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| Diary Dates |        |      |  |
|-------------|--------|------|--|
| Sat         | 10 Sep | 1000 | Fulford Champagne Challenge - cruisers                     |
| Sun         | 11 Sep | 1400 | 1st Aid training & Presentation                            |
| Sat         | 17 Sep | 1800 | President's & Commodore's Cup races followed by Supper     |
| Sat         | 24 Sep |      | Exe Junior Series<br>Series prize-giving @ LSC + BBQ+Disco |
| Sun         | 25 Sep | 1030 | Last dinghy+d/b races + BucksFizz lunch                    |
| Sat         | 14 Oct |      | Punts & dinghies to be removed from                        |
| Fri         | 21 Oct |      | Craning Ashore   |
| Fri         | 18 Nov | 1930 | Sailing Spuddle & Prize-Giving                             |

### This 'n That

- Description of the word **Pulpit** from Edmund Jupp's book 'Boat Watching' caught my eye: .....*Nobody preaches from it, but those who have stood there and been dunked in lumpy seas have been known to utter a few carefully chosen words.*
- Congratulations to Martin Hebdige who has celebrated his three score and ten without looking it, by far.
- Only 7 weeks to craning ashore, so make the most of the remaining time
- Apparently there has been some mindless skylarking in the harbour resulting in a safety signpost being removed and hoisted up the harbour end flagpole. Please check your craft in case the episode extended to further malicious actions.

### 28 Aug: Classic & Vintage Regatta Roadford

Bear away round buoy, go for spinnaker hoist. Check jib sheet and, if gybing, loosely cleat on leeward side. Uncleat spinnaker lines. Balance boat for gybe. Pull spinnaker head across foredeck. Attach pole whilst helm attends to string – sorry, halyard. Check boat balance. Check pole position. Check kite flying. Check for traffic under boat. Check for traffic windward behind helm. Re-check jib sheet. Wonder why tiller extension in right ear. Glance back to find helm checking his suntan...

Only, joking ...helm (Ian Smith) was on the ball! The occasion was the annual, Bank holiday weekend, vintage dinghy meeting at Roadford Lake (just north of the A30, between Oakhampton & Launceston). Five races, 42 boats in three categories (classic, vintage and, merely, 'old'); there were also cats, and Peggies (Pegasus – and some of them were indeed fairly speedy...). Boat class has to be pre-1965, and the boat at least 25 years old, so Ian's Merlin qualified. Most helms and crews also happily fitted the criteria - although it was a family event, and there were some impressive younger sailors.

Ian (with myself as crew) was the only participant from Lympstone, but Justin, from Starcross, sailing his Merlin, won the 'old' boat trophy, so the Exe did make its presence known!

Liz Wells



# Lympstone Sailing Club Newsletter

September 2005

## Exe Junior Series

On the 24th September LSC is hosting the third and last in the Exe Junior Series this season. The Series involves participants from all four Exe sailing clubs and is for juniors aged under 18 on the day of the event. The event is split into a laser fleet and a mixed handicap fleet. Any double or single hander may take part with a maximum PY of 1078. The mixed handicap is ideal for those of all skills and on the water coaching is permitted, the idea being to encourage participation. LSC will be providing safety support as well as a start/mothership. With the event taking place in the middle of the day, it will be followed by a barbecue and prize giving at the Club. We are hopeful of course that a good number of our juniors will take part and either myself or Tim Mitchell, our Junior Race Co-ordinator, would like to hear from you soon if your youngster would be interested. We have a club Mirror and Otter that can be used and there are other suitable boats that members may be willing to loan. The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and parental consent forms will be published shortly and will be available on our website as well as being placed in the Clubhouse. Late entry is likely to be available up until the evening before the event.

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### Safety Boat Success - Again!

The Club safetyboat seems to have been well utilised this season, with assistance to both craft and crew for LSC events and others. Early in August one of our own dinghy events took place in strong conditions and the crew of Kevin Pike and Karl Neilson were well occupied with a number of capsizes. One dinghy capsized and the mast became jammed in the estuary mud and with an incoming tide forcing it in further, initial efforts to release it proved unsuccessful. However, in accordance with guidelines, priority was given to the crew, before the boat was marked with racing buoys and then a decision made for everyone to come ashore and a further effort to be made on the top of the tide. Tony Clark and Don Jellard then succeeded in

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releasing the boat in slack water. With buoyancy bags collapsed, the boat even upright was very unstable and there was difficulty in recovering it to the harbour. However an SYC rib appeared and supplied the extra support needed. With minor damage to the hull, rigging and loss of the buoyancy bags the boat escaped lightly. There have been rare incidents of masts becoming so embedded that they had to be sawn off at low tide! Credit goes to the safetyboat crews for their prioritising what needed to be done and their expertise in subsequently recovering the boat - an object lesson in how to do it right - well done one and all.

