



# TELLTALES

July 2008

The Newsletter of Lymington Town Sailing Club

## Calendar of Events

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

|                                                          |                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Thursday to Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> July | 505 & Stratos Nationals    |
| Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> July                           | Summer Ball (Hurst Castle) |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> August                            | Cowes Fireworks Trip       |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> August                            | LTSC Bath Race             |

## COMMODORE'S COMMENT

**New Ferries:** We have received details from LHC of BMT Sea Tec proposals for the Phase 2 Sea Trials on the new ferries. Our working group of Robin Dent, Keith Wicks and Richard Russell will be reviewing these in order to make a formal response. The proposal indicates that the trials will take place in September, which is probably due to the delayed delivery date of the vessel. The Club has already expressed its concerns that September is not necessarily the best time as all of the evening small boat activity will have ceased. River traffic will also have started to decline as this is outside the main holiday period. We have also again expressed our concerns at the possible impact of these larger vessels on small sailing dinghies, canoes and rowing boats. The proposed trials do not appear to give serious consideration to this aspect.

**Summer Cruise:** All reports from our returning adventurers is that this was one of the most successful and enjoyable cruises to date. 19 yachts participated so there was quite an invasion of the West Country by Lymingtonians. All credit for this success must go to the organisational skills and the planning and preparation put in by Mike Kelly. Well done and thanks.

**Sponsorship:** Bob Woolley and Derek Easter have worked hard on acquiring sponsorship this year and last months success in attracting INEOS as headline sponsor for the Club's major Autumn series the SOLENT CIRCUIT has been continued. Last week it was announced that Wightlink was prepared to donate £3,000 to the Lift Plus Fund which sees a continuation of their longstanding support for the Club.

**Lift Plus Project:** We have been asked to make some minor amendments to our application for Building Regulations and expect to receive this approval within the next fortnight. Plans have been submitted to a builder and we are hopeful of obtaining firm costs shortly on the basis that work will commence early in 2009. Our big challenge currently is Fund Raising where we have a number of initiatives under way.

The first 100 Club draw is scheduled to take place this month, July.

The Tee Shirt and Polo Shirts are proving slow to take off apparently because many of you do not want the "We need a Lift" logo on the back. I wonder why? It has always been possible to order the shirts without the 'Strap Line' - so come on let's be getting your orders in. Sally Ross and Susan Burgess are the people to contact to place your order.

Business Sponsorship has been boosted by the previously mentioned contribution from Wightlink.

Bath Race plans are well in hand and more details will probably appear elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Members' donations: I have been overwhelmed by the generous donations being made by individual Club Members in response to the letter I sent out earlier in June. This is a significant source of funds and is pushing

forwards towards our target. Any member wishing to make a donation should make a cheque out to LTSC indicating it is for the Lift Plus Project.

In summary we would appear to be making good progress with both the building plans and the fund raising. At the time of writing I can identify in excess of £62,000 committed to the fund. Still some way to go, but with the enthusiasm, commitment and support shown by many of our members, I am excited at the prospect of seeing this project completed next year WITH YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND HELP.

Richard Jenner

## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

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

Jeffery Thomas-Williams  
Ray & Frances Stuckey  
John Whelton  
Harry & Glynis Ellens  
Rick Staples  
Lou Martin

Richard & Vanessa Longden  
Mark & Nicola Smith  
Raymond & Lindsay Griffiths  
Marcin Jurewicz & Milena Piotrowicz  
David Dunlop  
David & Lori Balls

## **CRUISING NEWS**

The main event of our calendar, our Main Summer Cruise, has now finished and was a resounding success. This was down to three main factors:

- the weather was exceptionally kind to us, in that we had just a little rain in the first week – while we were in Fowey.
- The company and support of 17 boats was both enjoyable and comforting, with plenty of options to join in or not.
- The pre-cruise planning by Mike Kelly and his helpers was ideal, in its mix of sailing and rest days, choice of locations, and distances between them.

A full report will be prepared for the Club website shortly.

