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Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who sent cards and best wishes during my recent stay in hospital
Rosemary Govan

This 'n That

- **Note change of date** of this month's walk to 13th.
- **Winter Social Programme** Please note the pre-Christmas plans for Friday evenings. If you have a party piece for the Variety Evening, please contact Doc Livingstone 274141
- **Omission** Last month's interim training report failed to acknowledge Peter Redbourne by name for his huge contribution to the First Aid training this year. Apologies, *Ed*.
- **Provisional craning** dates are given in *Diary Dates* - too short a season?
- **Duties forms** - Copies available on the club website. Please email/post your completed form to Club Commodore Chris Cooke, Millvale, Underhill, Lympstone EX8 5HH cooke.millvale@eclipse.co.uk
- **Contributions** for Newsletters from members other than myself & the Commodore please, I'm thinking words but money will do nicely!! *Ed*.

Diary Dates

Fri 4 Nov 1930	Talk 'Nelson, a Study in Leadership'
Fri 11 Nov 1930	Bar / food
Fri 18 Nov 1930	Sailing Spuddle & Prize-giving bring a plate of food to share
Fri 25 Nov 1930	Variety Evening - acts wanted, see T 'n T
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

2006

Sat 28 Jan	LSC Dinner Dance (Village Hall)
Fri 3 Feb	LFHA AGM
Sat 4 Feb	LSC AGM
Sat 29 Apr	provisional Craning Afloat 2006
Sat 7 Oct	Provisional Craning Ashore 2006

Walkers' Diary

Sun 13 Nov	Sidbury - Bennett
Sun 11 Dec	Local - 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

Bar Duty

4 Nov	Bill Broom	264025
11 Nov	Chris Cooke	276524
18 Nov	Ian Goult	270718
25 Nov	Martin Stone	268844
2 Dec	John Burt	265970

For Sale

Club Mirror, Saracen £250 ono
Contact Sailing Secretary Jerry Chew
01392 660426
Also gas cooker - see page 1



Lympstone Sailing Club Newsletter

November 2005

Kitchen Improvements

We are about to start improvements to the club kitchen and we require a small number of DIY competent helpers to start almost immediately.

A new dual fuel range cooker (gas hobs, 2 electric ovens) is due for delivery on 1st November. We are replacing the sink unit and adding some more cupboard space. All existing cupboards will be fitted with new doors to match the new units and all of the worktops will be replaced.

Contact Don (266697) or Rosemary (275752) if you can assist.

Incidentally, any reasonable offer for the old gas cooker will be considered, otherwise it will go to the tip.

Winter Months

Judging by the alacrity with which some members have already removed their engines from cruisers and other good works are underway, not only are we taking advantage of the 'carrot' of remarkably warm weather for the time of year, but also heeding the soothsayers' 'stick' of a hard winter approaching. For me, I was staggered today by the time it took to pump out the bilges of rainwater since craning ashore! The good news is that there are literally only a couple of dozen weeks (maybe less) before craning afloat and we can enjoy the water again.

A glance at **Diary Dates** on the back page announces a plethora of social activities for the winter months. Crew interaction apart, sailing can be somewhat of an insular activity so the importance of Club social events should not be underestimated.

Inside this issue:

Licensing Act	2	Skittles is a regular activity both as a Thursday activity at the Club but also as a means of socialising with other Exe Clubs on competition nights. Starcross Fishing & Cruising Club even provided sandwiches and chips for us this week - and that was after we had beaten them too, last season's league champions no less!
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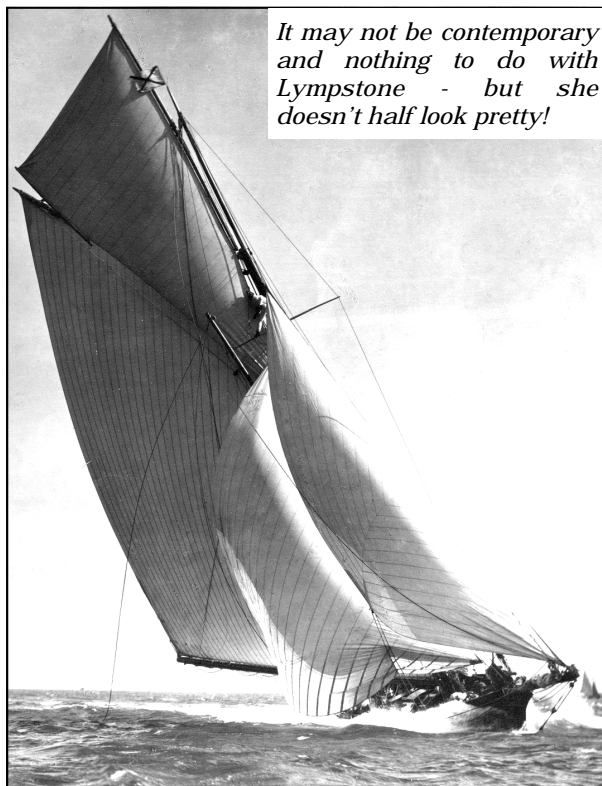
Friday Clubnights for the winter months revert to predominantly adult fare - more details on page 2 & 4. The events organised by 'Doc' Livingstone are invariably hugely enjoyed by those who attend so just turn up and enjoy whatever is going. After the 'sold-out' talk he gave to the Lympstone Society on Trafalgar (along with Ralph Rochester) the first event of the Winter Social Programme on **4th November** is bound to be popular as Graeme Wheeler will talk on the leadership qualities of Nelson.

