



TELLTALES

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The Newsletter of Lymington Town Sailing
Club

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

GREAT NEWS

Planning Permission has been granted for our Major Project, The Lift and Disabled Access. We can now put full details of the plans into the public domain by posting them on the web site and providing a display within the club.

I have been asked recently why the Club is so keen to install a lift and disabled access given the amount of time and effort completion of the project will take. To my mind and the majority of club members I've spoken to the proposed modifications are a natural and logical development of our facilities. The proposal not only provides easier access for disabled and older members, it will assist our hard working staff with the movement of goods from ground level to the Solent Room where the majority of our off the water activities take place. The proposed design will provide improved storage facilities on the first floor for our catering operation and storage facilities for chairs and tables which will allow for their easy movement on wheeled trolleys as opposed to the current practice of unwise lifting. The modifications will also provide a disabled toilet facility on the first floor.

A significant benefit will be on the ground floor where a wide corridor will connect the Lower Deck bar to the changing rooms, making them an integral part of the building. The benefits here are many, from improved security, increased notice board facilities, additional storage and access to the Lower Deck bar which opens up the opportunity to make better use of this facility.

The proposal for this project is not a recent idea, back in the late 1990s the executive drew up long term development plans for the club which looked at all areas/facilities. In 2000 there was great debate as to what the priorities should be and the result has been, new Solent Room bar, Solent Room extension and balcony, refurbished kitchen, new loos, improved/enlarged office, increased pontoon facilities, resurfaced dinghy park, improved wash down. The list goes on and last year the executive took the decision to develop plans to improve access and other associated areas. It is felt strongly that the Club must consider the needs of its older members as well as the young and active. We have many members who have worked hard for the Club in their younger days and then find that the effect of years is making it difficult and frequently impossible for them to continue to enjoy and support the Club that has been so much of their lives.

The proposed project will not only address this point but will be a great benefit in many other ways.

Past Commodore's Lunch

On Friday March 7th the Flag Officers were pleased to be able to entertain nine Past Commodores to lunch. Sadly Mike Corbin was unable to attend due to ill health and Neil Flux is cruising in the Mediterranean. However, Hugh Carter, Barry Dutton, Bob Tanner, Jim Fleming, Colin Taylor, Joe Blachford, Robin Pratt, Simon Ward and Peter Upcher all turned up in their best rig. It was interesting to see that three different club tie designs were worn. Hugh and Jim were wearing the original tie with old Lymington ship as the motif. There were a couple of the ties displaying the Club burgee and then the current blue and silver tie similar in design to the original but much wider and showing the current Lymington and Pennington ship. I understand that the ship logo changed when the local councils amalgamated. It was good to see faces from the past and it is intended to make the Past Commodore's lunch an annual event.

New Forest Sports Awards

The Club made a clean sweep of prizes at the recent New Forest Awards Ceremony. Aly Gunn best sportswomen, Ben Paton best sportsman, Henry Lloyd Williams and Bonnie Moody all won awards and Richard Russell, Mike Beggs, Nigel Walbank and Andy Heisig all received runner up certificates.

New Larger Ferries

The first phase assessment carried out for the Lymington Harbour Commissioners by BMT has now been published. A working group consisting of Nigel Walbank, Keith Wicks and Robin Dent have reviewed the document on behalf of the Club and submitted comments to LHC. A meeting was held at the RLymYC attended by representatives of all interested parties where both LHC and BMT listened to the comments and concerns of LTSC and other parties. The Executive have agreed that a picture display giving an impression of the new boats in the river can be shown in the Lower Deck bar. These pictures have been prepared by Robin Dent on the basis of the data he has acquired, the club can take no responsibility for the accuracy but interested members are encouraged to speak directly with Robin.

