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This 'n That

• I do hope that many members' apparent preference for Red-nose entertainment does not backfire on them in the future! Peter Redbourn's informative talk gave graphic illustration of what the fire services have to deal with, often due to poor maintenance, lack of positive action or underestimating hazards. The Aussie video & narrative of a supertanker on fire with it's bow section parted was hilarious!

**Diary Dates**

Fri	8 Apr	-	No Friday Social - see you tomorrow
Sat	9 Apr	0600	Craning Afloat
Sat	7 May	pm	VE-Day Celebrations 1940's theme
Mon	16 May	5days	No car access to harbour - see page 3
Sun	5 Jun	1800	Lymptstone Regatta
Sun	12 Jun	1000	Squires Trophy (hosted by LSC)
Sat	25 Jun	0930	Try Sailing Day
Winter Walks			
Sun	17 Apr		Walk Broom - see below
Friday Nights - Bar Roster (unless you have swapped)			
Fri	8 Apr	1925	Ian Scolefield
Fri	15 Apr	1925	Robin Telfer
Fri	22 Apr	1925	Liz Wells
Fri	29 Apr	1925	John Bennett
Fri	6 May	1925	Chris Carter

Life Support Course

The proposed dates for the watersport related First Aid course, 'Life Support' are Tues. 12th, 19th & Wed. 20th April.

The Club will stand half the cost. The qualification is valid for two years. Call Tony Clark to reserve a place : 01395 274292 tony.d.clark@btinternet.com

Last Winter Walk

... For this winter anyway! Sun 17th April North Hessary Tor at Princetown: 4 or 6miles See Noticeboard for details or phone Doreen & Bill Broom on 01395 264025

Landlubber Lunch - ???

As several members had been working on their boats all morning, I managed to persuade a few to imbibe a libation and one couple made the effort. I'll give it a few weeks more as I heard that other would like to come. Midday to 1.30pm Fridays bring your own tack bar open - sailors welcome too! Editor



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Craning Afloat

Craning-afloat will start at 6.00am on Saturday 9th April. A 50 ton mobile crane will need access to the harbour early that morning and again when it leaves at around 11.30am

During the craning-in free coffee will be available (c/o the Harbour Association) and bacon sandwiches will be on sale in the Sailing Club. A safety barrier will be erected and spectators and children are asked, for their own safety, to remain behind it. The best view is from the Club balcony!

A working party will be held on Sunday 10th April at 10.00am to clear debris and undergrowth from the harbour surrounds. At the same time there will be a JCB and dumper truck in operation removing gravel from the brook and spreading it on the harbour hard-standing to make good the area that was washed away last October.

Lets hope that the weather is good!
The Bar will be open AFTER craning

VE-Day Activities

On Saturday 7th May, only four weeks away, members are invited to support Stan Parker's initiative, supported by the Committee and others, to take part in an afternoon & evening of fun & games to remember the mood of 60 years ago, when Victory in Europe was declared and the war on the adjacent continent ceased.

The plan is as follows:

- prepare in the morning
- Street party & children's' activities for all in the afternoon on the slipway
- 1940's tea & cake
- Veterans take salute of Sailpast
- Evening 1940's meal, ticket only (members only - limited numbers) period costume, music, 40's singalong, tickets £5 per person available from the Post Office from 25th April.

All of this cannot happen without willing volunteers so please think about what you might do and contact Stan on 268426 or e-mail the editor.

A final **team planning meeting** is scheduled for Friday 29th April 7.30pm at the Club.

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Commodore's Signal

Over the last few months your committee has been preparing the **2005 Sailing Programme**. You should now have a copy which you will see is larger this year to accommodate all the events, including quite a bit of training, together with your membership renewal forms (please pay promptly).

Training has already started with 11 members spending a day in the fog at Exmouth on 19th March. This was a refresher/fun day using various marine powerboats and our own orange safety boat, and a couple of marine Bosun dinghies. We practiced righting a capsized Bosun, towing alongside and "man overboard" techniques. Many thanks to Alan Harwood and his team of helpers, too many to name, other than a mention for Sarah Piper-Smith who kept jumping overboard, until her lips turned blue!

It became apparent that we all need practice manoeuvring the orange safety boat so that we can operate safely in an emergency in severe conditions. (And whilst having lunchtime sustenance at the Beach Hotel we learnt "It's sunny up at Lloyds Bank!" We never saw the sun all day!!)

