

## Editorial matters

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## This 'n That

- Firstly, a sincere 'Thank You' to all the cake-makers of the Squires Event from Jenny Charles, and from everyone who enjoyed them too!
- Those of you who venture beyond the confines of the Exe inner estuary especially and others no doubt, will be fascinated to study this year's bathymetric survey of part of the Exmouth Approach Channel which indicates significant further changes to the traditional main channel. The 'chart' is posted in the Club and is on our website, as is last year's chart. Comparing the two, it would appear that the North pole has shifted! Our ever-vigilant Secretary has also posted information concerning waste management in the Estuary in the Club. Paper copies of either of these may be obtained from him on request.
- The antics of the Editor in relieving an errant heavy wooden cable drum from mid-channel first with Curlew to the brook and then nudging it ashore with his punt apparently caused some mirth & distraction to your Committee. The plan now is to use it as a patio table but at least it can no longer be a potential hazard to both moving and moored craft.

## Diary Dates

Clubnight: Every Friday from 1930

S/S	7/8 July	0930	Exe Regatta
Sat	14 July	1000	Dayboat picnic on Dawlish Warren Junior training <b>postponed</b> Fish & Chip Supper - booking essential p1
S/S	28/29		Sail training see page 2
Sun	29 July	1900	Bar snacks
Sun	26 Aug	1800	BBO

## Another Early Sailing Memory

First sail: Yeadon Dam, 1952, National or Enterprise. The RYA demand that all racers wore life-jackets (about 1960) resulted in some curious outfits. My first lifejacket was two U-shaped inflatable seats held together by Elastoplast and string - I later moved on to an ex-RAF lifejacket which would not blow up. This was followed by civilian airliner lifejackets which were like paper and tore easily. It was not until 1980 that I actually owned a proper, self inflating, lifejacket. *Thanks Chris, Ed.*

## Dayboat Picnic

Dayboaters planning to make a social meal of the picnic at Dawlish Warren on 14th (see Sailing programme) should contact John Bennett soon. A list of names with contact numbers will appear on the Club Noticeboard to gauge interest. Unfortunately neither the dayboat captain nor the Editor are likely to be taking part.

## Estuary Patrol

The Police Estuary Patrol is unlikely to continue this summer due to other demands on police time. The patrol boat has been serviced & maintained ready for use. The fuel fund, to which the Estuary Clubs contributed, is held by Exmouth Town Council. Volunteers with police-type experience are sought as crew, so that hopefully the patrol maybe able to operate at least for some weekends during the height of summer. Volunteers must be prepared to be vetted by Exeter City Council & possibly Devon & Cornwall Constabulary.

## Found

**Ladies Watch:** in galley Apply to Commodore

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## Lymptstone Sailing Club Newsletter

## Adventure Weekend

overnight camp for Junior Members & Sea Scouts

Arrangements had been made to run the Adventure Weekend for Junior Members & Sea Scouts listed on the July programme. Unfortunately, however, Turf is FULL and cannot now accommodate us so the dates have had to be changed. A new date is being re-searched and will be notified as soon as possible.

The weekend is expected to involve sailing to Turf, overnight camping, the challenge of getting there under your own steam (or sail), adventures on land & water. Each junior member must have an accompanying parent or guardian as their assistant. To take part phone Tony, 01395 274292, & watch the Club Noticeboard.

## Social Scene

I am really pleased & grateful to Lucy McCance for offering to help in co-ordinating & planning social events, phone 263237

**Another request for Cakes** It is the Exe Regatta on the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> July, we always contribute cakes for the Tea on Sunday, along with the other clubs, to the hosting club which this year is Starcross. Please let Lucy know if you can make a cake and deliver it to our Clubhouse for noon on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> July. Any offer to take all the cakes across to Starcross are welcome, by road not by boat!

**Fish & Chip Supper Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> July** There will be a list in the Clubhouse at the beginning of July, for people to put their names down for Fish and Chips. This is always popular – last year we served over 80! This takes some planning with the Fish and Chip Shop. Look out for an email with a contact number or email address if you are not able to be get down to the clubhouse to put your name on the list

**Bar Snacks Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July** I have no one to do this yet – looking for someone to pro-

## Editor's Perch

With the current weather regime affecting the country, perhaps the postponement of the Adventure Weekend will turn out to be a blessing in disguise. On the other hand, is this whimperish wishful thinking, for I sailed my Wanderer in gusting force four & driving rain the other week & thoroughly enjoyed myself? Maybe, but if one learns best by doing, then there is no better way of learning how to survive comfortably in inclement weather than by camping. Mind you, I wouldn't go quite as far as friends of ours who are currently walking from Land's End to John O'Groats. Their e-mailed record of progress is increasingly dominated by thoughts on rain, flooded footpaths, daily soakings & staving off trench foot! Space has precluded inclusion of the Race Officer's minute-by-minute account of the eventful & protracted start of the Squires Race. This will form the basis of an August Newsletter, which will be available on the website & in paper form via DIY collection only from the Club from Clubnight 3<sup>rd</sup> August as our deliverers are invariably on holiday. New offers to deliver in your area always welcome.

