



April 2026 Newsletter

LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

Social programme

Easter Saturday 4th April 3 to 5pm: Lego Club with Lego as well as Easter Arts and Crafts and Easter Egg hunt. Pizza available. Let Alison (a.legood@exeter.ac.uk) know if you plan to come or respond on the families Whats App.

Friday 10th April 7.30pm: Draught Ale evening: (all other drinks also available)

Friday 17th April and Friday 1st May there is **Junior Sailing**, and the parents will be providing **fish finger sandwiches** for them and anyone else in the evening from 7pm and **the bar will be open** from 5.30pm

Monday 20th April 7 - 11am: Bacon Butties for Craning Afloat:

Saturday 25th April: Start of Season Supper (fully booked)

Friday 15th May 7.30pm Draught Ale evening:(all other drinks also available)

Tuesday 19th May is our annual trip to the **River Exe Cafe**. Booking via the LSC website will be available mid-April

Friday 22nd May: Lite Bites 7.30 to 9pm

Early Bar opening on Fridays: We opened the bar early once a month on Fridays last year. This was very popular with people who wanted an early drink and a chance to sit and enjoy the view. We plan to open early on more Fridays-17/4, 1/5, 15/5, 29/5. However, any member can open the bar early on other evenings if they wish - just check the calendar on the website first to make sure there is no conflicting event in the clubhouse.

Help Needed:

None of the events on our Social Programme can happen without members help. Please let me know if you can help with any of the following:

Lite Bites: 7 - 9pm on: 22 May, 12 June, 24 July, 18 September

French Breakfast: 9 - 11am (Croissants and Coffee) 4 July, 2 August

Cream Tea: Sunday 12 July

Date for your diary - LSC regatta 11th and 12th July

Racing and Sail Past Fun and games for kids, BBQ Saturday 11th at 6pm, Prize giving and pasties 6pm Sunday

Judith Carter

Winter talks

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

Paula Hood

New to Racing - dates for the diary

This season, as well as a full programme of racing, we have a number of events to assist with new and rusty sailors getting on to the water, these are:

Wednesday 1st April 7.30pm: Dinghy racing for beginners

This will cover the few basics that you need to bear in mind if racing for the first time - come along to find out just how straightforward it is!

Saturday 25th April 10am: Club boat rigging demonstration

For anyone likely to be wanting to use the club boats this year, come down and see how they should be rigged and then put away at the end of a session.

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 8.30am: Coached Open Sailing

Saturday 23rd May: Short Course racing with coaching - race starts at 12pm so please arrive at the sailing club at 11am

Sunday 31st May: 7pm - Coached Open Sailing - arrive 6.30pm

Sunday 28th June: Short Course racing with coaching - race starts at 6pm so please arrive at the sailing club at 5pm

Sunday 30th August: Short Course racing with coaching - race starts at 9am so please arrive at the sailing club at 8am

If you'd like to find out more contact Claire on sailing@lympstonesailingclub.com or just turn up!

Happy sailing

Claire Whiter

Pre-season briefing sessions

Saturday 4th April 8.30 - 11am OR Sunday 5th April 9 -

11.30am: Practical briefing for Safety Boat Helms and Crew

For all those doing safety boat duties this year, Mike and Paul are running two separate sessions so that hopefully everyone has the opportunity to come along for a reminder on the key practical aspects of manning the safety boats.

Friday 24th April 8pm: Briefing for all Duty Holders: OOD, AOOD, Helm, Crew

This is a full briefing session for all duty holders this year (new and old) to go through the main points to be considered when running a race, particularly in relation to safety aspects that



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Commodore's Corner

At Lymestone Sailing Club, nothing signals the changing of the seasons more than the end of Mariners' Munches and the culmination of the skittles league. We have been treated to some great soups, sandwiches, jacket potatoes and desserts over the past three months and none of this would have happened without a great team of volunteers working away behind the scenes - a huge thank you to you all. You will read elsewhere in this newsletter about the league topping success of our skittles team under the guiding hand of Steve Archer, huge congratulations to the whole team. We can now look forward to the Harbour Board directing the craning-in of the moored craft on Monday 20 April (I can already smell Anna and Ali's bacon rolls 😊) and the return of the dinghies the following Sunday. Between these two events there is a lot of work to do to clear the debris from the cliff falls; thank you to the Harbour Board for making this happen. A lack of boats on the water hasn't stopped Claire Whiter from arranging training for you with a PB2 course and a Day Skipper theory course, both finishing in the past few weeks, and RYA certificates being awarded to all who undertook the courses. With an upcoming 'How to start racing' session, safety briefings and boat rigging demonstrations, it feels like everything is now in place for another great season on the water, which will be kicked-off by our traditional Start of Season Supper. No matter what your plans are for this season, I think we have something for everyone; from the absolute beginners, to the those who want to cruise further afield, or those who just want to sit on the balcony and watch the sun go down. Whatever you choose, I look forward to seeing you down at the club for the 2026 on-water season. **Peter Turgoose**

