

TELLTALES

November 2008

The Newsletter of Lymington Town Sailing Club

Calendar of Events

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

Friday 7 th November	Quiz Night
Thursday 20 th November	Ladies' Lunch
Friday 21 st November	Cruising Supper
Saturday 29 th November	Annual Prizegiving Dinner
Thursday 4 th December	Fundraising Coffee Morning
Saturday 6 th December	Annual General Meeting
Sunday 7 th December	Carol Singing
Friday 12 th December	Cruising Supper
Sunday 14 th December	Children's Christmas Party
Saturday 20 th December	Mulled Wine & Christmas Draw
Wednesday 31 st December	New Year's Eve Party

COMMODORE'S COMMENT

INEOS Solent Circuit. We are now well into our premier yacht racing event and entry numbers are around the 50 plus. A little down on last year, but that appears to be the norm according to the feedback we have had from other yacht clubs organising similar events. Putting that aside the organisation has again been 100%, with Iain Sutherland stepping back from his role of Event Manager, which he carried out so well over the past three years. Having said that he is still turning out on Nick Hopwood's Committee Boat to assist Richard Phillips who not only has headed up the event organisation, but is also the principal race officer. Many thanks to all the volunteers who are assisting in this event particularly Barry Stickland, our Sailing Secretary and his wife Romona, who turn up in their own time to help.

To date we have had one race, the first having been lost to a lack of wind. The second race was in lively weather and Barry Dutton and his crew on Juggler gave an excellent demonstration of spinnaker handling and Barry's speciality of flying kites to windward. But where are the photographs?

Charity Pursuit Race and Dutch Auction will be held on Sunday November 16th. This year all monies raised will be split between the national Children in Need charity and our own Lift Plus Project. Last year we gave half the monies to Lymington Sailability, but this year we believe they and Club members will benefit from direct input into the project fund. All Keelboats and Dinghies should endeavour to get sponsorship for the pursuit races and any really good items for auction in the Dutch Auction will be appreciated.

Wednesday Talks programme has commenced with some excellent speakers and terrific support from members. It is always good to be in the Club on Wednesdays with Meandering activity during the day and Winter Talks and summer dinghy racing in the evenings. Wednesday has become a strong midweek Club day when you can always guarantee meeting up with friends and getting out on the water.

Lift Plus Project Funds now exceed £76,000 which is inclusive of £40,000 from Club funds as agreed at last May's EGM. The Yacht Haven has generously promised £5,000 which is included within this total. For all our success we remain short by £38,000 and with pressure on for price increases in the New Year the Executive believes we must find a way forward. More importantly if the project is delayed, it prevents us working on and starting other improvements which are equally as important.

In order to move forward the Executive have proposed at the AGM that the Club issue 80 x £500 debenture bonds. These would entitle holders to a discount at 5% of the bond value off their annual subscriptions for the period they are held. The intention is to continue with fund raising and our pursuance of grant giving organisations, so that these bonds are repaid over a period of six years from funds other than the Club's surpluses. The benefit of this proposal is that we would be able to start the project immediately at the most competitive costs and ensure members and staff can take an early benefit of these much needed facilities. Additionally the Club can then look to its other needs such as the changing room facilities, Albert Hall, RIBs and training dinghies.

As stated this proposal, has to be put to the AGM but already many members are giving the idea the thumbs up and giving verbal undertaking that they will purchase debenture bonds.

Christmas Cards, Have you collected yours yet? They are available from the office.

For the Future. The Club, through Richard Phillips, is actively looking at the RYA Volvo Youth Training. Back in Simon Ward's day he actively promoted this idea, but for one reason or another it did not take off. What we did gain was the now very successful Saturday Sailing. Richard is keen to again explore the Volvo scheme and has had some positive discussions with Chris Atherton of RYA. There is a strong belief that a scheme based on LTSC would not compete with the RLymYC's well established Wednesdays, but could be targeted at a different group of youngsters. The benefits to the Club would be considerable in both attracting younger and new members. It would also further raise the profile of the Club on the national sailing scene and in turn assist us in attracting prestigious Open Meetings. We may even discover our own Olympians. Such a scheme will be dependant upon helpers, so if you are interested you should take the opportunity of speaking to Richard.

Richard Jenner

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

Justin and Rebecca Hannam	Larry Rumbol and Nele Andersch
Eddie Romano	Adam Kitchen
Arthur Romano	Oliver Lewis
Adam Barker	
Robert and Kathryn Toogood	Re- joining:
Nick Gale and Katie Rowland	Michael Belas

SAILING REPORT

November the 1st is the date of the next Saturday Saunter, Nick Hopwood is looking for those of you with cruisers and motoryachts, still in the water, to come and enjoy the day out in the company of fellow Club Members.

