

TELLTALES

February 2008

The Newsletter of Lymington Town Sailing Club

Calendar of Events

For a schedule of additional dinghy racing events, please see the website

Saturday 2 nd February	Ben's Fundraising Evening
Thursday 7 th February	Sprat Supper
Friday 15 th February	Quiz Night
Thursday 21 st February	Ladies Lunch
Friday 22 nd February	Cruising Supper
Saturday 1 st March	St David's Night
Thursday 6 th March	Fundraising Coffee Morning
Friday 7 th March	Quiz Night

COMMODORE'S NOTES

It's good to see that Telltales is back with us and hopefully we will not see any hiccups in the coming months. Our Newsletter/Magazine working group has yet to report back due to severe attacks of the bug, but we are optimistic that our aspirations to achieve regular newsworthy communications to Club members will be achieved. Your Club committees have started the New Year full of energy and enthusiasm but they will all be looking for help and assistance so please be pro-active in offering your assistance.

Welcome

A big 'welcome back' to our new Vice Commodore. Good to see Adam and Mary back in the Club after their long trip. I guess Adam is really looking forward to the next AGM!!!

We should also welcome back Simon Ward to the management of the Club. He has volunteered to join the Sailing Committee and already attended his first meeting.

Disabled/Lift Access

Electronic communications meant that our application did not reach the January planning committee. In retrospect this was fortunate because at our first fund raising meeting our friends from Sailability identified the absence of disabled toilets on the first floor. This has now been included in revised drawings. At this meeting Aly Gunn from Sailability agreed to be Chairman with Harvey Woolley as Secretary. They are joined on the committee by Bob Woolley, Susan Burgess, Vivian Robbins and Sue Collingridge also of Sailability. The Club Secretary Richard Webb will be co-opted as required as he has done some excellent work with NFDC, which should result in us receiving a substantial grant. The Club have opened a fund account and deposited £12,500 with a commitment for a further similar sum in the autumn.

If you have any good ideas on how or where we could raise money please speak to Bob Woolley or Susan Burgess.

Lymington River Advisory Group

John Bence represents the interests of the recreational users on the Lymington Harbour Advisory Group and also acts as its chairman. This group meets twice a year, or more often if required and John, as its chairman, is invited to attend meetings of the Commissioners as an observer. The advisory group has recently received a response from the Commissioners concerning three specific questions the advisory group asked with regards to the risk assessment being carried out on the bigger ferries. This response has been posted on the Club forum and will go on our notice board and website.

For further information on the advisory group and its representatives you can enquire at the harbour office or go on the website www.lymingtonharbour.co.uk

Club Forum

Our new Cruiser Captain, Nick Hopwood, is focusing our attention on the effectiveness of the Club's forum. Currently this piggybacks on a river users forum run by Keith Willis, but we may now be at a stage where the Club should have its own bespoke forum. Nick has some good ideas which could be to the benefit of all. If we make a change we will always be grateful to Keith for introducing us to the forum concept and the effort he has put into managing the site. But we may now be ready to move on.

WSCRA

Ninety enthusiastic yachtsmen attended the annual WSCRA dinner held this year at the RLymYC. The dinner rotates around the three clubs, which also include LTSC and the Royal Solent. It was well attended by LTSC members with prizes being picked up by Paul Fox in Fly Orchid, Barry Dutton in Juggler and a few more I cannot remember. The first WSCRA race this year will be our Hamble Scramble on May 17th and 18th so keep the dates clear and make a commitment to join in now.

Past Commodores' Lunch

Peter Upcher held the first Past Commodores' lunch in 2006 and we now intend to make it an annual event. It's important to keep in touch with past Club decision makers and listen to their views on where we are taking the Club in the future.

Hopefully many of them will be in the Club on March 7th for a private lunch in the Committee room.

Sponsorship

The marketing committee is developing a proposition document which sets out our top six projects for which we are seeking support. These include

Disable Lift Access

West Solent Circuit

New/additional Rescue RIB

Wayfarer type dinghy for sail training

Re designed Website

LTSC Promotional Video

If you have ideas on how we could achieve external support for any of these please contact Bob Woolley or Derek Easter.

New Dinghy Wash Down

In February we will be putting a new water main to the Albert Hall so that we can have additional hose points and space to wash down three or four boats at once. This should decrease the length of time it takes to wash down your boat on a Wednesday evening after racing and the same on a Sunday.