In April The Solent Protection Society is holding a meeting at Elmers Court to which Adam and I have been invited. This meeting with representatives from over 25 different bodies and organisation both IOW and Lymington will also be attended by local MPs and Councillors. The objective as stated is to Brief and take questions

Rough and Ready

This could be the name of the Club bitter, Pint of RR if you please Peter. Actually it was the description Fred Redwood used to describe our Club in his article on Lymington. This appeared in the Friday Times supplement Bricks and Mortar.... *The Royal Lymington Yacht Club is more "high church" with serious yacht racing and blazers on show, while Lymington Town Sailing Club offers fewer cravats but more in the way of rough and ready dinghy sailing* Fred has written responding to my letter to his editor expressing regret that I/we may have taken offence. Both letters are currently displayed on the notice board should you be interested.

St Georges Dinner

At the time of writing 56 tickets have been sold for this unique event. It will be held on April 19th, slightly premature for the Good Old Boi's day . Tickets are £16 each and dress is formal, Dinner Jackets/Black Tie.

Some original entertainment has been organised but not yet fully prepared.

Tickets are/were on sale behind the bar.

Sailability/HRH visit

Plans are now well advanced for the Sailability reception following HRH The Princess Royal's naming and launching of the new Sailability rib. This visit takes place on Monday April 21st and on that day the Club and dinghy park will be closed to all. In the afternoon of Sunday 20th a marquee will be erected on the lawn so please ensure no boats or equipment are left there after the morning's racing.

THE SAILING SCENE

Racing on Sundays is already in full swing, the first dinghy cruise of the season is scheduled for the 5th April, this year these are being organised by Steve Reneaux and Melanie Newman. Saturday sailing commences on the 19th and Wednesday evening races on the 16th.

The on the water infrastructure of the club has undergone its usual winter refurbishment but the recent gales have delayed getting Baverstock back out to her mooring and BMG, our mark layers, have been delayed over at Yarmouth doing the moorings there.

Special thanks are due to Ian Blundell, our Bosun, John Freshwater and the rest of the Tuesday Club who have helped in repainting and the rest of the maintenance work on Baverstock and the racing marks. Ian is always on the look out for help at this time of year with these tasks, with just two short months to turn everything round. If you are able to help in the future with these jobs please talk to Ian or John.

On top of this Tony Hodges has supervised the installation of a new mains water pipe and the laying of new drains and hard standing for our wash down area. We now have four hoses outside the Albert Hall plus a further tap by the entrance to J row out in the car park. I would like to thank Tony and his helpers on behalf of all of us who have dinghies in the dinghy park.

Nigel Walbank

SOCIAL SCENE.

Recent Events

St. David's Day Dinner: Saturday 1st March

A Solent Room filled to capacity enjoyed a generous four-course meal – cawl, faggots and peas, Welsh pudding and, as though we weren't full already, Mary's Welsh cakes with coffee ensured that no-one went home hungry! Entertainment was provided by the now infamous Lymington Town Radio Drama Repertory

Company with a splendid adaptation of Under Milk Wood by Harvey Woolley, and the newly founded Lymington Town Colliery Male Voice Choir sang traditional Welsh hymns and songs, with some community renditions to polish off the evening.

Quiz Night: Friday 7th March

Admirably hosted by Bob and Harvey Woolley the quiz featured some different rounds this time. An excellent mix of fairly easy and moderately challenging questions kept all brains busy, although several were flummoxed with 'How many Kings of England called Henry were there'? Well, I suppose we are all getting older....Details of next Quiz below. The usual hot buffet was part of the evening.

Coffee Morning: Thursday 6th

This was initiated and run (with help from the Social Committee) by Harvey and Bob to raise funds, and awareness for the Disabled Access project. It was a highly successful morning, with approximately 90 people through the door and £500 raised.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner: Saturday 15th March

Planned to be only a simple themed meal, with Irish music in the background and punters sporting something in the way of green attire, the evening nonetheless turned into a bit of a party! We dined on superb fare – Irish smoked salmon, steak and Guinness pie with colcannon, and Bailey's cheesecake to follow. Thus fortified, Duncan Wright burst into spontaneous Irish song and all happily followed suit. However, once in the party mood, there was no stopping us. The floor was cleared, I think it was actually Scottish dancing to Irish music, but so what! 'Don't cry for me Argentina' even came into it somewhere. A lot of fun was had by an enthusiastic band of Club members.

