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This 'n That

- We were taught that one of the (least likely) ways of signalling **SOS** was to set fire to a barrel of tar. Safety Boat crew might have been alerted & confused however when John W. lit his barbecue with something that produced similar quantities of black smoke on his patio!
- Reminder: Mary Downes' afternoon **Sunday Summer Walk** is on 25th July; watch Noticeboard from 10 days before; ~4pm start. 01395 271992
- The Club's old Safety Boat has now been sold.
- At last, a full-day **Dayboat** event with (too?) strong wind & sunshine, no one wanted to go! Oh well, c'est la vie! Dawlish Warren will have to await our arrival a while longer. Perhaps next time on 3rd July.
- There has been a spate of runaway boats from punts to cruisers recently due to a wide range of causes. Happily with vigilance from all and a benign tidal flow, no serious damage has come to my attention

Diary Dates - Some High lights

Fri	2 Jul	1900	Flotilla races + Bar Snacks
Sat	3 Jul	1100	Dayboats picnic @ Dawlish Warren
Sun	4 Jul	0800	All boats to Turf for BucksFizz Breakfast
Sat	17 Jul	1900	L.S.C. REGATTA + BYO bbq + pudding
Sun	25 Jul	1600	Walk : Mary Downes see Noticeboard from 15th. 01395 271992
Sat	31 Jul		Drascombe Rally at L.S.C. Hot pie Supper (fish,meat veg) +salad & crusty bread (sign up on Noticeboard)
Sun	1 Aug		Drascombe Rally at LympstoneSC Tea
Sat	14 Aug	1800	Flotilla event followed by Frances Hurrell's famous pasties

Wanted

Sailing dinghy: Miracle or similar. Ideally light enough to launch and sail on my own and big enough to take my children (9 & 7 years) on sailing trips. Contact Alan Pewsey on 01395 232988 or alan@pewseys.co.uk.

Ta for t'Grub

Many thanks to those who have provided such wonderful teas & snacks so far this year. If you've not partaken, you've missed a treat but there is more to come so make notes in your diaries now! See Diary Dates above.

Changing Boats

I reckon I'm being ostracised by members of the Drascombe fleet but I am greatly enjoying sailing my new Devon Day Boat! Slightly slower than a Devon Yawl on which it is based, the DDB managed to lead the first race all round recently. I can modestly (*he's boasting!* Ed) report that it was good for the morale of a pensioner to beat all those magnificent young men (and women) in their hi-tech. boats on my first competitive outing! There may soon be three DDBs at Lympstone, so rumour has it.

John Welton



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Lympstone Sailing Club Hosts Exe Regatta



Wind & rain was the cause of cancellation of Swallows & Amazons event as well as Wimbledon, whilst dinghies could just be seen racing off Starcross YC. But between 8pm & midnight the social evening played out magnificently with the band Blurred Vision providing excellent music for all ages and a large team providing the barbecued supper punctuated by a most excellent firework display. More next issue.

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TRAINING - THE PRESENT POSITION

You might just be thinking that you have 'missed the boat' with regard to training. Not so! There has been an unexpected delay in obtaining our renewed RYA certificate but this will be ratified by early July.

What are we hoping to offer? Well, the programme is currently being drawn up but in particular order we hope to provide the following courses:

- (1) a sailing progression course for last year's young starters
- (2) sailing courses for new juniors
- (3) an Assistant Sailing Instructors course for parents & carers whose youngsters will be involved in the junior training (this will include those we trained last year).
- (4) Powerboat & safetyboat courses for adults
- (5) sailing certificates for adults - RYA 1,2,3.

So what do you need to do? Tony Clark is our training co-ordinator. If you have already notified interest with him this season, then we will have a record. If not please give him a ring on 01395/274292 or email tony.d.clark@btinternet.com. Once our Senior Instructor Alan Harwood and the Sailing Training sub-committee have sorted out some dates and a programme schedule we will contact you.

