



# LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

## November 2025 Newsletter

### Commodore's Corner

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The clocks have gone back, the moorings are empty, and boats are tucked away or wrapped up for winter. The sun has set on another year of sailing at Lympstone. We had a great evening though taking it all in at the End of Season Supper. Massive thank you to Michelle and Simon Pryor for organising such a wonderful evening – the food was amazing and we should definitely have Neil back again next year! We have the Prizegiving evening and Spuddle this month on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov which is a great opportunity to look back on the season; celebrating one another's achievements, and discuss in an open forum what we did well this year as a club and what could be improved or done differently next season. We also have the AGM later this month on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. Please come along and show your support, listen to the end of year reports, and vote in new committee members. As previously mentioned, there are still a few key roles that are yet to be filled, including Commodore, so please consider volunteering. You have until 14<sup>th</sup> November to put your name forward for next year's committee and it will be at this point in time when the current committee will be able to determine whether a committee will be able to be formed for the next season or not. If you have any questions about roles on the committee, please get in contact with me via [commodore@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk](mailto:commodore@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk). In case you were not already aware, the clubhouse is getting more work done to it, this time with a kitchen refit. This work has been long anticipated so we're looking forward to it getting underway. As such, the clubhouse will be closed from Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November until Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November. So, with that, I will sign off my last Commodore's Corner article of my three-year term. It's been quite an experience being on the committee and then ending up as Commodore. I had only been on the committee a year before becoming Commodore and I had only been a member for a year or so before that. And all with knowing next to nothing about sailing! "He doesn't know a boat's stern from its bow" is a comment I heard early on in my 'Commodoreship' but I'd like to think that regardless of my lack of sailing pedigree I have been able to contribute something over the last few years. (I can however now tie a one-handed bowline so there's that – thank you Chas for showing me how!) In recent weeks members have been very generous with their kind words and thanks, and whilst I certainly appreciate this, I will continue to say I have been a very fortunate Commodore to have had such a brilliant committee – a group of 'do-ers' who crack on and get things sorted to ensure we can deliver for our members – whether that be putting on fantastic regattas, organising Mariners' Munches, or setting up an entire Junior Sailing programme

...I am truly grateful to the members of my committee(s) over the last three years and I know things would have been a hell of a lot tougher without your advice, experience, and enthusiasm. Finally, it would be remiss of me not to mention the Harbour Board, whom it has been a pleasure to work with and over the last few years have fostered a very positive relationship between the two organisations. I think at times their work is underappreciated and I feel like they do the 'dull and serious stuff' so we, as a club, can go out there and have fun on the water. I have greatly appreciated the continuous support of myself and the sailing club from Graeme Wheeler, Chairman of the Harbour Board, and I hope the harmonious relationship between the two organisations continues with the next committee. And so now all that is left to say is thank you and fair winds for the seasons to come.

**Nick**

### Rear Commodore

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My position as Rear Commodore is up for grabs. I am hoping the title is not putting off anyone considering taking this role on the committee. My role is to organise the social programme for the year. I do this with the help of lots of volunteers and different groups of members. It also means one meeting a month on a Monday evening. I need to stand down this year as Flag Officers are required to after 3 years to give others the opportunity to do the role. I am happy to work with anyone who stands to provide information and help if they wish. The benefits are that you get to know most of our members in the process. Please contact me if you want to find out more – your club needs you! [judith\\_carter@hotmail.com](mailto:judith_carter@hotmail.com) 07855908785

**Judith**

### Wanted

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We are going to extend the amount of handrail on the clubhouse stairs over the winter. It has been suggested that it would be a nice idea to repurpose a wooden oar. So if any club member has a redundant oar(s) that they are prepared to donate it would be greatly appreciated, let me know on 07831711516. Thanks

**Keith Kleinstuber.**

### Day Skipper Theory course

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A reminder that anyone who would like to do their "day skipper" theory course over the winter please contact Claire Whiter on [general@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk](mailto:general@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk). This is a great opportunity being offered and it is not something we provide every year, so don't miss out.



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## LSC Contacts

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| Commodore                                                                           | Nick Walding                 |
| Vice Commodore                                                                      | Paul Burke                   |
| Membership                                                                          | Penny Lupton                 |
| Secretary                                                                           | Peter Turgoose               |
| Rear Commodore.                                                                     | Judith and Elaine            |
| Treasurer                                                                           | Rob Greig-Gran               |
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## Social Events

### THANKS FOR:

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** which was organised by Liz Herring on behalf of LSC raised over £600. A great morning of cake eating was enjoyed by many and thanks go to all of those who made cakes and contributed, especially Liz.