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday 22nd March

Undeterred by bitter cold and strong, biting winds, approximately 45 intrepid children combed the dinghy park and club lawn for chocolate Easter Eggs. I should also commend the similarly intrepid Social Committee! There were some truly wonderful entries for the usual decorated egg competition, and a surprise appearance from Taro the Jester contributed to a very successful morning.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Quiz Night: Friday 4th April

Hosted by Mark Allen, come early to secure a table. Catering and bar are open from 6.30 pm, and the Quiz begins at 8.00 pm. Still only £1 entry! Buffet is a choice of curry, liver and bacon casserole or Coronation chicken salad.

**Tickets will be on sale this evening for the Cowes Fireworks trip on Friday 8th August. Members only until 18th April.

Ladies' Lunch: Thursday 17th April

Book with the Galley. Friends and guests are most welcome. £10.50 for two courses and coffee.

St. George's Night Dinner: Saturday 19th April

Book now – tickets are selling quickly! £16 a head for traditional English fare, with the now legendary St. George's Night entertainment. Black tie.

Quiz Night: Friday 2nd May

Jazz Night: Friday 9th May

Tickets for the Summer Ball at Hurst Castle on Saturday 12th July will be going on sale this evening, at 6.30. Club members only until 23rd May

Susan Burgess
Rear Commodore Social

CRUISING SCENE

Events

It seems odd to be saying that the cruising programme is well and truly under way when we are still coping with sub-zero temperatures !! There are 4 events coming up soon with details below. These are

April 5th/6th - Weekend cruise to Cowes and Newport

April 28th – Cruiser Supper – Booking Form attached.

May 3rd to 5th – Cruise to Poole Harbour – Booking Form attached

May 17th/18th Hamble Scramble – Booking details attached

April 5th/6th – Weekend cruise to Cowes and Newport – If you would like to join us, email Andie Smith (andrea.smith@radian.org.uk) or call Nick Hopwood on 01590 678989 as soon as possible before Friday 4th.

April 28th – Cruiser Supper. Please complete the attached Booking Form and send it to the club in the usual way. We are still planning the entertainment for the evening, and details will be circulated closer to the time. On the subject of suppers, we will be very pleased to hear of menu suggestions, particularly desserts, for these events – it's not easy to please all the people all of the time!

May 3rd to 5th – our next weekend cruise to Poole Harbour. The tide is ideal to leave the Solent during the morning of the 3rd, get across to Studland and anchor for lunch, then to move into the harbour itself. Depending on weather and the number of boats, we will aim to anchor either by Pottery Pier on the west side of Brownsea Island, or in South Deep. This is another ideal opportunity for all boats, big and small, sail or power, to enjoy a low cost weekend without too long on passage. Coming back on the 5th is a very big spring tide, you can leave early in the morning or later in the afternoon depending on the weather. A volunteer to co-ordinate this event will be appreciated. Please complete the attached booking form and forward it to Nick Hopwood as requested.

May 17th/18th – The Hamble Scramble is explained elsewhere in this Telldatales and the booking form is attached. It is intended to be a joint keelboat race and cruising event. Barry Dutton is organizing the moorings and meal, and cruisers need to complete the form, even if you don't want to race. Of course, you could

always time yourself over the same course and see how your time compares, without actually racing. Feel free to consult Barry or Nick Hopwood if you need more information.

Reminder for the Summer Cruise – don't forget to submit your Booking Form to Mike Kelly and plan to attend the briefing session on 8th May.

Communications

We have sent out a number of emails about cruising events from LTSC Cruiser Captain using an email address previously used for Saunterers (ltsc_saunterers@hotmail.co.uk). Several members have had problems in not receiving these mails due to antispam tools either on their PC or their Internet Service Provider's system. This problem will not go away, in fact will become more complex, so we will be reviewing how we communicate cruising details in the future. In the meantime, please ensure your antispam filter allows messages from this address. If you have any comments or suggestions, Nick will be pleased to hear from you.

BOATY BITS

AIS TRANSMITTERS

For anyone who has installed an AIS receiver and used it during a channel crossing the benefits are obvious. However, until fairly recently an AIS transmitter has been too expensive for most yacht owners to contemplate.