During the week commencing Monday 11th February there will a period when access to the dinghy park will be restricted when we install the new water main. This work should take a couple days and should be complete by Friday 15th February.

Monday 18th February will see the start of the removal of the old wash down area and the construction of the new one. The work should be complete by Friday 22nd February. Access to the Albert Hall will be restricted until 29th February to allow the concrete to set.

In addition we hope to put a new hose point at the corner of 'J' Row so that those members with boats in that section will be able to wash down in the corner of the car park.

Talented Volunteers required!

Neil Eccles writes:

You may have noticed at Social functions that I spend a lot of time driving the audio system. I love to do this and like most ordinary member volunteers, get a great buzz from the job, but what happens if I am run over by the proverbial bus?

Is there someone out there who is of an operational frame of mind who could help, especially when I go sailing? Ideally you would be a retired BBC Sound Supervisor, but I am a bit more realistic than that. If you can react to the unexpected quickly, have good ears and the natural ability to work equipment, please come forward!

If you are keen but unsure, don't let that stop you, please call me for a chat on 01590 689202.

Richard Jenner

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We look forward to meeting the following new members who have joined the Club. Congratulations to:-

Christopher & Wendy Aldred
Kate Aldred
Derek & Helen Allan
Ted & Margaret Grover
Gordon & Joanne Carter
Nigel & Deborah O'Doherty
Tim & Wendy Reed
Sue Kent

Paul & Linda Brown
Thanos Varvounis & Eleni Giatrakou
James & Ann Williams-Mitchell
Bruce & Alice Debell
Graham & Lynn Rice
Brian Harley
James Young & Raquel Dorta

Rejoining: David Hendley

CRUISING NEWS

Welcome to my first contribution to the Cruising Section of Telltales.

Thank you to Mike Kelly for 'holding the tiller' while Adam Reay has been away, and for the smooth handover.

Looking back over the past month, January being January, there hasn't been a great deal of sailing. However, we did run Saunterers on 5th, with a cracking sail in the morning, lunch in Yarmouth and a motor back on a sun drenched glassy sea. Midweek Meanderers continued as usual, in a variety of conditions.

The main focus has been planning for the coming year. The calendar of dates has been set in conjunction with the overall Club programme (which is available on the website); however we still have some planning to do, to decide where to go for each event. I have asked David Bennett, Mike Kelly, Andie Smith, Keith Wicks and Peter Upcher to form a planning team with me. We will aim to organise events which can include every boat, whether big or small, sail or power, as much as possible through the season.

Mike Kelly is into detailed planning of our Summer Cruise, and the recce will be carried out by him and Anne in early February.

At the **Cruising Supper on 22nd February** the calendar will be explained in a little more detail, and the final plan for the cruise will be presented. So if you would like to join in any cruising events on the water this year, the Cruising Supper is for you. There will be a printed version of the cruise plan plus an application form for the cruise attached to the Telltales due out in early March.

Also at the Cruising Supper, we will present the awards for last year. We have some nominations for the prestigious Endeavour Trophy, although it's not too late to submit more suggestions - please do so by 8th February. This award is intended to recognise acts of endurance, bravery, perseverance, or determination on the water. These could range from dealing with an emergency, through to a global circumnavigation.

Conversely, we would also like more nominations for the Titanic Trophy – the least prestigious award, for mishaps or sheer incompetence on the water. Again, by 8th February please.

Finally the South of St Cat's winners will be announced based on the timed rally held in August. The outcome is too close to call, apparently, and the results are eagerly awaited.

Please complete the Supper Booking Form at the end of Telltales, and return as instructed.

For the **Cruising Supper on 28th March**, I have invited some dear friends of ours, Robert and Sue Davis, to talk about five years living aboard their boat in the Caribbean. More on this closer to the time, however if you have dreamed about sailing off to paradise (and who hasn't!), and would like to hear about the reality, put this supper in your diary now.

Nearer home, we have received a letter from Mengham Rythe Sailing Club (on east side of Hayling Island) offering use of their pontoon, which can accommodate seven boats up to 8 metres in length and able to take the ground at low water. We won't organise an event to visit, but if any members wish to take up the offer, please get in touch and I will pass on the contact details.