Dinghy sailing continues throughout November with Saturday sailing and the Semco Winter Dinghy Series. The keelboats will also be out on Sunday mornings competing in the Ineos Solent Circuit Series.

Both will have a break for the Charity Pursuit races on Sunday 16th November. On that day you can also enjoy the Dutch Auction with a chance to bid for some top quality products as well as for your own Club glass mementos of unclaimed prizes. These need clearing out ahead of this year's prize giving, which takes place on Saturday 29th November.

The Club Prizegiving is taking a different format this year. All the silver and glass-ware will again be displayed in all their glory, but will be given away at the beginning of the evening. A buffet meal will then be available ahead of a disco to round off the night.

NEW HANDHELDS

Following some problems with radio communications LTSC has invested in three new handheld VHF radios to complement the fixed radios on our RIBs and Baverstock. But before making your claim on one of these brand new toys, please ensure you have tuned to channel M (37A), adjusted the squelch and done your radio checks on the existing equipment!

NEW FERRIES

As reported last month, LTSC has been asked by BMT, the independent consultants contracted to assess the impact of the new larger ferries, to provide volunteers, who in their own boats, will sail in the vicinity of the existing and the new ferry to help try and measure the differences. These will be organised sailing activities, on specific days, but if on your own sailing in the river, you come across a problem with the ferries by way of wind, wave, wash or turbulence from the VS propulsion units, please report them to Ryan, the Harbour Master, or Barry in the Sailing Office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go to Ollie Porter for winning the Laser 4.7 Nationals at Abersoch back in August.

Nigel Walbank
Rear Commodore (Sailing)



Meandering; taken from Rupert Deaton's boat "Toroo"



The Ineos Solent Circuit Committee Boat; "Fiddlers Dream"

CRUISING NEWS

Saturday Saunterers

For 1st November, the details were distributed by separate email. There will be no Saunter on Saturday 6th December, as the Needles Relief takes place on the 13th. Details for sailing to Yarmouth for this enjoyable day out will be included in December's Telltales.

Guy Fawkes Night in Yarmouth – 5th November.

David Burgess has very kindly volunteered to organise a gathering in Yarmouth as it is one of those pleasant places that keeps celebrations on their proper night of the year. In particular Fireworks, Bonfires, Torch Light parades etc. The centre of the event is The Green which makes an ideal viewing place with the Fireworks from a barge just off shore starting at 1930. Music and other entertainment in The Square starts from 1800 and there you can buy a torch to process round the town with other pyromaniacs before the fireworks begin. Alternately, the Green is so close by that you can wait in the Bugle or another hostelry until the first bang and still not miss much.

Several clubs and associations meet at Yarmouth for the evening so the place gets quite crowded. Last year the walk-ashore pontoon was full, but there was plenty of room on the usual mid-harbour visitors' pontoon, and the Water Taxi (VHF Ch 15) was keen for trade. Suggested time for meeting up on the visitors' pontoon is 1730.

Eateries, including the Royal Solent YC, will be pretty full. Make your own arrangements as you prefer, or join David aboard *Dawn's Early Light* (with your own vitals!) then head ashore via Water Taxi.

- If you intend to be there with your boat please let David know so that he can liaise with the HM.
- If you want to go, but have not got a ride, contact David and he will try to help.

- Note that being a Wednesday, there will be a Meanderers meeting that day. The tides are ideal for an eastward outing and a drop back to Yarmouth for the evening.

Alternatively, come to LTSC to listen to Mike and Andie Smith's talk about their circumnavigation of the UK and watch the fireworks from there!

Cruising Supper – 21st November

We have invited Stewart Carruthers, the RYA Cruising Manager, to join us for supper and to give a brief presentation on how the RYA serves cruising yachtsmen. As a Club we have a lot of interaction and excellent support from the RYA regarding racing. On cruising matters, we know they act in our interests, for example through lobbying government on various issues, but we are not all aware of what they do in practice. This presentation will be about 45 minutes, including questions. I hope you will find it informative and beneficial.

The Booking Form for this supper is attached at the end of this issue of Telltales and on the Club website. Please be sure to return it to the Club by Wednesday 19th at the latest.

Cruising Supper – 12th December

These are always particularly popular and following on from last year's spectacular entertainment by Stuart Fell, this year we have something special planned too! You will have to come along to find out just what. As usual a booking form will be required, which will be distributed in the December's Telltales and posted on the Club website.

Cruising Suppers – Friday or Saturday?

There would be some benefits in holding some suppers on Saturday evenings, instead of Friday, particularly for those who are unable to get to the Club on time due to work and/or family commitments. If this includes you, please do let me know so that we can gauge the level of interest in a trial Saturday sometime in 2009.

