



TELLTALES

May 2008

The Newsletter of Lymington Town Sailing Club

Calendar of Events

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

Friday 2 nd May	Quiz Night
Friday 9 th May	Jazz Night
Thursday 15 th May	Ladies Lunch
Friday 16 th May	Cruising Supper
Thursday 22 nd May	Cercle Nautique Dinner
Saturday 24 th May	Frog Racing
Thursday 12 th June	Ladies Lunch
Saturday 28 th June	Barn Dance

COMMODORE'S COMMENT

Regrettably Louise and I have not been around the Club as much as we would have liked over the past month due to the loss, within five weeks of one another of both our fathers. This has meant that I have missed some important events but I am grateful to Adam and the Executive team for covering my absence so ably.

An excellent example of this was last Saturday's successful Open Day when 40 new members were signed up. From the comments I've heard most of the new applicants had heard good things of LTSC and came looking to confirm this view and join our Club. Many thanks to everyone who helped on that event.

My own father always enjoyed his visits to Lymington and was particularly keen to climb the stairs to the Solent Room and enjoy a half pint of Ringwood, admire the view and engage some unsuspecting member in conversation. Christmas presents from my sons were never a problem for he was always pleased to receive an LTSC cap or sweatshirt. These he regularly wore in Norfolk and on his trips abroad and was always pleased to tell me of people who came up to him wanting to talk about Lymington and LTSC.

LIFT PLUS

Last month I was able to report that we had successfully gained planning permission for the Lift Plus Project. This month I am even more pleased to tell you that we have been awarded an initial grant from NFDC of £15,000 towards the project with the opportunity to apply for additional funds when we have firm costs.

LIFT PLUS is the name of our project as a few people were getting hung up on the project's original label. Lift Plus because the project centres on the installation of a lift which will make access to our off the water activities in the Solent Room possible for all and make the life of our hard working staff and volunteers much easier and safer. Plus because as a result of the design we gain additional facilities and the opportunity to better integrate existing facilities into our operations. All of this is important if we are to continue and develop as a key sailing club on the south coast.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Executive have called an EGM for Tuesday May 20th at 1930hrs.

The objective of this meeting is to fully discuss the reasons why the Executive are enthusiastic about pursuing what we are now calling the "Lift Plus Project". In my comments in April's Telltales I gave a number of very good reasons why the Club would benefit from the completion of the project. These points have been identified in the Notice of EGM.

At the meeting members will be shown the plans and hopefully a scale model which is currently being built by Martin Walbank.

The Executive will be seeking members' authority to proceed with the plans and the fund raising activity that will be necessary in order to complete our project

HAMBLE SCRAMBLE

This is the Club's next big event over the weekend of May17/18th.

This is both a race and a cruise depending upon what you fancy doing. It's an excellent social gathering and there are application forms around for berthing and meals at the RAF Yacht Club and for the more competitive sailors there are the NoR and race Entry forms. Sadly Whisper has not had much TLC this year but Louise and I intend to race down and enjoy.

WAYFARER 50th ANNIVERSARY

According to that old Wayfarer sailor Simon Ward this year is the 50th anniversary of this wonderful craft. Iain Sutherland has always described racing Wayfarers as a bit like racing Morris Minors. LTSC has a large fleet and I'm pleased to say that I have once more reignited my love of proper dinghy sailing (as opposed to winged, high performance, dump you in the drink plastic boards) by purchasing a craft which everybody tells me is quite fast providing bits do not fall off it. I've been the proud owner of W3693 for six weeks now but have only half removed the cover to look at my new purchase. Still the balmy Wednesday evenings will soon be here and Persil or Wide Eyed and Legless will be my initial targets.

