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- Benign conditions made the Safety Boat refresher morning more of a pleasure than an ordeal. Even Pete Redbourn who manfully volunteered to repeatedly be the man overboard for subsequent rescue had no problem with the water temperature. Bravo!
- If you were to assist a helmsman right a capsized dinghy from your boat, from which direction should you approach the stricken dinghy?
- I wonder if our new RYA Racing Charter Co-ordinator will instigate a fine for bad language afloat. We'll swell the coffers of the RNLI no doubt!
- Churchillian quote: "We make a living by what we get. But we make a life by what we give".

**Diary Dates**

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| Sat | 7 May | pm | VE-Day Celebrations 1940's theme |
| Mon | 31 May | 5 wks | Limited access to harbour - page 3 |
| Sun | 5 Jun | 1800 | Lympstone SC Regatta |
| Sun | 12 Jun | 1000 | Squires Trophy (hosted by LSC) |
| Sat | 25 Jun | 0930 | Try Sailing Day |
| | | | Friday Nights - Bar Roster (as of 30.4.05) |
| Fri | 6 May | 1925 | Chris Finney |
| Fri | 13 May | 1925 | Graham Deane |
| Fri | 20 May | 1925 | Chris Finney |
| Fri | 27 May | 1925 | Michael Gall |
| Fri | 3 Jun | 1925 | Roger Howell |

VE-Day Activities

- Street party & children's' activities for all in the afternoon on the slipway
- 1940's tea & cake for all
- Veterans take salute of Sailpast
- Evening 1940's meal, ticket only (members veterans & their guests - limited numbers) period costume, music, 40's singalong,

Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions for dinghy, day-boats and cruisers have been issued on the website and are posted in the Clubhouse

Landlubber Lunchtime

A couple of stalwarts have enjoyed sandwiches, beer and a chat over the last month or so, but this initiative has not attracted those who supposedly wanted it. As I hope to transform into a wet-bob for the season, I therefore propose that unless some fair-weather landlubbers contact me to meet regularly, Landlubbers' Lunchtimes are henceforth suspended. Richard C



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Craning Afloat & Clear-Up Morning

After a later than planned start, craning afloat proceeded very swiftly with everything moved by about 10.30. An icy start with calm water developed into a stiff northerly but once the sun was shining on you it felt warm. The sub-zero overnight temperature ensured that previously well-behaved engines were less eager to start, and from the colour of the exhaust smoke, it was abundantly clear the a new Pope had not yet been chosen!

A more civilised start time and a 12°C warmer temperature encouraged the good turn-out of helpers on Sunday. However, most of the time was spent admiring the skill of the JCB driver and the antics of Alan on the large tipper truck. Mary and Frances further helped this admiration by supplying bacon butties coffee & tea!



Queen of the May craning for the last time at Lympstone?



Beautifully cleared boat park

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60th Anniversary of VE Day

I suppose an increasing proportion of adults as well as children need reminding that VE Day commemorates the end of hostilities in Europe in 1945 (Victory in Europe). Veterans have in the past been reticent in speaking of the horrors, camaraderie and excitement of their personal experiences of their wars. However the Event on 7th May (widely advertised in the village) offers a great opportunity for the generations that traditionally get on very well together - children and grandparents / great-grandparents. Let's hope for a great day for one and all. Take care.

Commodore's Signal

Cruisers successfully launched, with thanks to the Harbour Board's team and the galley crew. An impressive fleet of dinghies and punts is already assembling in their place which is a promising sign. Including a 12ft Otter built by John Baker at Kenton Forge and kindly donated for club training by Chris Finney. Many thanks Chris, it's an ideal boat for us.

Training continues ashore with a number of members gaining life support or VHF qualifications, and more in the offing with Alan Harwood and Tony Clarke leading sail training &/or Powerboat training, to gain RYA certificates. If you wish to take part in future sessions, please contact Tony Clarke by 16th May.

Please keep an eye on the Race Officer/Safety boat/Bar rotas in the club lobby too to see when you may be on duty, and mark any changes you negotiate. We depend on a number of volunteers so there is safe sailing, and we are extremely fortunate as John Balding has agreed to monitor the Race Officer and Safety Boat Rotas. Please advise him of any swaps, or last minute panics as he will do his best to help. Tel: 01392 873961 email: j.w.balding@exeter.ac.uk

The next important function is the VE day celebrations on Saturday 7 May. Stan Parker and Rosemary Maltby have done a sterling job coordinating plans and Brian Ridge has been seeking out as many village WWII veterans as possible. Please help on the day and join in the fun.

