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Walkers Alert

- The next 'Mary Downes' afternoon walk on Sunday 22nd. Timed of course, for you to have recovered from your morning Flotilla sail! See Noticeboard nearer the time
- Note also: Walkers Group Meeting Monday 6th September, 1930 in Clubhouse

This 'n That

- Please note that items in bold in Diary Dates show changes (in some detail) from Annual Sailing Programme
- Why is it that the sun seems to shine just as low tide approaches and you return ashore?
- Except today - ran for cover! Exception proves the Rule!

Wanted

- Unwanted charts and/or tidal stream diagrams for any coastal area between Land's End and Isle of Wight. Contact Editor.
- Do you have unwanted chandlery to be sold or Auctioned come the winter months? Contact Editor

Diary Dates Flotilla = dinghies & Dayboats

FSS 31/1 J/A LSC hosts Drascombe weekend +FOOD

Sun 8 Aug 1130 Flotilla

Fri 13 Aug 2359 Deadline for September Newsletter!

Sat 14 Aug 1800 Flotilla Sailing + Pasties

Sun 15 Aug 1830 Cruiser race

Mon 16 Aug 1930 Cruiser race

Tue 17 Aug 1930 Cruiser race

Sun 22 Aug 1000 Flotilla Races
1600 Walk Mary Downes see Noticeboard
from 14th. 01395 271992

Sat 28 Aug 1730 Cruiser race

Sun 29 Aug 1830 Commodore's/President's Cup+byo

Mon 30 Aug 1900 Cruiser race

Sat 4 Sep 1000 Cruiser race

Mon 6 Sep 1930 Walkers Group Meeting

Sat 11 Sep 1630 Flotilla + Bar Snacks

Things Gastronomic



- Numbers are growing for the Drascombe evening on Saturday 31st; be sure to **book your supper. List is in the Club.**
- August 14th Frances Hurrell will be making & serving her tasty **pasties** after sailing.
- After the successful Regatta **self catering BBQ** we shall be having another on **August 29th**, slight change, bring your own food to BBQ **and a pudding or sweet to share**, it is always fun to see and taste the variety that is put on the table.
- Many thanks to those who helped & provided cakes at the Exe Regatta - much appreciated by all who partook
Jenny Charles



Lympstone Sailing Club Newsletter

August 2004

L.S.C. Hosts Exe Regatta**Inside this issue:**

Exe Regatta Report	2	Chairman of the Organizing Committee Chris Cooke announces the winners, whilst Richard Bland's GP14 looked lonely launching from Lympstone on a grey Saturday morning. The marvellous spread of sandwiches and cakes after racing was enthusiastically devoured by one and all. In spite of showers, the social evening was well-supported and a great success featuring the band Blurred Vision, with a barbecue and bars. More inside.
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Exe Regatta

There were a few doubters who questioned Lymptone Sailing Club's ability to host the Exe Regatta at all. Any such doubts were comprehensively dispelled by the end of the event, even the disappointing weather failed to dampen the enjoyment of those taking part.

Many visiting competitors took time out to thank me (ie the Club) for a most enjoyable weekend. Our Regatta Chairman, Chris Cooke, offers his thanks to the many Members who made it all go so well in the next article, but I certainly wish to add my personal thanks also.

Lymptone Sailing Club has always had a reputation in the Estuary and beyond, for having a warm and friendly lot of Members. You certainly demonstrated these virtues during the Regatta weekend - thank you. Commodore

Exe Regatta 2004 – Didn't We Do Well!

As a club we can be extremely proud of a very successful Exe Regatta which we hosted on Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 June, and was probably one of the biggest events the club has ever run. Afloat it was a big team effort with a great deal of help from other clubs on the river, particularly Exe SC and Starcross YC, providing race officers, committee, safety and mark laying boats, and the results man!

The cruisers and windsurfers were down at Exmouth and raced out to sea, whilst fast handicap fleets raced in the river between LSC & SYC, and the slow handicap fleets raced a little further up the river. A Swallows & Amazons adventure was scheduled for the Saturday but was cancelled due to foul weather. It is hoped to run the S & A adventure on Saturday 4 September instead.

Saturday saw a steady southerly Force3/4, and it was either the mist and rain or threat of much more wind that kept many boat owners ashore. On Sunday the rain stopped and we saw glimpses of the sun so more crews took part in the final 2 races in a squally westerly Force4/5 – with quite a few capsizes.

