



December 2025 Newsletter

LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

Commodore's Corner

Thanks to all those that came along to the AGM in November to hear Nick's last report as Commodore and to thank him for all that he has done for our club over the past three years. He has left a legacy to be proud of and a hard act to follow. The new Committee will meet for the first time in mid-December and I look forward to welcoming Liz Wells and Laura Sissons into their new roles as Hon. Secretary and Hon. Membership Secretary respectively. All those of you who came along to the Spuddle in early November have given us plenty to think about as we plan for 2026 and I will use the Commodore's Corner to keep you informed of what those plans are. For now, the most important event on the horizon is Commodore's Drinks on Friday 12th December. Don your best Christmas jumper, grab some mulled wine on me and meet the new committee. I look forward to seeing you there. **Peter**

Your new Committee

Following the AGM on Friday 21st November, your new Committee is

Commodore:	Peter Turgoose
Vice-Commodore:	Paul Burke
Rear-Commodore:	VACANT
Hon Secretary:	Liz Wells
Hon Treasurer:	Rob Grieg-Gran
Hon Membership Secretary:	Laura Sissons
Hon Sailing Secretary:	Eddie Corrigan/Jan Teague
General Committee (Junior Sailing):	Claire Whiter
General Committee (Comms):	Alan Henderson
General Committee (House):	Keith Kleinstuber
General Committee (Training):	Mike Gall
General Committee:	Judith Carter

If you are interested in filling the vacant Rear-Commodore position, please contact any member of the Committee.

Training available

1. A reminder that we are offering a "day skipper" theory course over the winter. This is a great opportunity being offered and it is not something we provide every year, so don't miss out. 2. We are also running a first aid training course on Saturday 17th January 2026 on which there are a couple of spaces still available. The cost of attendance is £60 to include the RYA course book and certificate of attendance. Please contact Claire Whiter for either of these general@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk.

Junior Sailing 2026

After the success of our Junior Sailing coaching last season we are starting to think about next year and what we can offer. If you junior is interested in finding out about sailing at Lympstone come along to a meeting on 16 Jan, 5.30pm in the sailing club. Any questions before then email Claire Whiter at general@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk

Dinghy sailing - how can LSC help you to spend more time on the water?

Are you interested in dinghy sailing but not sure how to get involved, wish you could do more sailing or would like to have a go at racing? We are really keen to encourage more people to get on the water and to participate in racing. Come along to a meeting on 15th January at 7.30pm in the sailing club to find out more about dinghy sailing and racing at LSC and discuss how we can help you get on the water more. If you have any questions or comments beforehand then email Margaret on margaretturgoose@aol.com

Spuddle and Prizegiving

Early in November we had a lively evening for the annual prizegiving and Spuddle. A full list of the dinghy results for the season is [on our website](#) and our President, Martin Hebdige was on hand to present the cups. In addition to the awards for dinghy racing, the following awards were also presented,

Cruiser of the year:	Claire Belcher/Rory MacDougall
Junior Sailor of the year:	Isabella Thomas
Alan Dixon Award:	Margaret Turgoose
Tony Clark Award:	Theo Whiter
Darlings Rock Trophy:	Adrian Woolacote

Junior Programme Awards

Top Junior Racer:	Alex Boswell
Top Junior:	Arlo Dingle
Most Enthusiastic Junior:	Florence Staddon

After a short break to recharge glasses and fill plates with food the evening turned to the Spuddle, a chance for members to feedback on the year's events and make suggestions for 2026. There was lots of lively discussion with huge praise for the Junior Programme and suggestions to make it even better next year, suggested changes to the dinghy programme to encourage juniors and more 'rusty racers' to join in, ideas for the cruiser programme and ideas for the social programme. These will all be discussed by the committee and fed into the relevant elements of the 2026 programme. Thanks to all who came along to give us your views and ideas.



