

TELLTALES

March 2008

The Newsletter of Lymington Town Sailing Club

Calendar of Events

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

Saturday 1 st March	St David's Night
Thursday 6 th March	Fundraising Coffee Morning
Friday 7 th March	Quiz Night
Saturday 15 th March	St Patrick's Night
Saturday 22 nd March	Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 28 th March	Cruising Supper
Friday 4 th April	Quiz Night
Saturday 19 th April	St George's Night
Friday 25 th April	Cruising Supper

COMMODORE'S COMMENT

ENERGY

The Club seems so full of energy and activity for such a quiet time of the sailing year that I cannot help but feel optimistic. Wherever you look in the Club somebody is making an improvement or getting stuck into some of the regular time consuming tasks. It's great to see and is to be encouraged, even new members applications are buoyant, well up on usual figures for this time of the year and we are still some weeks away from our OPEN DAY. Membership is the Club's lifeblood, so if you believe you could encourage a friend or a crew member to join our Club then that is a very valuable contribution.

PRINCESS ROYAL to visit Sailability

Many of you will already be aware that HRH The Princess Royal is visiting Lymington Sailability on Monday April 21st. Sailability are very involved with our Club, being associate members and as such they asked if they could hold their reception for this occasion in a marquee on our lawn. This is a great compliment to LTSC and event members are getting very excited about it. Whilst this is a Sailability event the Club will get some good publicity from being the host venue. We are of course working very closely with the Royal Lymington, which has a wealth of experience in handling such visits. The reason the reception is on the lawn is simply that many members of Sailability cannot access the Solent Room. How important then is our Disabled Access and Lift Project for them and many of our own members.

The one downside to the event is that the Club, slipway and dinghy park will be closed to all on Monday April 21st.

NEW ROOM NAMES

With the near completion of our new room in the area of the old sailing office, some thought has gone into names. We have our "Lower Deck" and "Solent Room" and we are now considering proposals to rename the committee room after Bill Martineau the Club's founding Commodore (Club Captain). The suggestion for the new room is the "Tillman Room" after Major Bill Tillman the Club's epic adventurer who was tragically lost at sea at the age of 79, with his crew, on his voyage to Smith Island in the Antarctic in 1977.

The adjacent room currently used as the Club Secretaries' store would be called the Dan Bran Shed after his shed which was located close to the Bath House. If we go ahead with these proposals a framed picture and potted history of these characters who had close associations with our Club would be displayed.

LIFT PROJECT

We are hopeful that we will receive planning permission next month and our fund-raising activities which are in addition to our applications for various grants and donations are starting to come together.

T & Polo Shirts

Firstly, with summer just around the corner, please delay in purchasing your new seasons T Shirts and Polo Shirts as we will have some competitively priced garments carrying our fund raising strap line

.... Needs a Lift

A sample garment and a sizing set will be available next month and it's our intention to take orders and place bulk orders with Sign It. If you wish to have your boat name on the shirts it can be done for a small extra charge.

Watch out for launch details which will allow for a donation to the fund.

Christmas Cards

Ray Collier and I are looking to source Club Christmas cards with the price including a donation to the fund. We have a very nice 19th century print of the Bath House and are looking to identify three more good photos from the Club's photo competitions. If anybody has a Christmassy looking sailing picture (with snow) then please let us know.

Samples of the cards should be available by end of April when we will take orders for a print run.

WSCRA

Entries for the West Solent Cruiser Racing Association can be made now. It only costs a tenner and its so much fun. The first event is on the Club's Hamble Scramble over the weekend of May 17/18th so why not make Barry Dutton's day and fill in your form now. See attached to Telltales.

ADDITIONS

We would like to add a small obituary section to Telltales so that we can keep you advised of members who have sadly passed away. If you become aware of a death please advise Richard Webb our Club Secretary.

BEN's BASH

We held a very successful and enjoyable Fund Raising Dinner for Ben Paton last month. Ben is a Club Member and is currently defending his World Laser Radial Championship title in New Zealand. Ben gave an excellent talk accompanied by exciting video clips. To date the Club has raised £2100 to support Ben's championship defence and his 2012 Olympic bid. Many Thanks to all of you for supporting Ben.



