

THE FLAPPY RAG



Commodore's log In common with many members, I've done very little sailing this year although I know the more experienced dinghy sailors have had a blast. And so, here we are - at the end of another summer season (well, if you can call it summer) with the cruisers back out of the water and dinghies starting to disappear like autumn leaves falling off the trees (poetic?? Ahhh ...).

Mike Poupard has complimented the club on the smooth-running dinghy/cruiser boat park arrangements - a successful team effort organised by Tony Fastnedge, Steve Jones & Andy Truscott who all cajoled the various sailors into doing what they should, when they should as they should ... but it is sad to see the harbour so empty. However, club members can try to ignore winter by looking forward to plan next year's programme, enjoy social events, support the bar and get generally involved in what's happening.

The AGM is coming up fast with a new committee to be elected - don't be shy about offering to help or even volunteering to serve on the committee - it can even be fun ... Buy your tickets for the Dinner Dance - it's a great band this year, good food and an opportunity to make your own hot-air balloon ... and filling it by making a speech is not allowed. Looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Club this winter, Margaret



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CLUB NEWS



REGATTA & BBQ

Vice Commodore Ian Wallace and his team ran a great Regatta in complex and varying conditions to

give excellent racing and a thoroughly enjoyable event. Saturday racing was followed by the Regatta DIY BBQ - an entertaining evening with sailors Dave Guthrie, John Whittington, Tim Parsons, Rob Prosser & Nic Butler catering an alternatively cooked collection of chicken, sausages & burgers complimented with an assortment of salads. The hungry but patient diner definitely scored by waiting for the chicken to cook. See Regatta report & pics inside.

CANDLES ON THE COBB

The North Wall was ours! Lit with military precision, albeit alcohol fuelled, the evening was a huge success. A superb buffet supper with a tasty variety of foods was supplied entirely by club members. The Club house was bursting at the seams - bar takings were phenomenal and a big thank you to John-the-Bar who worked a non-stop for a very busy 13 hours that day.

THE ROOK REPORT

Mary Rook won the 3-day UK Women's Match Racing Championships at the Weymouth & Portland Sailing Academy. She had a great crew of top women sailors and needed them as it was blowing a steady 25 knots plus for the final best of 3 races. Surprisingly, the organisers kept with spinnakers on the J80 sportsboats - who would want to be insuring them? WELL DONE MARY!



ALBACORE NATIONALS 2008 LOOE SC

Five boats from Lyme helped make up the 40 entries at Looe in Cornwall for this year's Championships:- Joss Kent and Nick Butler, James & Robbie Blackburn, Tim & Alice Rook, Allan Tyler & Jeremy Wallace, and Mary & Jerry Rook.

Albacore Nationals (cont) ...



With overall results of 4th (Mary), 7th (Allan & Jeremy) and 13th (Tim & Alice) Lyme won the Team prize. Mary won the Lady helps prize and also by winning the 6th race won a cup won by her Grandfather exactly 40 years before. Allan & Jeremy won the prize for best performance at their first Alb champs.

The event was blessed with three days of good (Force 2 - 4) breezes and was run by the host club in an exceptionally friendly way.

Mary and I were sailing the new unsailed Ovington-built Epoxy boat which looked well built and tough, and after a few teething troubles (including crew tuning - as I managed to fall out of the boat) we showed good speed getting 3rd, 1st and 2nd in the last 3 races, and beating Mike Mac in both the last two.



What's On?

Sunday 26th October 11.00

PRESCOTT TROPHY (Fancy Dress race)

Saturday 1st November 18.00

YOUTH PRIZE GIVING SUPPER

Saturday 8th November 17.30

AGM followed by Curry Supper cooked by Liz Truscott

Sunday 9th November 14.30

DINGHY SAILING FORUM - say what YOU want from next year's sailing

Saturday 15th November 18.30

**DINNER DANCE at Lyme Regis Golf Club
TICKETS £25.00**

REGATTA REPORT



Tylers

Ain't no Sunshine Any More, in the words of the old classic, described the weather for the Regatta weekend, but luckily for us there was an ideal racing wind.

The Regatta followed the established format of a series of three races, two on Saturday and one on Sunday morning, followed by the mass start for the Championship of the Day

on Sunday afternoon.

Boats travelled from as far away as Ullswater, Hythe and Rutland water, making up a total of 44 entrants, roughly half of whom were visiting boats. Sadly, the Luggers from Beer didn't make it mainly due to adverse weather conditions.



FIREBALLS

Chips Howarth convincingly slaughtered the opposition to win the competitive Fireball class. This was not a huge surprise as he is a former world champion in the class.

FAST HANDICAP



Dan Alsop

Local sailor Dan Alsop, a national level coach and sailor of international standing won the fast handicap class with crew Alice Allen in his Merlin Rocket.

the visiting V3000 boats in this class showed an impressive turn of speed, as

they managed to beat the Phantoms. Is there a link here as Geoff Vanderborgh builds both the Phantom and the Laser V3000 - provoking many a bar debate about handicaps?



