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Cover shot: Cadet at Starcross Steamer (Mike Rice/Fotoboat)

Above: Winter Training (Nigel Walshaw)



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Editorial

ESC—it does a lot more than it says on the tin!



At Exe Sailing Club we do a lot of sailing and there are a lot of sailors, of all standards from complete beginners to World champions and Olympic medallists. Pretty much what you would expect at a good sailing club, in fact. But you don't have to look for long to see that ESC is much more than that.

We now have a fantastic Training Centre offering a growing range of courses. Elsewhere in this issue you will read of the steps being taken to bring ESC nearer to the community in which we live, offering people who might otherwise not have been able to, the chance to sample our sport, through the Sailability and Onboard schemes.

Things are flourishing on the artistic front, too. A growing band of artists meets every Tuesday to paint, draw and exchange inspiration through the Escart group. And we are not short of bands of the other sort. Later on Tuesdays the brass ensemble meets in the clubhouse to rehearse, while on Sunday evenings the place rocks to the funky yet soulful strains of the ESC Sunday band (plug plug). So much talent...

Given this great combination of doing our core thing extremely well plus the diversity of other activities, there's no wonder people are queuing to join us.

If you want to comment on anything you read here or just have your say about anything to do with the club, sign up for the forum at www.exe-sailing-club.org.

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Mike Rice

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Well, here we go again at the start of another new season that promises to be as action-packed as ever, with us hosting the RS400 National Championships in August on top of our full sailing calendar and other organised training events. We will also be following closely the fortunes of three of our sailors as they head off to compete in the Beijing Olympic Games representing both Great Britain and Exe Sailing Club. On behalf of us all I wish Stevie Morrison & Ben Rhodes and Joe Glanfield & Nick Rogers every ounce of success and good fortune in their respective classes. Whilst on the subject of success, I was also delighted to hear that Ian Williams has won the World Match Racing Championships. Exe Sailing Club has always produced sailors of the highest calibre over the years and I am pleased to report that the long term future is also looking bright, with our Cadet fleet growing fast again and the demand on junior sailing at our club at an all-time high.

The Annual Dinner, Dance & Prize giving held at The Pavilion in February had the theme this year of the "Oscars" and proved to be a huge success with 200 members & guests attending. The winner of this years Claret Jug for services to our club went to Gillie Newcombe in appreciation for her hard work & commitment in setting up and organising our new catering arrangements. Special thanks must go to our Dinner & Dance organisers Rob & Trish McGowan, who I also understand have agreed to do it again next year.

Following the AGM in December it was agreed that the management committee would look at new ideas to streamline the way our club is run and hopefully encourage new faces to get involved in the future management of the club. Vice Commodore Eileen Underhill already has some great ideas on this subject which she is hoping to implement when she takes over as your Commodore in December (subject to election of course). We now have a newly formed "Youth Sailing Council" which has 9 members, all of whom are, under 18 and chaired by Sam Jacklin. They report directly to the Sailing Committee and are already providing a valuable link between the young sail-

ors of our club and the Management Committee. Well done to all of you involved for this initiative.

Sadly it looks like we will be without our start box again this year as the last phase of the marina development seems to be going at a snail's pace. However I am assured that we should have it for the following season. But they did say that last year! I have tried not to comment on other developments within our club which will be covered under separate reports in this addition of Exe News. If you have any particular views that you would like to share with others about anything related to Exe Sailing Club, then why not visit our website www.exe-sailing-club.org, and use the open forum section. Mike Rice does an excellent job maintaining our site and it is also the quickest way to find out everything that is going on at the club both on and off the water.

Happy & safe sailing to you all.

Symon C Garratt

Commodore



RS400 Nationals coming in August
(Chris and Les at last year's Squires Trophy) Fotoboat

Sailing Report

Vice-Commodore Eileen did send in a sailing report before she went away but unfortunately it was lost in cyberspace. What follows is an extract of the highlights from the latest Sailing Committee minutes. Eileen's report will appear on the website in due course.

Chairman's Report (Eileen Underhill)

- ⇒ Thanks to Sue Blick and Frankie Upton for making the new racing flags.
- ⇒ Thanks to Frankie Upton for the RYA "Club of the Year" submission (see website for more details)
- ⇒ Welcome to Alex Horlock, joining the Committee as Junior representative.

