



TELLTALES

October 2008

The Newsletter of Lymington Town Sailing Club

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday 1 st October	Winter Talks Start
Friday 3 rd October	Quiz Night
Saturday 11 th October	New Members' Party (Invite only)
Sunday 12 th October	Ineos Solent Circuit Starts
Thursday 16 th October	Ladies Lunch
Saturday 18 th October	Trafalgar Dinner
Friday 24 th October	Cruising Supper
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

COMMODORE'S COMMENT

AGM December 6th. I do not know about you but I have always found December a most difficult month to hold an AGM. Ever since I've been a member of the Club the date always clashes with a family birthday or an early Christmas celebration. 2008 was going to be no different for I was planning to be halfway across the Atlantic participating in the ARC. An ideal excuse for not attending the AGM and didn't Adam get excited at the prospect!! Well sadly for me the splendid vessel I am crewing on has been pulled from this year's race and entered for 2009. Obviously I'm disappointed not to be in the middle of the Ocean and Adam is delirious about me being able to Chair this years AGM. On a positive note I now have a further 12 months to look forward to and get excited about fulfilling my dream of sailing the Atlantic as we are booked in for 2009. Regrettably this clashes with the AGM so assuming I am elected as Commodore for next year I will be absent in 2009.

INEOS SOLENT CIRCUIT. This commences on Sunday October 12th and we are keen to get as many entrants as possible so that we can give maximum support to our new sponsor. Entries on the internet are proving difficult so Barry is now taking manual entries either on paper or by telephone. The entry fee is held at £75.

So come on you cruising boys sign up and show off your boat handling skills.

Whisper unfortunately has not yet been sold so will be on the race course in Class 3, Club Handicap, waiting to be beaten. How about that for a challenge!

NEW FERRIES. Well we have now all seen the new Wightlink vessel in the river and can form our own opinions. On Wednesday 24th September 2008, I met with BMT Sea Tech and Lymington Harbour Commissioners to discuss BMT's response to the Club's observations on the proposed Phase 2 trials. I was accompanied by Richard Phillips and Barry Dutton from our Sailing Committee and Richard Russell who is a member of the Club's working group, charged with evaluating the possible effects of the new vessels on Club activities. The meeting was lengthy and covered aspects of concern to the Club. Minutes of this meeting are being prepared by Ian Dand of BMT and we will add any points of clarification which we see fit.

Overall the views and points made by the Club were taken on board and assurances were again given that LHC's objective was to ensure that, if at all possible, any restrictions/controls introduced as a consequence of the resulting risk assessment will be upon Wightlink and not leisure river users.

LTSC were informed that at present there is no evidence that the area of the river, where the ferries pass, has a higher number of incidents than any other part of the river.

The Harbour Master stressed the need for any incident in the river, whether it be with the ferry or not, to be reported to the LHC. Incidents are categorised by LHC and recorded, so that a profile of incidents and their location on the river can be established.

It was agreed with the Harbour Master and BMT that LTSC would provide some experienced dinghy sailors to assist with the comparison of the effects of the W and C Class ferries on various types of dinghies sailing in the river. An LTSC Ferry Comparison Group is being set up by the Sailing Committee to assist in this.

In addition it was agreed that any member of LTSC may provide feedback to the Sailing Committee about their experiences with the new Ferry.

Currently the Ferry trials are taking place on Tuesday's and Thursday's, other times will be notified by the Harbour Master.

LIFT PLUS PROJECT. We now have firm building costs having acquired competitive quotes. The next stage is to evaluate the most attractive price with the builder and identify any possible areas for savings. We plan to have an implementation plan by October's Executive Meeting so that a decision can be made on instructing a builder and ordering the Lift. This plan is needed as we are starting to encounter the effects of the international financial crisis. Whilst house building has virtually come to a stop raw material prices are starting to escalate. The Lift has already increased by £600 over the price quoted earlier this year and we anticipate a further increase in six months.

Fund Raising has continued to make steady progress with the fund now at approx £71,000. Donations from members has exceeded £8,000 and cheques are still being received so if you are still considering making a donation please do so now.

Christmas cards have already raised over £1,100 for the project and are now being printed. We anticipate orders being ready for collection by the end of October.

Additional cards, including some with no seasonal greeting inside, have been ordered so if you wish for cards there is still the opportunity to place an order with the office.

Club Clothing. Meryl McCarthy has volunteered to take on Club Clothing sales and has agreed a large range with Sign It. If orders are placed through her, the Club gets a percentage for the Lift Plus Fund. Please make enquiries through the Office or on the web site.

THINK CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

So much going on, so much to do. Please get involved.