The next weekend cruise will be to Swanwick on 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> July, Once again this is for all boats, big and small, sail or power and the tides are ideal. It is intended to stay overnight at the Premier Marina, Swanwick, with an expedition by dinghy under the bridge up to Victoria Country Park.

No set meal is planned - there is a choice of eateries within walking distance.

If you would like to join this event, contact Keith and Sheila Wicks (tel. 01590 678458) e-mail [kswicks@btinternet.com](mailto:kswicks@btinternet.com) without delay, who will advise details.

17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July is all set for our annual cross Channel mini cruise. All are welcome - the spirit of this weekend is for boats to cross in company, enabling novices and less experienced skippers to build up confidence in sailing off shore (It really isn't as scary as people make out!). We also plan to meet up with our racing friends again, who will be in Cherbourg on 19<sup>th</sup>. Full details and a booking form are enclosed at the end of this Telltales – please do respond to me by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July if you plan to attend.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> August. The South of St Catherines Rally is to be postponed. The spring tides would mean clearing Hurst by about 0530, which doesn't appeal. There are several other events in the Club calendar for the following weeks, so we will have to consider other options.

23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August is another mini cruise, this time to Chichester and Bembridge, organised by David Bennett. The main focus will be dinner on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Chichester Yacht Club whilst berthed at Chichester Marina. Full details and a booking form are enclosed at the end of this issue of Telltales.

Please do contact me if you would like to discuss any of these events. The booking forms and calendar are available under the Cruising section of the Club website.

Looking forward to seeing lots of boats on the water, enjoying some great sailing and socializing along the way!

Nick Hopwood  
Cruising Captain

### **SUMMER CRUISE REPORT**

The Summer Cruise to the West Country was a roaring success although the wind was the one thing that didn't roar - crossing the dreaded Lyme Bay was achieved in light airs and brilliant sun.

A fleet of 19 boats set out from Lymington at the end of May on a route which included Weymouth, Dartmouth, Plymouth, Fowey, Falmouth and the Helford River.

At Dartmouth the Vice Commodores of LTSC and the Dartmouth Yacht Club exchanged burgees at an informal ceremony to mark the start of a reciprocal membership agreement between our two clubs.



At Fowey the entire fleet was moored for a time on a single pontoon in the middle of the river. The forest of masts, each flying an LTSC burgee in the cross trees made an impressive sight. In the evening we enjoyed a barbecue ashore at the Fowey Gallants Sailing Club. It has become a tradition to organise a dinner in the middle of the Summer Cruise and the camaraderie on these occasions is an important part of the "glue" that transforms a miscellaneous bunch of yachties into a closely knit group, loyal to one another.

One of the highlights of the cruise was a lunch at the Ferry Boat Inn at Helford Passage. It was a perfect summer day. All the boats moored in the river and the crews came ashore for lunch and a final social gathering before the fleet split up.



*At the Ferry Boat Inn*



*Benign conditions in the Raz du Seine*

After Helford the fleet divided, one group sailing east back to Lymington calling on the return leg at a different itinerary of ports, while a second group sailed due south to France.

The French group passed close to Ushant en route to Camaret, then, after a day to recover from the 20 hour passage, continued south down the Raz du Seine and round the corner to Loctudy, then on to Concarneau and finally Lorient.

There were variations to these routes as skippers in both groups had their own preferences.

Unlike last year, when one third of the boats were caught up on lobster pot buoys, 2008 was incident free apart from three boats that were briefly stuck on the putty in Falmouth harbour at low tide.

Everyone agreed that Mike Kelly had done yet another excellent job in organising the cruise. At Helford, Mike was presented with a marine clock by the assembled crews amid loud applause.

If the 2009 cruise is as good as the 2008 it will be very good indeed!

Adam Reay

### **'The Perfect Package' - Re-Visited**

At the end of the Cruise, Mike Belas (one of the crew on Silver Flame) asked me which I thought was the best day of the Cruise.

