



January 2026 Newsletter

LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

Commodore's Corner

With visits from Goretti and Ingrid this month, our part of the coast has taken a bit of a battering, but it is good to see that the craft in and on the harbour seem to have ridden them out well despite the cliff falls. The build up of sediment in the brook will cause a few problems for Jason and for craning, but I know that we can rely on the Harbour Board to work their magic.



We were also treated to a display of the Northern Lights on Monday 19th, all beautifully captured on our new security cameras. It probably hasn't been the weather for working outdoors on boats but that hasn't stopped preparations for the season ahead. During January, a full RYA First Aid Course has been run, and our Day Skipper Theory course started. Following two well attended 'Interested in Sailing' sessions in the club, Margaret Turgoose (Dinghies), Claire Belcher (Cruisers), and Claire Whiter (Juniors) have been working away behind the scenes to produce a 2026 Programme aimed at getting people out on the water with coached Open Sailing, coached racing, Junior Coaching and opportunities to have a go at cruising, alongside all of our usual events. Judith and her team of volunteers are also busy working to include plenty of social events and food for hungry sailors. The Committee look forward to launching the programme in early March. Don't let the weather put you off coming down to the club on a Friday, come along at midday to get a Mariners Munch and then come down in the evening for a quiet drink with friends or for one of our Winter talks, or our popular quiz night. **Peter**

Winter talks

13th February: "A summer of light housework!" Memories of working as a temporary lighthouse keeper on Ailsa Craig in 1980 - Allan Henderson

13th March: "Diego Marcia, blue water sailing and a mid-ocean rescue". Martin Edwards, WO2, Royal Marines - arranged and sponsored by our junior section.

17th April: "My journey to the world skydiving record" Paula Hood

Dinghy racing - come and find out how easy it is to join in

It was great to see so many people at our session on dinghy sailing last month and, on Wednesday 1 April, I am going to run a specific session on dinghy racing - focusing on the basics that you need to know in order to come down and join in with the racing. It will start at 7.30pm and it won't take long, because there really isn't that much essential knowledge required to start racing! I will cover: the types of courses we tend to set, the start sequence, a very few basic rules and some top tips for those coming along for the first time. Those of us who race regularly go out with the primary aim of having a good time and the more who come and join us, the better. If anyone has anything specific they would like me to cover then please send me an email at margaretturgoose@aol.com. You don't need to have come to the previous session to come along to this one - everyone is welcome. **Margaret**

Junior Sailing 2026

This month we held an information evening for families interested in joining our junior programme. We had an excellent turn out and we are very excited about the season ahead. Working is starting on the planning and we are looking to expand what we can offer our juniors from beginners right through to those who are keen to take part in our racing programme. Contact general@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk if you are interested in finding out more about our junior section. **Claire**

Social programme

Mariners Munches: Don't forget to come to lunch at the Sailing club on a Friday. Lunches are being prepared by our wonderful teams of helpers every Friday. The last is on 27th March. Great occasion, good lunches and good company.

Kids and Families Lego Club: Sunday 15th February 2-4pm and Saturday 4th April 3-5pm. Just come along.

Bacon Butties for Craning Afloat: Monday 20th April,
Start of the Season Supper: Saturday 25th April. Put the date in your diary now. You will be able to book on the website nearer the time. **Judith**



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DIARY DATES

Fri	13 Feb	19.30	Talk - see above
Sun	15 Feb	14.00	Lego Club
Tue	17 Feb	19.30	LFHA AGM
Fri	13 Mar	19.30	Talk - see above
Wed	1 Apr	19.30	Introduction to dinghy racing
Sat	4 Apr	15.00	Lego Club
Fri	17 Apr	19.30	Talk - see above
Sun	19 Apr		DIY vessels to be launched
Mon	20 Apr	7.20	Craning

2026 programme

The 2026 programme of events is starting to take shape. Thank you to those of you who are duty holders in support of the dinghy racing for replying to Margaret's request for information on dates you are/aren't available this summer. Although taking this information into account means that it takes longer to put the programme together, hopefully it will reduce the amount of swaps over the summer. If you have yet to reply to this, [click here](#) if you want to volunteer for duties (which would be much appreciated - remember that no experience is necessary to be AOOD or safety boat crew) please do get in touch with Margaret on margaretturgoose@aol.com.

Sailing Secretary

With a stormy New Year lashing the estuary, the club's new camera has been providing welcome reassurance from a distance that all is in order in the harbour and on the hard. Additional corroboration has also been provided in the WhatsApp groups by hardy members on the ground - thank you to all of you for keeping an eye out! The Environment Agency are awaiting spares to repair the anemometer on the harbour wall so we will, in future, know just how strong those winds are. For those involved in the Beaufort Scale debate, we'll let you translate the speeds to your preferred metric! The look ahead is now dominated by continuing preparation of the boats to go back on the water through team and personal efforts. If you fancy helping the club bosuns, please do get in touch with Steve Pope who, I am sure, would appreciate some additional support with the dinghies, and Sid Kyte who continues to work on the Safety Boats. There are plenty of related little jobs they would value your support with. Claire Whiter and Theo continue doing amazing work on the junior programme, and with training, and it is great to see so many people joining in. In the meantime, Claire Belcher continues to run the 'Wafty Wednesday' events to encourage Cruiser/Day Boat sailors to gather and to share ideas, experiences and aspirations for the coming season, so do go along, on the third Wednesday of the month and let Claire know what you would like to achieve this year. And if you feel ready to kit yourself out for the coming dinghy season, or for expert advice, pop along to the RYA Dinghy & Watersports Show at Farnborough International, 21-22 February - it's FREE for RYA members and under 15s! In the meantime, and to misuse a Royal Navy toast, wishing you all a 'Willing Forecast and Sea Room'. **Eddie & Jan**