

Editorial matters

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Changing Room Locks

The key pads on the changing room doors will be activated on Sunday 5th May - Breakfast Race – ask any Committee member for the code.

This 'n That

- Excitement - I fitted an old depth-sounder complete with a new transducer and tried it out the first time today - and promptly went aground testing its shallow depth capability!
- Why don't more skippers use snap-lines from the bow led back to the cockpit for picking up buoys?
- Towing horse on the Safety Boats: ideally the point of attachment to a hull propelled by an outboard should be slightly ahead of the propeller, but if a horse is used make sure the towrope can slide along the horse to allow the towboat directional control

Diary Dates

Clubnight: Every Friday from 1930

Wed	2 May	1900	First Event of the season Tune-up races
Sat	5 May	0830	Breakfast
Sun	20 May	0900	Breakfast
Sun	10 June	1330	Squires Trophy at LSC - Tea

Merry Munchers

Following the Editor's comments last month, Joyce & I would like to thank all of you who supported us bringing a happy & welcoming atmosphere to Friday lunchtimes. Though we harboured no intention of making a profit (but dreaded making a loss) we were pleased to hand over £197* to the Treasurer.

We are hoping to resume next January but would welcome more help on a regular basis. Please ring Joyce (277077) or myself (275262).

Adrienne

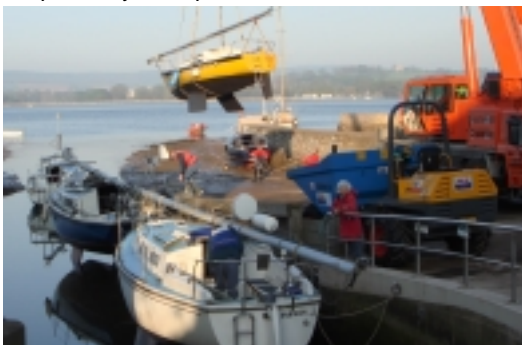
*..for which the Committee expresses their grateful thanks & congratulations.

Lost / Found

Have you lost some Mirror sails – two jibs and a main? Found on Candy's Field and now safely stored at the Club. Contact any committee member to check if they're yours!

Skittles

The Dolphins marked the end of the skittles season with a meal at the Club when The Hebdiges scored a double victory with Martin and Adrienne winning the Men's and Ladies' Cups respectively for top scorers. *Diana*



May 2007

**Lympstone Sailing Club Newsletter****Craning Afloat & Other LFHA Matters**

Once again, Club boat owners are indebted to Lympstone Fisheries & Harbour Association board for organising and carrying out a very efficient craning afloat of our vessels. Without their careful planning, administration, crane hire, mud removal, team mustering and taking responsibility for the operation, boat owners would be more than proverbially stuck up a creek without a paddle! All with good humour & a personal touch - bravo.

LFHA Property

At the last board meeting of LFHA, concern was expressed about the recent vandalism caused to boats, and dog fouling which occurs all the time. It was agreed that the rights of way on Harbour Association property be clearly defined. People are reminded that there are no rights of way across the boat park or on the harbour wall, which are LFHA property. Notices are to be erected to this effect. There is a pedestrian, but not vehicular, right of way alongside the southern side of the harbour wall.

Social Events

First of all thank you to all those who cooked and helped on the night of the Craning Ashore Supper. I have had lots of thanks and many people have said how much they enjoyed themselves.

May is now upon us and the Social events are a couple of weekend breakfasts.

I have had one volunteer to help with **Breakfast on Saturday 5th May**, so if anyone else can help or is willing to organise a team to do this, please call me. On the assumption that I will find people to do this, there will be a list in the Clubhouse for you to put your name down if you want breakfast.

<i>Inside this issue:</i>		Mandy Mitchell has kindly agreed to assemble a team of helpers to organise breakfast on Sunday the 20th May . Make sure you look out for a booking list in the Clubhouse and put your name down for this, so she knows how may to cater for.
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Instruction / Training / Tuition / Tips

Race officer duties. I've been asked to do a refresher session on what the Officer of the Day (OOD) duty involves / where the kit is / radio operation etc. If you would like to attend let me know & I will arrange a date.

Duty changes. This year we have put names of duty personnel to events on the programme. There will of course be changes / swaps as time goes by but please remember to advise John Balding (01392 873961) if you have swapped with anyone so that he can send out reminders to the correct people prior to the event. If you cannot contact John call me.

Novice / Expert races. You may recall that we have set the first 4 races of each dinghy series as mini events especially for less experienced sailors to team up with an 'expert'. I'd be interested to know if anyone is hoping to be taking part in these.

Crewing / helming opportunities. I shall be extending my usual invitation to all & sundry to come & have a sail / race in my Merlin or in one of the club boats. Various people with questionable sanity raced with me last year & have volunteered to undergo the same again this year but if there is anyone else who would like to have a go just give me a call.

Sailing / Powerboat Tuition. There has been a reasonable response to Brian's training requirements questionnaire & we have a number of people asking for training. We will be looking at their requirements & our resources with a view to arranging courses. Many thanks also to those people who offered to assist - we'll be in touch.