ST GEORGE'S NIGHT

By popular demand this poke against official correctness will occur somewhat prematurely on Saturday April 19th. Book the date in your diaries now as rumour has it the Ampshure Dwoil Flonkers are looking to come in force. Start reflecting on how great it is to be ENGLISH or in some cases what might have been if you were.

MEMBERS ACTIVITY

Club Members have set their sights high for 2008 with two members embarking upon ambitious single handed ocean challenges.

Keith Willis has entered the Mini Transit Series with his first event in May of this year. The race is a Trans-Atlantic, starting in France with one stop, before heading out into the ocean for Brazil (4500 miles in total) Keith explains that the mini class was conceived in 1977 and is raced bi-annually. The concept was to create an affordable solo Trans-Atlantic race in open 6.5 meter boats. Over recent years the series has been the development ground for many of today's big named ocean racers.

To qualify his plans include UK Fastnet two handed, with our own Steve Homewood, of 500miles this May, followed almost immediately with a 1000 mile solo race. In 2009 he plans to do both the French and the UK double handed Fastnets which hopefully will qualify him for the 2009 Mini Transit. Apparently those who have completed the most sea miles qualify.

Further details on Keith's challenge can be found on his website www.minitransat.co.uk

Nigel King, a member for many years racing RS 600 and 700s, is out for success in the 2008 Figaro race programme. This race, for one design Figaro 10.10m open single handed yachts, returns to its original format this year. It will be made up of three stages starting this July in La Rochelle, across the Bay of Biscay to Vigo in Spain. From there it's back across Biscay to Cherbourg. The final leg takes the yachts up the Irish Sea, round the Isle of Man and then to finish in L'Aber Wrac'h France. A total of 1880 gruelling miles in unfriendly seas. Nigel entered for the first time last year turning in some good daily performances for a newcomer, until gear failure brought his challenge to an early end.

This year Nigel is better prepared and very optimistic. Further details can be found on his website www.nigelkingyachting.com

On the dinghy scene, Club Members are equally competitive and ambitious. Ben Paton is currently in New Zealand defending his Laser Radial World Championship.

The Clubs Rear Commodore Sailing, Nigel Walbank, will be defending his RS European championship title in June of this year.

Other Club title holders looking for successful defences are:

Henry Lloyd-Williams current Laser 4.7 National & European Junior Champion.

Mike Beggs the National Laser Stratos champion (Mike is standing down from his championship, as this year he intends to be Race Officer when the nationals are held at LTSC in July). Bonnie Moody crewed in the Laser 4000 National Championship and the RS 800 Europcup championship in Germany.

Senior Club Members also hold Grandmaster Champion Titles. These are awarded for crews with combined ages of over 100.

Richard Russell & Pete Conway for the Tasar and Richard Russell & Simon Ward for Wayfarers. Let's hope they are around to defend their titles this year!!!

Club Members competed in many national and international events last year and full details of last years and more importantly results for 2008, can be found on the Club website www.ltsc.co.uk

Bit of a long CC this month, but what else is there to do, enjoy.

Richard Jenner

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

Cheryl Allen

Bob & Gill Coombs

David Gautier

John & Catherine Mulholland

Sam Stoye

James Barnett

Steven Miller & Evelyn Gardner

Dave & Jo Smith

Charles & Lawrie Wilson

Rejoining: Peter & Deborah Cardwell

CRUISING NEWS

The Upcoming Cruising Season

As we move into the spring, the boatyards in Lymington have certainly been a hive of activity, during the recent calm and dry weather. Behind the scenes, there has been a lot of planning for our activities on the water this year.

Those of you who attended the Cruising Supper on 22nd February heard Mike Kelly present the itinerary of the **Summer Cruise**, which he and Anne have already planned in detail, including land trips to many of the ports of call. The Cruise will set off on Friday 30th May heading to the West Country and return to Lymington on 14th June. For the more ambitious of you, there is a Break Away cruise being planned down to Vannes in the wonderful Gulf de Morbihan.

