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Radio Licence VHF

If anyone needs to update their radio licence to the Short Range Certificate (SRC) in order to operate VHF/DSC equipment please contact me. A minimum of eight is required and I have five candidates to date. Hopefully we can arrange for Dave Hay at the RM Boat-house to take the course. Costs not known at this time, though the course will be on a weekday and will last for a day.
Don Govan 01395 266697

Carols @ LSC

Young musicians will once again perform and lead the carol singing for us on 16 December at 1930. Christmas fare, mince pies etc on offer too. Enjoyable!

This 'n That

- The RNLI lifeboat collection box contained £52-60p which is a lot more than usual. This is either the result of some lousy skittling or, more likely, sale of tide tables. Thank you.
- The Editor will be having a sabbatical couple of months in January & February so direct your copy for the Newsletter to the Commodore accordingly.

Bar Duty

9	Dec	Grieg-Gran	266584
16	Dec	Strickland	266935

Diary Dates

Fri	2 Dec	1930	Bar / food
Fri	9 Dec	1930	Talk 'Water Wars, global to local'
Fri	16 Dec	1930	Carols and Christmas party evening
Fri	30 Dec	1930	Bring a Plate of Food Party
Sat	28 Jan		LSC Dinner Dance (Village Hall)
Fri	3 Feb		LFHA AGM
Sat	4 Feb		LSC AGM
Sat	29 Apr		Craning Afloat
Sat	7 Oct		Craning Ashore 2006

Walkers' Diary

Sun	11 Dec	Fully Booked - Crisp
Sat	31 Dec	New Year's Eve Party - Clubroom
Sun	15 Jan	Knowle - Hurrell
Sun	19 Feb	Newton Abbott - Giles
Sun	19 Mar	Mary Tavy - Exelby

December Walk

Due I suspect to the prospect of some linked post-curricular activity with form (explanation next time!), the December walk is fully subscribed. Walk set-off time: 10.15am sharp from Lympstone car park. If the walk is cancelled due to bad weather meet at Clubhouse 12.30pm. I will send cancelling e-mail at 9am or ring 01395 273211 or 07985 068360
Richard Crisp

For Sale & Wanted

'WITH' open Dory with 15hp Mariner 2-stroke outboard (new 1995) - for sale contact Commodore

Wanted: two or three sturdy lifejackets/ buoyancy aids

See bottom of Commodore's Signal for details



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TRAFALGAR DAY – 21st OCTOBER 2005

In case it may be of interest to Club members, the Lympstone Sailing Club was represented on the site of the Battle of Trafalgar on the 21st October 2005 - Trafalgar Day.

A friend who owns an Oyster Heritage 37 - Lady Clarinha - and lives just outside Lagos, Portugal, entered his boat in the UBS Oyster Trafalgar Regatta based on the aptly named harbour of Puerto Sheny, just north of Cadiz.

With myself as one of the three crew aboard Lady C, and with the LSC burgee flying from the port cross tree, we set off via Faro and Chipiona (a very bad crossing against short steep seas) to Puerto Sherry to join 27 other Oysters for the Regatta. Four very informal races were held off Cadiz - we retired from the first (lack of wind), did not compete in the last (lack of time), and came second in our class in both the other two! Not bad for the smallest and oldest boat, with the oldest crew with an average age of over 70!

On Trafalgar Day, due to distance and boat speed, the crew of Lady C split up and sailed out on other boats. I was on an Oyster 68 (Kealoha of Whitby). The weather was fine, little wind, calm sea with a gentle swell. On the battle site, the committee boat broadcast over the VHF radio the relevant details of the battle as they occurred at that time, right up to the time of Lord Nelson's death. Each Oyster had been designated the name of a ship of the British Fleet (quite by chance, there were 28 Oysters and 28 ships of the line in Nelson's fleet at the battle) and we each laid a wreath to the memory of those who died on that day. During the day we were joined by the sail training ship The Lord Nelson, Gypsy Moth IV, and in passing the cruise liner Saga Rose. On our way back to port we passed, on a reciprocal course, the Type 22 Frigate HMS Chatham, together with warships of the French and Spanish navies on their way to pay their respects. The day ended with the prize giving and a gala dinner, also attended by the Captain of HMS Chatham with representatives of the French and Spanish Navies. This was held in the beautiful Bordegas Osborne, in Puerto de Santa Maria. A fitting end to a memorable day. The Lympstone Sailing Club turns up in the most unlikely places!

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Christopher Rhys-Jones

I was delighted to receive CR-J's account of his Trafalgar day out-of-the-blue! And what a tale, in the vein of 'Erica of Lympstone' two years ago. Christopher has been a member since 1949 and used to sail with the Club at the time when his father was Headmaster of St Peter's. He clearly still takes an interest in Lympstone and flies the LSC burgee on every boat he sail in. Bravo! Ed.