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Rear Commodore.	Vacant
Treasurer	Rob Greig-Gran
Sailing Secretary	Edward Corrigan & Jan Teague
Newsletter	Margaret Turgoose
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DIARY DATES

Fri	12 Dec	7.30pm	Commodore's Drinks
Sat	13 Dec	2pm	Lego Club
Fri	26 Dec	10am	Boxing Day swim

Winter Talks

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

Social Events

December



LSC CHRISTMAS TREE

LSC is participating in the Christmas tree festival at the church with the tree going up on Monday morning 1st December. A parent from the junior group has made some model sailing boats and they have the names of all our junior sailors on them. After the festival on Monday 8th December the tree will be moved to the balcony at the Sailing Club, when the clubroom will also be decorated for the festive season. The children from the Lego Club have made some decorations for the advent window alongside the Christmas tree and that will be illuminated from 11th December.



OUR XMAS PARTY- COMMODORE'S DRINKS is on Friday 12th December at 7.30pm. There will be free glass of mulled wine- so come and toast the season and our new Commodore

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER - KIDS AND FAMILIES -LEGO CLUB



BOXING DAY SWIM 10am FRIDAY 26th DECEMBER

If you can help serving hot drinks or with the RNLI collection, please contact Judith: judith_carter@hotmail.com

January

MARINERS' MUNCH

We plan to hold our very popular Friday lunches of soup sandwiches and a pud from Friday 9th January to Friday 27th March. **However, we can only do this if we have enough volunteer cooks.** We need 3 people for each event- please let me know if you can help as I am putting a rota together now. If you can bring a team of 2 others with you even better! Get in touch at judith_carter@hotmail.com. Also, you will have the advantage of using our brilliant, refitted kitchen.

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2026: River Exe Café Trip: Tuesday 19th May, River Exe Regatta: 20th/21st June



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Bosun

The committee, on behalf of all of the club, want to give a big thank you to Steve Archer for having taken on the role of Bosun and looking after the safety boats so well for the past 5 years. It tends to be one of those "unsung hero" jobs - absolutely essential to the smooth running of the club's activities and very noticeable if there is no one doing it. Thankfully Sid Kyte and Debbie Mitchell have agreed to take on the role henceforth - for which we are extremely grateful. **Peter**

Biography - Keith Kleinstuber

So, German name, Irish accent, living in Lymestone - how did that all happen? My ancestors came to England from Saxony in the 1800's (along with King George!) My great grandfather enlisted in the British Army and became bandmaster of the Scottish Rifles. On leaving the Army he got a job as Manager of the Cork Opera Company in Ireland where I grew up. That covers the name and the accent! I went to Trinity College Dublin. Upon graduation I was recruited by Cadbury Schweppes in Bournville as a graduate trainee in Finance. I got a lovely wife and an accountancy qualification from them, but couldn't hack being away from the sea so we moved to the West Country where we instantly felt at home. We have been in Lymestone for 10 years. Chris and I have three children and four grandchildren. I had a series of great jobs in Finance for 20 years, travelled loads but decided to step back in my fifties and bought some woodland and have indulged in my real passion of building things out of wood ever since. I have built boats, furniture and pretty much everything out of wood except chairs which is my project for this winter. This also explains why I can be seen driving around in a black lifted Jimny 4x4 with chunky tyres so I can get up to my cabin in the woods. I started boating and sailing at about 8 years old and have raced dinghies, cruised and generally been on the water in one form or another all my life. I am really looking forward to my new challenge as a committee member of Lymestone Sailing Club. **Keith**

Membership

Another quick reminder about membership renewals. You should receive an email on 3rd or 4th December asking you to renew and pay for your membership for 2026. Our membership year runs from 1 January to 31 December. In order to receive the early bird discount for those renewing their membership, you will need to pay **BEFORE** the end of December. From 1 October, new members will have their membership extended until 31 December 2026. If you know anyone interested in joining LSC, now is the perfect time to invite them. Thank you for your continued support of the club.

Skittles

The story so far...Starboard team was running away with the practice matches against Port team 5-0, and club Dolphins team had drawn 1 and won 1 match to other clubs. Now read on.... Port team were rattled and clawed back 2 matches and the tally after last week now stands at 6-2. Dolphins played the 3rd match of the season against last year's league winners Topsham SC and lost 😞. Great scores continue to come thin and slow, with the exception of the consistently good performances of our ever present and enigmatic sailing club President, Martin Hebdige, who seems to think about where he's putting the balls, and actually puts them there! Some might call that cheating!! If you are interested, skittles fixtures and results are posted on the notice board in the bar at the top of the stairs. And they are there if you're not interested as well. Form an orderly queue...

Steve