I considered the overnight stay behind Brownsea Island on a still sunny evening in a vast expanse of lonely water with only the cries of the birds for company. The lunch stop in Lulworth Cove on a perfect summers day in a tranquil sea, sailing in company for hours with 'Tenacious', with all her sails set; the magic of Newton Ferrers and the boat parties.

My answer was unequivocally the passage from Dittisham, up the River Dart, past Agatha Christie's Cottage, to the 'Steam Packet' pub at Totnes. Thirty years ago as a crew member on 'Hobo', a Moody 33, I had made the trip with friends and drank in the river bank scenes and at the water's edge - so reminiscent of the Norfolk Broads.

In 2008 I was not disappointed - two hours of real 'à la Swallows & Amazons' with not a boat in sight. We went up with the tide and then, just as before on the bend before Totnes Bridge, the pub and its green with a mooring for one boat suddenly appears.

The beer tasted just as good!

John Bloomfield

### **RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIP OF DARTMOUTH YC**

At Dartmouth on 1<sup>st</sup> June the Vice Commodores of LTSC and the Dartmouth YC shook hands and exchanged club burgees to mark a reciprocal membership agreement between our two clubs. Founded in 1950 the Dartmouth Yacht Club has a superb location on the River Dart, looking over to Kingswear and past the castle to the harbour entrance.

In 1620 the Pilgrim Fathers set sail from Bayard's Cove close to the clubhouse. The club has a friendly atmosphere, a well stocked bar, excellent food and snacks and full shower facilities. If you are going to Dartmouth you must call in. Directly above the club is the independently run "Sails" restaurant which is superb. The club website is [www.dartmouthYC.org.uk](http://www.dartmouthYC.org.uk) or phone 01803 832305.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> TO 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST - MINI CRUISE TO CHICHESTER AND BEMBRIDGE**

The main focus will be dinner on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Chichester Yacht Club whilst berthed at Chichester Marina. Subject to final fine-tuning, the overall cruise plan is:

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August (HW Portsmouth 1539) - lunch at Wootton Creek, Royal Victoria Yacht Club; then overnight in Portsmouth at Haslar marina.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August (HW Portsmouth 1622) - into Chichester Harbour around 1330, lunch East Head (anchor) or Ichenor (buoy), then Chichester Marina around 1700. Dinner at Chichester Yacht Club 1930 (maybe meeting up with the Emsworth Cruising Association).

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August (HW Portsmouth 1716) - lock out of Chi Marina by 0900 (or spend time visiting Chichester?), lunch at anchor, or Northney Marina - for one of the two good pubs at Langstone, then over to Bembridge for the night (entering no later than 2000).

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August (HW Portsmouth 1830) - exit Bembridge before 0900 (LW 1130), breakfast at anchor outside the entrance, lunch at Warsash, then head for home. Sorry that there will be an adverse tide until 1730 for returning westwards, but at least it will be neaps!

I will be giving the final details and arrangements in the next Teltales, but I am more than happy to take your bookings now, on the form at the end of this newsletter, or contact me on 01590 681746 or dahbennett@lineone.net

David Bennett

## **DINGHY CRUISING**

### **CRUISE 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

June's dinghy cruise finally hit lucky with some really wonderful weather. We left Lymington in bright sunshine with a warm and gentle breeze. Once again the turnout was terrific and we landed on the beach at Lepe with 21 boats from an even more diverse range than last time...to the confusion of a lady from the Country Park who informed us that a re-enactment of the World War II D-Day landings was about to take place to mark their 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary! (We had been thinking some people were dressed a little strangely for a day on the beach).

Fortunately we managed to avoid becoming part of the action and set off for our return trip after a break for lunch. By now the breeze had settled into a fairly brisk south westerly and with the tide beginning to ebb it made the sail home a lively one. With boats ranging from John and Wendy Curtis' Finn to David Keene's recently acquired 40 year old Mirror the safety boats were kept busy keeping track of everybody but all arrived home safely after what we hope was a very enjoyable day out. Our thanks to rib drivers Julian Moore and Gillian Johnson, and to John Bonney for standing by in Delta 1 and counting our boats home as they entered the river.