The Summer Cruise has gone from strength to strength over recent years and become a very popular event. The booking form must be returned by early May, but preferably before then so that Mike is aware of the level of interest sooner rather than later. All the details and instructions are included in a briefing pack which will be sent out separately by e-mail, and published on the Club website under the Cruising Section. Hard copies can be made available if requested.

We have also held a planning session for other events on the **2008 Cruising Calendar**, which can be viewed on the Club website and is in line with the calendar card sent out with your Club Handbook. The general principle is that we will organise events so that everybody can attend at least some of them during the year, whether by sail or power boat, big or small.

We are very keen to attract members who have not attended previously, including those who work during the week, or live away from Lymington. To this end, we have endeavoured to plan a variety of weekend events within the Solent area, others a little further afield, including a mini-cruise to France. There are also more competitive options in joining up with the Hamble Scramble, and the South of St Catherine's Rally.

The first event of the year will be a visit to Cowes on the 5th and 6th April, including a visit to the Maritime Museum in Newport. Andie Smith has agreed to organise this, and details will be available shortly.

2007 Cruising Trophies

Also at the February Cruising Supper, Adam Reay as outgoing Cruising Captain, presented the trophies for last year. These were:

- The Gordon Blythe Endeavour Trophy, which went to Mike and Andie Smith for their Round Britain cruise aboard *Merril*, during which they dealt with a number of challenges to say the least! They also received the Best Log award for their record of the trip.
- The Fastest Channel Crossing, which went to Tony Hodges and crew on *Ayres and Graces*, who beat John Bence on *Chatterbox* by less than 5 minutes after corrections.
- The Round the Island Trophy went to your new Cruising Captain, crewed by Adam Reay, aboard *Leche of Salcombe* although Tony Hodges was involved in a close finish for this award too.
- The Titanic Trophy was presented to Club Commodore, Richard Jenner aboard *Whisper*, for allowing his crew to hoist the spinnaker upside down after a decent lunch in Alum Bay!
- The Octogenarian Walking Stick was handed to Alan Greaves, who has been a stalwart of the Club for many years, both as an organiser and regular attendee of many events.

The March Cruising Supper will take place on **Friday 28th March**, starting at 1945 as usual. ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. There will be a guest speaker, namely Robert Davis accompanied by his wife Sue, who I have known for a number of years. Robert and Sue sailed off to the Caribbean in 2001, where they spent five years living aboard their Oyster 406, *Sunday's Child*. Robert's presentation will focus on the Islands in the Eastern Caribbean, to include The Windward and Leeward Islands as well as Trinidad and parts of Venezuela -14 Islands in all! So if you have ever dreamed of sailing off and living aboard a boat in paradise, or even have plans to do so, I am sure you will find this evening to be interesting and entertaining. You might pick up a few hints on some of the practicalities of living aboard, which Robert and Sue had to manage. Please submit the attached Booking Form in the usual way.

Finally, I have been giving some thought to some on-the-water training in boat handling skills. This could take the form of a professional instructor, costs being shared amongst attendees, for a weekend. This will be aimed at couples who would like to learn and practise mooring on a pontoon, in a number of ways, without falling out with each other! If you think this sort of training is of interest, or indeed for other skills, I would be very pleased to hear from you.

Fair Winds!

Nick Hopwood
Cruising Captain.

NOTICE TO ALL DINGHY SAILORS

DINGHY EARLY POINTS SERIES STARTS SUNDAY 2nd MARCH

BLACK ROCK RACE EASTER MONDAY 24th MARCH

The Sailing Committee would like to remind all HELMS and CREW who wish to participate in any LTSC organised dinghy sailing activity including Club Races, Saturday Sailing and Dinghy Cruises, that they will need to complete and sign the [LTSC Contact & Sailing Experience Form – 2008](#) and return it to the Sailing Secretary.

It will continue to be necessary to sign on for races each day and to comply with the registration procedures for Saturday Sailing, Dinghy Cruises and other organised dinghy events.

