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This 'n That

•The French navigator Cassini in 1770 stated... "it is better to have no idea where one is and to know it, than to confidently believe one is where one is not."

TRAFALGAR 200

•2005 is the bicentennial year of Trafalgar. Six days of spectacular events are planned from 28 June until 3 July around Portsmouth, Southsea & the Solent.

Tuesday 28th June 2005

International Fleet Review &

Son et Lumiere

Wed. 29th June 2005

International Drumhead Ceremony

Thursday 30th June to Sunday 3rd July 2005

The International Festival of the Sea

Friday 21 October 2005

Trafalgar Day

Sunday 23 October 2005

St Paul's Cathedral &

Trafalgar Square

Visit www.royal-navy.mod.uk and click on Trafalgar 200

Diary Dates

Sat	29 Jan	1900	Annual Dinner & Dance Woodbury
Fri	4 Feb	1930	LFHA AGM 8-9pm
Sat	5 Feb	10-12	Coffee/cake, Bring & Buy Books 'Tsunami'
Sat	5 Feb	1930	LSC AGM
Fri	11 Feb	1930	Talk 'Environmental Impact Studies'
Fri	18 Feb	1930	Frog Racing
Fri	25 Feb	1930	Talk 'Drown in Style' - Neil Downes
Fri	11 Mar	1930	Talk 'Flames on the Water' - P Redburn
Sat	9 Apr	early	Craning Afloat
Sat	7 May	1200	VE-Day Celebrations 1940's theme
Winter Walks Programme			
Sun	20 Feb		Bennett
Sun	13 Mar		Sutton/Hurrell
Sun	17 Apr		Broom
Friday Nights - Bar Roster (unless you have swapped)			
Fri	4 Feb	1925	Chris Carter
Fri	11 Feb	1925	Richard Gale
Fri	18 Feb	1925	David Hinchcliffe
Fri	25 Feb	1925	Stephen Ide
Fri	4 Mar	1925	John Kelly

Tsunami Bring & Buy Books

Saturday 5th Feb 10am - Noon
Come to the Club for coffee & cake + **Bring & Buy a book morning** [all books received: children's, cookery, holiday readers, *not* magazines]. All proceeds to Tsunami Shelter Box Appeal. Please tell your friends & come.

Walkers' Binge

Thanks primarily to **Doreen Broome**, the Walkers' Supper, on New Year's Eve was a huge success, enjoyed at every moment by 20 revellers including toasting the New Year with champagne arranged by the Blands, which raised £58 for tsunami victim relief.



Lympstone Sailing Club Newsletter

February 2005

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Clubhouse on Saturday 5th February 2005 at 7.30pm

Agenda

1. Commodore to declare the meeting open
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the last AGM
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Commodore's report for 2004
6. Honorary Secretary's report
7. To receive and, if thought fit, to approve the accounts for 2004
8. To re-appoint the Auditor for 2005
9. To re-appoint the Trustees of the Club
10. To re-appoint the President and Vice-president
11. To elect, after a ballot if necessary, nominees for the General Committee
12. To elect the Officers of the Club
13. Installation of the new Commodore

Following the meeting – Any other business

The bar will be open from 7:30pm but will be closed during the AGM

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Annual Dinner & Dance



Saturday 29th January 7pm

Such is the popularity of this event at the Woodbury Park Country Club that all tickets were sold some time ago. I now hear that all the accommodation has also been booked by members, so it looks like being a good long night! The list of prizes for the Raffle will definitely encourage revelers to buy more tickets on the night. By popular request, our own Barry Gardner will again be providing the disco. Will any member who spies a lost-looking Commodore at the end of the formal evening please point him to the Bar downstairs - he never even found it last year!

Topsham School Carol Singing 17th December

If you didn't attend this event a week before Christmas, you missed a real treat. Welcomed with mulled wine or non-alcoholic warm punch we enjoyed an hour of music and carol singing by a small ensemble and choir from Topsham School, led by Graham Pearson. The youngsters gave a polished performance of a range of popular carols – accompanied by clarinet, saxophone, violin with Anne Bradford on the piano and her daughter Victoria [class teacher] – and we were encouraged to join in and sing along just enough to get us into the Christmas spirit. Mince pies, drinks and sweets for were passed round as the evening extended into a party and we were delighted to meet parents and friends of our cheerful young performers, in addition to chatting with friends around the bar. We extend sincere thanks to all who came from Topsham School for creating such a happy pre-Christmas event and hope to welcome them back next year for a repeat performance.

Committee Matters Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Clubhouse on Saturday 5th February 2005 at 7.30pm. At the time of writing this, there are four vacancies due to retirements, of which there is one nominated prospective Committee member. If you wish to know more before nominations close, please contact the current Vice-Commodore, Chris Cooke. The deadline for proposals to the Secretary is Saturday 22nd January with duly signed written proposal forms completed & delivered a week later.

At this AGM, our present Commodore Martin Hebdige will hand over office to the current Vice-Commodore - (unless there is a last minute rival for the post!) Volunteers are also required for other roles in the functioning of the Club which do not require being on the Committee, again contact Chris

Editor's Perch

Who is at fault? Feedback from the RYA on our Newsletter states "*Most of the writing was by the Editor or the Commodore. There seemed to be little contributed by members which would have added variety.*" I agree, and I have asked, so come on chaps, write me a few lines - please! Perhaps I should twist a few more arms less metaphorically? All this came about as our Secretary entered our Newsletter into the RYA's annual communications competition. Most of the comment on

the Newsletter was positive, whilst the website was more problematic. A question: how often do you look at the website? Did you now that it is updated whenever there is news? Would you rather receive e-mails of specific immediate items? Please let me know. r@rgtcrisp.plus.com

•To give you a hook on which to focus your thoughts for a few words for the Newsletter, how about your most memorable sailing memory?

Not News, But Will It Still Be There In April ?

"We came across a sunken 20' motor cruiser off Lymptone while doing safety boat duty. Whilst it is to the east of the channel it would none the less be a **hazard** if encountered accidentally. The position is 50°38.95'N, 03°26.20'W. It lies half way on a transit between no. 31 buoy and the north base of the red sandstone cliff almost due East of no. 31 buoy on the Lymptone shore. We have marked it by attaching a white fender on a line to the bow. At HW on Sunday 21st Nov the coach roof was about half a metre below the surface. Jack Nott at the River & Canal Office is aware of this. Please pass this on to your members. Thanks"

John Allen, Training Officer, Starcross YC.

Thank you John.

Erica of Lymptone

Nigh on 50 members & guests enjoyed Dennis Wade recount his memories of the creation & voyage from Cape Town to Exmouth via Uruguay in his 49-foot ferro-concrete boat. Details of the design such as the icebox, twin forestays, double-sided mainsheet control & twin shower-rooms conjured up an image of a size of vessel rarely experienced by members. Many thanks to Dennis for his talk - he didn't have time to tell us of the consequences of selling Erica to a character who was eventually arrested for drugs-running!

Landlubbers' Lunch

Even sailors can be considered landlubbers sometimes, so this initiative is for all members and their guests. Starting on April Fool's Day, you are invited to gather in the Clubroom at noon, bringing your lunch with you. No formalities yet, just come and socialise. Contact Editor

Improvements Continue Unabated



Honouring a promise to improve the windowsill before Martin stepped down as Commodore, Ted Norton & John Parker set-to to give the whole of the west wall a face-lift with four weeks in hand! Who said only Committee members do things for the Club?