It looked as though the rain would clear in time for the Saturday night party at Lymptone SC, but a secondary "blob" of cloud, mist and rain rolled in. Have you ever seen a band playing behind a waterfall to an audience dancing in the pouring rain? Thank you Blurred Vision for your great music and hard work, and I hope that your smoking electrics have dried out by now!

Our shore party did an excellent job serving up splendid food and beer, and everyone had such a marvellous time. It was great to see so many friends, particularly from Exe SC who, like us, were determined to have a good party. The traditional fireworks were marvellous, expertly fired by Graeme Wheeler and his team from the outer wall; thank goodness they were well and truly waterproofed!

LSC may not have the fastest boats on the river, but we know how to do a prize giving tea; Jenny Charles and her team of helpers produced a wonderful spread on Sunday. Many of our guests left saying what an enjoyable weekend it had been, despite the weather on Saturday, and how there was such a friendly atmosphere at the Club. Results are now on the LSC website, as well as some photos of "the party", and snaps of the sailing and prizegiving are on www.fotoboat.com

The regatta has now completed a circuit of the clubs on the river and Exe SC has now confirmed next year's regatta will be under their burgee – no dates yet!

A mighty "thank you" to the huge number of members who helped in one way or another, either afloat manning the safety and committee boats or ashore clearing

Support for the Club

With over half the season completed, I thought it time to reflect on the club sailing events. It has been pleasing to note the support given to events by some members. No names mentioned but they know who they are! Other clubs on the Exe are much larger than ourselves with many more boats to call on. We are in effect a village sailing club, albeit with a membership drawn from a wider area. Much effort goes into producing a sailing programme and I am frequently told how much this is appreciated. If you have not taken part this season or only occasionally, might I ask you to review the remaining programme and see when you can join us. It is your being there that makes the efforts of the Committee, safety boat crews, OOD's and others worthwhile. The LSC Regatta proved what is possible and also underlined the relaxed ethos that makes Lymptone Sailing Club unique. Sailing Secretary

Whilst you're thinking

The best time to evaluate anything is soon after you have done it. Yes? Yes! So, after each LSC event (whether you did it or even if you decided you did not wish to do it) make a written note. Then, asap, communicate your views either to the organiser or to the Editor or, if you are an organised sort that won't loose your notes, keep a diary and communicate its contents at the end of the sailing season. In this way, your preferences, if shared with others, are more likely to be reflected in the spread of organised Club activities next year. If you are on email - well it's so easy just send a message!

Twinning

Did you know that Lymptone has now been twinning with Biéville-Beuville near Caen in Normandy for 25 years? How about arranging a flotilla cruise to the port of Caen in 2005? We would be guaranteed a great welcome there.



Capt. Editor & 1st Mate Anne on La Manche during our twinning visit to France last year

Are You CG66'ed?

Are you CG66 registered - yes? No? The Summer RYA Magazine headlines the fact that only a tiny percentage of coastal & seagoing yachtsmen have registered so far. So what is CG66? As a Coastguard Scheme, it is perhaps primarily thought of as an emergency rescue information sheet, but, as I was talking with a Portland-based coastguard at the Opening of the new Peter Dixon Chandlery in Exmouth, he said it was most useful in recovering stolen craft. He suggested that any craft could be registered at no cost. The Club's Safety Boat for instance. Forms are available at Coastguard Co-Ordination Centres, RNLI boathouses or at www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/mcga-hmcg/mcga-hmcg-cg66.htm

Lympstone Sailing Club Regatta Sail-Past Race Results

Boat	Helm	Actual Time	Corrected Time	Position
National 12 3007	James Chew	17.23	15.23	1
Whaler 5.2	Alison Gall	17.00	15.27	2
Solo 1330	Guy Sutton	18.09	15.73	3
Tee Kay	Adrian Ashton	18.00	15.56	4
GP14 2415	Peter Trapnell	18.00	16.00	5
420 49579	Kevin Pike	17.30	16.07	6
Comet Duo	Jeremy Chew	19.10	16.20	7
Parker 31	Chris Cooke	16.00	16.51	8
Helena	Don Govan	23.00	17.02	9
Tideway 448	Karol Chew	27.00	18.40	10

More boats took part in the sail past but these are the only times submitted.