Richard Jenner

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

Jack and Hazel Gregory

Neil and Ann Jarman

John and Sandra Lawson

David Lawson

Ken and Anne Manley

David Maynard

Jo Richter

David and Betty Sampson

Keith Spalding and Ann Flack

Matthew Stark and Vicky Carre

George and Carol Tinley

Michael Gill

MacKinnon

John Turner

Andrew Warren

Alan Butfield

Simon Case

Caren Chaloner

Ivan Chinery

Roger and Judith Colmer

Jennifer Corder

Fran and Keith Cossey

Harry and Susan Giles

Alan Dixon and Dilys

John Bell

Paul and Carole Brown

Stephen and Fiona Adams

Martin and Susan Adams

Donald Andre and Marianne Humphry

Peter and Julia Ayres

Adrian Baker and Marian Pelman

Fred and Georgina Bassett

Steve and Judith Dunford

Andrew Horn and Claire Chipperfield

Simon and Marie Haythornthwaite

Sally Brownrigg and Max Hale

Ben Toogood and Holly Julius



SAILING REPORT

Rubbish Summer

So the weather this summer was rubbish, but maybe the autumn and winter will be better!

Start the Season Again by taking part in The Ineos Winter series, The Semco Winter Dinghy Series, or carry on Saturday Sailing until December 13th.

Watch out for the New Dinghy Series next January and February.

Nigel Walbank
Rear Commodore (Sailing)

INEOS SOLENT CIRCUIT

Please include brief note re INEOS Solent Circuit – entry online for series £75 visit www.ltsc.co.uk for information and link to online registration via Sailracer. Separate starts and INEOS Trophy for any class with six plus entries – please contact Barry Sticklen if you are involved with any Class Association.

The updated list of members' projects and achievements for 2008 is linked from the members' page on the LTSC website – if anybody knows of any that are not included please let Barry Sticklen know so that the page can be updated. In this context members may be interested to see what progress Ray Oliver is making on his cruise around the UK – he has added log and photos to his website at:

<http://journals.aol.co.uk/rayoliverhome/round-uk-cruise>

If anybody receiving this email has any news, photos or updates for the website, I will be pleased to receive them.

Richard Phillips

DINGHY CRUISING - ON 13th SEPTEMBER 2008

Just for a change, it wasn't a potential excess of wind! For the first cruise this summer, it was the lack of breeze that had us scratching our heads. On the day, visibility was seriously reduced by pea soup. However, it was predicted to burn off by mid morning and we expected the breeze to pick up to the SSE Force 3-4 foretold by the weathermen. With high water at 10:40, we decided that a trip up the Keyhaven River to the Yacht Club would make the most of the conditions as well as providing some interesting and scenic sailing.

Thirteen boats eventually made their way to Baverstock in very light airs. By the time we were all there a steady Force 3 had come in. With plenty of water still in the river, we went into Keyhaven via the (sometimes challenging) Hawker's Lake. All crews did well to negotiate the narrow channel and beached their boats near the slipway. Roy Plummer, the river warden, was expecting us and made us very welcome.

We all enjoyed the rare appearance of the sun and Keyhaven Yacht Club made everybody welcome with use of the bar and catering facilities. Unfortunately for Mel, some of the LTSC crew (including me) ventured in with rather wet feet to order refreshments. It didn't take much encouragement for Justin, who runs the bar, to hand Mel a mop to deal with our pool of misplaced water!

After the best part of an hour, we set off again only to find that the wind was abandoning us very quickly. For the uninitiated (and even doughty locals) Keyhaven River can be quite tricky on an ebb tide with the topography causing unsuspected eddies and even back eddies! With a good breeze it isn't such an issue but in the more capricious circumstances, many of our boats performed delightful pirouettes and several sailed backwards very gracefully. Most of the front runners made it out of the river without assistance but the rest were grateful for a tow.

As hopes of a late sea breeze faded, the only way home was under engine or muscle power. Bolton Browne rowed his Scow, *Allegro*, so fast that the safety boats were hard pushed to catch him. Not to be outdone, Hamish Berkeley rowed Gavin Eade's Wayfarer, *Saxon*, all the way to Lymington Quay – Lymington slip wasn't quite far enough for him!

Those with engines very kindly towed those without and the RIBs brought the rest home safely to the Club. The river gods weren't even feeling up to a quick puff to get us home the last mile or so and past the new ferry. Nevertheless it was great to enjoy the sunshine and to have so many boats on our last scheduled dinghy cruise for this summer.

Many thanks to Sam, Andy, Gillian and Marc for their excellent work on the RIBs.

