



October 2025 Newsletter

LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

Social Events

Friday 3rd October - LSC Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10 - 12 (see below)
Friday 3rd October, 19.30 - Draught Ale
Friday 10th Craning Ashore Bacon Butties 7.30am
Saturday 18th End of Season Supper – (See below)
Friday 7th November- Spuddle - Bring a Plate

LSC Macmillan Coffee Morning

10 to 12 am in the clubhouse, Friday 3rd October.
Coffee/tea and cake available for a minimum donation of £3.50 per person and there will also be a raffle. All proceeds will go to the charity.

End of Season Supper – book now for this popular event on www.lympstonesailingclub.co.uk/events/end-of-season-supper

Menu

Nibbles:- Chorizo cooked in red wine, Warm courgette and goats cheese bites, Olives, Mini toasts and hummus.
Main course:- Braised shin of beef, fondant potato, baby vegetables, red wine jus OR Vegetable wellington, fondant potato, baby vegetables, cheddar & parsley sauce.
Dessert:- Baked vanilla cheesecake, macerated raspberries, cinnamon tuile.

Price £15 pp

Winter talks 2025/2026

A programme of winters talks is currently in planning aiming at the last Friday of each (excepting December).

So far we have confirmed:-

31st October 2025 - "Taken aback" - The nautical origins of some common sayings. Jenny Moon

28th November 2025 - "Vigilance of Brixham" - the story of the restoration and maintenance of this important part of the UK historic fleet - Peter Milligan, Deputy Chair of Trustees

30th January 2026 - TBA

27th February 2026 - "Diego Marcia, blue water sailing and a mid-ocean rescue". Martin Edwards, WO2, Royal Marines - arranged and sponsored by our junior section.

27th March 2026 - TBA

Commodore's Corner - October 2025

With the sudden chill in the air and the central heating starting to tick on in the mornings, we are nearing the end of the sailing season.

In this newsletter I would first like to thank everyone who made contact about my message to the membership last month. I appreciate people responding to the call for more volunteers for next year's committee and whilst I would say things are better than they were, we still require key roles to be filled. I won't labour the point any further here but please do get in contact with myself or any other members of the committee if you are at all interested in helping keep the club going next year.

One person who volunteered for the long-standing vacancy on the committee, General Committee Member for House, is Keith Kleinstuber. Following this month's committee meeting, the committee unanimously voted in favour of co-opting Keith on to the committee to take on the responsibility of looking after the maintenance clubhouse. On behalf of the committee, and all our members, I would like to extend a massive thank you to Keith.

On to sailing now. Things have started to wind down out on the water; a few Cruisers have gone for some last gasp sails before de-masting in the brook begins and there have been a few dinghy races this month as part of the Last Blast Series. I had planned on taking part in one set of these races, but the windguru chart was a tad too colourful for my liking so I gracefully wimped and bowed out. Also this month we had the final Junior Sailing Session of the season. What a success this series of sessions has been. It has been wonderful to come down on Friday and see all those taking part with beaming smiles on their faces, getting stuck in, practicing their tacks and their capsize, and they have really come along as a group. There has been a real energy about the club and harbour when these sessions have been on so a massive thank you to Claire and Theo for running the events, Tim for stepping in a lot to helm the safety boats, all the parents who help facilitate things on land, and for all the fish finger baps as well!

Also, recently I heard on the grapevine that Theo has been offered a place on the RYA British Sailing Talent Programme – a national programme that helps develop young sailors with top-level coaching and support. This is a wonderful step forward for Theo in his sailing journey but spare a thought for the rest of us in the fleet – we won't have a chance now! (Especially with all the juniors coming through as well!) ♦♦

With the end of the season in sight, there are a few things to flag for your calendars. Craning Ashore is on Friday 10th October and the clubhouse will be open with the usual bacon butties on offer! The hard standing will need to be clear of summer vessels by Sunday 5th October and a working party is being organised for 2pm on Thursday 9th October to clear up the hard standing in preparation for craning. If you are able to help out that would be really appreciated! We also have the end of season supper to look forward to as well on Saturday 18th October, more details to follow in due course, and further ahead we will have the Spuddle and Prize Giving on Friday 7th November, followed by the AGM on Friday 21st November.