YOUTH HANDICAP

Club member, Dom Fitzgerald sailed to win the youth handicap as well as coming 6th overall in the Medium Handicap class.



MEDIUM HANDICAP

In the medium handicap class, Andy Robinson came 2nd in his Solo, Joss Kent/Nick Butler took a very creditable third place in their Albacore, whilst Hugh Duncan, Laser sailor and local plumber of repute, finished just below the prizes, taking fourth place. The class was won by visiting father and son team Ian and Ben Fryett in an RS Feva.

CRUISERS

The cruiser class was convincingly won by David Mettam from the Axe Yacht Club, sailing his Parker 21 with Ron Westcott and Lyn Weare. Pete Lloyd came 2nd & the Moore/Willoughby Medina was 3rd.



Pete Lloyd

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE DAY



Nineteen boats competed in the Championship of the Day, including two cruisers - one of these was Medina *Rumcase*, single-handed by Rob Wiscombe and towing a tender behind him round the course - he came last!



The first four places were taken by Fireballs - highest placed Lyme boat was Allan Tyler & Andy Woodbridge coming 4th.

Prizes were presented by Ian Wallace, assisted by Mayor Sally Holman. Lyme Regis Sailing Club made a generous donation to the Regatta & Carnival committee collected from the event entrance fees.



All in all it was a superb event, but why stop there?



Plans are afoot to include more of Lyme's fellow water based clubs in next year's regatta.



Once again, the talented Sailing Club artists have impressed us

with their creativity and skill in this year's Artsfest Exhibition.

Over 24 artists, ranging in age from 16 to over 70, exhibited work - and what a fantastic show they made.

Textiles, sculptures, carvings, photographs and a variety of paintings in different styles and mediums - there was something for everyone, including fine tea & cakes served by Liz Truscott.

Over three hundred people visited the sailing club this year during Artsfest week, many of them expressing an interest in joining the club and taking away information.

Jill Douglas, John Wiscombe and Liz Truscott have done an excellent PR job for the sailing club - so not only has the annual Artsfest exhibition



revealed an unexpected artistic side of some of our sailors but also helped promote a positive image of LRSC in Lyme Regis.

GARAGE DOORS

Have you all admired the new garage doors? - so slippy, so smooth, so white, so roomy ... a big thank you to Gordon and his band of happy helpers.

JEREMY & SHARON

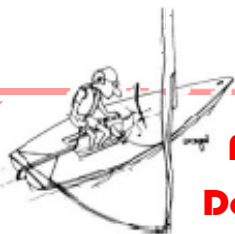
The Wedding



28th September 2008

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr & Mrs Jeremy Wallace.



ANCIENT BRIT ON TOUR By David Beer



This year has been a big change for me after retiring from work after 43 yrs and now retired has given me the opportunity to travel to more international events with my Laser in the Masters series.

My project started with building a bespoke camper van that takes the laser on the roof so accommodation and laser go together this phase was completed on the 24th April and set off driving through the night to catch the early ferry from Dover to Dunkirk for the first event hosted by the Royal Belgium Yacht Club in Duinbergen, parked up on the promenade with other sailors from Belgium, Holland Germany and France. They Club have a large fleet of Catamarans and has two land Rovers to help launch and recover them over the soft sand.



The sailing being in force 3-4 and with a strong tide and bright sunshine made for good sailing. And achieved 3rd place GM. (Grand Master Age 55-65 age group) then on to Monikendam in Holland for the Dutch masters nationals a 4 day event, we had a good entry of 80 boats in Radial & full rig with 12 from the UK. The wind was force 5-6 on the first day ending in a force 1-2 so wind for all with a great party on the Saturday night achieving 5th in the GM's.

Then on from Holland taking the opportunity to visit the Mercedes Benz and Porsche museums as a car enthusiast and defiantly worth a visit then on to Fluelen on Lake Lucerne in Switzerland being the 1st Brit to attend, they were busy building the slipway on the edge of the lake and all the camper vans were parked in a stone crushing works, pleased to say they were closed and had 3 days sailing in the Lake with the dramatic scenery it was hard to keep your eye's on the job at hand, The sun was warm and the water very cold. Sailing in a Lake surrounded by so many tall snow capped mountains provided different wind patterns, The normal thermal breeze did not happen with 20knts from the south causing concern of mistral type winds that did not come. The wind on the Lake eased on the next two days and were force 1 -3. This made for We were lucky because the next day there was no wind. Finishing 3rd GM and received a Swiss cheese for my efforts.



Now travelled down to Lake Como and on to the beautiful town of Ligueglia just east of San Remo with Camp site on the hill overlooking the Town. The weather being grey and light rain and no wind for the 1st day and no better on the 2nd until late afternoon when we got one race in the last day we managed 2 races in force 3-5 and managed to finish 4th GM and got a very good welcome from them as the 1st Brit to attend. Once again we had a good party on the Saturday night.

Now for the long haul home passing through Brussels to visit the Atom at the world fair exhibition site.



Next main event being the UK

Masters nationals in Paignton for a very windy weekend finishing in a much larger fleet 9th.