The next dinghy cruise on 12<sup>th</sup> July will be the annual visit to Totland Bay for the Sandcastle Competition with Hurst Castle Sailing Club and Keyhaven Yacht Club. This is usually great fun with prizes for best traditional sandcastle, most original sand sculpture and of course the Golden Bucket for best overall.

Melanie Newman and Steve Reneaux

## **COMPOUND MANAGER**

Due to increased work commitments, unfortunately our present Compound Manager, Richard Lilley, is unable to continue with this task. Richard has done an excellent job and we give him our sincere thanks for sparing his valuable time.

So we are now looking for his replacement. Is there anyone out there who could spare a maximum of a couple of hours a week (during office hours) to look after the dinghy compound? This is not an onerous task and mainly consists of ensuring that boats are in their correct space and 'legal'. This person works closely with the office.

If you are interested then please contact the office for further information.

## **SOCIAL REPORT**

### **Recent Events**

#### Frog Racing: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May

A roomful of members enjoyed a welcome return of Frog racing. The frogs were found, and even better, we had Nick Struthers on hand to lend most useful advice on the running of the evening – the Social Committee confess to being a little green on this matter... Many thanks to Nick, Yolanda, and Duncan Wright for all their help, and also to Nick and Karen Hopwood for running the tote. Some of our Honfleur friends were still around, and joined in the general hilarity of the evening.

#### Ladies' Lunch: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Partly for the Cruise widows, thirteen ladies enjoyed another in our regular series of Ladies' Lunches, all beautifully prepared by Elaine. See below for details of the next Ladies' Lunch.

## **Future Events**

### Barn Dance: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June

£10 for dance and Ploughman's supper, with Stoney Ridge. Look the part and wear something checked if possible – it's sure to improve your dancing. There is a rumour that there may be a reappearance of Mike Kelly, barn dancer extraordinaire...!

### Summer Ball at Hurst Castle: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Still a few tickets left. £40 to include hog roast, disco, free raffle, entertainer, ferry, coach and welcome drink.

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Ladies' Lunch

£10.50 for two course lunch plus coffee. All ladies and their guests are most welcome. Please book with Elaine.

### Cowes Fireworks Trip: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August

Remaining tickets selling quickly, so don't delay. £25 for a front row seat plus chicken and chips and first drink.

### Bath Race/Family Fun Day for Lift Plus Fund Raising: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August

Bring along family and friends for an action packed day with something for everyone, and help to raise funds for our Lift Plus Project.

Susan Burgess

Rear Commodore (Social)

## **DINGHY SAILING COURSES**

We have an RYA Coach coming to the Club during the week commencing the 11<sup>th</sup> August. He will be running a one day refresher on Monday then a couple of two day RYA courses Level 1 and 2.

There will be a course fee involved, but the more interest - the lower the fee.

Any member interested please contact Robin in the Cub office or telephone 07808 206123 for more details.

## **SPRING PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION - 2008**

### Winners

|                      |                 |        |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------|
| LUNCHTIME IN NEWTOWN | by JOHN GODDARD | First  |
| SUNSET OVER THE BAY  | by JOHN BELL    | Second |
| KNITTING NEEDLES     | by RAY COLLIER  | Third  |

Following a three day display in the lower bar the votes for the twenty-six entries revealed a close fourth with Richard Russell's Sunrise over the Matthew. Members showed their appreciation for the excellent exhibits by an otherwise even distribution of their votes for the contenders work showing how close the competition has become.

The three winning photographs have been individually framed and are hanging in the Solent Room and at the head of the stairs for your continuing enjoyment.

Many thanks for your support,

Ray Collier

YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE SUMMER COMPETITION SHOULD BE LEFT IN THE RAY COLLIER PHOTOGRAPHIC ENVELOPE IN THE CLUB.

## EXTERNAL CLUBHOUSE EVENTS

### July 2008

25<sup>th</sup> - Hamble Point YC (x60). Lower Deck Bar open to members.