Upcoming Events:

2nd Feb – Saturday Saunter – meet at the Club at 0900 or call Lechwe (pronounced Lesh-way) on Ch 77.

22nd Feb – Cruising Supper – submit the booking form at the end of Telltales.

1st Mar – Saturday Saunter – as above – take in some fresh air in readiness for St David's Night in the Club!

28th Mar – Cruising Supper – Booking form to follow in next month's Telltales.

Going forward, look out for more news about Saunterers from the LTSC Saunterers and LTSC Cruising email addresses.

In closing, we send our best wishes to Ted and Rene Swain, both of whom have been hospitalised recently. Ted has been an active member of the Club for many years, and we hope to see them back at the Club in the not too distant future.

That's it for this month – feedback and comments will be gratefully received and accepted (or ignored!) as appropriate.

Fair Winds - wherever they take you!

Nick Hopwood



Ayres & Graces

CLUB RACE OFFICER COURSE

DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE TITLE

The Sailing Committee will be running this course again this year, but in one sitting, on Sunday 24th Feb. starting at 09.30. The course explains what is involved in running a race, the meaning of the flags and sound signals etc. It is aimed at anyone who wants to race, assist in the organisation, or from a RIB understand what is happening. Even if you did the course last year please feel free to come and refresh your memory.

RIB Drivers' Forum - Reminder

The RIB Driver's Forum is on Saturday 17th February at 10.00hrs.

If you haven't already informed Barry that you are able to attend, please do so.

Race Officers' Forum - Reminder

The Race Officers forum is on Saturday 23rd Feb. at 11.00.

OODs please let Barry know if you are going to attend.

THE 2008 SEASON IS ONLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY

WASHDOWN - Can You Help?

As you have already probably read in the Commodore's Notes, we are going to install a new water main and washdown for dinghies.

The work will start on Tuesday 12th February for three days.
Also again on Monday 18th for three or four days.

If you have any time to assist with laying pipes and laying concrete etc please let Barry know at the Club.

There will be a briefing at 11am on Friday 8th February in the lower bar to explain the nature of the work and to allocate helpers to particular jobs on specific days.

If you can help please contact Barry at the Club either by email or telephone.

Tony Hodges

CRUISING SECTION TOOLS

At this time of year many Skippers will be concentrating on annual maintenance tasks. There is a useful stock of tools available for members to borrow which can be very helpful at this time. Some items have been donated by members and some have been purchased from our funds raised at Cruising Supper raffles. Additional donations are always welcome so if for example you are replacing your VHF radio with a DSC model and decide to scrap the original unit please offer it to your club. Our present stock of Tools is as follows:-

- (1) Folding Trolley (Max. Load 80kg),
- (2) Flamable Gas Detector,
- (3) Etching Kit, (4) Rope Splicing Fids, (5) Rigging Tension Tester,
- (6) Lazy-Jack Blind Riveter, (7) Torque Wrench (1/2 inch drive),
- (8) Simple VHF Aerial Tester, (9) Aerial Standing Wave Ratio Meter.

Using item (9) is a little complex although I have enclosed some guide notes in the box. Marine VHF Transceivers are designed to be used with a co-axial cable terminating at the aerial. This cable and aerial must present an impedance of 50 ohms to the transmitter otherwise RF power is reflected back to the transmitter and is therefore not radiated and may even damage the transmitter. A damaged aerial or faulty connection in the cable itself (often at the foot of the mast) can cause this problem although your radio reception will usually sound fine. As a simple test put an ohm meter between the inner and outer conductor of the aerial cable. The reading should be almost a short circuit due to the matching transformer built into the base of the aerial.

Alan Dawe

SOCIAL REPORT

RECENT EVENTS

Ladies' Lunches: 22 November, 20 December, 17 January

These regular and very popular lunches have been well attended. A record 34 ladies enjoyed a festive Christmas menu in December. See below for future dates.

Quiz Night: Friday 30 November

Despite particularly inclement weather, there was a good attendance of 77. About 40 people enjoyed a hot buffet supper, and the Quizmaster had an able assistant (Sally Ross) to keep the punters in order!

Christmas Events

Mulled Wine and Christmas Draw (plus buffet and carols: Saturday 8 December:

A really atrocious evening weather-wise had an effect on numbers, but 55 Club members enjoyed an excellent free(!) finger buffet, won or lost wonderful prizes in Consuelo's Grand Christmas Draw and sang carols lustily.