Jeremy Chew, Sailing Secretary

## EDMUND JUPP 1915 - 2005

The Club was well represented at his funeral service on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August, when the local Rector described Edmund's life as being in three parts - the first 30 years including wartime service as a pilot and navigator in the RAF, then training pilots. The next 30 spent as an engineer/lecturer, after obtaining an engineering degree, he worked in industry and then moved into education, including the post of principle of a technical school in British Guyana, finally teaching at Exeter Technical College. On retiring he made himself available to anyone who needed a hand as 'Man About the House'. He was involved in many of the Village Societies, particularly the Twinning Association. He wrote a number of books and had articles published, including several in the Practical Boat Owner. He was also at some time the local correspondent for the Express and Echo. In such regard was he held in village twinning, that the president of the Biéville-Beuville twinning committee, Thérèse Tack and former mayor Gérard Angot and his wife Geneviève attended the funeral. M. Angot spoke movingly of Edmund's contribution to the close friendship that has grown up between the two communities.

Before moving to Lymptone Edmund and Joan lived at Topsham, where he sailed with Topsham Sailing Club. After moving to Lymptone he sailed; Sudavento a Caprice, Linda C a Signet, Duet a Seafarer. He was an enthusiastic cruiser helm, racing amongst others against George Kett, Norman de la Rue, Brian Elson, Geoff Wright, John Schunck, Richard and Joy Madge, and John Lupton. They competed for the Kett Trophy and the Jupp Salver. Don Govan, Martin Hebdidge, Richard Bland and others were then sailing GP14's. Edmund was a great one for encouraging others to sail he would take any one showing an interest out for a sail.

When his sailing days came to an end there followed several small motor boats. It was in one of these that he achieved something that he had never done in his sailing cruisers. He managed to capsize one, no not in windy conditions it was quite calm. Oh and it was in the harbour, and tied fore and aft to the harbour wall. He emerged as you can imagine somewhat wet and muddy from under his upturned boat and made his forlorn way up through the village, and being Edmund made sure that everyone knew about it. It hasn't as yet appeared as a PBO article!

How shall we remember him? As someone full of life, always ready to have a cheery word with everyone. Standing outside the gate of the Firs... On his bicycle with green wellied feet sticking out on either side and singing or whistling, wearing a lifejacket and one of his many hats, off for a sail; having first checked that the leaves on the oak tree opposite the church were **not** moving. Or perhaps as a regular with Joan at the Ancient Mariners lunches or any other do where food was on offer, and usually first in the queue.

*many thanks for contributions from Don Govan, John Eaton-Terry and John Lupton, Ed*



## Editor's Perch

Whilst we are enjoying a good summer, our dependence on tides becomes an increasing frustration! Nevertheless a few LSC members have been making perhaps unprecedented individual and co-ordinated forays out of the estuary and to other waters this season. A couple have crossed to France for a prolonged stays, others to the Scillies and SW estuaries en route and a flotilla of half a dozen or so boats descended in the Dart for several days as reported last month. Day trips to Babba-combe & Brixham too. Most enjoyable for those who have participated. Perhaps it will be the dayboat section that will pick up activity next year?

There are of course two high tides most days, so why don't our cruisers find out where the switch for their navigation lights are and plan a night sail? In fact, rarely are nights so dark that one cannot see one's surroundings perfectly well, and when you have acclimatised to ignoring railway signals and the flashing lights of service vehicles, navigation via the buoys is clearer than in daylight. The night of 24/25th September looks good - high tide (3.0m) 2330, sunset 19:11, moonrise: (60%) 22:00. Hope for clear skies and force 2-3.

## More Qualified First Aiders for the Club

The First Aid at Work course, run by Pete Rebourne has been successfully completed. All nine students passed the examination conducted by Nigel Robb of Breath of Life (the sponsoring First Aid Training organisation) on Sunday 7th August. Harland Walshaw spent the morning for us acting as a suitably distressed casualty! Nigel commented on the high standard of the candidates; particularly noteworthy were the passes gained by the youngsters Sophie and Victoria McLennan-Wiggin, and Emma Biggs. At the debriefing Pete was thanked for all his hard work as inspiring tutor and was presented by the class with a painting entitled 'Sunset over the Estuary', painted by Joel Rawe.

On **Sunday 11th September at 1400 in the Clubhouse** there will be further First Aid Training pertinent to casualties arising from on the water activities. This will be followed at 1700 by a presentation of certificates. Mr. Trevor Cole of the Ambulance Service and Mr. Nigel Robb of Breath of Life will be present.

## Theft Again

It is sad to report that for the second time this season, Club property has been stolen. Given the nature of the these events, one might well conclude that the perpetrator(s) is (are) local. Without offering any comfort to the thief, the opportunity for theft was eased by carelessness of safetyboat operators who failed to leave the boat in a secure state as found or even to report the loss of a padlock during their 'watch'. Similarly, I have noticed a marked increase in lights being left on in the toilets (you have to check inside as not all lights are controlled by the switch in the foyer) and balcony doors being left unlocked. These things are perhaps symptomatic of the fact that (new) members are taking on new tasks & they may not have been fully briefed. Would members please take a little more ownership of your Club and be more proactive in keeping things shipshape or at least informing any Committee member if you see something awry. Similarly, if you have a task, think it through beforehand & make sure you have the necessary information to complete it before the event. Those in the know, please be a little more proactive in making sure that the new recruits know how to complete their tasks & offer assistance.