Richard Jenner

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

Steven Miller & Evelyn Gardner
Barry & Diana Keeton
Andrew Hague & Rebecca Ray
John & Pam Gorman
Tim & Martina Garnham
Mark & Jane Etheridge
Stephen & Caroline Draycott
Nigel & Sheree Cumming
Andrew & Jessica Cornwell
James Barnett
Gwen Stirling
Robert & Gillian Blatchford

Simon Thew & Sabine Gercke
Steve Powell
Peter White
Bill Whalley
Chris Watson
Rick Underhill
Adam Ralph
Philip Jenner & Diana Berry
Richard & Elizabeth Eastham
Norman & Peta Brown
Chris & Sue Barnes
Tommy O'Sullivan

SAILING REPORT

The French are Coming

LTSC will once more be hosting the visit of Cercle Nautique de Honfleur. The 'Calvas Cup' yachts are due to leave Honfleur on the 20th May and arrive at Lymington on the 21st. They have then challenged LTSC to a race in the Western Solent on Thursday the 22nd with a prizegiving meal at the club that evening.

We will then send them on their way back to France on the 23rd.

Are you able to take up the challenge, most of their yachts are between 30 to 40 ft.?

Do you want to practice your French ahead of your next cruise to France? Come to the Club for the meal on Thursday evening to welcome our guests.

Please contact the Club office to let us know how you can help.

PS There will be more FROG racing on Saturday 24th May

Holiday Job in Honfleur

Cercle Nautique are offering the opportunity of a summer holiday job, receiving visitors to the port and at their club, from the beginning of June until the end of August. This would be suitable for a student.

Sponsorship From Harken

Harken UK have again generously offered sponsorship to LTSC. For cruisers your first opportunity to win some of their excellent gear will be for the best timed passage (after handicap adjustment) on the Hamble Scramble. Nick Hopwood will provide you with the details.

LTSC Child Welfare Officer

Abbi Keightley-Hanson has kindly undertaken this role for the Club until she departs for the Antipodes in the autumn. She can be contacted on her mobile: 07527174746

Attention all Dinghy Sailors

Once more a reminder to fill in a **CONTACT AND SAILING EXPERIENCE FORMS for both helm and crew** before taking part in LTSC organised dinghy events. Available from the pigeon hole in the changing room corridor or from the Sailing Office.

Nigel Walbank
Rear Commodore (Sailing)

A PLEA FROM YOUR BOSUN

The new washdown seems to be working well and allowing the RIB crews and dinghy sailors to get to the bar at a reasonable time.

The Plea!

Please will the last people to use the washdown coil the hoses up on the beautifully crafted wooden hose 'keeping tidy' units, and not just leave them in a heap on the floor for me to sort out!



CRUISING NEWS

The cruising calendar is now in full swing, and all events in various stages of planning, with something for everybody.

[If you receive this before the 2nd May] It's not too late to join in our weekend cruise to **Poole, from 3rd to 5th May**. The two previous attempts to organise this cruise have been cancelled due to the weather, so we are confident that it will be third time lucky, and a lovely start to the summer! There are no bookings required as it is a very casual weekend, anchoring in either South Deep or at Pottery Pier – it would be good to know in advance who is likely to attend, so we can plan the anchorage area. We may organise a visit to Poole on the Sunday, although skippers are obviously free to take their boat into the marina for a couple of hours during the day, or overnight. Please contact Nick on 07880 794820 or call Lechwe on Channel 77 on the day. Lechwe will be leaving Lymington around 0900 on Saturday. We will ask you to bring a dish to share at an evening meal on the Saturday. We might even get the onboard BBQ fired up!

The **May Cruising Supper on Friday 16th** will be a very relaxed and sociable evening, to allow everybody time to mingle and chat before the summer sailing season, and as usual ALL MEMBERS are welcome. Details are on the Booking Form at the end of this Teltales.

Then on **17th and 18th we have the Hamble Scramble**. This is an LTSC organised race, and part of the WSCRA series. Cruisers are very welcome to join the race or just sail/motor down for the fun at the RAF YC in the evening. There is also a chance to win a significant prize sponsored by Harken for the best timed cruising passage (motor boaters are not eligible!). We will give you the start and finish marks, and you choose whatever time of day you wish

to set off. (about 1600 is most favourable). Even if only cruising, you must fill in the Hamble Scramble booking form, and send your meal money to Barry Dutton, to have a reserved berth and seats at the dinner table.