Needles Relief: Saturday 15 December

Yes, I know it's a yacht race! – but there is a seriously social element to the occasion and as is customary, LTSC members filled the King's Head and sang carols and songs heartily after watching the helicopter lift and lifeboat display from the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

Children's Christmas Party: Sunday 16 December

With a record 62 children, a lot of fun was had by a lot of children in a confined space! Superb entertainment by Taro the Jester, and a visit by the real Father Christmas who turned up on his sleigh (courtesy, and many thanks to Larry and Marie Stace) were the highlights of the party. Traditional games, sit-down party tea, visit to Santa's grotto and presents and balloons all contributed to the children's enjoyment.

New Year Party: Monday 31 December

A full house in excellent festive spirit partied hard, in style and the New Year was well and truly seen in. The return of pea-shooters was welcomed by all. There was a first-rate buffet meal. We danced till we dropped and volunteers were even on hand at 1000hrs on New Year's Day to help clear up.

Jazz Night: Saturday 12 January

Jazz on a Winter Evening saw the return of the Rob Roberts Quartet. We enjoyed some brilliant jazz, and are looking forward to the next one.

FUTURE EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES***

Ben's Bash: Saturday 2 February***

Come and support Ben Paton's Olympic effort at this fund-raising dinner.

Sprat Supper: Thursday 7 February

A traditional Club event in support of the Seafarers' Charity, RNLI and Oakhaven.

Quiz Night: Friday 15 February***

Another chance to walk away with an alcoholic prize. Buffet supper available.

Ladies' Lunch: Thursday 21 February (also 27 March, 17 April, 22 May and 26 June

Members and guests welcome. Please book with Elaine.

St David's Day Dinner: Saturday 1 March

A celebration of Wales. Dinner and entertainment in drama and song.

Susan Burgess

Chairman Social Committee

WINTER TALKS

This is my last term of organising the Winter Talks, a job which has been great fun to do for the last three years. You, the members and guests need a big vote of thanks for supporting the programme so loyally, which I hope you have enjoyed. My departure is because I think three years is long enough for this kind of job, we need a new approach and fresh ideas.

Meanwhile the upcoming series of talks current are very exciting indeed:

Wed 6th Feb – **Steve Marshall**

Smugglers, Salt Makers and Shop Keepers – A Brief History of Lymington

The curator of the local museum takes us through some of the interesting parts of local history.

Wed 13th Feb – **Phil Holt**

Across the Lake - The Triumphs and Tribulations of Donald Campbell

“Charismatic, daring, brave”. There is much more to be told about Donald Campbell than the events at Coniston Water. He is the only man in history to hold both the world land and water speed records in the same year.

20th Feb – **Steven Williams**

San Francisco, Las Vegas and Yosemite National Park

A wonderful evocation in pictures and music of these iconic places on the west coast of the USA.

27th Feb – **Graham MacKenzie**

SS Shieldhall

The fascinating story of SS Shieldhall, the largest remaining steam powered general cargo-passenger ship in the world.

5th March – **Leonard Dickson**

Codes and Cyphers

The fascinating story of codes and cyphers ranging from the well known substitution cypher used by Caesar, through those used by Mary Queen of Scots to communicate with her supporters, to the Enigma machine and beyond.

12th March – **Adam Reay**

Libya

Vice Commodore and former jailbird Adam Reay escaped from Kuwait and took up employment in what he thought might be a safer country - Libya. This is the unvarnished truth of what went on.

Did you know that just two or three people regularly organise these 24 talks a year, it is a lot of work and we could do with regular volunteers to help. If you are a regular attender and could possibly lend a little assistance, we would be very grateful – let me know.

Neil Eccles 01590 689202

WSCRA ANNUAL DINNER & PRIZEGIVING

This event, having been held over from November, took place on the 12th January at the Royal Lympington Yacht Club.

This is an occasion, unlike any other - apart from one basic format, that can take off with a mind of its own on the actual evening.

Fortunately, the results are always exuberant, amusing and highly entertaining. This year, thanks to the crew of Peppermint, it even had an element of the old fashioned Music Hall about it.

My thanks to the RLymYC for allowing us to continue the established pattern of rotating annual venues, in spite of being in the middle of their bar refurbishment at the time.