### August 2008

22<sup>nd</sup> - Member's party in Solent Room (x80). Lower Deck Bar open to members.

23<sup>rd</sup> - Member's party in Solent Room (x70). Lower Deck Bar open to members.

## TELLTALES –August 2008

The next copy of Telltales is due to be published on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2008. Articles should be submitted by 21<sup>st</sup> July 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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# LTSC Cross Channel Mini Cruise

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Destination: Cherbourg and St Vaast

All experience levels welcome

The spirit of this cruise is for sailors of all experience, including novices, to cross the channel in company. Skippers are clearly free to undertake their own passage plans, and to sail as and when they choose. Any who would like to sail in company and support should indicate this on the form, and we will make every effort to ensure they are looked after.

The main event will be the customary barbecue on the sea wall in St Vaast, on the evening of Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. Then we will meet up with our racing colleagues from LTSC and WSCRA in Cherbourg on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>.

The relevant tidal times are as follows (all times are BST), taken from Reeds.

| Day/date              | HW Portsmouth | HW Dover    | HW Cherbourg |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| Wed. 16 <sup>th</sup> | 1106 & 2313   | 1059 & 2319 | 0744 & 1956  |
| Thu. 17 <sup>th</sup> | 1147 & 2352   | 1138 & 2355 | 0826 & 2036  |
| Fri. 18 <sup>th</sup> | 1225          | 1213        | 0903 & 2112  |
| Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> | 0029 & 1301   | 0029 & 1245 | 0938 & 2147  |
| Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> | 0105 & 1338   | 0101 & 1318 | 1012 & 2222  |
| Mon. 21 <sup>st</sup> | 0141 & 1414   | 0133 & 1350 | 1047 & 2258  |

The opening times of the St Vaast harbour gates, shown on their website are (in French Summer Time – one hr ahead of BST):

| Day/date             | Open | Close | Open | Close (next day) |
|----------------------|------|-------|------|------------------|
| Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> | 0810 | 1325  | 2019 | 0145             |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> | 0843 | 1405  | 2052 | 0220             |
| Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> | 0916 | 1445  | 2125 | 0255             |
| Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> | 0949 | 1520  | 2200 | 0330             |
| Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> | 1022 | 1555  | 2233 | 0405             |

There are several options for the Southbound crossing dependant on time and preferences. Leaving via The Needles involves some night sailing, preferably the initial stages.

One suggested passage is

1. Leave Lymington approx 2130 on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>
2. Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. Arrive St Vaast approx 1100 BST, if Barflour can be cleared before the tide turns, or drop back into Cherbourg.
3. If Cherbourg, move round to St Vaast either Thursday late afternoon or early Friday morning.
4. Friday, overnight in St Vaast
5. Saturday, St Vaast to Cherbourg late morning, early pm.
6. Sunday, depart Cherbourg approx 0900 to arrive at Needles on flood tide after 2000.

To ensure an all daylight crossing, overnight in Portsmouth on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, and leaving via Bembridge on Thursday morning.

All plans are totally dependant on the weather forecast at the time, of course.

Please complete the form opposite as indicated.

# Mini Cruise Booking Form

17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Skipper:

Email address:

Mobile or home phone number:

Boat Name:

Boat Length:

Number of crew:

Names of crew (if known):

Proposed plan:

**Please return this booking form to Nick Hopwood, c/o the Clubhouse by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Or by email to [nick@nickhopwood.co.uk](mailto:nick@nickhopwood.co.uk)**

Please call me on 07880 794820 if you would like to discuss any of the details.

# LTSC Chichester Mini Cruise

Friday 22nd to Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August  
Destination: Chichester and Bembridge  
All are welcome

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## Mini Cruise Booking Form – 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2008

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 either Nick Hopwood, c/o the Club, David Bennett directly, or by email to [dahbennett@lineone.net](mailto:dahbennett@lineone.net) by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at the latest.**

Please call David on 01590 681746 if you would like to discuss any of the details.