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**Rednose  
Breakfast**

Do you want to enjoy a great breakfast whilst helping raise money for Red Nose Day?

Come along to the Club on **Saturday 5th March**. Times: 9 -10, 10-11 & 11-12.

We advise you to make reservations so you won't be disappointed call: 01395 266935

Tickets cost: £3.50, Family of 4: £12, Family of 5: £ 15

**VHF Courses**

VHF courses & refresher courses available at St Loyes College Exeter this month & next 01392 205663. Details on Noticeboard.

Don Govan is also planning a weekday course at Exmouth with Dave Hay.

**Safetyboat  
Refresher**

Contact Tony Clark if you wish to brush up your powerboat skills in a variety of craft planned for the morning of 19 March. 01395 274292

**Diary Dates**

Fri	11 Mar	1930	Talk 'Flames on the Water' P Redburgh
Sat	19 Mar	0930	Powerboat refresher (see this page)
Fri	1 Apr	1200	Landlubbers' Lunchtime (see page 1)
Fri	1 Apr	1930	Folk Dancing & Variety
Sat	9 Apr	0600	Craning Afloat
Sat	7 May	1200	VE-Day Celebrations 1940's theme
	Mid-	May	No car access to harbour - see below
Sun	5 Jun	1800	Lympstone Regatta
Sun	12 Jun	1000	Squires Trophy (hosted by LSC)
Sat	25 Jun	0930	Try Sailing Day
<b>Winter Walks Programme</b>			
Sun	13 Mar		Sutton/Hurrell
Sun	17 Apr		Broom
<b>Friday Nights - Bar Roster</b> (unless you have swapped)			
Fri	4 Mar	1925	John Kelly
Fri	11 Mar	1925	David Lees
Fri	18 Mar	1925	Neil McCracken
Fri	25 Mar	1925	Victor Olsson
Fri	1 Apr	1925	Robin Rowan

**Flood Defenses - Access**

The Environment Agency is now planning to bring forward their start date for flood defence work in the harbour area. The work adjacent to the Club and its approaches is expected to last at least five weeks, and this will affect members accessing the Club and boat park. A temporary footbridge will be provided for pedestrian access over the brook. Negotiations with the EA regarding start date, extent of works, minimum disruption, conditions and access for members are now ongoing.

As soon as details are finalised we will publish these in the newsletter and on the Club Notice Board.

*At the AGM, July was mentioned, but it could be as early as late May - Ed.*



# Lympstone Sailing Club Newsletter

March 2005

## Annual Dinner & Dance

For the second successive year, we returned to Woodbury Park for our Annual Dinner & Dance. And a very good venue it is too for such an occasion, with many members not often seen, turning out and enjoying themselves. Whilst keeping formalities to a minimum, Chris Cooke voiced our appreciation of the retiring Chairman Martin Hebidge and Adrienne by acknowledging their extraordinary commitment to the Club over nearly a quarter of a century. Previously, Martin had thanked our Guests, President & Vice-President for their continued stalwart support of the Club, Jenny Charles for once again leading the organisation of the evening, Richard Giles, our toast master, and Barry Gardner for providing the disco. A good crowd reconvened in the bar after midnight - even Martin found it this year - to chat in quieter surroundings. A similar number reconvened at breakfast having stayed the night.



Adrienne & Martin listen intently to the speech of our guest Neal Ricketts Commodore of Topsham SC

**Landlubbers' Lunchtime**

This is a members' initiative to reinstate the Ancient Mariners lunchtime informal get-togethers. I have not heard from anyone specifically since mentioning this last month but the doors will be open at noon on April Fools' day and we'll see if anyone turns up. The Bar will be open, so please bring your lunch and socialise. Note that the normal guests rule applies so that up to 2 guests per member may be signed in.

**New Committee**

New Committee		Other Responsibilities	
Title	Name	Title	Name
Commodore	Chris Cooke	Club Training Principal	Chris Cooke
Vice-Commodore	Rosemary Maltby	Chief Instructor	Alan Harwood
Rear Commodore	Chris Batson	Cruiser Captain	Don Govan
Secretary	Brian Ridge	Dayboat Captain	John Bennett
Treasurer	Don Govan	Bosun	Peter Trapnell
Mem'ship Sec.	Christine Ashton	Training Administrator	Tony Clark
Sailing Secretary	Jeremy Chew	Newsletter & website	Richard Crisp
Bar	Peter Conibere		
P.R.	Gill Newport		

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## Annual General Meeting

In his report, The Secretary requested feedback from members on several topics:

- A volunteer is sought to administer the Officer-of-the-Day and Safety Boat Roster produced by the Sailing Secretary.
- It was underlined that it is important that all Members complete and return their Training Requirements Form to Tony Clark
- Sailability. If we are to follow this route we need volunteers from the membership who are prepared to develop the idea.