Racing tips. An informal discussion session specifically targeting racing at LSC will cover as much (or little) as you want. It will probably cover race starts / tactics, tidal / channel effects, wind bends / shifts. May expand to cover boat tuning / helming / crewing if required. Contact me if interested *lan 01395 222136*

Editor's Perch

Firstly a sincere apology for the caption on last month's tribute to Steve Venton which accredited the messenger rather than the source - Ted Norton.

The run of good weather saw a regular community of boat-fettlers not just carrying out the usual pre-craning maintenance, but doing that bit extra to improve their vessels & inevitably being distracted by any chance for a chat & story swapping. One idea to emerge was that there may well be several members who through co-operation, might jointly seek the services of professionals to tackle tasks on our boats at the harbour next winter. One recurring requirement is the boat survey for insurance purposes, where some reduction on travel costs may be gained if several boats are surveyed in one day. Another idea was for an expert to perform quality repairs to fibreglass hulls & superstructure where required. I for one could use both services next winter.

Whilst craning itself was a great success, as acknowledged elsewhere, the date chosen was clearly not ideal for those needing good tides on subsequent days for mast erection. Next year, those with the most pressing specific needs should make stronger representation of their case both within the Club & then to LFHA.

I wonder if the LFHA notices themselves will be sufficient to deter dog-walkers from allowing their animals to roam off-lead amongst the boats on the hard. I remonstrated with a self-righteous owner who knowingly allowed his off-lead dog to cock a leg against two punts! I wonder if he would let it do the same on his lawn-mower! Then there's the unscooped poop. It certainly brings a further most negative dimension to anti-fouling! Don't blame the canine, but do harangue their owners.

Finally, without being a Luddite, may I alert one & all to the issue of assuming that all the interested members have e-mail & the internet. If a message has any worth, then it should also be posted on the outside Club Noticeboard at least a week in advance of the event, so that all members have a reasonable chance of seeing it.

Commodore's Signal

How good to see the dayboats launching over Easter and members enjoying this unusual spell of good weather out on the water – first seen was the Lowery family sailing early in the morning on 4th April closely followed by John Bennett in Pula the next evening. Our Harbour Association volunteers yet again did an excellent job – a speedy, well organised operation had everyone safely in the water in a couple of hours. A big thank you is due to Alan Harwood and his 'seals', Graeme Wheeler and the squad who give their time twice a year - what would we do without them? Also thanks to the new bacon-buttie team upstairs led by Jean Bland valiantly providing sustenance & thanks to our 'ferryman' who ran the boat to shore service.

Saturday night saw a good turnout for the craning supper, a Mexican evening superbly organised by Judith Carter & her team of helpers. Chris Finney, Anne Crisp, Frances Hurrell, Liz Gordon, Margaret Bennett & Jill Wilson all cooked chi li con carne. Along with tortillas & dips, tequila sunrises & fresh pineapple with sorbet - it was a real feast and a great atmosphere (if a little 'chilly' for those sitting outside!) Thank you to you all. An excellent team effort.

If you turned out to help tidy up the park on the following Sunday in preparation for the dinghies your support was also appreciated – if you didn't, how about making a note for next time? Thanks too to the painting party who finished decorating the outside of the Clubhouse which now looks very smart & particularly to Ian Smith who set aside most of Friday to paint around the back and the black base line.

Safety boats are serviced, dinghies & tenders arriving on the park, all signalling action on the water. Events start on 2nd with two breakfast races in May, junior series in May and June (under 18's see website for forms etc – Exe Junior Regattas) and we host the Squires Trophy on June 10th to name just a few so lets hope to see plenty of action. Happy sailing!

LSC Regatta and Sail Past & BARBECUE

First reminder for Sunday 1st July. I'm looking for support for the 'traditional day of yesteryear' – cricket or rounders on cliff field, crabbing, fun events for youngsters – any ideas considered. So all you folk with young children and all you grannies and granddads have a think – your suggestions do not mean you have to do it all – but a little help makes for a memorable day – so please contact me by phone (275752) or email with ideas **soon!**

Safety Boat Refresher

Tony Clark has run two very successful and enjoyable safety boat refresher courses attended by 19 club members who were finely honing their skills in man overboard recovery, righting a dinghy and reminding themselves of the handling characteristics of the two safety boats. Everyone enjoyed being back on the water and must feel confident now to carry out their duty – thanks Tony. If you did not make it you need to sign an insurance declaration before you take the SB out so please contact Tony for a form, to be returned to the Commodore.

First Aid Course

Pete Redbourn ran another successful First Aid course, completed on 1st April with 6 people gaining their certificates – John Bennett, Judith Carter, David & Emily Hawes, a member from Exe SC and one from Sandwell SC in the Midlands. It's good to have four more members qualified in first aid – thank you Pete for devoting another 3 evenings and taking the time to obtain the necessary kit loaned by VT Services, 7 Park Fire Training Centre and 'Breath of Life'.

Rosemary