DIARY DATES

Wed	1 Apr	19:30	Introduction to dinghy racing
Sat	4 Apr	08:30	Safety Boat Briefing
Sat	4 Apr	15:00	Lego Club, egg hunt and pizza
Sun	5 Apr	09:00	Safety Boat Briefing
Fri	10 Apr	19:30	Draught Ale evening
Fri	17 Apr	17:30	Early Bar Opening
		19:00	Fish Finger Sandwiches
		19:30	Talk - Paula Hood (see above)
Sun	19 Apr		DIY vessels to be launched
Mon	20 Apr	07:20	Craning afloat & bacon butties
Fri	24 Apr	20:00	Briefing for Duty Holders
Sat	25 Apr	10:00	Club boat Rigging Demo
Sat	25 Apr	19:00	Craning Afloat Supper

Dolphin Skittles

We each aspired, we each stood alone, we each closed our eyes, we each bowled, we each opened our eyes and...'Goodness Gracious, Great Balls of Fire!' After a 14 year winner's sabbatical, Dolphins only went and won the League this season! (*Great result - well done, Ed.*) Yes, having been runners up last year to the ever focussed Topsham team 'machine' (winners in the three previous seasons), this year Dolphins set out to win the League with a determination the likes of which has not been seen since cave man Robert the Bruce got inspiration from an incompetent but determined arthropod that was exhibiting similar lacklustre characteristics of coordination....being 'all arms and legs'. And it worked!! Well done and thanks to everyone who played, practiced and supported the team each week with your thoughts, prayers and rabbit's feet (you know who you are). Our membership grew again this season with 5 new members, Judith, Sandi, Becky, Holly and Matt C, but sadly next season we lose two stalwarts of the alley, Russ and Aline. Next season kicks off with practice in August and with inter-club matches against the other 5 teams starting in October. Let's do it again next season 🙌 **Steve Archer**

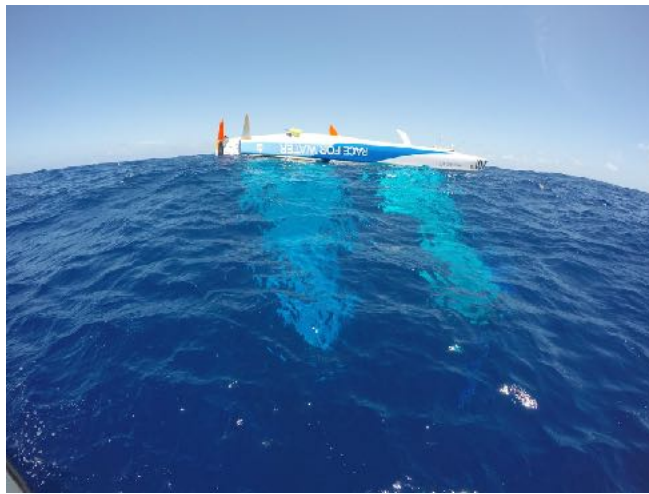




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Diego Garcia, Blue-Water Sailing and a Mid-Ocean Rescue

In Martin's informative talk in March entitled "Diego Garcia, blue water sailing and a mid-ocean rescue" he described how he and his men eventually managed to right the private catamaran which turned "turtle" in the Indian Ocean. Here is a great photo of the yacht which, as you might imagine, didn't come up easily. Our thoughts go out to our people stationed there during this difficult global situation. **Allan Henderson**



Day Skipper Theory Course

We are planning another Day Skipper Theory course over next winter. This was a great success last time it was held. The course will be run by Adrian Woolacott (LSC) over a regular evening with a start date in October 2026 and a break for Christmas. The evening is most likely to be Tuesday but is to be confirmed. The course content includes seamanship, coastal navigation and pilotage, chartwork, electronic charts, position fixing, plotting a course to steer, weather forecasting and meteorology, tides and collision regulations. The course is 40 hours plus an end of course assessment, it is aimed at those with some sailing experience who want to progress their cruising skills. If you are interested in find out more please contact Claire Whiter on sailing@lympstonesailingclub.co.uk

Claire Whiter