Dinghy Report (Les Arscott)

- ⇒ Up Spirits and RIBs ready for the season.
- ⇒ Duty Roster has been circulated by Colin Broady (and is on the website)

Cruiser Report (Rob Masters)

- ⇒ Cruiser Programme is starting earlier this year to avoid races finishing in the dark at the end of the season. More Sunday races programmed in for this year in the hope that a wider group of members will be attracted to the racing fleet.
- ⇒ Races will generally start on the sea front this year around the No 8 Buoy area.

Juniors Report (Alex Horlock)

- ⇒ The Juniors have created a Youth Sailing Council (YSC) of 9 members which currently plans to meet once a month.
- ⇒ YSC have plans to put together a training video with the new camera to assist the various training programmes currently run from the Training Centre.
- ⇒ YSC are currently considering additional activities for splash nights. This evening is generally oversubscribed and as such, sometimes there are not enough boats available for all children to be afloat at the same time. The sort of activity under consideration includes games on the beach.
- ⇒ The YSC have also been discussing plans for a 'watersports week' during the Summer in conjunction with Edge.

Training (Rick Newcombe)

(See Rick's Training Centre News on page 18)

- ⇒ Rick welcomed the creation of the YSC and explained that it will become an increasingly important vehicle through which the Club will secure grant funding.
- ⇒ The 6 Exeter School Toppers are to be fitted with centre mains at a cost of approximately £500. Once completed, and with the purchase of the replacement watertight topper hull, the Club will have a fleet of some 10 Toppers.
- ⇒ The RYA has received money from Sport England. The money is to be used on 'grass roots' Club sailing. RN is currently trying to persuade them to base a coach on the River Exe.
- ⇒ RN reported that ESC is now an official RYA Onboard Club. RN is planning what he hopes will be a big launch around the 3rd week of April.

Up Spirits (Malcolm Elliott)

- ⇒ It is expected that Up Spirits will be used for Wednesday racing when there are big tides as well as sea racing, open meetings and championships. There are currently some volunteers to skipper the boat but if it is to be used at weekends, more volunteers will be needed.
- ⇒ Training in the use of Up Spirits will be led by Rex Frost once the boat is in the water.
- ⇒ Malcolm Elliott is in charge of making sure that the boat is in running order. Any problems or faults with the boat will be reported to ME on the whiteboard in the boatshed. The engine log will be on the boat.

Craning (Ivan Wilkinson)

29th March for the fin keels and 5th April for the bilge keels. The water taxi will be available to assist.

Use of Club Ribs

The committee agreed to recommend to the Management Committee that a hire charge be levied for use of RIBs for anything that is not a Club Organised event. Details will be on the website once approved.

RS 400 Nationals

Steve Best has agreed to organise this event. Watch the website for details!

Introducing Martin Furminger, our new Membership Secretary

I've had enough of pink forms.....

I'm writing this short piece to introduce myself. I'm Martin Furminger and I took over as Membership Secretary from Mike Hill at the AGM. My wife, Ann, and I have lived in Exmouth for thirty five years and our children grew up here. I have been a member of Exe Sailing Club for five years and sail an Enterprise just for the joy of being on the water.



I thought it was time for me to put something extra into the club and when I saw Mike's announcement that he was resigning I called him and offered. So, in January, it was in at the deep end with over five hundred renewals to deal with – over five hundred pink forms (and quite a lot of beige ones for boat parking which, gladly, I passed on to Ivan).

Fortunately for me, it's been a real team effort. I must thank Mike for his help in showing me what needed doing and for being patient when I phoned him with one of the many queries. Quite how he's done this for thirteen years is a great achievement. Malcolm and Dorothy Elliot have dealt with issuing all the car park stickers and any new barrier cards needed. And Anne Wilkinson has single-handedly entered all the information on those pink forms into the database. Without their help, the last couple of months would have been a nightmare.

And now, we're just about all done and can look at the opportunities for new members and with the committee we're looking at the applicants on the waiting list and trying to see who we can admit to the club. Fortunately, our membership position is very healthy and we continue to attract people who want to join us.

I have met quite a few members since the New Year and please, if you see me around the club, say hello and I'll try to remember your name. And, if you have any queries about your membership, please give me a ring.