AIS B transmitters now available are not only affordable but could also have prevented the Ouzo disaster. It is predicted that they will become as common as radar or chart plotters within the next ten years. This equipment simply requires a source of power, a VHF transmitter and a GPS input – some sets have this built in.

NASA have brought out the first AIS B equipment and amongst the cheapest at £130, Whereas you could pay a cool £1,000 for the superior Simrad A150, with several options in between.

Mike Kelly boldly suggests adding an AIS transmitter and receiver in time for the summer cruise in June – but it's the skipper's decision of course.

CEVNI EURO REGS

For Inland Waterways

If you intend to cruise on any inland waterways in Europe you need to have the necessary CEVNI Certificate.

Peter Upcher in conjunction with the LTSSP will be running a course on Saturday May 10th at a cost of £10

Further details can be found on the club notice board and you will need to complete the necessary application form available from the office.

OPEN DAY

Saturday April 26th is Club Open Day.

This is a very important event in our calendar of activity for it is when the Club opens itself to the public, inviting them to come and find out what boating is all about at LTSC. It is our opportunity to encourage new members to come and join our Club.

New members are the life blood of any organisation, without them we would not develop and we would deprive others of the opportunity of enjoying the Club. There will be displays from all the varied and different Club activities and hopefully the opportunity for people to “Try sailing” with some experienced helms.

If you have friends who have expressed an interest then this is the day to bring them to the Club.

FUND RAISING INITIATIVES

There are a number of other fund raising activities the Club will be embarking upon in addition to the application for various grants and the 100 Club mentioned later.

T Shirts and Polo Shirts displaying the Club logo and The strip line .. We need a lift. . will soon be on sale.

The Club will be taking orders for a selection of Christmas cards in early June.

This years Bath Race will be run to raise funds

There are many other ideas being thought of and some members have already expressed a desire to make a personnel donation to the fund. Raising the money will be a challenging task but judging by the enthusiasm being expressed we could have a lot of fun working towards our target

UPDATE FROM BEN PATON

Now I have two weeks away until the racing of the Worlds gets underway. I have been mixing in site seeing with the training to keep motivated, the wind here tends to change daily, so its very difficult and to build a picture of what to expect during the six days of racing. My training has consisted of speed work and racing, which just gets organised by the locals. I won a race the other day against some of my biggest rivals, so that's a start.

It's a lovely place to sail and I am planning to become an adrenaline junkie, for next weekend I am doing a skydive and going white water rafting of a 7m drop! Should freshen me up before the Worlds start on 24th March. Thoughts on the Worlds are as expected, going to be very challenging particularly as we will likely race in a mixture of conditions - the trick is to be consistent. I am trying to figure out ways of easing the pressure, going into the championship as the defender gives it that side kick. I hope it won't get the better of me, all I can do is sail my best on the day.

Ben Paton

IN MEMORIAM:

Susan Lee Lloyd-Williams, died peacefully at home on Monday 10 March after her long, brave fight against cancer. She was a member for four years although was only able to sail and enjoy the Club in her first year before she became too ill.

It is also with great sadness that we have to report that Gloria Couche passed away on 25th March.

Lymington Town Sailing Club **Lift Fund Raising 100 Club**

We would like to start a monthly prize draw which would benefit the Club by providing additional income and would benefit the winning members by providing them with monthly cash prizes which, of course, I hope they would spend behind the bar.

The scheme requires a minimum of 50 people to make it worthwhile in setting up and running and the subscription will be £5 per month per individual. You can buy as many subscriptions as you wish and of course both husband and wife can participate separately.

In order to cut down the amount of administration work involved subscriptions will be payable **ONLY** by direct debit quarterly in advance i.e £15 per quarter.

Prizes will depend on the number of participants but the following table is an example

Number of participants		50	100	150	200
Monthly prizes	1st Prize	50	100	150	200
	2nd Prize	25	50	70	100
	3rd Prize	15	30	50	75
Annual Prizes	1st Prize	250	500	750	1000
	2nd Prize	100	250	350	500
	3rd Prize	50	100	150	250

The annual prize will be drawn on the anniversary of the start of the scheme which we hope will be May 2008.