There are no planned events in June as the main summer cruise sets off on 30th May for 2-3 weeks. All skippers are reminded to attend the briefing session on 8th May.

In July, we have a planned weekend to **Swanwick on 5th and 6th July**, which Keith Wicks has agreed to organise. Then the **Mini Cruise across the Channel is planned for 17th-20th July**. When this event was first organised in 2004 it was specifically for first timers crossing the Channel to sail in company with folk who have done it before. This is still the main spirit of the event, so we look forward to a good turnout. More details for both these events will follow in June's telltales.

That's it for now – Fair Winds!

Nick Hopwood
Cruising Captain.

VICE COMMODORE'S JOTTINGS

New Forest Sports Awards

At the New Forest Awards Ceremony, some time ago, one of the winners was out of the country and couldn't collect his trophy. When Andy Fisher attended the Cruising Supper on the 25th April he was belatedly presented with the NFSC award for Disability Sportsman of the Year. Everyone had kept the secret so well that Andy had no idea he had won a major trophy. Congratulations to him.

New Larger Ferries

The Solent Protection Society held a meeting at Elmers Court attended by Robin Dent and Adam Reay. Over 25 different organisations from the IOW and Lymington attended plus MPs and Councillors.

Everyone re-stated their positions but at the end of questions one felt that, in spite of the great volume of words, little had been achieved at the meeting. We must await the arrival of the new ferries before any hard data emerges about their impact on the river and its users.

St. George's Dinner

The dinner was a great success. After a dinner of English roast beef we had some wonderful entertainment based on the rich diversity of English accents – from North Country to Cockney and from Brummie to Norfolk. The highlight of the evening was the LTSC Morris Dancing Team. Great fun.

Princess Anne's visit to SailAbility

On Monday 21st the Princess Royal visited us to pour champagne over two new Sailability boats and name them "Pebble Beach" and "Aly Cat".

The rain stopped falling just in time. Early on the morning of the visit there were puddles inside the marquee but by the time HRH arrived they had subsided and the rain stopped. After the naming ceremony Princess Anne entered the marquee to meet and chat to groups of SailAbility members and helpers then, after an hour, she was off. Her helicopter flew low over the clubhouse as she rushed off to another engagement.

Club Open Day

We signed up a record number of new members on April 26th. A total of forty applications for membership were completed by the end of the afternoon. We shall soon have 900 memberships which equates to well over 1800 people. An encouraging number of young families came to the Open Day and they showed great interest in our close relationship with Salterns Sailing Club. This is proving to be an important factor in attracting families to LTSC.

Adam Reay

PRE-SEASON REFRESHER TRAINING FOR SAILING

To best prepare yourself try these quick exercises:

- * Sit on a bench with large metal fixtures cutting into your legs, stare straight up into the sun for two hours - for a more robust workout: invite four friends to come over and yell at you the whole time.
- * Go out and get very drunk, sleep four hours, then stand on a rocking chair for six hours.
- * Go to bank and withdraw as much cash as you can - then set it on fire
- * Sit in front of a commercial fan and have someone throw large buckets of salt water on you.
- * Cut limb off nearby tree, tie ropes to it, stand on rocking chair with tree limb and ropes - hold them over your head for three hours...at five minute intervals drop on your head - more robust version: have friends yell at you in six minute intervals
- * Pour cold water in your lap and give yourself a wedgie, now alternate between sitting and running around bent over.
- * Tie ropes between two trees and sit on a hard barstool tipping yourself into the ropes and balance - push your body against them as hard as you can for six consecutive hours - don't stop for pain or bruising until the pins and needles in your feet make it impossible for you to walk.
- * Nail wooden blocks covered in rough grade sandpaper to your stair make sure the sandpaper is wet, crawl up and down on your knees in shorts for several hours making sure to catch your fingers under the stair rods and smash your knees into the banisters.
- * Make 12 sandwiches on white bread with bad meat and margarine, cram them into a plastic bag, sprinkle with sea water- eat one a day for 12 consecutive days ... make sure the last one is peanut butter and jam.
- * Tie rope to rear bumper of friend's car, hold on tightly, but allow rope to slip through fingers as car drives away - TIP: works best with nylon.
- * Upon completion of above sit down and drink 24 Mount Gay Rums and tell your non-sailing friends what a fantastic sport it is.