**Bacon Buttie Team** - thanks to Ali Lawry and Anna Streather, who got up early for Craning Afloat and kept everyone going with coffee and Bacon Butties

**End of Season Supper** organised by Michelle Pryor using Neil Gibbs was a great end to the Sailing Season.

### EVENTS COMING UP

#### October

Friday 31st October: Talk: "Taken Aback" Nautical Origins of some common sayings, by Jenny Moon

#### November

2nd November: Family and Kids Lego

7th November: Spuddle - Bring a plate of finger food for buffet

Friday 21st November: AGM

Friday 28th November: Talk: "Vigilance of Brixham". The story of the maintenance and restoration of this important part of the historic fleet by Peter Milligan, Deputy Chair of Trustees

#### December

Friday 12th December: Xmas Party - Commodore's Drinks

Saturday 13th December: Lego Club

Friday 26th December: Boxing Day Swim 10am

## DIARY DATES

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|-----|--------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Fri | 31 Oct | 7.30pm | Talk: "Taken Aback" Jenny Moon |
| Sun | 2 Nov  | 2pm    | Lego Club                      |
| Fri | 7 Nov  | 7.30pm | Spuddle                        |
| Fri | 21 Nov | 7.30pm | AGM                            |
| Fri | 28 Nov | 7.30pm | Talk: Vigilance of Brixham     |
| Fri | 12 Dec | 7.30pm | Commodore's Drinks             |
| Sat | 13 Dec | 2pm    | Lego Club                      |
| Fri | 26 Dec | 10am   | Boxing Day swim                |

## Spuddle: 7th November 7.30pm

Spuddle ("Working hard but not getting far!" or "a spoon for making ice cream!?") The end of the season means a review of the year, celebrated with prizes and awards for our best or most deserving racers, including our fantastic juniors, cruisers and dinghy sailors (for both the right and the wrong reasons!) It is also the opportunity, informally, to have your say and to offer constructive feedback and suggestions for the future, continued development of the club's offerings for you. But let us not forget that it is also another great social event to catch up with each other and to tell 'tall tales' about the year's adventures, in, on and off the water! Hosted by our Commodore, Nick, in his penultimate event as Commodore, ahead of the AGM, this promises to be a fun-filled evening of awards and reflection to which you are enthusiastically invited and (requested) to bring a plate of finger-foods to share with your fellow members, whilst enjoying the exquisite selection of refreshments our outstanding (and exceptionally reasonably priced) bar has to offer! Catwalk, sartorial elegance would not be frowned upon for this glamorous event, but neither would casual dress - your choice! Come along, enjoy the celebrations, and have your say about what you would like in the coming season. **Eddie Corrigan**





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## Skittles

Well the Dolphins are still on course for a crushing defeat of all resistance on the alleys of the estuary. Out of 2 matches played we have lost none! Yes, our first match against Beachcombers at the Police Club yielded a draw - by weird coincidence our second draw against them in consecutive matches. Don Govan took home '*Daphne the Dolphin*' as top scorer there. And our match against Starcross FCC ended with a nail biting win for Dolphins by 1 point and Martin was top scorer in this match. It seems accuracy comes with age (on the skittle alley at least - geddit??!!). Internal P&S practice matches continue to see scores all over the place, but that's the beauty of village skittles isn't it?! Starboard are winning this one by 5-0 against Port team, but there's still time Port. Oh, and The 🎵 *Comma Comma Comma Comma Comma Comma Comma Comm-adore* 🎵 (Boy George) has given me a withering reminder that Dolphins are due to play a match against the Committee sometime....ha! "*Go ahead punks, make our day!*" (Clint Eastwood...do keep up). Watch this space.

**Steve**

## Winter Talks

**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** - "Dash & Daring Do" - A brief history of bravery" - Colonel G. Wheeler

**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** - "My journey to the world skydiving record" Paula Hood

## Membership

As the 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 31st December, so we will be requesting your annual fees soon. If you know anyone who is interested in joining LSC, now is the perfect time to invite them. From 1st October any new members will have their membership extended until 31st 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 full membership will rise from £80 to £85. **However, if you pay before 1st January, you can take advantage of the Early Bird discount and pay just**

**£70.** Thank you for your continued support and commitment to LSC. 😊

**Penny**