Did you notice the small increase in beer prices? We are passing on an increase from the suppliers I'm afraid, but still exceptional value and with such a splendid view. The other bad news is that a CCTV survey of the club sewer indicates work will have to be carried out before the Environment Agency lay their concrete.

Please pay your subs if they have been overlooked, check all your vessels are insured and sign the declaration which must be returned with your cheque.

And then there's the sailing – dig out the lifejacket and sunglasses and let's get out on the water. Home made Hurrell family pasties will be available as we come off the water on Monday 30 May, so everyone will be afloat that day! Look at the hectic programme of events in June. Make sure they are in your diary now!

For the cruisers, beware as WWII defences have appeared between No. 10 and No.12 buoys, just in time for Stan's do! Good sailing. Chris Cooke

Editor's Perch

After a winter of struggling to maintain decent numbers at Friday Social evenings with organised speakers and variety performances over the winter, it was certainly a change to find the Clubroom full of people last Friday although there wasn't even sailing going on. However it was also somewhat perplexing for me. We pride ourselves in being a sociable club, yet members seem to hibernate over winter. Perhaps we should call ourselves 'Seasonally Sociable'. Whilst most people who do attend either occasionally or regularly over winter thoroughly enjoy whatever they experience, so few turn up - about ½% of adult members. OK, rant over!

As this goes to printing, the first Club sailing event of the season takes place and we look forward to the 60th Anniversary celebrations of VE Day in the afternoon & evening of 7th May. I aim to do much more boating this season.

Flood Defences & Harbour Access

This is the third Newsletter running that I have highlighted the inevitable disruption to access to the harbour, Clubhouse and boats. Let no member complain that they have not been warned. However whilst the inevitable lack of access will occur over an extended period, the date of commencement is obviously not set in concrete (ha!). The latest start date is now Tuesday 31 May 2005. The fact that there is a full calendar of sailing activity during June, including our Regatta means that serious contingency planning by crews is necessary. Don Govan is our liaison man on this and will be posting up-to-date information on the Noticeboard and I will try to keep the website updated as developments arise.

Don writes:

At an early stage in the contract a large area of concrete is to be laid which will mean access from the boat park to the slipway will not be possible and dinghies/punts will have to be launched down by the cliff. The next area will mean access to the store is blocked. Prior warning will give members a chance to take out what they may need. The front access to the club will be blocked for a short period and access will be via the cellar door and male changing room - this may cause a problem if sailing is taking place!

We are going to be inconvenienced but I'm sure with a bit of prior warning on the Notice Board and co-operation from members we will overcome any problems.

First Aid Training

Your Committee has decided to expand our RYA Registered Teaching Centre status to include First Aid. This is possible due to the generous offer of Pete Redbourn (a fully qualified HSE and RYA Instructor) who has agreed to run an HSE certified 'First Aid at Work' course (which comprises 24 hour of tuition and practice) for 10 students, without any charge.

This will commence with registration on Monday May 16th at 18.45 in the Clubhouse. The examination and certification will be underwritten by Nigel Robb's Company (Breath of Life). We are very grateful to both Pete and Nigel for this extremely handsome offer.

The Committee felt it important that each student takes ownership of their learning by paying a fee of £10: in addition students will have to purchase their own book(s). The Committee propose to give LSC members first choice, thereafter any unfilled places will be offered to other organisations in the Village. Contact Peter Redbourn Greenhill Ave Lypstone tel: 01395 222276.

Exe Estuary Approaches Navigation

1. The November hydrographic survey shows that Pole Sands (just south of port hand buoy 6) has moved further to the east. The Winter storms have reduced the depth of the channel by less than 0.5 metre. The overall charted depth in the buoyed channel is 1 metre. Copies of the survey can be obtained from the Secretary.

2. In Western Way just south of the channel between port hand buoys 10 and 12, a DZ buoy has been deployed, because the October storms had uncovered some World War II coastal defences.

Brian