Courtesy of Greame Wigmore

SOCIAL SCENE

Recent Events

Ladies' Lunch: Thursday 27th March

Ladies and their guests (and – the first gentleman attendee! we were always aware that we must not discriminate....) enjoyed crab cakes, a generous selection of cold meats, salads and potatoes followed by summer fruits sponge pudding or cheese and biscuits.

Quiz Night: Friday 4th April

A full house, with well over half of the members eating first, set the scene for an excellent Quiz evening. Mark Allen set the questions and introduced some particularly novel rounds on this occasion. Details of our May Quiz Night below.

Ladies' Lunch: Thursday 17th April

The diners stayed late after a fine lunch of butterfly prawns and goat's cheese and red onion tart, with fresh fruit meringue to follow. Most ladies were still chatting away at half past three by which time the galley and bar staff were long gone. See below for our next lunch.

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

A full house was royally entertained with superb inter-course speeches, recitations and the like. We dined on superb roast beef with all the trimmings and apple pie. Morris dancing by our very own, and now famous, team (and was that a Scotsman in their midst??) rounded off an unforgettable evening. Our Commodore had the onerous task of presenting all the ladies with a red rose and a good night kiss on leaving!



Forthcoming Events

Quiz Night: Friday 2nd May

Hosted by Vivien and Lynton Robins, come early to secure a table. £1 entry, and optional buffet supper: cottage pie, ham, egg and chips or salmon and prawn salad.

Jazz Night: Friday 9th May

The New Society Rhythmakers will be returning for another evening of Dixieland Jazz. Optional buffet supper. Please book at the bar.

Ladies' Lunch: Thursday 15th May

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

Frog Racing: Saturday 24th May

A welcome return of this popular event. Enjoy a race evening in the Club with optional ham or cheese ploughman's supper.

Summer Ball at Hurst Castle -Saturday 12th July

Tickets will be on sale on Friday 9th May from 1830 at the Club, (before the Jazz evening, with the New Society Rhythmakers), for a greatly demanded return to Hurst Castle for this year's Summer Ball. A Social Committee 'working party' spent a useful morning at Hurst on Monday 28th July with Sean and Jason spying out the land, asking important questions and generally gearing ourselves up for the event. After coffee and home made scones hot from the oven, we felt ready for anything! The ferrymen also enjoyed the company of the all-female crew.

There will be a lot of work to do on the day before, the day itself and the next day (11th, 12th, and 13th of July), so, if you are free, able and willing to lend a hand, please contact Susan or Mary. Tel. 01590 671 741 or 01590 677 034.

Susan Burgess

Rear Commodore (Social)

WINTER TALK - TOMMY COOPER

Tommy Cooper's friend and impersonator Clive Greenaway gave an excellent talk on 9th April (the last of this series).

After the performance, the Commodore presented Neil Eccles with an engraved decanter to mark the end of his three year stint as talks organiser. Under Neil's leadership the talks programme has been raised to a very high standard that will be a challenge for the Social Committee to match in the years to come.

Adam Reay



But Neil - he was born without hair!

BEN PATON UPDATE

2007 Laser Radial World Championship Report, Written by Ben Paton.

After returning home from New Zealand having competed in this years Laser Radial World Championships I would like to share my experience with all Club members and readers.

I was mentally prepared for the championship that I had won in 2007. I felt that I had a chance of winning this prestigious regatta for a second time but this time I had to do it in strong winds as the whole week was consistently windy.

Having more weight when its windy allows you to hold on to more power and therefore go faster upwind. In light winds this is opposite as you do not need as much weight to keep the boat flat and a lighter boat will be faster.

I was feeling fit and strong going into the racing, however each day still felt like running a marathon, long races in strong winds meant I had to work harder than the bigger sailors if I was to have any chance of beating them.

