however are some good club sailors with a wealth of experience particularly pertinent to 'our' sailing environment. We have always sought to utilise this experience by encouraging them to team up with novice crews & building on an excellent suggestion from Tony Clarke we are proposing to incorporate a mini-series within the first four races of each dinghy series for such teams – in order to spice up the competition I'm sure we can find a few trophies! The idea is that an experienced helm will team up with a novice sailor (adult or junior) as crew for the first three races and for the fourth the experienced sailor will be the crew. Just to be clear all races will still be open to experienced helms and crews. In accordance with our unique LSC sailing principles the events will be run with rather more emphasis on the enjoyment & learning than on serious racing. I suspect the search will soon be on for good partnerships so start looking soon!

Tuning / Shakedown race. Whilst our 2007 programme is not quite finalised I still hope to have the first event of the season as an opportunity to get our boats properly sorted. I know that some of you were unable to take up the previous offers of assistance from our 'top' sailors but hopefully this year we can help you to get your boat performing to your satisfaction. Proposed format is a pre-season tuning / tweaking newsletter followed by the event in early May which will be an onshore session followed by on the water tuning / racing. It's also worth remembering that most boats in the club are 'one designs' and as such your class website will have lots of setting up & tuning information.

Social sailing A few years ago we had quite a number of social sailing events, trips to Turf or Dawlish Warren, even a picnic on one of the sand bars complete with tables & chairs. These occasions were sometimes scheduled on our calendar but were more often spontaneous events arranged simply by like minded people getting together. The logistics of getting together such events under the auspices of the club are difficult but we are willing to commit club resources if a demand exists. If there is a budding events organiser out there or you just want to party in strange & remote spots (do you remember Ogle Bergen – or how to spell it?) do let us know.

Next Month there will be updates on the **Boatpark** and **Races & Discards** *lan*

Commodore's Signal

The Club has been looking very festive with tree & decorations for the Christmas period. At the carols we enjoyed excellent mulled wine to a secret Maltby recipe. But what a superb performance from Graham Pearson's blossoming Star-Struck Band mixing carols and jazz again this year. Thanks to them and to all who worked hard to make the evening and ambiance so enjoyable.

Clubnights, winter lunches, talks & walks and the Dinner Dance are all mentioned elsewhere. Do please support the social events – they are good fun.

In a few weeks time the evenings will lighten so we can start to ready boat bits and think of getting afloat. Our AGM approaches too – and as I have made it known since my promotion, I will be standing down after serving as your Commodore for two years, rather than the traditional three. Do let us know if you might like to join the committee – we would particularly encourage parents of junior members to give your input for a year or two.

Looking further ahead, I am pleased to report that the sailing sub-committee has been hard at work drafting the programme for 2007 with some new ideas as explained by our sailing secretary. A very exciting season beckons! Thanks Ian, Don and Co.

Now, a grumble! A pretty dayboat washed up on the foreshore in the Autumn storms from 'down-river' and was rescued and placed on a member's mooring for safety – but it subsequently began to sink due to a leaky fore hatch, so was rescued a second time and moored mid-stream in the brook out of harm's way. It has now been removed – but along with our warps and as far as I am aware, not a word of thanks has been passed to the Club. I hope the owner (who I gather is not a Club member) is suitably embarrassed and may we please have our rope back!

Club members - do please let me have your email address if you are not receiving regular electronic updates. We do let everyone have a "hardcopy" Newsletter each month, but a brief email update is so convenient in-between. Happy New Year! *Chris*

Editor's Perch

Happy New Year to you! For boating members, now is perhaps the best time for reflection, daydreaming & planning before the donning of marigolds & applying the anti-fouling, to say nothing of all the other routine jobs which will command our thoughts & activities. A Christmas gift of Boat Show tickets in February has encouraged in me the idea of finding a bargain price for my subsequent birthday present!

The New Year will bring an AGM & further opportunities for renewal. The announcement of a retiring Commodore (see C's Signal) means new jobs for existing Committee members and opportunities for new blood. Now is the time to make the decision to offer your services in order to influence how the Club does things. Your Editor has now been putting things his way for three years so is standing down. I am aware of having taken risks of ruffling the occasional feather or treading on the proverbial corn, but I hope readers took my words in the spirit in which they were meant - to write readable stuff that makes a general point. I have enjoyed being Editor, especially when articles from members just seemed to crop up just when needed or before. To all contributors: again, my thanks. I would remind everyone that the printed Newsletter is still the only way that all members receive information from the Club and is still the preferred way for nearly all with internet connection. But 2/3 of members do have internet connection so I suggest that the tasks of Newsletter Editor & website designer are split so that our internet presence is up to speed. Whilst the Commodore has used e-mails to send last-minute reminders of events, I would hope that the website becomes the focus for all Club information.