## Sail Training

Analysis of the Training Update Survey showed considerable demand for Sailing for Beginners Courses both for Juniors and Adults. The Training Sub-committee have responded by arranging three Sail Training Courses, two for Juniors and Scouts and one for Adults as detailed below. The courses will be the YOUTH SAILING SCHEME, Stages 1 & 2 for Juniors and the NATIONAL SAILING SCHEME levels 1 & 2 for adults. Each course will comprise 2 weekends sailing. (The first weekend will take place at the Royal Marines' Boat House at Exmouth using their Bosun dinghies: the next weekend will be at Lymptone, sailing Mirror dinghies). Priority will be given to those who returned the Training Update forms with specific requests for these courses. It is anticipated that the courses will be heavily over subscribed. Places will be allocated on a strictly 'first come first served' basis. So please let the training Co-ordinator know as soon as possible if you wish to book a place. The cost of the courses is higher than we had anticipated because we now have to pay for use of the Royal Marine facilities. The cost of the courses will be £30 for Juniors and Scouts and £60 for Adults.

### YOUTH SAILING SCHEME, Stages 1 & 2, Course 1.

#### Maximum number 8 juniors or Sea Scouts

Dates	Venue	Club events	HW
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Exmouth	No Club event	HW 18.30 (3.5)
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Exmouth	CDD 18.30	HW 19.17 (3.7)
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Lymptone	CD 11.00	HW 11.04 (3.6)
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Lymptone	D 11.00	HW 11.44 (3.4)

### YOUTH SAILING SCHEME, Stages 1 & 2, Course 2.

#### Maximum number 8 juniors or Sea Scouts

Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Exmouth	No Club event	HW 17.25 (3.2)
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Exmouth	CD 17.30	HW 18.17 (3.6)
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Lymptone	C 09.00 Fulford	HW 09.25 (3.7) HW 21.35 (3.7)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Lymptone	CDD 09.00	HW 09.52 (3.6)

### NATIONAL SAILING SCHEME, Level 1 & 2, Course 3.

#### Maximum number 8 adults

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Exmouth	No Club event	HW 17.25 (3.2)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Exmouth	D 09.30	HW 09.41 (4.1)
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Lymptone	No Club event	HW 15.55 (2.9)
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Lymptone	D 16.00	HW 17.00 (3.2)

This is going to be a labour intensive exercise, since at least 7 people will be required at Exmouth per day and at least 5 at Lymptone. Apart from the qualified Instructors and Assistant Instructors, we require experienced sailors as helpers (who will be deputised as temporary assistant instructors for a particular session). We also need Safety Boat crew, shoreside helpers and qualified first aiders. Please volunteer to the training Co-ordinator (me) as soon as possible, so that we can get the show on the road. Your help is needed so please volunteer. Also, if I approach you for help please say yes!

**Brian Ridge: telephone 275432:**

## Commodore's Signal

The longest day has passed, we now seem to be paying for the spell of good weather in May which makes the ever-swelling number of active dinghy sailors even more impressive. What a lovely sight, a great start to the summer & some very serious competition developing. & of course this only works with the support team in safety boats & on the wall – it's so pleasing to see members taking their turn with enthusiasm. A keen group attended Ian's racing tips talk joined by Jason & his expertise – an evening I was very sorry to miss & one we will repeat. The Squires event went well, with good conditions, & it was nice to see several of our own members competing. Thank you to all who assisted on the water, ashore or with the tea – hard work & much appreciated by the other clubs on the Exe. Also dayboats are out & about on most good tides, cruisers are cruising & racing whilst Tony has kicked off with our first power boat training this season. Another busy month ahead – not to mention our Regatta!

Ashore the outside decoration of the Club is all but finished & improvements to security pending. Doreen's bar snacks went down well at the beginning of the month & Friday nights are busier than ever – quite a social scene. So if you're new to the Club come & give it a try – a great range of beers & some excellent new wines.

July's first big event following our Regatta on the 1<sup>st</sup> is the Exe River Regatta hosted by Starcross on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> with a big party on Saturday night & a tea party on Sunday at 1700 (not to be missed if you're hoping to win a draw prize - sailors & helpers all entered). Programmes are in the Club & information on the Starcross website. Let's have plenty of Lymptone competitors – but sailing or not, you can still go to the party! The following weekend's planned adventure for Juniors sadly now postponed, has good tides for a day say on the Warren or to Turf & back, so if the sun comes out why not try to get out anyway & make your own fun? Happy sailing!

## Sailing Secretary's Notes

**Competition!** Some years back we had a useful gadget for our dinghy racing officers that combined a battery-powered hooter, rechargeable battery & a time display (hours / minutes / seconds), all neatly contained in a smallish wooden case that we could carry to the end of the harbour wall. Sadly it eventually perished.....So....I am now pleased to announce a little competition for all our whizzo engineers – design us something along the stated lines, cost it out & be prepared to build it if your design is considered the best. We will cover the materials costs if we decide to proceed & who knows there may even be a prize as well.....If you are interested let me know & I will draft a schedule of requirements. There will be an additional prize for the most original / inventive proposal, the only proviso being that it is suitable to be printed in a family orientated newsletter!

**Dinghy racing / Squires Cup** Chris is doing a Squires report so I shall not steal his thunder but would just like to add my thanks to all sailors / helpers / officers – it was a great day (despite my lowly result).

Our club racing has been excellent recently, in terms of boats actually racing compared with those that are in the boat park the numbers are really good. The quality of racing is rising & the closer competition is great to see. New boats & new sails are beginning to appear – I may have to retire while I can still get into the top 5 in a race!

**Boat Park** Things have settled down nicely this year – I'm behind with the weed control but otherwise things are on track. At the end of June I will be doing my first major reshuffle as we are expecting further boats to appear – these may be over & above the theoretical limit of spaces & will be 'on trial' as regards usage. Existing boats that have seen little or no use this year may be relocated to accommodate active users.