## Committee Matters

The Club extends a warm welcome to the following new members: Mr Justin Gillett & Ms Annette Waterlow Exmouth; Dr Nick & Mrs Alison Kenefick, The Strand, GP14; Graham & Sylvia Thoms. Peter Trapnell has agreed to be Bosun

## Training Opportunities

### Sail training opportunities (for adults)

We are hopefully of running basic level (RYA1) sailing course for adults this May. If you have limited sailing experience and would like to increase your skills and at the same time obtain a qualification at a much reduced price please let Tony Clark our training co-ordinator know. Tony can be contacted on 01395/274292.

### Developing Safetyboat Skills

The club is concerned to increase our pool of safetyboat operatives. If you are currently without any formal RYA qualifications but are interested in gaining skills, there will be opportunities this coming season by crewing the safetyboat as the non-helm in club only events. The requirement is that you be equipped to enter the water and assist with rescue duty. Clearly a reasonable level of physical fitness is required. In due course opportunities would arise to undertake formal RYA safetyboat training. If this is of interest to you please contact Tony Clark.

*Sail/Training Sub-Committee*

## Editor's Perch

If 'our Ellen' can tackle the world in the equivalent of a thoroughbred Ferrari, surely LSC sailors can venture a tad further than Starcross in reasonable conditions? Adults complain that children are molly-coddled these days, but I wonder where they get that attitude from! I gather that the new Sailing Programme includes several sails out

of the estuary, a big increase on last year. Let's hope for good weather and maximum support.

As most of our members are non-sailors, why don't we have more social activity during sailing events?

Once again I appeal for Newsletter input from members with stories, anecdotes or whatever.

## Raffle Results

Frances Hurrell writes: Many thanks to everyone who put up with my pestering to purchase raffle tickets over the months culminating at the Dinner & Dance. Due to magnificent ticket sales on the night the Club has benefited by over £200. Thanks to all the ticket sellers. A list of prizes & winners is displayed in the Club.

## Tsunami Books

Thank you to all who came, brought cakes and books to the Bring /Buy Book sale on 5th February. Contributors will be pleased to know that they raised an amazing £428. This sum is still rising with the hope of raising the £490 needed to buy a complete Tsunami Shelter Box. If you would like to help further please send your donation to Jenny Charles Old Orchard Burgmanns Hill Lymptone *Jenny C.*

## Social Nights

The final organized Friday night on the current Winter Social Programme will occur on April Fools Day on the same day as the Landlubbers' Lunchtime (see p1). The talk on the Birds of the Exe will be offered next winter. The editor gave an illustrated talk on the history and manufacture of chocolate and Neil Downes gave an adrenaline-stirring talk on safety on the water. He showed a video of helicopter and lifeboat rescues from boats which illustrated the procedures and tasks required by any able crew aboard. Clearly the message is, every time you go afloat with a crew, talk through 'what if' accident scenarios and be prepared.

Another illustrated talk by an expert will occur on 11th March when Brian Redburgh will address the hazard of fire when afloat

## Bar Roster

In spite of publishing the forthcoming month's bar staff in this Newsletter (see page 4), members have been shirking their responsibilities recently. Bar staff are reminded that it is their responsibility to arrange a swap with others if they cannot make their allotted day. The definitive list is posted in the foyer of the Clubhouse.

## Variety Night

A disappointing turn-out of members did not spoil the enjoyment of the two dozen or more who participated, performed or just listened to the various acts who entertained us on 21 January. Unusually, it was the lusty sound of male voices that dominated the singing of 'Sailing' in particular. But we have discovered a new instant hit with country dancing now that we have a Lymptone caller in Brian ???. Father & son singers & players of various instruments entertained. That the evening continued until 10:30pm indicates to those who were not there that it was a great success. So give it a try on 18th February.

## Variety???

Now that the recently retired ex-Commodore has more time on his hands, his services have been eagerly (de-?) bagged by his fans in the art group as a model. To reserve his spice for the ladies he is depicted here with his presentation tankard, received at the AGM!