The Sailing Committee has also decided to experiment with Personal Sailing Handicaps for Club races with a view to encouraging newcomers to racing and to increase participation in Club races.

The plan is to award ad-hoc prizes after each Wednesday Evening race based on results determined using the Lymington Personal Handicap System.

Further details will be announced on the website and in Telltales.

Sailing Committee

NEW DINGHY PARK WASHDOWN

An amazing team of Club volunteers have spent several days digging holes, having them checked for depth by a Regulations Officer and then filling them in again! (Having first planted some blue pipes). Time Team could well have been employed on this task as they kept finding Roman power cables and pipes, which made some sparks fly! Not only that, but under the eagle eye of Tony Hodges, they have laid, and smoothed, six cubic metres of concrete, filled three skips and poured vegetable dye into a waste pipe (only to find that it flowed the wrong way to somewhere unknown!).



All this backbreaking work has been to produce a new dinghy park washdown, capable of allowing four dinghies to be 'processed' at a time. Although the weather had been dry, it had been bitterly cold starting first thing in the mornings.

Is this one of ours or RORCs?

Our sincere thanks must go to Team Tony for all their very hard and very valuable work.

SALTERNS ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Just to remind our family members that Salterns sailing will start again on Saturday mornings from the beginning of April through to the end of October 2008. I am currently making changes to the application pack and so the application pack for this year is unlikely to be available until March. The format and arrangement will be the same as last year, very informal and each parent or grandparent will need to attend with their children and supervise them at Salterns. I am hoping to organise an induction morning for that first Saturday (5th April).

At the time of going to press I am checking whether or not there is going to be any change to the associate membership annual fee of £25. As always if anyone has any queries please do telephone me on Lymington 678227.

Sarah Unsworth

SATURDAY SAILING

Saturday Sailing begins on the 19th April, although we do join in the Saturday Dinghy Cruises, which begin on 5th April. I hope everyone who took part and enjoyed Saturday Sailing last year will be joining us this year plus a few more!

Saturday Sailing takes place on Saturday afternoons, we meet in the Lower Bar at 1.00 p.m. for the briefing and boat allocation. You can take part in Saturday Sailing if you do not have a boat or if you have come without your crew, as helms, crews and boats are often arranged at the briefing. We have the use of the Club 420s and some Saturday sailors welcome new faces as crew. However make sure you turn up early (before 1.00, if you want to join in the boat allocation, as latecomers will not be accommodated once arrangements for boats have been made).

The idea of Saturday Sailing is that it is primarily an informal social occasion and we debrief after sailing in the bar. Many Saturday sailors have used it as an opportunity to learn the rudiments of racing, as we have short races organised by a Club Race Officer and many regular Saturday sailors have also started to race on Wednesday evenings and Sundays. Many Saturday sailors see it as a family event and we have some regular family participants. Our arrangements with Salterns Sailing Club has also enabled more young people to take part in Saturday sailing. Any young member of the Club, over the age of 12, can come along and sail, once their parent has completed a parental consent form.

We had a lot of fun last year and I would like to extend the invitation to all who came Saturday sailing last year to Saturday Sailing Forum on Saturday 29th March at 3.00 pm, to be followed by free tea/coffee, cakes and sandwiches at 4.00 p.m..

See you on a Saturday soon.

Wendy Bonney

SOCIAL REPORT

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Summer Ball at Hurst Castle

Due to popular demand, the Summer Ball this year will take place at Hurst Castle. Because of a clash with the Hypotenuse Race and the Mini-Cruise, please note that there is a *change of date*. The Summer Ball will take place on Saturday 12th July, and *not* on Saturday 19th July as per the Club Programme.

RECENT EVENTS

Ben's Bash: Saturday 2nd February

66 club members supported Ben at this fund-raising dinner. With a generous portion of the ticket cost going to Ben's fund, plus an excellent raffle, 91 £ coins rolling around the floor in vain attempts to get close to a bottle of Scotch and donations from those unable to attend the dinner, we raised a total of £1,600.