The Training Team are: Alan Harwood, Senior Instructor; Chris Cooke, Principal, Tony Clark, Training co-ordinator; Jeremy Chew, Sailing Secretary

Committee Matters

- The times of sailing events published in the Sailing Programme and in this Newsletter and elsewhere are normally the start time of a race.
- Would all duty people for sailing events ie Safety Boat crew, Shore Crew, Race Officers, please report for duty **at the very least** one hour before race start time else the Officer of the Day has to make last minute plans to find a stand-in in case you don't turn up, when he or she has better things to do. Thanks.
- The Committee is to consider proposals for a radical redesign of the Club's year. The timing of membership renewal, AGM and financial year would be rescheduled to overcome consequential flaws of the present calendar.

Editor's Perch

- Longest-day resolution: to try to have done a half-season's boating this time next year!
- In spite of repeated requests I have virtually no input from Members - or does nobody read this thing?
- Taking into consideration all aspects of Club activity, the current year is surely setting unprecedented standards of successful activity - are you enjoying it?
- I gather that there will be more than one unique prizes to be won for winners of the 'feather race' at this year's Regatta. Please inform all youngsters!
- What is a safe maximum speed on the lane to the harbour? 5mph? Please don't be the cause of an accident with children or pets perhaps dashing out under your wheels.

Breakfast @ Turf

An 8 o'clock start is required for a Bucks Fizz breakfast at Turf on Sunday July 4th. A £1 landing-fee per person will be required for this ever-popular event open to all classes of boat. Dinghy sailors will be requested to sail in a group so that Safety Boat cover can be provided for all. Consideration of how to berth and taxi crews will be given.

L S C Regatta

This year we hope to improve upon the colourful and well-presented turn-out of boats of all categories that paraded past the Commodore's JOKA last time. So rather than simply sail past, this year there will be a self-timed circuit of a course yet to be defined. Each boat will be responsible for timing their own 'lap' and Don will number-crunch the resulting times to produce an overall handicap winner.

Following sailing, a barbecue will be lit on the shore for you to bring & cook your own food. A super-duper pudding supplied by the Catering Team will follow.

The Regatta is on Saturday 17th July starting at 7pm followed by Supper

Junior Sailing

We have had a splendid response to the two Sunday sailing re-acquaintance sessions for junior sailors with a magnificent turn-out to the events. Special mention must go to Vicky Gall and Faith Strickland for their teamwork and to Tom Mitchell for going solo and for beating his mother around the training course. We are hoping to keep the junior events going at weekends on an informal friendly basis until the RYA training courses restart hopefully in July, if you would like to take part contact Tony Clark on 274292 who will add you to the list for the details.

Commodore's Report

Our club is currently enjoying an influx of new members to whom I extend a very warm welcome. In particular, the several new young family groups will bring a new vitality to our Club. Mind you, even new retirees are youngsters compared with some of your Committee members!

My point to all members who may be proposing prospective new members is to remind you of your responsibility to personally introduce your applicant to Committee Members where possible but in particular to the Commodore and other Flag Officers and senior Committee members. How else can a welcoming exchange take place and faces be known. Friday evenings from 7:30pm are a good time obviously.

Now that summer is with us may I remind you that members may access the Clubhouse at any time, not just on Friday evenings for instance. For security reasons (the Clubroom is locked and alarmed) I cannot advertise how this can be done but a call to a Committee Member is all that is required to have a very pleasant time on the balcony with tea, coffee and possibly the Bar, if any Bar Duty members are available. So please use your Club to its full potential.

Try Sailing

What a perfect event. Each cruiser, Dayboat & dinghy available all 'spoken for' by 22 eager 'Tryers'. A very decent breeze with strong sunshine kept all busy and happy. Many thanks to those who supplied their time, equipment, boats & skills variously to cover reception, logistics, safety boat & taxi, refreshments, and organisation. Well done one and all!