Then preparation for the next run down to St Floren in Corsica taking 3 days down to Lovello to take the ferry across to Bastia and then the dramatic drive through the mountains across the island to St Floren, arriving at the U Pezzo camp site next to the regatta centre. Plenty of Sunshine and 220 other sailors gathered together from All over Europe and even one who had come specially from Argentina.

After 4 days of preparation and sailing in the thermal breeze of F 2-3 we started sailing the championships with a F3-4 and managed 2 races, the next 2 days the wind failed to materialise so no racing. The next day we were luck to get F3 and managed 3 Races. Then on the last day the forecast was for 50 Knts and the Race committee decided not to take us out wisely as the winds grew as the day went on. A few went out to play. The last few days were spent touring the Island and would recommend it for a holiday with the white sandy beaches and sunshine.

Then for the long haul home with the highlight of going over the St Gottard pass at midnight in a full moon ending my European tour for this year.

After all my events I am now 5th overall in the euro masters series.



DO YOU WANT FOOD AT THE CLUB DURING WINTER?

If you do, then you must support Ray & Di regularly through the coming months by coming down to the club on Sunday lunchtimes ... and also ...

... stay in touch with what's happening, have a drink with your mates, reminisce about the season - sailing, sinking, winning, ramming - look forward to next year - hear the gossip, join the bar debates.

MOST OF ALL, ENJOY YOUR CLUB & HAVE FUN

Annual Dinner Dance and Prize Giving

15 November 2008

18.30 for 19.00pm

Carriages 12.45 am

Lyme Regis Golf Club,

Dancing to White Spirit

£25.00pp Black Tie

Tickets from

Fern Cottis on Club Sundays

01297 33188

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR TROPHIES
NOW**

**So they can be engraved with
this year's winners.**



STARTER CHOICES

Curried Parsnip Soup

Served with a freshly baked roll

Seafood Salad

Peeled prawns, mussels & smoked salmon marinated in garlic, lemon & olive oil

Grilled Grapefruit

Half fresh grapefruit topped with brown Sugar and dark rum

MAIN COURSE CHOICES

Roast Leg of Lamb

With minted red wine jus

Casserole of Venison

With root vegetables & juniper berries

Grilled Fillet of Sea Bass

Served on spiced cabbage with balsamic syrup

Mediterranean Vegetable Wellington

Served with sweet tomato sauce

PUDDING CHOICES

Sticky Toffee Pudding

With vanilla ice cream

Raspberry Crème Brulee

Fresh Strawberries with Cream

Coffee & Cheese & Biscuits - served during the Prize Giving.

SAIL TUNING & RIGGING TIPS

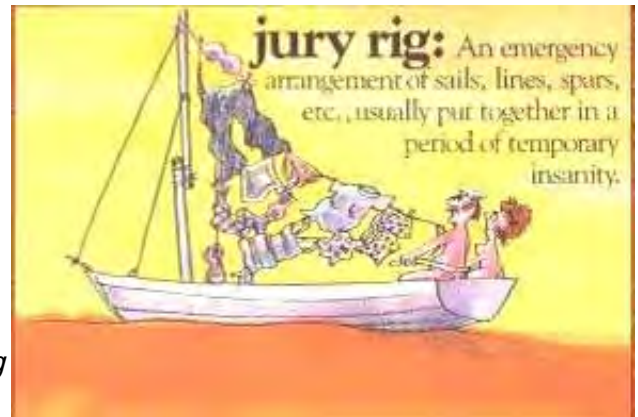


Have you ever noticed that when Jools Holland talks of the technical aspects of laminate sail construction he sounds just like Dick Batt, the sailmaker? Uncanny.

The other fascinating fact about Dick Batt is that his brother Mike perpetrated the theme song of the Wombles. Altogether now

"Dum de Dum, Dum de Dum, Dum de Dum Dum, something something something something Wombles are we....."

Oh if only the two brothers could have found a way to combine their talents, rig tuning would have taken on a whole new meaning.



DEFINITIONS

Canvas - An abrasive sailcloth used to remove excess skin from knuckles.

YOUTH SECTION

The final evening of this season's youth sailing was in mid-July when a select



number of regular club members attended with their dinghies to allow a significant number of the youth sailors to experience race sailing in double handers.

The sailing & racing that night was organised from PJ by Colin with considerable help from a number of ladies who assisted him. The weather could not have been better for the well attended BBQ at which a very good time was had by all. Many thanks to Ed Cruwys-Finnigan who performed wonderfully in his role as chef.

The evening capped a successful season of youth sailing and the first year that Richard Fortescue has lead a team

of helpers and assistant instructors. Many parents gave their time also to help achieve the success of this year's sailing be it on the beach, in the club house or on the water.

A notable success, with much help from Simon Forster, has been the attendance recently on Wednesday race nights by youth sailors from the Tuesday youth section getting a taste of racing either with the regular members or on their own course. This can only help promote youngsters, and their families joining/rejoining LRSC.

The Youth Prize Giving and Supper takes place at the Clubhouse on 1st November commencing at 6.00 pm.

Next season promises to be as heavily subscribed as this year and I know all are looking forward to much of the same.