Cruising Calendar 2009

In order to align with all other Club activities, we have already set dates for events on and off the water next year. However, we still need to make specific plans for each event, which I will kick off early in the New Year. If you would like to volunteer to help with the organisation of these, or wish to suggest ideas for what you would like to take place, please do let me know. In the meantime, the provisional calendar of events can be found on the Club website. Once finalised, it will be distributed with Telltales.

Additional Taxation on Marine Diesel

No doubt we are all aware that red diesel goes up in price on 1st November, for recreational users. The good news is that there has been some softening of the impact in that fuel for domestic purposes aboard, eg heating, will not attract additional tax. The bad news is that marinas will face chaos, initially anyway, as the price could be different for each customer! This is all explained on the RYA website www.rya.org.uk under the heading of Knowledge Base. The best way of finding it is to go to the LTSC website, where we have provided a link for your convenience.

Nick Hopwood
Cruising Captain

100 CLUB DRAW OCTOBER

The Draw was conducted on 23rd October and the winners were as follows:

1 st Prize	Andrew Rose	£50
2 nd Prize	Tim Mitchell	£25
3 rd Prize	Andrew Ford-Hutchinson	£10



BOSUN'S COMMENT

RIB RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

It is essential that our RIBs are always able to communicate by radio with each other, as well as the Race Officer(s) on Baverstock and in the river start box. The RIB log books regularly contain comments implying that a radio isn't working and when it is subsequently checked, there doesn't appear to be any problem with it. This could be down to several reasons, for example, the radio hasn't been tuned to the correct channel - this is 37A on all our radios - or the squelch button hasn't been correctly adjusted (the usual problem!).

The fixed radios on the RIBs should be checked BEFORE the RIBs leave the pontoon and if the RIB crew is unsure how to 'tune in' the radio, they should seek assistance from the RIB Captain. It is also recommended that in all cases the RIB Captain carries one of the spare hand held radios out of the sailing office in case it is subsequently discovered that one of the fixed RIB radios doesn't appear to be functioning correctly.

Ian Blundell

OCTOBER'S RESTAURANT OFFER

You will recall that in the October edition of Telltales I outlined an offer of a free bottle of house wine for every couple booking either a lunchtime or evening meal for a period of two weeks commencing 21st October.

The purpose of this offer was to enable those of you who had not sampled Tracy's cooking to enjoy a meal with the benefit of a free bottle of wine.

Unfortunately, like all the best laid plans, events have conspired against us and Tracy has to go into hospital and will need a period of recovery which will keep her away from the Club for some weeks.

In the circumstances you will understand that I now have to postpone this offer until such time as Tracy is back in the kitchen, since this was the whole point of the exercise.

In Tracy's absence we are very lucky to have Elaine who will, as before, step into the breach and whilst her presence front of house will be greatly missed I know that members will bear with us during this time.

I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Tracy a speedy recovery.

Peter J Allen
Rear Commodore House

SOCIAL REPORT

Recent Events

Quiz Night - 3rd October

Harvey and Bob Woolley posed some challenging questions for the ninety plus people who attended.

Trafalgar Dinner - 18th October

Eighty five attended. John Stacey had intended to speak, but due to Pat's unfortunate accident he had to withdraw. However the Commodore filled the gap at short notice and (predictably) ensured that we were all made aware that he and Horatio Nelson were both Norfolk lads.

After dinner Adam Reay spoke on the subject "Women in Nelson's Navy." Later, he was accused of having an unhealthy pre-occupation with women's clothing, but insisted the remarks about Wrens' bloomers were just a bit of fun!

Future Events

Quiz Night - 7th November

Make sure you come along to the next quiz on 7th November when Mike and Anne Kelly will be our quiz masters.

Annual Prizegiving - 29th November

The format will change this year. After a shortened prizegiving there will be a buffet (of three choices similar to a Wednesday evening). A disco is also planned for after the meal.

Tickets will be on sale from the bar at £10 (£5 for the under 18s).

Winter Talks

Past talks

“Smoke on. Go!” - 1st October

Phil Holt gave a superb talk about the Red Arrows and concluded with a short film that included some rare pilot's eye footage. Phil is an excellent speaker and has been booked to talk about his work in air traffic control on 21st January 2009.

“Wild Life Photography” - 8th October

Edith Harvey's talk was illustrated with very high quality 35mm colour slides mostly taken by her late husband Eric. Their love of birds, flowers, butterflies and life in general was very apparent and everyone went home with a good feeling, having learned something new.

“The Work of the Agisters” - 15th October

Jonathan Gorelli's talk was a sell out and the Solent Room soon reached capacity, leaving some dissatisfied. We intend to book Jonathan for a repeat performance in the future so those who were excluded will have another opportunity to enjoy this excellent talk.

“The Voyages of Solitaire” - 22nd October

By the time this paper goes to press Les Powles' talk about his ocean crossing adventures will be over. Report next month.