Sprat Supper: Thursday 7th February

With 60 sprat-eaters the numbers were down on the last couple of years, but nonetheless we had a most enjoyable evening, with beautifully cooked sprats and all the usual trimmings. The raffle, with high quality prizes sourced by Vivien Robins largely from High Street traders, raised £275 for the RNLI, the Seafarers' Charity and Oakhaven Hospice.

Quiz Night: Friday 15th February

We were essentially at capacity with 88 sets of brains, 73 of which were fuelled for action by a first-rate choice of meals. The quiz was hosted by a double act of Robin Barton and Merylin Keen, thus producing some interesting variety in presentation and style.

Ladies' Lunch: Thursday 21st February

At the time of writing this lunch has not taken place, but I know that over 20 ladies had already booked well in advance for the next one of our very popular ladies' lunches.

FUTURE EVENTS

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

Dine on traditional fare and enjoy drama and a male voice choir, with some community singing when you are all sufficiently lubricated! Tickets selling quickly! Book at the Bar.

Quiz Night: Friday 7th March

Still the cheapest night out in town at an amazing £1 per head! Optional buffet supper of cottage pie, crab cakes or chicken caesar salad.

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

A themed 3-course dinner with haddock chowder, followed by colcannon with beef or salmon, and Bailey's cheesecake (I bet the Irish peasants would have loved that!) or cheese and biscuits. Book at the Bar.

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday 22nd March

Bring the children or grandchildren and make a family occasion of it. Followed by Easter Bonnet making and the usual decorated egg competition. Why not book in for an Easter roast lunch as well? There will be a special menu for the children.

Ladies' Lunch: Thursday 27th March

Please book in advance with Elaine. Cold meats, crab cakes, salad and new potatoes, followed by summer fruits pudding or cheese and biscuits, plus coffee.

Susan Burgess
Chairman Social Committee

WINTER TALKS

As spring approaches and the days get longer, we are all looking forward to the sailing season, but there are half a dozen Winter Talks to entertain us before we hand back Wednesday evenings to the racing fraternity.

March 5th Codes and Ciphers by Leonard Dickson

Codes, ciphers, and code-breaking have been around for millennia, with the survival of nations sometimes hanging on the security of codes and ciphers. This is the story of what they were and how they were broken ranging from Roman times to the famous wartime Enigma machine codebreaking.

March 12th Libya by Adam Reay

Vice Commodore and globetrotting former jailbird Adam Reay escaped from Kuwait and took up employment in what he thought might be a safer country - Libya. What happened next?

March 19th My life as a BBC Newsreader – Carolyn Brown

Carolyn was on duty when HM The Queen Mother died and has been in control of Radio 4 during many state occasions. A keen sailor and yachtmaster, she gives the Shipping Forecast a special meaning, especially when Wight is a westerly storm force 10!

March 26th Colditz – by Joe West

Joe West tells the extraordinary story of the brave men who tried to escape from the Nazi's ultimate jail.

April 2nd My life as a film cameraman – by Richard Edwards

Richard spent his professional life as a film and TV cameraman. These are the tales of his exploits.

April 9th Tommy Cooper Remembered part 2 – by Clive Greenaway

For the last talk of this season and my final one as talks organiser, Clive Greenaway returns to amuse and entertain with a fresh selection of stories and performances of the late Tommy Cooper. His last appearance saw the roof of the Solent Room shake with the laughter.

Finally may I say that over the last three years, Bron and I have had a lot of fun organising the Talks and we would like to thank those who came for their fantastic support. All your contributions at the door have gone to paying speakers, building up the audio system and in donations to Lymington Sailability, so many thanks indeed to all.

Neil Eccles

MAJOR EVENTS WORKING PARTY

A Major Events Working party has been formed under the Chairmanship of the Vice Commodore, Adam Reay. The aim is to involve the whole Club in major events and to co-ordinate the events both on and off the water to provide a top quality experience for participants and volunteers and to maximise the benefits for the Club and members. In 2008 the main dinghy events are the 505 National Championship, the Laser Stratos National Championship, an Open Meeting for RS 600 & 700s, the LTSC Regatta (combined with the Bath Race and BBQ) and LTSC Winter Series, which is open to all Club sailors and visitors. The main yachting event will again be the West Solent Circuit. The Sailing Committee continues to have full responsibility for all the 'on water' activities and event managers are being identified to organise and co-ordinate the 'on shore' activities. For dates and more information about the Major Events, please look at the Club website. Meanwhile if you would like to assist on the water please contact the Sailing Secretary and if you would like to assist on the shore then please contact Adam Reay.

