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Diary Dates

Sat	4 Sep	Swallows & Amazons CANCELLED see T 'n T
Sat	11 Sep	1630 Flotilla + Supper book for this on Noticeboard
S/S	11/12 S	Junior Sailing Course(non-beginners) see T U
Sun	19 Sep	0930 Flotilla & Cruisers + BIG Breakfast (book)
Sat	25 Sep	1630 Closing-down Sail All Classes
Fri	8 Oct	2359 Punts & Dinghies to be gone from harbour
Sat	16 Oct	0630 Craning Ashore + Evening food? Vols wanted

Training Update

- Some hardy souls have been working with Alan Harwood, our Senior Instructor, over the last few weeks. This has been towards giving the club RYA qualified assistant instructors, essential to running a RYA sail-training programme. By the time you read this we hope to have 4 assistants qualified. On the weekend of 11th/12th Sept. we intend to run a **Junior Sailing Course** aimed at those who have some experience particularly those who benefited from last years courses rather than complete beginners. Tony Clark will be contacting potential last years team if anyone else would like to be considered for the course phone him on 274292 or Alan on 278792.
- **Training Opportunity** through incredible generosity and good networking we can send two experienced dinghy sailors on a week-long RYA Dinghy Instructor Course based in Exmouth. There are some minimal costs, but we guarantee exciting sailing and fantastic training will be provided all we ask in return is that the applicant be willing to put their skills back into the club-training programme. If you are interested contact Tony or Alan

Catering

- **WANTED** volunteer(s) to organize a supper [or whatever] for the Craning Out evening on Saturday 16th October; Galley Crew not available. Ring Jenny Charles on 01395 264359
- **Sept 11th: Supper** after the flotilla event but please put your name on the Noticeboard to order food.
- **Sept 19th Big Breakfast:** again a list is posted on the Noticeboard to book your breakfast for this one, [it might be cool enough for porridge].

This 'n That

- Jenny Moon appears to have purchased a **bargain**, namely a tender for a tenner. I'm not so convinced by the doubling of her outgoings by applying a coat of paint - but I'm sure she thinks it looks better!
- The proposal to run the postponed **Swallows & Amazons Event** from the Exe Regatta on 4 Sept has 'run aground' for several reasons. To maintain it's really special status, the event needs good support & be part of the Exe Regatta.
- Did you know that in 1784, the depth of a housebrick changed from 2½ inches to 3 due to a tax on bricks? No, neither did I and it has little to do with boating but it has filled this blank area!



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Drascombe Weekend at L.S.C.

They started arriving on Thursday and several stayed until Monday. In between, over twenty red-sailed craft accompanied by others visited Babbacombe beach,



Countess Wear and Turf, enjoying welcome sunshine but poor sailing breezes. The traditional Lympstone Sailing Club hospitality was on offer, boosted by the Lympstone Skifflemen, and Robin Telfer's provision of an idyllic campsite and trailer park. Congratulations to Alan Child for championing the event and to the handful of members who assisted in the hard graft of stocking and manning the bar

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over the weekend, marshalling and muscle work on the slipway, administrative matters and ordering, preparation, cooking & serving of food.

For several visitors, for example the family from Marlow Sailing Club who usually sail on the Thames & who arrived late in the afternoon at high spring tide, slipped and moored their boats at the harbour wall with ease, the



scarcity of water at low tide in the morning was something of a shock. Tidal waters with rip-tide and coastal sailing was certainly a totally new experience which they very much enjoyed.

Committee Matters

Abuse of Club Facilities Our Treasurer-cum-Cruiser Captain was horrified & angry to find copious quantities of mud & gravel in the sink & on the floor of the 'Buoys' facilities on 3rd Aug. Considerable time & effort was required to rectify the situation. Somebody needs a good rollicking. It may sometimes be inevitable that with very low water & the outside taps inoperative, one trails mud into the Club. However, greater care to minimise this is required but always make sure that the place is as least as clean as when you arrived on your departure. Mops etc are available. Of course, the facilities are not for the general public use. I daresay the culprits were not Club members themselves, but you never know.