Dinghy Fast H'cap		
Spring - Moore Cup	Mike Musgrove	GP14
Summer - Peter's Cup	Ian Smith	Merlin Rocket
Autumn - Horn Cup	Jeremy Chew	Wanderer
Dinghy Slow H'cap		
Overall (Slow H'cap Cup)	Lawrence Pike	Topper
Junior Series		
Overall (Founders Cup)	Vicky Gall	Mirror
Ladies Trophy		
3 Races (Kay Connors)	Karol Chew	Wanderer
Pursuit Race		
Single race (Jubilee Trophy)	Carol Tolson	Laser 2000
Best adult Improver		
Eileen Flint	Kevin Pike	Dinghy & Seamanship
Best Junior Improver		
Coombe Cup	Rose Hall	Dinghy Helm & Crew
Day Boats		
Commodores Cup	John Bennett	Devon Luggar
Day Boat Series	Ian Schofield	Devon Yawl
Cruisers		
Smith Tankard	Brian Ridge	Skylark
Kett Trophy	Chas McLennan-Wiggin	Bizzy Lizzy
LSC(Daytime)Trophy	Chas McLennan-Wiggin	Wizzard
Chandis Cup (short course)	Chris Cooke	Dragonfly
President's Cup	Geof Wright	White Lady
Allcomers		
Darling Rock Trophy	Tony Clark	Drascombe Longboat
Salvage Tumbler	Margaret Bennett	several cruisers at least

Editor's Perch

The humour in which recipients receive & discharge their duties as holders of the Darling Rock Trophy spans all possibilities from good to excruciating. Some take the whole thing in good spirit, & proudly display the dreaded lamp as if it were a silver chalice, others try to deny the whole occurrence. Some cannot accept without words of rancour or excuse, others in their nomination speeches range from vindictiveness to gleeful delight. I would like to suggest some tips that I hope I follow should I ever find myself in the dock.

Firstly, in my view, the best tactics for the recipient is to receive the Trophy with good humour & leave all the talking to the donor even if his or her veracity is in doubt - your time will come next year & you will want the floor to yourself then! For the donor, as there is no right of reply, make sure you are 100% sure of your facts & that the hat really fits, at least for the final recipient (see top page 3). The fact is that the whole affair should be a whole lot of fun for all present including the recipient, but in the heat of the moment, insights into the range of human nature can be laid bare.

I'm glad to report that this year's recipient Tony Clark received his nomination in the best of traditions in spite of his only nautical crime was to have his boat sink on its mooring a couple of times whilst he was ashore. Worse things happen at sea!

The Prizegiving & Spuddle was once again enjoyed and supported by recipients and stalwarts alike. I have to confess that the biggest buzz concerned the final Darling Rock Award. John Welton, last year's winner, avoided the privilege of personally recounting this year's disasters, but provided a script that our Secretary, Brian Ridge, eloquently relayed. I soon heard with apprehension that I was in the frame as a possible nominee! Horror of horrors, what on earth had I been caught doing or not doing? It transpired that my supposed sin was to omit the famous Darling Rock from a painting I exhibited locally. Well, I feel entirely justified in calling John's bluff as I do not even have to recourse to perfectly legitimate reason of artistic licence to explain the facts of the matter. My artistic style of including detail together with my interest in all things nautical and navigational rules out any suggestion of omission by error or for any other pretext including spiriting away by one of David Copperfield's illusory acts. Nothing so fantastic I'm afraid, merely the simple fact of a local 4.2metre tide explains the scene. Well John, you aren't the first and won't be the last to be caught out by the tide!

Martin H

Commodore's Signal

Even though the Festive Season is fast approaching, and the ads are on the telly, various Friday evening activities ashore are provided thanks to Doc Livingstone whilst Powerboat level 1 training continues afloat. Thanks also to the commitment of Alan Harwood and Tony Clark, with courtesy of the Royal Marine facilities at Exmouth, six members have gained their level 1 qualification, and we hope to have another six successful candidates by the time you read this newsletter. Well done to you all!

For others, do sign up on the club notice board or let Alan or Brian Ridge know if you want to be put on the list for the next powerboat courses.

The recent Prize giving and Spuddle was well attended and the sailing committee will bear in mind your comments as we compile the programme for next year. Thanks Jeremy for sorting out all the prizes, and John Welton for an expertly scripted award speech for the Darling Rock Trophy narrated by Brian Ridge in his absence. It was also a good opportunity to christen the new cooker and galley. Just a few tiles to fix and it really will be ready for service.

Please refer to the back page of this Newsletter for forthcoming events – it is important as our main source of communication so do make a note of what's coming up over the next month or so. The Friday evening events include Ed Maltby's talk on the 9th, carols on 16 December and the Dinner Dance on Saturday 28 January. Tickets will be available soon from Gill Newport.

Have a good Christmas and I wish you all good sailing and fair winds for 2006.
Chris

Duties forms Still more to be completed and passed to the Commodore please, unless you are happy to be put down for everything!

Make an offer... The sailing committee would like to upgrade the WITH safety boat and motor. So make an offer if you would like to buy this sturdy craft. Sold as seen!

Any old lifejackets? We would like to store two or three sturdy lifejackets/buoyancy aids in the bosun's locker for use should the safety boat have to launch in a hurry to provide assistance. Do you have an old lifejacket to donate to this cause?