By the way, don't be put off by the term 'Spuddle' see **Diary Dates**, it implies lively discussion!

Licensing Act 2003 and the Sailing Club

The new licensing act comes into force on the 24th November 2005. The Sailing Club has been granted a Club Premises Certificate (although it has not yet been received!) for the consumption of alcohol, films, and music. The license for the consumption of alcohol includes the Clubroom, veranda and a perimeter of 10 metres around the Clubhouse and harbour store (this is roughly from the top of the new concrete approach road to the wall by the brook across to the landward end of the harbour wall [not including the harbour wall for obvious reasons] and the entrance to the Boat Park). We are required to delineate the last mentioned area with a few cones and only use plastic glasses there. The Committee hopes that the Members will approve of the move to enable legal drinking on the Hard against the minor irritation of having to put out a few cones. Happy sailing and drinking afterwards. Brian (Secretary)

This modest paragraph does no justice at all to the many tens of hours that Brian has devoted to this horribly complicated affair. With a choice of paying a professional many hundreds of pounds to do the job, Brian set to, to understand the meaning of the legislation, to interpret it in our context, to resolve numerous inconsistencies and to answer in meticulous detail the profligate questions asked. Thank you Brian. We all owe you a pint - within the 10 metre zone of course! Ed.



It may not be contemporary and nothing to do with Lymptone - but she doesn't half look pretty!

Friday Clubnights

All members are reminded that the Club is open every Friday night throughout the year from 1930 until members leave or 2330 when time is called, whichever is the earlier. In deference to the volunteer bar staff, members should consider leaving before 2330 when the numbers dwindle but equally bar staff should be prepared to stay on to 2330 if the occasion demands.

The Winter Social Programme targets adults, offering a little more than simply socialising & propping-up the bar. Whilst it is hoped that all will join in whatever is on the menu for the night, the activities will not span the entire opening time. Please see page 4, Diary Dates & This 'n That for information.

Commodore's Signal

Craning ashore went very smoothly. Many thanks to Neil Downes, Alan Harwood, the Harbour Board with their respective teams and the Galley crew for all your hard work. Interesting to see a blue wigwag has been erected on one of the fishing boats in the boat shelter; I wonder what other structures will appear in the campsite over the next few weeks!

The craning ashore party in the evening opened with the toast to Nelson, known as the Immortal Memory - the only Royal Naval toast where no response is made apparently. Alison Gall's chilli and chicken menu was a huge success followed by a wonderful selection of home made puddings. All much enjoyed. Many thanks to all who helped with the catering, and Richard Crisp for sterling work behind the bar. I was delighted to particularly welcome our President and his Lady, Dick and Margaret Middleton, and say a few words to mark their forthcoming Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations Dick and Margaret!

The Galley will now be having a refit and the Winter Social Programme is taking shape with Doc Livingstone coordinating a number of events - see elsewhere for further details. Rosemary Maltby is planning the Dinner Dance which returns to the Village Hall on Saturday 28 January - so give her a ring if you can help at all: 01395 275752.

On the boating front, we still need some more volunteers to be able to run the Power Boat 1 course (phone Alan Harwood 01395 278792). Saracen, the Club Mirror, is up for sale - make us an offer! An excellent winter project for a dad suffering withdrawal symptoms now winter's here! And if you spot an Otter for sale, let us know as we are keen to get another to make a pair.

Hope to see you at the Sailing Spuddle and Prize-giving 1930 at the Club, Friday 18 November - please bring a plate of food. Don't forget to let me have your Duties Form - a very positive response so far, but have you let me have yours?

Editor's Perch

Craning ashore indeed went well this year. A crane driver who knew his machine, arrived in good time, and without fuss did a very efficient job, even dragging the tips of the empty slings across the ground to prevent them being whipped up by the wind. Equally important to the efficiency of the morning was the ground crew who did a splendid job. Looking carefully at boat owners however coping with the all too real stress of the moment when it comes to the final moments before lift, I would like to float (!) an idea.

Current practice is that owners (or their nominees) must be present and by implication are responsible for their lift. This means that owners not only bring their vessels to the point of craning but tend to be the last to leave their boats immediately before hoist. It seems to me that owners, particularly those who are not very athletic or mobile may not be the best people to do this final activity of sling deployment and so forth. In other words, once the vessel has been moored prior to hoisting, the owner (if they so choose) should come ashore in their own time having roughly deployed the slings if they wish, and the craning team should take over the activity of adjusting and connecting the slings when the crane hooks arrive.

I do realise that this puts more on the craning team, but I have the feeling that some owners would prefer to be excused the stresses of the moment, and could play a safer role in surveying the scene from dry land and alerting the team to any snags.