Bank Holiday Weekends – visitors to the New Forest

Any dinghy sailor based in the Lymington area or living in or visiting the New Forest is invited to participate in the [Bank Holiday Monday Club Races](#). They and their partner/family are welcome to make use of the Clubhouse during the weekend after entering for the race (no entry fee). RLymYC is making a similar offer for dinghy races on Bank Holiday Sundays. Please let your friends and contacts know. Also if you know of any Class Association that would like to train at Lymington during the Bank Holiday weekends please contact the Sailing Secretary.

Personal Sailing Handicaps

Lymington Personal Sailing Handicaps will be used during 2008 for dinghy racing to:

- Encourage participation in Club racing particularly by newcomers and Club sailors
- Provide encouragement to improve racing skills.
- Allocate prizes after racing each Wednesday evening

Provide a clear gauge for Club members to monitor improvements in their performance There will be an opportunity to discuss the way the system will work after the first Wednesday evening race on 16 April. There will also be briefings for those who participate in Saturday Sailing and opportunities to provide feedback so that the benefits can be maximised. The handicaps are being administered by the Lymington Handicap Working Party, which includes Richard Phillips (Chairman), Simon Ward, Richard Lilley & Wendy Bonney.

In summary a *Personal Sailing Handicap Number (PSHN)* will be issued to any member of LTSC or RLymYC who completes a [LTSC Contact & Sailing Experience Form – 2008](#) and wants to race a dinghy. The *PSHN* will be based on the performance in Club racing or National Championships during the *last three years*. Initially only helms will be allocated a *PSHN*, when this is fully operational further thought will be given to the best way to include crew in the scheme. When dinghy racing, the *PSHN* will be used to make an adjustment to the boat handicap to determine the Personal handicap results. The main Club Trophies will be awarded on the basis of the normal results for 2008.

For further information please look at the Club website www.ltsc.co.uk.

NOTICE TO ALL VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED WITH DINGHY SAILING

Please keep an eye on the Volunteer page on the LTSC website for dates of courses and other resources to assist you to perform your role. The Dinghy Sailing Management System is undergoing its annual review and the updated version will be published on the website when available. Meanwhile the 2008 version of the risk assessment and the latest published version of other key documents are available on the website.

Richard Phillips
richard@sail-cd.demon.co.uk

BEN PATON - PROGRESS REPORT

An update to my training/racing in New Zealand.

After a very long journey I arrived in Auckland where I rested for four days and got my boat equipment more or less sorted, before taking part in a four day regatta called SAIL AUCKLAND. A regatta consisting of 44 sailors with many of the top people taking part, many of whom I shall be racing at the Worlds. The regatta was just a training event for me, as I was still jet lagged and hadn't raced seriously since August.

I started the regatta making many mistakes, mainly by getting bad starts and having to work my way up through the fleet. I had my fair share of problems throughout the windy regatta where I was one of the lighter sailors. The conditions were challenging, with strong winds and short choppy waves making it especially difficult for me. I finished in 12th place. I was a little disappointed with this although I have taken positives from this. I have identified weaknesses which I now have a month to work on before taking part in the World Championships. One of my challenges is to gain an extra three kg to allow me to be competitive if it's windy. As usual at these events you get a lot of the bigger sailors that sail the standard rig (bigger sail) that jump down into my class (Laser Radial) in the hope it will be windy and they have a massive advantage.

What's to come... I have a coach and training partner out here so I shall be training in both the gym and on the water for the next four days, with a days rest and then likely continue this trend. A tough few days to come, as it looks to be

very windy and means my legs are going to hurt!!! On a positive I still feel confident of doing well despite a bad start to the trip.