Steve and Mel

LTSC WAYFARERS CELEBRATE 50 YEARS



The sailpast and salute

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wayfarer dinghy, which has a strong fleet in the Club, a sail past was held on 20th September with Fleet Admiral, Consuelo, taking the salute.

Organised by Wendy Bonney and her team of Saturday sailors 23 Wayfarers gathered south of the wave barrier to await Rear Commodore Sailing Nigel Walbank's order to go. While it was a bit like herding cats, not only did most of the Wayfarers form an orderly procession, but by and large did it in sail number order.

The event was finished off with cream teas in the Clubhouse.

Iain Sutherland

CRUISING NEWS

Full reports are on the Cruising Section of the Club website. Here is a brief summary.

Chichester Mini Cruise – August Bank Holiday

Just before the last edition of Telltales, we spent the Bank Holiday weekend making our way to Chichester and back. The mini-cruise was intended to take us beyond our usual venues, but not as ambitious as a cross-channel passage – this idea proved to be popular, with 12 boats in all participating.

The main focus of the weekend was a gathering at Chichester Marina for dinner at Chichester Yacht Club. Three boats chose to head back after the first night in Haslar due to strong westerlies forecast. Eric and Patricia Sey with their family in the new Second Rebellion caught up with us, which meant that with the Curtis family there was an encouraging younger contingent. The evening got off to an excellent start with pre-dinner drinks and nibbles hosted by Emsworth Cruising Association- very many thanks to them. The Chichester Yacht Club is a super venue, with good food and ambience in an idyllic setting.

The second part of the weekend was less successful, with the forecast prompting all but one boat to head back a day early meaning a planned barbecue had to be cancelled. It was a beat back in F5/6 westerlies with most boats taking a few greenies over the foredeck. Still, we win some / lose some: overall the Rally was rated a great success; we just hope for better weather next time. Thanks to David Bennett and Cheryl Blamey for their organisation.

Island Harbour Weekend Cruise – 20th/21st September

Thankfully September eventually brought in some high pressure which prompted 12 boats, including Rodney Matthews sporty new motor cruiser, Forge Ahead, to head up the Medina River to Island Harbour Marina. The sailors had the benefit of a flood tide and F4 winds, blessed with sunshine for a cracking sail. Once again, we had big and not-so-big boats, power and sail, familiar faces and new members, young and old, (and one dog!) - a great combination. Pre-dinner drinks and nibbles were enjoyed on Sheringham Lady, but the planned meal in the Bistro was abandoned due to a power cut. So it was back to the boats, and ferreting around in lockers for emergency stores!

On Sunday morning we held the traditional blind rowing race with the oarsman wearing a blindfold following instructions from their passenger. Some of us managed to break the rowlocks through sheer power, whilst others had difficulty remembering their left and right. Young Cameron Sey had his grandfather (Jim) heading towards the lock gates, which the keeper duly opened to allow their exit! The eventual winners were recent new joiners, Kevin and Maureen Doolan from Intrepid Bear.

We then had a barbecue lunch and looked forward to a graceful broad reach downtide back to Lymington. Unfortunately, the wind was struggling to reach F3 and engines were required. It was unanimously agreed that Island Harbour is a very pleasant location and, along with the dinghy race, should continue to be an annual event. Thanks to Peter and Pamela Upcher, David and Valerie Codling for their efficient organisation once again.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On the water, **Saturday Saunters** (which run on the first Saturday of each month) will resume on October 4th. This is a day of sailing, meeting up for a break for lunch, and skippers can offer space for other members to crew. So that we can meet up with others on the water, the plans for the day based on weather forecast and tides will be announced on the notice board via email on 1st October. Folk based in Lymington can meet in the Club at 0900 and we will go from there.

Cruising Supper 24th October – The booking form for this event is attached to this Telltales and will also be available in the Clubhouse as well as on the website. Please return it to the Club by Wednesday 22nd. The after dinner entertainment will be a formal debate on a subject of very high importance to boaters. Duncan Wright and Terry Hewson will propose the motion, opposed by Derek Easter and Mike Smith, which will be that “This house believes that Crocs are appropriate footwear for the boating fraternity”. The debate will be brief and light-hearted, I am sure.

Volunteer Required

It has been quite reasonably pointed out that the Cruising Noticeboard in the Clubhouse lobby needs to be kept up to date, with posters and application forms being put in place. If you feel you could create some suitable posters from time to time, and keep an eye on the board, please do let me know.

