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This 'n That

- 7 LSC dinghies took part in the **Squires Trophy**, in particular the Gall & Strickland families are to be commended for competing in their Skipper 12 & Mirror. A great effort when surrounded by much faster boats.
- Congratulations to Christina & Peter Thompson who sailed their cruiser over to Cherbourg from Lympstone via Weymouth for our recent village twinning with Biéville-Beuville near Caen. After light winds to start, they enjoyed an excellent passage. Whilst the twinning event only lasted a few days, C & P subsequently spent several weeks cruising Brittany. Are they the first to attend a twinning event by their own boat?
- Going cheap to a good home; the Club's ex-army marquee - offers to Commodore
- The ex-Commodore was seen moored alongside a 90-foot schooner - aiming to go up in the world Martin? Don't tell Adrienne.!

Diary Dates

Sat	9 Jul		Chandis Cup race to Brixham Dayboats to Topsham
S/S	16/17		Exe Regatta
Sat	23 Jul	0830	Breakfast race dinghies
Fri	5 Aug	1800	Sundowners' at Turf - Dayboats
			Friday Nights - Bar Roster from original plan
Fri	8 July	1925	Norman Smith
Fri	15 July	1925	Richard Telford
Fri	22 July	1925	Tony Blackmore
Fri	29 July	1925	Alan Child
Fri	5 Aug	1925	Peter Dearsley
Fri	12 Aug	1925	Barry Gardner

Moore Cup

On Friday 10 June, a half-decent turn-out of 9 dinghies for the Moore Cup Series, had their sail ruined by the absence of any wind. After an hour largely drifting the crews adjourned to the Club to drown their sorrows. For the record the Merlin Rocket and the National 12 briefly swapped the lead before the event was called off. Better luck next time!

Try Sailing

On 25th June, our Sailing Secretary once again organised marvellous opportunities for the 25-30 who turned up during the morning to have a boating experience in a variety of craft from dinghies to cruisers and the safetyboat. Somehow, (I think it's called good planning) availability of boats seemed to exactly match the arrival of partakers). The weather was kind and I would not be at all surprised if some of those who enjoyed the experience, both young and older, end up buying a boat for themselves. Those venturing on the Commodore's yacht found, it is alleged, that he was more interested in watching the rugby on his plasma wide-screen tv! It was also the first time this season that I have rigged and sailed my Wanderer, so thank you Jeremy for chivvying me! Editor



Lympstone Sailing Club Newsletter

July 2005

Exe River Regatta 16/17 July 2005

The annual Exe River Regatta is hosted this year by Exe Sailing Club on Saturday and Sunday 16th-17th July.

An even bigger and better event is planned, with smaller boats racing in the river and cruisers off Exmouth, being started by some of those aboard the lifeboat, as usual. This year also sees power boats, both offshore and inshore, as well as wind and kite surfing. An exciting special event is laid on, with 'Swallows and Amazons' devotees who are encouraged to compete in the 'Chicken Run' to the Warren. It should be a busy and impressive weekend! Be part of it! Entry is free until 9th July so don't delay - complete and send the form NOW (available on the website below) and join in the fun! (See also C's Signal p2)

On Saturday evening a two course meal will be available at Exe Sailing Club, with dancing to Barnaby and fireworks at 22:00. As usual tea and prize-giving are on Sunday - remember to be there if you hope to win a prize in the draw! Volunteers needed to cook CAKES for Sunday so please ring Rosemary on 275752 if you can help.

Look out for the posters! Programmes will be available at the Sailing Club. Further details and entry forms at www.exe-sailing-club.org

FIood Defences

So progress is now underway at last and so far sailing has continued without much inconvenience. Bravo! There will no doubt be difficulties but I'm sure that if potential problems are discussed in good time and in a good-humoured fashion, disruption can be minimised. What however it has shown, with increased pressure on the space for boat parking, is that we do have a finite space and that with a rapidly expanding membership currently, consideration will need to be paid to this issue. It is not that one can cram a few more boats in, it is that even with the current density, bumps and scrapes and other damage to boats is more frequent.

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Commodore's Signal

Summer feels to have arrived with a period of settled weather, but following the recent summer solstice daylight hours will shorten, so lets get the exams out of the way and venture out on the water a bit more!

The new style Lymptstone Regatta run on 5 June was a huge success, particularly for the youngsters, despite less than ideal weather. Punch and Judy on the balcony must be a first for the Club; what a great idea. Many thanks to the Musgrove, McCracken and Trapnell families for all their hard work pulling the event together and running it on the day.