Barry Dutton
WSCRA

RESTAURANT PRICE INCREASES

Along with all food outlets our own food suppliers have now notified us of price increases and Brake Brothers, our major supplier have increases ranging from 5% to 40% with an average of 25%. Against that background we have no option but to increase food prices by 3½% across the board.

As a result of this increase the price for Cruiser Suppers will rise to £13.50 with effect from the February event.

Peter J Allen
Rear Commodore House

DOWN AND UPS OF A SAILOR'S WIFE ...

There will be no more whingeing from the SW about the amount of time the husband devotes to all things sailing, as she felt very humbled and proud when he was awarded the prestigious Martineau Trophy at the AGM in December.

Jackie Dutton
aka The Sailor's Wife

FIRST AID Course - 2008

Date Saturday 29th March

Times 09.00 to 17.00hrs

Members £54.00 non members £65.00

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With your RYA in House School**

Limited to 12 people, so please book early

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Needles Relief



RNLI LYMINGTON GUILD - COMING EVENTS

2008 SPRING MARKET

To be held on **Saturday 8th March**
at St. Thomas Parish Hall, Lymington, 9.30am - 1.30pm.

Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks and Sandwiches will be served.

There will be stalls selling:

Books, Costume Jewellery, Household Linen, Bric-a-Brac, Toys,
Cakes, Preserves etc. Draw Prizes

If you have any of the above items and would like to give them for sale
please

contact any of the following:

Lymington **677102, 679205, 673473**, Brockenhurst **623182** Sway
682126,

Everton **643268**.

NO ELECTRICAL GOODS PLEASE

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BRIDGE DRIVE & PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

To be held at The Royal Lymington Yacht Club on
Monday 4th February 12.00pm - 4.30pm.

£30 per table

For Bookings contact Sandra Allpress 01590-643268



Treberuden at dusk

EXTERNAL CLUBHOUSE EVENTS

February 2008

- 8th - New Milton RFC in Lower Deck Bar at 1900hrs. Solent Room open for members.
- 9th - Members' Birthday Party in Solent Room. Lower Deck Bar & Committee Room open for members.

March 2008

- 21st - Westerly Owners' Association (x25). Solent Room open to members.

TELLTALES – March 2008

The next copy of Telltales is due to be published on 1st March 2008. Articles should be submitted by 21st February 2008 at the latest.

BAR & RESTAURANT OPENING TIMES

	am		pm
Mon		Closed except	1200 – 1500 on Bank Hols
Tue	1200-1500		Closed
Wed	1200-1500		1830-2300 (See note 2)
Thu	1200-1500		Closed
Fri	1200-1500		1900-2300
Sat	1200	to	2300 (See note 1)
Sun	1200-1500		Closed (See Note 3)

Notes:

1. Open during the afternoon while Saturday Sailing is on. Last orders in the **Restaurant**: Lunchtime - **1430**, Evenings - **2130**.
2. During the **Winter Talks** (Oct to Mar inclusive), the Bar is open and the Restaurant will be open for **Servery Snacks from 1830 until 1930**.
3. **The Bar and Restaurant** will open on Sunday evening during the **August Bank Holiday**. (The Bar from **1830 to 2130** and the Restaurant from **1830 to 2100**).

CLUB TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

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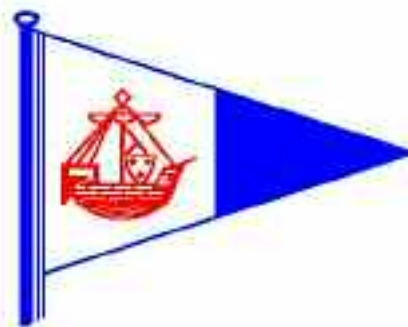
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Cruising Supper

Friday 22nd February 7.15 for 7.45pm

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

Menu

A Chicken Marengo – (chicken cooked in white wine with tomatoes)

or

B Fish Pie

All with potatoes and fresh vegetables

C Spotted Dick & Custard

or

D Cheese & Biscuits

Coffee or Tea

Note: Service will be buffet style

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Cruising Supper Booking Form – 22nd February

Name: Name:

Name: Name:

Please enter below the number of each dish required

A	B	C	D

Please return this booking form by Wed. 20th February making cheques payable to Lymington Town Sailing Club for..... @ £13.50 per head.