“Victorian Lymington” - 29th October

Angela Trent will tell us what the Victorians did for us. An exploration into life in Victorian Lymington. The changes and developments in domestic life and the world at work! A comparison between life at the beginning and the end of Queen Victoria's reign.

Forthcoming talks

“Sailing Round Britain” - 5th November

Mike and Andie Smith will describe their circumnavigation of Britain in the summer of 2007 aboard their Maxi 95. Their talk will cover their preparations, what they learnt from the experience and the highpoints and lowpoints of their four month endeavour.

“A Glimpse through the Door of No.10 Downing Street” - 12th November

Christine Ames was on the permanent staff of No.10 in Harold Wilson's and Ted Heath's term of office. She takes a light hearted look behind the familiar front door.

“A Winter in Rajasthan” - 19th November

Tony Cotter tells of his love affair with India that started 30 years ago with a minibus tour from Bombay to Kathmandu and later included a five month stay in a converted fortress in the Thar desert.

“The Last Flight of Zulu Delta 576” - 26th November

David Hawkes recounts the story of the controversial helicopter crash on the Mull of Kintyre that killed many of our top police and security men in 1994.

“Rebuilding Highcliffe Castle” - 3rd December

Fire damaged this most important Grade I listed castle. Dennis Booth's illustrations show how the renovation was done letting us see the masons, carpenters and sculptors at work.

WINTER TALKS SERIES 2008/9

We have achieved a 'full house' for the first three talks of the series. This appears to be because of the calibre of the speakers and their subjects as well as the improved quality of the food being served in house.

It was unfortunate that when the Solent Room was filled to safe capacity for Jonathan Gerrelli's talk on Wednesday 15th October some 50 people were of necessity turned away at the door. As so many were disappointed on this occasion it is our intention to invite Jonathan back next year.

The situation is difficult for the volunteers on duty as well as for those who are disappointed. It is logistically impossible to sell tickets for these evenings or accurately to predict the numbers that will attend. Therefore it has to continue to be conducted on a first come first served basis.

Susan Burgess
Rear Commodore (Social)



"I see the French have done 50 knots so I thought I ought to have a go. Maybe the problem is that my boat is only 11ft, whereas the Froggy one is 60ft" - Pete Conway

FUTURE RYA COURSES


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VHF DSC Courses	<i>courses throughout the year</i>	See our poster in the foyer
First Aid		<i>next one 24th January 2009</i>
Basic Navigation & Safety		<i>6th & 7th February 2009</i>
Day Skipper theory		<i>24th November to the 28th November 2008</i>

GOOD TRADESMEN

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Darryl Charlwood DipPFS
(Member)

Recommendations from members:

Batteries...APM of Winchester Road, Little Sombourne, Stockbridge, Hants SO20 6QT tel: 01794 388622 are suppliers of leisure batteries to the agriculture community at low prices, delivered to the door FOC. An 85 ampere hour battery is £44.95 +VAT.

Yacht electrics...Andy Newport trading as Solent Marine Electronics, is ex DATAYACHT and has set up on his own. He has done one job on the new SR very satisfactorily and I plan more, he is not VAT registered and can be reached on 07521 390052.



EXTERNAL CLUBHOUSE EVENTS

November 2008

- 1st - Channel SC Dinner for 25 in Solent Room. Open to members.
8th - Member's Dinner for 24 in Solent Room. Open to members.
15th - Member's Party in Solent Room. Lower Deck Bar open for members.

December 2008

- 5th - Lymington Fire Service & RNLI Dinner in Solent Room. Lower Deck Bar open for members.

TELLTALES – December 2008

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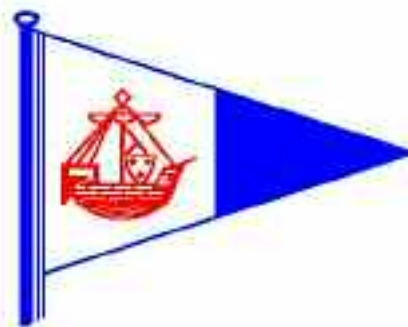
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Cruising Supper

Friday 21st November 2008 - 7.15 for 7.45pm

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

Menu

- S Braised Steak
or
- C Chicken in Wholegrain Mustard & Leek Sauce
or
- V Peppers stuffed with Sun Dried Tomatoes, Rice & Mozzarella Cheese

All with potatoes and fresh vegetables

- SP Steamed Ginger Pudding with Custard
or
- CB Cheese & Biscuits

Coffee or Tea

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Cruising Supper Booking Form – 21st November

Name:Name:

Name:Name:

Please enter below the number of each dish required

S	C	V	SP	CB

Please return this booking form by Wed. 19th November making cheques payable to Lymington Town Sailing Club for..... @ £13.50 per head.