Nick Hopwood
Cruising Captain

100 CLUB DRAW SEPTEMBER

The Draw was conducted on 25th September and the winners were as follows:

1 st Prize	Richard Jenner	£50
2 nd Prize	Mary Reay	£25
3 rd Prize	Maureen Vieyra	£10

BOSUN'S COMMENT

As the dinghy compound and surrounding Club grounds now seem to resemble the County's roadside grass verges, i.e. full of discarded drinks bottles, cans, plastic bags, food wrappers etc. please can all Club members, their friends and families start to behave a little more responsibly and either put their unwanted rubbish in the bins provided or take it home! Also please do not leave your discarded drinks bottles in the RIBs or outside the Albert Hall.

Ian Blundell

SOCIAL REPORT

Recent Events

Open Day

The weather was poor for our Open Day and we feared that few people would attend, however, before the day was over a total of 35 membership applications had been submitted by potential new members. There were smiles all round.

There was particular interest in our relationship with Salterns Sailing Club and Sarah Unsworth dealt with an unending stream of enquiries from families, keen to join LTSC and keen to start their children on their first steps into the world of sailing.

Although the poor weather prevented us from offering Try a Sail opportunities on the river the photographic displays and the cheerful team of helpers convinced the visitors that LTSC membership was the gateway to a happier life.

Bingo Night

For a bit of fun we tried a light hearted BINGO evening with low value prizes such as a stick of Lymington rock. Duncan Wright was a superb caller and borrowed the bingo machine from the British Legion to make the whole event look very professional.

The Jazz Night

We had a full house for Nosmo King's quintet on the 20th. Nosmo was in his usual good form and the 96 people who filled the Solent Room all agreed the music was first class. We are trying to book his German friend Nick Rauchen and his band for the next gig.

Future Events

Winter Talk - Wednesday 1st October - Phil Holt - Red Arrows

The first of our weekly series of talks is on the Red Arrows

Quiz Night - Friday 3rd October

Led by Bob and Harvey Woolley, this will be a light hearted affair, not too challenging. Make up a team of 8 or join a team on the night.

Winter Talk - Wednesday 8 October - Edith Harvey

Natural History of Photography.

Saturday 18th October – Trafalgar Night

John Stacey will welcome us to a traditional naval dinner of roast beef and apple pie.

Winter Talk - Wednesday 15th October - Jonathan Gerelli

The work of Agisters.

Winter Talk - Wednesday 22nd October - Les Powles

The voyages of Solitaire

Winter Talk - Wednesday 29th October - Angela Trent

Victorian Lymington

Susan Burgess

Rear Commodore (Social)

GOOD TRADESMEN REQUIRED

HELP!!!! Does any one know of a **good** Plumber/Builder/Hairdresser/Beautician/Music Teacher etc.?

How many times have we heard that in the Club?

LTSC are considering a directory of Club members with their own business/skill, to be produced in a section of Telltales. Are you one these people?

For the princely sum of £20, per annum, (all proceeds to the Lift + Project) your details could be sent to all Club members, think about it, that is a great deal of publicity for very little outlay. You would not be expected to give preferential rates, just a good service.

Anyone interested please contact Gi Fisher, with your name, business/service and contact details, at adandfisher@tiscali.co.uk

SUMMER PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2008

Have your best pictures ready to go on display for three days in the lower bar for members to view. Every member can cast their one and only vote

Entries on A4 please to be left in my
RAY COLLIER PHOTOGRAPHIC ENVELOPE
By

THURSDAY 30th OCTOBER

Be sure to use your vote and see if you can pick the winner

FUTURE RYA COURSES

Here at the
Lymington Town Sailing Club

With Your In House RYA Training Centre

**Lymington Town School of Sail
& Power**

VHF DSC Courses *course's throughout the year* See our
poster in the foyer

First Aid *next one 24th January 2009*

Basic Navigation & Safety *31st October & 1st November
6th & 7th February 2009*

Day Skipper theory *24th November to the 28th November 2008*



He should have gone on a First Aid Course!

EXTERNAL CLUBHOUSE EVENTS

October 2008

- 4th - Member's Private Party in Solent Room.
Lower Deck Bar open to members.
- 25th - Member's Party in Solent Room. Lower Deck
Bar open to members.

November 2008

None at time of going to press.

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The next copy of Telltales is due to be published on 1st November 2008. Articles should be submitted by 21st October 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 24th October 2008 - 7.15 for 7.45pm

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

Menu

- P Pork and Cider Casserole
or
- F Fish Pie
or
- V Autumn Vegetable Lasagne

All with potatoes and fresh vegetables

- FC Fruits of the Forest Crumble with Custard
or
 - CB Cheese & Biscuits
- Coffee or Tea

Cruising Supper Booking Form – 24th October

Name:Name:

Name:Name:

Please enter below the number of each dish required

P	F	V	FC	CB

Please return this booking form by Wed. 22nd October making cheques payable to Lyminster Town Sailing Club for..... @ £13.50 per head.