The following weekend saw us hosting the Squires Trophy. A spectacular fleet of over 60 boats took part in virtually ideal conditions. Great to see so many boats from the various clubs on the river, though a bit hectic for me and my assistant race officers Don Govan and John Eustace on the Committee Boat as we tried to keep track of competitors completing their laps. Much work from all the volunteers who helped on and off the water was much appreciated. I have received some emails such as "*.. it was a cracking event, many thanks. And many thanks to the LSC ladies for the usual high standard of tea. After all, that's the only reason we do it!!!*" so well done Lymptstone Sailing Club!

There has been a weekend of junior sail training too, with Alan Harwood and his sterling team of assistant sailing instructors putting a group of youngsters through RYA level 1 & 2. Thanks team!

As I pen this signal in my cabin, final plans are being made for the Try Sailing day on Saturday 25 June; an early tide so early start (0900hrs), and we hope many members will assist by making themselves and their boats available to take interested non-members for a spin (see p4 for outcome).

Between times, John Balding and Jerry Chew have been working hard to organise scheduled racing. Thanks J & J!

Over the weekend of 2/3 July there will be **senior sail training**, not junior training as in the programme. Please contact Tony Clark if you are a non-junior and want to join in!

The next big event is the River **Exe Regatta** on 16/17 July, this year under the burgee of Exe Sailing Club. Dinghy racing will be on our doorstep again though the Swallows and Amazons event for families starts 1100hrs on the Saturday at ESC. With a 1351hrs high water some ingenuity will be needed to get there! Trailing by road perhaps? Entry to the Regatta is free if made by 9 July, so please download the forms from our website and send them in – even if the weather turns out to be bad and you end up staying ashore!

Finally a Turf Tip! If you are thinking of venturing up river, get there in plenty of time if you want food. Last night with an ideal tide, glorious weather and hordes of walkers they "ran out of food" and stopped serving a bit early. Fortunately we landed in plenty of time and I can thoroughly recommend the Otter Ale and Thai Green curry! Good sailing, and enjoy!

There are exciting things going on under that cloud

So said a TV weather person late in the evening of 21 May. The cloud in question was shown hovering above us. How right he was (allowing some latitude with the timing). Somewhat earlier that evening, Margaret Bennett, an "honorary coastguard in residence", noted a blue-hulled cruiser, identified as Chris & Judith Carter's Valkyrie, drifting quickly up the estuary in spite of the ebbing tide, propelled by the strong SW wind and towing a red mooring buoy. Fortunately the vessel appeared to be passing just outside the moored cruisers and dayboats – Joka a near miss! After leaving a message on Chris's phone, calls to John Welton and Don Jellard were answered with offers to assist and the LSC safety boat was quickly deployed in, by then, fierce weather (inshore forecast force 5 to gale), driving rain and a boisterous chop. By the time we reached her, Valkyrie was upstream of Lymptstone North buoy. Towing was ruled out as impossible in the conditions. Two anchors were eventually set by D and JB, the second anchor using Valkyrie's mooring strop and a length of rope grabbed from the bosun's cupboard before going afloat. Meanwhile, JW stood by, tossed around in the SB. The Tudor Rose, on an early summer evening (?) estuary cruise, observed the 'rescue' from her position close to the nearby channel buoy. We learned later that, uncertain of what was going-on, the skipper of the Tudor Rose had called Brixham Coastguard who mobilised the Exmouth lifeboat. J, J and D, unaware of this, were back on the slipway by the time the coastguards arrived, but they gave welcome assistance in getting the SB up the ramp, given the limited amount of water in the brook. Brian Ridge, who had also been informed of the activity by the Coastguard, arrived at the slipway about the same time. He subsequently received a phone call from the coastguard commending the actions taken. The other good news is that Valkyrie was still where we left her anchored the following morning!

Johns Bennett & Welton

Dayboats Abroad Again!

Two dayboats (Bizzie Lizzie and Pula) and one cruiser (Marela) set sail for Babbacombe at 1000 hours on 11 June in light SSE airs, motor-sailing on the young ebb tide out of the estuary. The DBs cut corners, across to the lifeboat and thence SW from the channel, a long slow port tack on a lazy swell. After some hours we had Teignmouth abeam! Marela elected to motor on, to enable her crew to enjoy the delights of Babbacombe beach. The DBs agreed to stay on the water and to head across towards Straight Point and Buddleigh as the wind freshened a little during the afternoon and the sun came out more determinedly. Bizzie Lizzie's crew caught their supper, along with many other items of apparent interest! A good sail back up channel in freshening conditions, the wind veering in the early evening to S-SSW, grounding in Lymptstone Lake (Pula, not Bizzie Lizzie I hasten to add!) when recourse was made once again to Pula's outboard to creep gingerly back to the mooring at 1900 hours, 3 hours before HW. Another long but enjoyable day. Bizzie Lizzie recorded a distance sailed (and motored) of 24.8 nautical miles (including some sailing around waiting for Pula to catch up - good 'buddies!'). A further Cruiser and DB trip is planned later in the year - consult your programmes!

John Bennett