All I can say is it is going to be a tough five weeks, both physically and mentally on all those taking part.

Ben Paton

JOHN CABOT DROPS IN TO LTSC

Members of LTSC couldn't believe their eyes this week (7th Feb.) when Cabot's ship the Matthew moored on the pontoon. There is a sign outside the Club that reads "Visiting sailors arriving by sea are welcome" but the Club had never before welcomed such a famous crew.

It was disappointing to learn that the Matthew was only *en route* to Falmouth and did not intend to discover America on its current voyage. Many believe that Columbus was the first to discover America but John Cabot, who landed in Newfoundland, beat him by a short head.



Although this tiny ship was obviously a modern replica, no one who saw it could fail to be impressed by the courage of the original crew who sailed the Matthew across an uncharted ocean towards an undiscovered New World.

It was noted that the visitors made a bee-line for the shower block. It seems that arrangements for on-board personal hygiene were not a high priority when the Matthew was designed 500 years ago. We understand that the ship, which is based in Bristol, may visit Lymington again on a future voyage. LTSC hope that next time "John Cabot" will not forget to sign the Visitors Book.

CRUISE TO MADEIRA AND THE CANARIES

Adam Reay received this from Peter Tabori who is looking for a crew to cruise his Lagoon 380 catamaran in the Azores and then going to Madeira and the Canaries. Peter is after crew to cruise around the Azores from around 25th May and then sailing to Madeira and the Canaries. If you are interested then please contact Peter at ptabori@aol.com

YACHTMAIL MEMBER'S DISCOUNT

Yachtmail, your chandlery on the Quay, have kindly agreed to continue giving Club Members a 10% discount on all purchases, excluding their special offers, throughout the 2008 season. They have now expanded their chandlery business by purchasing the shop next door. To obtain this discount, members must produce their current Club Membership Card at the time of purchase (You no longer require the Yachtmail Card).

MAJOR BILL TILMAN

Tilman Evening at Merioneth Yacht Club, Barmouth, Gwynedd.
Saturday May 10th from 5pm.

Major HW Tilman is the inspiration for the Three Peaks Yacht Race which takes place annually, starting from Barmouth.

After serving in World War 1, Bill Tilman grew coffee in Kenya, climbed Mounts Kenya and Kilimanjaro and then led the 1938 Everest expedition and climbed Nanda Devi with Eric Shipton. During World War 2 he was in Italy and Albania.

He learnt to sail in Barmouth (aged 55) and then bought a Pilot Clipper and sailed to South America, Patagonia, Antarctica, Greenland, the Arctic over the next 24 years. In 1977, aged 79, he set off with friends for the Falkland Island and Smith Island. They were never seen again.

The evening will consist of talks and photographs from several people who knew him either in Italy, by sailing with him or just have memories of him.

There will also be a showing of the documentary of his life "No pay-no prospects- not much pleasure".

Tickets are £10 including buffet supper with proceeds to the local mountain rescue team. For further information phone 01341 247553 or e-mail denishowell@hotmail.com.

Tilman's boats, Mischief, Baroque and Sea Breeze were kept in Lymington where he was a member of Lymington Town Sailing Club. More information about him can be found on pages 25 and 33 of the Club's 60th Year Book.

For places to stay in Barmouth see www.barmouth-wales.co.uk

NEW BIGGER FERRIES

With the launch of the first boat in Croatia, the debate in Lymington will start hotting up.

The Executive continue to keep a close eye on developments and are currently writing to the LHC and the Solent Protection Society. Our big concern is the anticipated impact of the larger ferries on small boats and the provisions LHC may be considering placing on us.

If you are interested in more information on the issues, then log on to the Lymington River Association website: www.lymingtonriver.co.uk

Photographic Competition Spring 2008

**Dust your digis off and thaw your pixels .
Expose your lens.
Develop the artistic streak lurking within you.
Capture the best of February
March
April
&
May**

**Ready to come under the close scrutiny and
approving eyes of ours members at the end of May.**

IN MEMORIAM:

It is with great sadness that we have to report that Penny Underwood passed away on 21st January. She joined the Club in 2003 and was a keen volunteer, helping mainly by imparting her knowledge of horticulture.