Nick



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Membership Renewals

As summer recedes into the distance and the leaves start to turn, it's time for a friendly reminder about our membership renewals. Our membership year runs from 1st January to 31 December, so we'll be reaching out for your annual fees soon. If you know anyone interested in joining LSC, now is the perfect time to invite them. From 1st October, new members will have their membership extended until 31 December 2026.

The Committee is pleased to announce that the Early Bird discount of £15 will once again be available for your 2026 membership fees. This discount will apply to fees paid in the 28 days leading up to the new year, so keep an eye out for reminders starting in early December.

Due to rising costs, we will be increasing membership fees for 2026 by 4%, rounded to the nearest £5. This means that adult joint membership will rise from £80 to £85. However, if you pay before 1 January, you can take advantage of the Early Bird discount and pay just £70.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to LSC!

AGM

The club's Annual General meeting will take place on Friday 21st November in the LSC Clubhouse.

Friday 10th October 2025 is the latest date for Ordinary Members to lodge Motions for consideration by the Committee as to whether or not they should be included in the AGM Agenda (Rule 7.1.h., AGM minus 42 days). This is to allow due time for Committee consideration. (The next following Committee Meeting is 20/10/2025).

If members have any Motions they wish put forward please email secretary@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk by 23:59, 10th October 2025 and include the names of a Proposer and Seconder both of whom shall be Ordinary Members of the Club. Written communications are to be marked for the Hon. Secretary's attention and placed in the Club post box by the due date.

Questions may also be submitted for the AGM using the same procedure. These questions will be anonymised, and a response given during the AGM.

Junior's Garden Party (see photos left)

On Saturday, members and friends gathered in the beautiful garden of Robert and Diana Gale-Hasleham for a garden party in aid of junior sailing at our club. Robert and Diana kindly hosted the afternoon and provided the prosecco, and we are most grateful for their generosity and warm hospitality.

Over 90 people attended, enjoying cream teas and homemade cakes, as well as browsing the raffle, book stall and plant stall. With a wonderful mix of ages, lively conversation and music from the jazz trio *Take 3*, the garden was filled with a relaxed and cheerful atmosphere, and the rain held off.

Thanks are due to the many people who helped behind the scenes — baking, running stalls, and lending a hand on the day. Their efforts helped raise a remarkable almost £1,000, which will go towards a new Topper dinghy (or two) for the juniors.

It was a wonderful afternoon that showed both the strength of support for our junior sailors and the community spirit of our club. Special thanks goes to Robert and Diana for their generous hospitality.





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Juniors

The final junior sailing session of the season took place at the beginning of September, with eight young sailors out on the water. The session was once again led by Theo with Will and Rory ably assisting, helping to run four races that showed just how much the juniors have developed since the spring. Competition was lively, spirits were high, and the racing proved as much fun as it was competitive.

Back ashore, Tess treated everyone to luxury fish finger sandwiches before a short prize giving. Although all of our juniors have done so well conquering their nerves to take them out of their comfort zones, some individuals had to win the prizes on offer. Alex took the overall race win, with Andrew in second place. Florence was recognised as *Most Enthusiastic Junior* for always giving it her best, even when nerves crept in. The title of *Top Junior* went to Arlo, who began the season unsure about sailing at all, but ended it competing confidently and even placing fourth in two club races.

It has been a tremendous first season of junior coaching, and perhaps the biggest reward has been the energy and buzz these evenings have brought to the club. A huge thank you goes to everyone who has supported the programme in so many ways over the summer. Plans for next year are already beginning to take shape.

Last racing day!

This Saturday (4th October) we are holding the last two races of the season before it is time to put all the boats into storage for the winter. At the moment a couple of the juniors are going to race and it might be a nice opportunity for some of the other juniors to join in too - for those that haven't raced it might be an idea to give it a go while they are still feeling confident after a season of sailing. Let Claire Whiter know and we'll make sure the Race Officer knows

Skittles

As I'm sure somebody must have said sometime somewhere, *"When the going gets tough, the tough get skittling!"*

Well your sailing club skittles team (The L ympstone Dolphins) need just a few new players. We practice and have matches from September to March against five other clubs on the estuary and our usual practice evening is Thursday. Last year we came 2nd in the "League".

Please let me know if you are interested in coming along and giving it a go.

Our next practice evening is Thursday 9th October starting at 7:15pm. And by the way... you don't need to be tough to play skittles, just an ability to walk up a staircase!

Steve Archer

Day Skipper Training

We are hoping to run a day skipper theory course over the winter. Anyone interested should contact general@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk

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