



LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

September 2025 Newsletter

Commodore's Corner - an important plea

August is a relatively quiet month for the Sailing Club, bar a few Friday evenings at the clubhouse and dinghy racing, and so gives the opportunity to reflect on the last few years as Commodore and more importantly look to what is next for the club. I'm very grateful to my committee, which has stayed rather consistent during my term. Without them, the success we've had as a club would not be possible. As Commodore I have taken an approach that, hopefully, allows the members of the committee to take the lead on driving the aspects of club life they are responsible for, and enabling them, rather than putting up barriers. As a whole, this committee has sought to work collaboratively and create an environment where should anyone need assistance or advice then I and other members of the committee will always be there to chip in and support. Therefore, as a committee we pull together and seek to maintain and enhance the offerings of the club, and to keep our sailing community going strong. I think this approach has born considerable success for the club over recent years. However, with us soon to be in September, we are now not far away from the end of the season and the election of new committee members at our AGM on 21st November. As I have mentioned before, this is my last year as Commodore and, as written in the constitution, I am unable to re-stand for a second consecutive term of three years. Additionally, a number of other important posts are also having to stand down for similar reasons, meaning we have some rather important vacancies on the committee to fill - Commodore (translation - 'chairperson'), Rear Commodore (translation - vice chair for social activities), Honourable Club Secretary, and Membership Secretary. A general committee member for House remains vacant as well. Whilst existing committee members can stand down from their current post and stand for a new one the following year, we as a club should not continue to depend on the same personnel year after year, as has been the status quo at times. We should instead invite and encourage new faces with new energy and ideas onto the committee to continue the running of the club. Through the season we have sent out pleas for new volunteers either for specific tasks around the club, such as bar, or advertised joining the committee in general owing to the vacancies we had. Additionally, anyone who I may have bumped into around the harbour or village will be familiar with me trying to get you to be the next commodore! (Rum persuasion sometimes deployed 😊). Ultimately though, there has been very little interest or response from members to join the committee to date. We are now getting to the point in the year where these pleas are now urgent and with this comes a warning. If we as a club do not have enough flag officers or members of the committee to be quorate (a sufficient number of members present to conduct business and make decisions), such that a committee cannot be formed, then we cannot operate as a club and the process of dissolving the club begins. This process is run by the current committee to the point where we hand over to the Trustees. If we know that there are no/not enough candidates to form a committee, then a motion is put to an EGM to dissolve the club, and the assets are disposed of by the Trustees. This may sound rather dramatic, or doom and gloom, or maybe even like scaremongering, but that is ultimately the reality we as a club face. If members do not step up and volunteer to run this club, the club will have to cease operating and close. Over the last three years we have really invested in the club both financially and with huge amounts of energy and enthusiasm and I think you as members have been able to see the benefits. Those of you, who I hope will bravely step forward into the four key roles I've mentioned, will have the opportunity to work with those who are remaining on the committee. You will be able to step onto a ship that is sailing in smooth waters and which is ready to take on new ideas with the remaining committee members ready to support and keep giving their time and energy. So it is down to you as to whether this 'good ship' continues to sail or whether she runs aground. I hope that some of you will step forward to maintain a club that continues to support our community of cruisers, dinghy racers and our wonderful new junior sailing programme, as well as all the fun social activities, and pave the way for the next generation of sailors at LSC. My earnest hope is that this time next year, when the August lull offers time for reflection for our next Commodore, we hear of the continued success of a vibrant and healthy club. If you want to learn more about the committee and the different roles in more detail please do contact us. commodore@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk

Nick



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Junior Sailing

We started this month's session thinking we had the perfect combination - 19.15 high tide and school holidays, so no rushing to rig, plus a nice breeze. But the wind gods weren't playing along and the wind fell away about 30 mins into the session. BUT some of the juniors did make it around a triangle race course, some of them more than once - despite a fast running, flooding tide. Really exciting and great progress, next step is club racing (*Absolutely - come along and give it a go, it's a lot of fun, as Arlo will testify to, having joined us last weekend, next races scheduled for mornings of Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st August, Ed.*) Once the wind had completely gone and we were slowly drifting towards Topsham, Theo decided that some capsizing practice was in order with the aim to achieve the highly acclaimed Dry Capsize. I expect the shrieks of delight could be heard in Starcross. 5th September is our last junior coaching session and the whole pilot has been a huge success. Hopefully some of you have been at the club on one of the session evenings and felt the buzz of excitement and enthusiasm. As we start to think about next year's coaching please do come along to our fundraiser Garden Party on Saturday 27th September. Cakes, Cream Teas and Refreshments all accompanied by music from Take 3 - a perfect way to round off the summer. For more details please see the poster opposite, bookings can be made at: <https://www.lympstonesailingclub.co.uk/events/garden-party/>. The junior coaching is totally self-funded and the fundraiser is for an additional Topper and on going maintenance.

DIARY DATES

Fri	5 Sept		Junior Coaching
Fri	12 Sept	7.30pm	Draught Ale
Sun	14 Sept	3pm	Lego Club
Fri	19 Sept	7.30pm	Light bites
Sat	27 Sept	3pm	Garden Party at Hidden House
Fri	3 Oct	10.30am	Macmillan Coffee morning
Fri	3 Oct	7.30pm	Draught Ale
Sun	5 Oct	3pm	Lego Club
Fri	10 Oct	early!	Craning Ashore
Sat	18 Oct	7pm	End of season supper

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GARDEN PARTY

Saturday, September 27th 2025

3pm – 6pm

TICKETS £10, CHILDREN £5

CAKES, CREAM TEAS, REFRESHMENTS

AT

HIDDEN HOUSE, COURTLANDS LANE,
LYMPSTONE EX8 5AB

LIVE MUSIC FROM 'TAKE 3'

The band offers a fun and engaging performance of good-time music - a highly accessible mix of swing, jazz, and blues.

All proceeds from the event will go towards purchasing a Topper sailing dinghy, enabling the youth of Lymstone to learn to sail.

Join us for an afternoon of fun,
music, and food.

LIVE JAZZ/SWING
BAND

TEA, COFFEE,
CAKE & SCONES

FREE GLASS OF
PROSECCO

RAFFLE

MUSIC &
DANCING to
'TAKE 3'



Scan me to book!





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Social Events

We have a busy September coming up at the club. The last Junior Sailing Coaching Event of the season is on **Friday 5th September** and parents will be organising food for those taking part early evening. The bar will be open. Another popular **Draught Ale Evening will be on Friday 12th September** and it will still be light enough to be out on the balcony watching the sunset. Not many evenings left when we can do this!

Sunday 14th September 3 to 5pm Lego Club - Kids and Families

The last Lite Bites of the summer will be on **Friday 19th September from 7.30pm**. Elaine Paul and Judith Carter will be serving Linguine with Prawns or with Mushrooms accompanied by a green salad for £5 ahead. There will be a gluten and dairy free option. No need to book.



Finally, there is the Garden Party at Hidden House, Courtlands Lane 3 to 6pm on Saturday 27th September. You do need to book this- places will be limited. This is an event to raise funds for Junior Sailing (see poster above).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR OCTOBER

Friday 3rd October we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning. Offers to make cakes - please contact Liz Herring liz.herring56@gmail.com

Friday 3rd October: Draught Ale

Sunday 5th October: Family and Kids Lego

Friday 10th October: Craning Ashore Bacon Butties

Saturday 18th October: End of Season Supper

Free to a good home!

Kayak available to someone willing to do a bit of work on it. (It takes in water, which makes it sluggish.)

Please email lizwells.lympstone@btinternet.com