Committee Matters

A new mini-sub-Committee of 3 or 4 people is being formed to provide a variety of regular **entertainment** during the **winter** months. It is hoped that [more] members will come regularly to socialise but also to enjoy a pot-pourri of short entertainments week by week. No formal programme will be issued so that you don't pick & mix, but simply come and enjoy what's on. Please contact the Editor with any ideas or offers to do something for 15-20 min-

utes maximum. Youngsters, that is teenagers upwards, are also wanted for their input to running sessions focused for their age group. Parents please encourage

- The Club is definitely on a roll at present with growing younger membership, more sailing and more socialising. Subsequently more offers of help generally or for specific events are requested. Please contact the Commodore.

Editor's Perch

•We justifiably blow our own trumpet as a result of the very successful Exe Regatta elsewhere in this edition, but there has been equal success for the Lympstone Players and their 3-day run of Molière's The Imaginary Cuckold together with dinner. A huge team of Lympstonites provided a magnificent evening of entertainment. Now I am reminded of when in 1960 I saw the Oberammergau Passion Play. Afterwards, walking in the town, I kept seeing characters in the street and saying "Oh, there's Jesus Christ" or whoever it was. It's a nice way to get to know people here in

Lympstone. At least one's not lost for an opening topic of conversation. Well done one and all!

- Calling all parents of offspring who have sailed at national and international level: over the winter months I would like to run a series of articles on the stories behind your successes. It will make interesting reading and we may encourage more to aim high.
- As 'leader' of our Regatta Sail-Past, the sight of the armada of boats bearing down on JOKA was a very impressive sight. Well done all!
- Deadline for next Newsletter: 13 August - due to holiday commitments

the slipway, putting up the flags, gazebos, lights, bars and BBQs, serving beer and food and then clearing everything up afterwards. I can't mention everyone, we know who you are, but I should mention a few:

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| John Eustace and Pete Manfield | programme and sponsorship |
| Richard Crisp | website data |
| Stan Parker | flags |
| Jenny Charles and her ladies | food (buying & preparing) Sat. & Sun. |
| Barry & Elaine Gardner, & their chefs | food Saturday evening |
| Graeme Wheeler | fireworks |

I also need to thank Jason Ingham for the loan of his gazebo, Pat and Richard Giles for the loan of their gazebo and kiln, and Lympstone Harbour and Fisheries Board for allowing us to use the foreshore and slipway. We couldn't have done it without help and support from you all.

Well done Lympstone Sailing Club! Chris Cooke – Regatta Chairman

Lympstone Sailing Club Regatta

Yet another splendid effort both on and off the water. Thanks to Stan for the well-prepared Feather Boat race. How was he to know that there was to be a vicious wind shift as the craft were launched requiring a reverse course and a hurriedly moved finishing-line? Many a Race Officer have suffered a similar fate, but nothing was lost and the crabbing went according to plan and fun was had by all.

The Sail Past was well-attended, with a very orderly fleet led by our Bosun forming a broad front of dinghies. It looked very impressive from *Joka*.

Order ceased as boats came alongside *Joka* as the now customary water bombardments commenced. I have to report receiving a few direct hits but felt good in that we responded with vigour, successfully repelling all would-be boarders! [*Adrienne bravely defending from the pulpit in full wet-weather garb - Ed*]

As to deciding the Best Dressed Boat, pretty near impossible this year!

- The Bosun was sporting just about anything that came to hand, plus stuff he nicked from Henley [*lies, one just doesn't nick stuff from Henley! Ed*]
- Mike Gall looked very neat and Naval, as did Chris & Judith in *Valkyrie*, the *Skylark* mob and most of the seven-strong cruiser fleet
- Simon Yates was at the helm (*at times - Ed*) of *Bizzie Lizzie* and had a right motley crew of pirates aboard under a Jolly Roger
- David Charles' crew sounded pretty excited as they approached the pirate ship and engaged in battle with gusto.

Everyone enjoyed the prospect of wetting the Commodore! Mutinous stuff, the Courts Martial will certainly decree that several will be required to 'Walk the Plank'!

So, Best Dressed Boat? Difficult when one is ducking under cannon broadsides, but I'm awarding the title to *Tideway* with Karol Chew at the helm with Michael and crew - well done!

A big thank you to all who made it Great Fun! Commodore

Lympstone S C Regatta



Feather Boat Competition

Winner Dolphin Abby Hall
 Runner-up Read Devil Kurt
 Third Transom Conor Trapnell

Crabbing Competition

Winner Conor Trapnell