I would like to get this underway as soon as possible and perhaps you would let the office know that you wish to participate. I will also put a list behind the bar for people to sign up. For those of you that currently pay your annual subscription by direct debit we already have your bank details but for everyone else I need you to complete a direct debit mandate form which we can supply from the office. Let's forget the 50 minimum requirement and let's go for the 200. Just think of walking off with that cheque for £1000 at the annual draw, won't you be popular in the bar !!

Peter J Allen

Rear Commodore House

Lymington Town Sailing Club

Hamble Scramble 2008

Races 1 & 2 of the **LTSC** Classic Series 17th & 18th May

Races 1 & 2 of the **WSCRA** Summer series 2008.

Open to all club members and visitors who may wish to cruise to Hamble

Sailing instructions available from LTSC

Sailing Secretary

Dinner Venue: **RAF Yacht Club Hamble.**

£17.50 per head

Main Course

- A. Supreme of Salmon with Cream of Tarragon Sauce
- B. Slow Roasted Loin of Pork on Orange and Cranberry Stuffing with a Somerset Cider Sauce.

Dessert

- C. Apricot and Amaretto Delice.
- D. **Hot Apple and Blackberry Crumble with Creamy Custard.**
Vegetarian Alternative on request.

Please indicate choice on the entry form below:

Name: _____ Boat Name: _____

Address: _____ Please indicate Class / Type of Vessel:

_____ Class 1. IRC _____ Sail
No. _____

_____ Class 2. WSCRA Handicap

Telephone No. _____ Cruising Yacht: _____ Sail No.

e-mail: _____ Power
boat: _____

Please indicate if you require a berth on the Harbour Masters pontoon Yes / No

Please indicate your choice of Menu: A ... B... C... D... I require _____ Dinner
tickets £ _____

Please return this form with your cheque made payable to Barry Dutton, to cover the
cost of the dinner to:

Barry Dutton, 33 Newbridge Way. Lymington SO41 8BG

Barry.Dutton@btinternet.com

LTSC Weekend Cruise

Saturday 3RD to Monday 5th May

Destination: Poole Harbour

All sailing and motor boats welcome

Head for Poole Harbour, relax at anchor, and enjoy a walk around Brownsea Island. Depending on numbers, we will organise a get together to eat and drink on the Saturday evening. Please be prepared to bring a dish to share.

3rd May - HW Portsmouth 0910UT 4.3m
Needles channel ebb HW -1, ie 0900BST

LOW water Poole 1436UT
Poole harbour entrance flood 1130 to 1500BST

5th May - HW Portsmouth 1048UT 4.7m 2313UT 4.9m !!

Needles channel flood up to 1045BST, or after 1645BST
LOW water Poole 0346 1606 UT. Exit Poole by 1100 or wait until 1600

Skipper's choice to decide when to leave – Lechwe will leave the Solent asap after 0900 on Saturday, and decide on homeward passage on the day.

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Weekend Cruise Booking Form – 3rd to 5th May

Skipper:
Email address:
Mobile or home phone number:
Boat Name:
Boat Length:
Number of crew:
Names of crew (if known):

Please return this booking form to Nick Hopwood, c/o the Clubhouse by Wednesday 30th April, Or by email to nick@nickhopwood.co.uk

Cruising Supper

Friday 25th April 7.15 for 7.45pm

Open to all members and their guests – not only the cruising fraternity

Menu

L Lamb Tagine

or

C Coq au vin

Or

V Haddock and Colcannon Fishcakes

All with potatoes and fresh vegetables

LM Lemon Meringue Pie

or

CB Cheese & Biscuits

Coffee or Tea

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Cruising Supper Booking Form – 25th April

Name:Name:

Name:Name:

Please enter below the number of each dish required

L	C	V	LM	CB

Please return this booking form by Wed. 23rd April making cheques payable to Lymington Town Sailing Club for.....@ £13.50 per head.