Regatta Sail Past
Race Results (amended)

Pos'n	Boat	Helm	Times:	Actual	Corr'd
1	National12/3007	James Chew	17.23	15.23	
2	Whaler 5.2	Alison Gall	17.00	15.27	
3	Solo 1330	Guy Sutton	18.09	15.73	
4	Tee Kay	Adrian Ashton	18.00	15.56	
5	GP14 2415	Peter Trapnell	18.00	16.00	
6	Dr. Longboat	Tony Clark	21.00	16.06	
7	420 49579	Kevin Pike	17.30	16.07	
8	Comet Duo	Jeremy Chew	19.10	16.20	
9	Parker 31	Chris Cooke	16.00	16.51	
10	Helena	Don Govan	23.00	17.02	
11	Tideway 448	Karol Chew	27.00	18.40	
12	Dr. Lugger	David Charles	30.00	21.39	

More sailed but these are the only times submitted

Editor's Perch

•With only **six weeks** to the end of the season, it seems that one and all are taking advantage of what I think will go down as the most successful all-round seasons for our Club in most members' memories. On all fronts activities are bubbling & in each facet of activity, things are 'on the rise'. Plans are afoot to keep the momentum throughout the winter months on Friday Clubnights, the Annual Dinner Dance & the AGM. Please do your best to maintain your support so that next season can kick-off running (or on any point of sailing for that matter).

•At some time I'm thinking of putting on a **slide show** of the season's activities.

If anyone has good prints, slides or digital images of club activities that they are prepared to show, please contact me and I would be delighted to consider including them if possible.

•**Etiquette:** abuse of the Club's facilities, mentioned above, is sadly only one of the examples of bad manners on and around the water. Queue-barging on the slipway and in the brook, causing a severe wake whilst passing through moorings are almost daily occurrences perpetrated by boaters. I'm not saying that it is done intentionally, but being unaware of, or indifferent to, the consequences of your actions is unwelcome behaviour.

Bosun's Bit

•I'm not sure why, but since the new Safety Boat arrived, crews have been slack in removing loose items from the boat at the end of an outing. Recently, the ignition & master electric keys & the kill-cord were left in the boat. This is not good enough as such negligence would invalidate any resulting insurance claim were a thief to take advantage. Please take more care.

•The quasi-fixed VHF radio for the Safety Boat is not yet fully fitted, but I'm working on it whilst plans are afoot to upgrade the launching trolley to match the hull.

Cautionary Tale

A fine Sunday evening sail turned into a nightmare for someone on 4 July. Several boats went out to enjoy a good tide, beautiful clear sunset and deceptively brisk winds, gusting up to force 4/5. A sailor went out in his dinghy and capsized close to the main channel on the western side of the estuary. His dagger plate floated away and with the mast stuck in the mud he remained in the water for almost an hour before the crew of Milly, John Brewer and Gavin Lowery heard him shouting as dusk arrived. They abandoned the dingy and brought the exhausted man ashore. John Welton attended whilst Jenny Moon led a team in the Safety Boat to recover the dinghy and return it to the harbour.

Well done all who helped!

10/10 for tenacity!

I was witness to a remarkable recovery. At first glance, I saw three figures spread about on Lymptstone Sand at low water south of buoy 25. Next thing I see a wet-suited young man collecting a launching trolley and walking with it beyond the end of the wall. A few minutes later I see this character still pulling the trolley half-way to SYC! I then espy a small hull with mast stranded on the far side of Lymptstone Sand with two other figures in attendance. Before the tide started to flow, these three had dragged said dinghy on trolley the very best part of a mile, leaving a black snake-like trail in the mud of the nearside of Lymptstone Sand. By this time I realised that a lady who had been on the end of the wall was associated with these three, so decided to put my opening remark to her; "I doubt if that went to plan?" I asked. They are all very intelligent young men, came the good humoured

Commodore's Chat

•**THANKS** to Alan Child for fronting the successful Drascombe Weekend & to his many helpers

•**THANKS** also to all Bar Staff on Furry Dance night, particularly Pete & Sioban Trapnell, Jenny Clarke & Jane Cooke, Ian & Louise Goult (& family!), Mike Gall & Chris Cooke who all committed themselves to an hour's shift.

•The Club runs its events with a core of Committee members and other members who help on an event basis. If you spot something that is not ideal but is not an immediate danger, please reserve your criticisms for a Committee member, rather than venting your spleen on an occasional volunteer who may be struggling simply with the task in hand. Better still, offer to help to put things right!

reply to which I couldn't resist "...marines by any chance?" By now I'd offered the lads the hose or showers to remove the mud and much banter was exchanged. All three survived their heroic struggle with stoic grace and soon enquired how to make good damage to the transom of the craft. By now the group had swollen to seven, mum of one of them, daughter, wife with babe of son. All delightful Americans holidaying in Lymptstone, aware of the tides but caught by the speed of the ebb! They won't do that again - ever! In spite of their potentially dangerous strategy, certainly compared with waiting with the boat until the tide returned, I couldn't help admiring their focus and determination in completing the task with such good humour. Perhaps it's a side of their national characteristic that saw them put a man on the Moon.