Following the success of the March refresher we have arranged another, at LSC, (and hopefully no fog!) commencing 0930 on **Saturday 30 April 2005**, mainly for members with RYA PB 1 & 2 & safety. Please get in touch with Tony Clark to book your place.

Life support certificates are only valid for 2 years, so an update course is being arranged, and we will organise a GMDSS conversion course and/or a VHF radio short-range certificate course if there's sufficient demand. Please get in touch with Tony Clark if you are interested.

Craning in – or is it out, very soon. Let's refer to craning "afloat", then we all know which way we're going! With my "mud berth" I'm not tied to the launch deadline, but have noticed a great deal of activity in the dinghy park. Good luck with the antifouling, and I hope your seacocks turn and engines fire up without too much trouble!

On the social front, our next big occasion is the VE day celebrations on Saturday 7 May, so dig out granny's suitcase from the loft and see what fits! Details elsewhere in this newsletter, and on the notice board. Please contact Stan Parker to offer specific help. Remember that we owe our present lifestyle to all those who fought for freedom but particularly those of 60 years ago.

Looking further ahead, we need to priorities projects for our 5 year plan – if you have any thoughts for on- or off-water matters, large or small, drop me a note or email: cooke.millvale@eclipse.co.uk.

Happy antifouling, and perhaps see you at Woods!

Chris Cooke

A Toast to All Commodores

On an initiative of last year's Committee, a small group of ex-committee members enjoyed dinner (excellent catering by Zena Tarbath) in the Clubhouse on Saturday 2nd April to mark the achievements of Don Govan and Martin Hebdige.

In a witty speech, David Charles reviewed our history and paid tribute to the 15 commodores who have steered our Club since its foundation in 1947. Each Commodore has made a distinctive contribution to different facets of the Club. He also outlined his personal quest to sample one of Jenny's sumptuous meat pies!

Dick Middleton closed the proceedings with an entertaining speech outlining how Don and Martin had built on the efforts of previous Commodores and harnessed the energy of the members to give us the splendid club we know today.

Flood Defences & Harbour Access

On the 22nd March the Harbour Board had a constructive meeting with representatives from Mowlem (the contractors) and the EA. The plan is that the first stage of the project will be the harbour access and the construction of the ramp. The work will start on Monday 16th May and for 5 days members will not have access to the harbour either on foot or to launch their dinghies. Access to the harbour and the Club for pedestrians will be restored each weekend.

However, from Monday 16th May for 5 weeks vehicles will not be able to access the harbour or the Club.

Other than the first 5 days mentioned above, pedestrians will be able to gain access to the harbour, and subject to the progress of the work, access to the Club. Access will be via a bridge across the brook.

I will endeavour to keep you aware of developments as the work progresses. Don Govan is representing the interests of the Association / Sailing Club and will liaise with the contractors where difficulties arise. Neil

The Past Winter's Social Fridays

Last Friday, the final event of the winter programme took place. A most enjoyable variety night with five singers, 3 guitarists, keyboard and folk dancing organised as ever by David Livingstone. However although the room was adequately full given that space required for dancing, if you discounted the performers, their friends and guests, Club member support was low. Had there been no variety night, Club member attendance would probably have been even less, so perhaps there is no problem, except that such events might be thought to turn into exclusive events for a clique. However one is left wondering whether all the effort of organising such evenings is adequately rewarded. Talks have been relatively well-attended, especially when locals have spoken on boating topics. There is still scope for more of these, but once locals have been exhausted, one starts thinking of guest speakers with their attendant fees so the venue might as well be larger. Of course there is no reason why you should attend such social evenings except that surely it is one of the reasons why the Club exists. Perhaps a survey should be initiated to find out members' attitudes to the whole gamut of activities so that the Committee has a better chance of running well-attended events.

Coast-Hopping Cruises

If you have perused the season's Programme, you will notice that there has been an effort to include more day-sails beyond the estuary as I mentioned last month - bravo! If however you might be interested to go a step further and to plan a multi-day coast-hopping trip, calling in at anchorages overnight in the company of other Club members please contact the Editor or Richard de la Rue. Once those interested have agreed a plan and constraints (days, wind-speed tolerance etc) the plan could kick into action at any time when the weather prospects look favorable. Any dayboat, motorboat or cruiser are welcome.