EXTERNAL CLUBHOUSE EVENTS

March 2008

21st - Westerly Owners' Association (x24). Solent Room open to members.

April 2008

5th - Lymington Fire Service in Solent Room. Lower Deck Bar open to members in evening.

12th - Wedding Reception in Solent Room. Lower Deck Bar open to members in evening.

18th - Island Sailing Club (x25). Solent Room open to members.

TELLTALES –April 2008

The next copy of Telltales is due to be published on 1st April 2008. Articles should be submitted by 21st March 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**).

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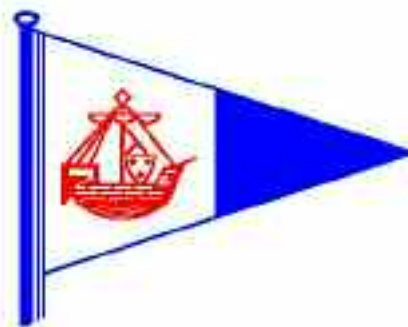
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WSCRA

WEST SOLENT CRUISER RACING ASSOCIATION

WSCRA coordinates a selection of races from the sailing programme of the three premier clubs in the Western Solent.

We have selected eight races to make up a Summer Series

We also run a cross Channel Mini Series of three races

The races are split into two Classes

Class 1. For IRC rated Yachts using their current IRC rating.

Class 2. For WSCRA handicap rated Yachts, for which we have developed a performance related WSCRA handicap system, adjusted after each race to maintain a competitive fleet of boats no matter what type of boat you sail.

THE WSCRA SUMMER SERIES & THE HYPOTENUSE MINI SERIES

May 17 / 18 th	Race 1.	Y/N	Hamble Scramble	Dinner at RAF YC
	Race 2.	Y/N	Hamble Scramble	Organising authority LTSC
June 21 st	Race 3.	Y/N	Prince Consort Race	O/A RSYC
June 22 nd	Race 4.	Y/N	Newtown Race	O/A LTSC
July 13 th	Race 5.	Y/N	Christchurch Ledge	O/A LTSC
July 17/18/19/20th		Y/N	Hypotenuse Mini Series Races 1 2 & 3	
September 20 th	Race 6.	Y/N	Equinox Regatta	O/A RLymYC
September 21 st	Race 7.	Y/N	Equinox Regatta.	
October 5 th	Race 8.	Y/N	Turkey Cup.	O/A RSYC

To participate in the above series you will need to register your boat with WSCRA, giving full details of the yacht plus your name and e-mail address.

To help with event planning, the clubs and WSCRA would like to know how many boats are likely to compete in each individual race. Please indicate (Y/N) when you return your registration form, which races you hope to compete in (always accepting that the weather is favourable at the time of the race.) WSCRA will remind you by e-mail to contact the organising club prior to the race to obtain the necessary information and sailing instructions prior to the race

REGISTRATION FORM 2008 SERIES

Yacht Name:..... Owner Name:.....
 Sail No.:..... Address:.....
 Type:.....
 Special features:

Class 1. IRC: Rating:..... Post Code:.....
 Class 2. WSCRA: Last handicap:..... Phone No, :.....
 E-mail address:.....
 Please indicate any changes made to the boat:.....

A fee of £10 covers administration costs.

To Barry Dutton.33 Newbridge Way, Lymington. SO41 8BG Phone 01590 671577

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Cruising Supper

Friday 28th March 7.15 for 7.45pm

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

Menu

- L Lamb Hotpot
or
- P Somerset Pork with Apples
Or
- V Wild Mushroom & Onion Tart

All with potatoes and fresh vegetables

- RP Rice Pudding
or
 - CB Cheese & Biscuits
- Coffee or Tea

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Cruising Supper Booking Form – 28th March

Name:Name:

Name:Name:

Please enter below the number of each dish required

L	P	V	RP	CB

Please return this booking form by Wed. 26th March making cheques payable to Lymington Town Sailing Club for.....@ £13.50 per head.