Unfortunately this wasn't enough I just couldn't match their speed in the winds. I was sailing against 75 top sailors of which I was one of the lightest, hoping each day would bring lighter winds so I could show my true potential and work my way back to the top of the scorings.

The racing was very exciting despite not being able to get the result I expected and I finished a respectable 11th.

Since returning home I was nominated as the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Senior Sportsman of the year 2007.

I would like to thank LTSC and all the Club members that have supported me and join my bid to winning future medals. I will now be sailing my 49er from Lyminster in the hope of finding a well matched partner to sail it with full time.

Ben Paton

THE LTSC 100 CLUB

I am delighted to say that we have now got the required 50 participants for the 100 Club monthly prize draw and I have sent out the direct debit forms for all the members that needed them. It would be helpful if you could get the completed forms back to the office as soon as possible, as we need to lodge them with all the individual banks.

Providing all the forms can be lodged by mid May we can operate the payments from 1st June with the first monthly draw at the end of June, probably on the last Sunday of the month when Consuelo will officiate at the draw at lunchtime.

If you haven't yet put your name in for the Club draw we are always happy to take on additional participants, as the greater the numbers the greater the prizes, but more importantly the more money we raise for the Lift Plus Project

Peter J Allen
Rear Commodore (House)

YACHTMAIL MEMBERS' 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).



Lymington Town Sailing Club
BATH HOUSE, BATH ROAD

FIRST GENERAL MEETING at HEADQUARTERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 18th, 6.45 p.m.

The Objects of this Club are:

1. To foster and encourage all those who love the sea and sailing; and to give opportunity to further their knowledge of seamanship and navigation in small craft.
2. To develop cruising and racing, and form a social centre where a congenial atmosphere may prevail, and where all possible facilities may be provided to this end.
3. To provide practical help and instruction in the handling and maintenance of small boats, and allow suitable conditions for the storage and working on boats' gear at the club.
4. To organise sailing matches for those interested in racing; and arrange for cruising weekends, and more distant cruises for the cruising members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

FULL MEMBERS — £1 ls. 6d. per annum

CADET MEMBERS — 10s. 6d. per annum
(14-17 years inclusive)

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETING ON APRIL 18th,
PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH THE CONVENER: S. V. T.
LAMB, "HIAWATHA," MILFORD ROAD, LYMINGTON.

The first LTSC AGM - believe held in 1957

**Photographic
Competition
Spring 2008**

Have your best pictures ready to go on display in the LOWER DECK BAR for members to view and cast their vote.

Entries on A4 please, to be left in
'RAY COLLIER PHOTOGRAPHIC' Envelope
On or before SUNDAY 18th MAY

Votes will be counted and the winners declared by
Saturday 24th May

EXTERNAL CLUBHOUSE EVENTS

May 2008

- 10th - Member's Wedding in Solent Room. Lower Deck Bar open to members.
- 17th - Chichester YC Dinner (x25)
- 30th - Member's Birthday Party in Solent Room. Lower Deck Bar open to members.
- 31st - Birthday Party in Solent Room. Members welcome.

June 2008

- 7th - Solent Sect Cruising Assn Dinner (x30)
- 21st - Thorney Island SC Dinner (x35)

TELLTALES – June 2008

The next copy of Telltales is due to be published on 1st June 2008. Articles should be submitted by 21st May 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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Cruising Supper

Friday 16th May – 7.30 for 8.00pm

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

Menu

A selection of

- Barbecued meats and vegetarian kebabs
- Salads
- Boiled new potatoes

Dessert

Coffee or Tea

All served from the buffet – no need to choose in advance.

This event is intended to be very relaxed and informal – no speeches or table plans. The main idea is to allow everybody to socialise, mingle and chat before we all head off into the sunset for our summer activities.

Please complete the form below and forward your cheque to the Club before Wednesday 14th May.

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Cruising Supper Booking Form – 16th May

Name:Name:

Name:Name:

Please return this booking form by Wed. 14th May making cheques payable to Lymington Town Sailing Club for..... @ £13.50 per head.