Martin

Look out for the Ferry!

Says dinghy captain Les Arcott



Over the last two or three years there have been a number of incidents or near incidents between sailing dinghies and the Starcross ferry or Stuart line cruise boats. We all need to keep an eye open and be aware of these boats using the estuary. It is not always obvious to the ferry and cruise boat skippers where we are sailing and they may not be aware of our lack of mobility especially when we lose our wind in the lee of these large vessels.

However, there appear to have been a few incidents where the ferry or cruise boats seem to operate with little regard for sailing vessels.



Close encounter (Fotoboot)

We have had incidents which have come very close to endangering both craft and their crews. I understand that a number of complaints have been received by HM Coastguard at Brixham concerning inappropriate and dangerous piloting of these vessels. If you have been involved in an incident where you feel a poor standard of care and attention has been shown by the ferry or cruise boat skippers then please write it up in detail, with date, time and place and pass it on to myself so I can collate incidents and take appropriate action.

Les Arcott

Cadet Report

No 33 Squadron (Exe Sailing Club)

One may think that with the onset of winter the juniors of the club retire to the warmth of their homes and a few games of football to keep the fitness levels up. Not a bit of it! Winter is the principal training period for our established Cadet sailors. Alex Horlock/Tim Pearce, and Tom Kinver/Jamie Proffit, have attended some 12 days of national squad training. Alex and Tim have also had an additional 6 days of invitational training with the other junior national squads (Toppers, Oppies, Mirrors and the like). Emily and Katie Kinver have had 12 days of coaching from Corky (Mark Rhodes) in the SW Zone Squad and Dom Langdon and Shaun Spring have also been training with a group of Cadet helms of similar ability.

Back at Exe we've been running the eXe Squad once a month. This year we've been lucky and have sailed every day that has been programmed. We've had a good turn out not only from the Cadets but also from the RS200s and a few gallant Topper and Laser sailors. I think our best turn out was 13 boats – not bad for a Saturday in the middle of winter!

For the travelling band of Cadets the first indicator for world team selection is the Cadet Inland championships at Rutland over Easter. The efficacy of all the winter's training can then be put to the test! We expect to have 6 boats going up to Rutland sailing in a fleet of approaching 100 Cadets.



Stevie Morrison rigs Gromit's new sail

I now know of 10 privately owned Cadets within the club. We look forward to welcoming the following helms to the dinghy park with their new boats:

Ollie Bridge sailing Scud (now where have I heard about that boat before?)
Eleanor Geare sailing Little Skipper
Max Howard sailing Little Nipper
George Payne sailing Buoy Racer

Of course we also have the two club Cadets, Wallace and Gromit, complete with new sails and ready to be helmed by youngsters of around 11 to 14 who are sailing at around the youth stage 3/4 level. We are also always on the look out for keen youngsters of around 8 to 13 who would like to crew. It helps if you can sail a bit but the important thing is to want to have a go. If you know anyone who fits these descriptions who might like to learn to improve their sailing skills through racing please let me know. (Bob Horlock 01395 271 821 or bobhorlock@aol.com).

Thursday evening training starts on 3rd April don't miss it!

Good luck to all Cadet sailors for the coming season – enjoy your sailing!

Bob Horlock



Alex and Tim in action at the Starcross Steamer (Fotoboot)

Team Cornish and Matson—29er

When Ben Cornish first made the move from the Cadet fleet to the high-performance 29er, he was sailing with fellow Cadet sailor Ed Impey (see Exe News, Spring 07). In November last year he teamed up with Sam Matson, another Exe junior, who earned his racing credentials in the Exe Laser fleet. Ben says "it was good to start in the 29er with Ed, because I knew him from the Cadets, but he lives miles away so it wasn't easy. Now Sam and I can train whenever we want".

Ben and Sam, as well as training over the Winter, have sailed at several major open events, including the Bloody Mary at Queen Mary SC in January, and last month's Tiger Trophy at Rutland. The Tiger Trophy is a big handicap open event held to raise funds for the John Merrick Trust (John was brilliant young sailor who tragically died in a car accident.) Conditions at the Tiger Trophy were challenging throughout the weekend. The final result gave Ben and Sam 37th overall out of the 198 boat entry, 18th out of 117 in the fast handicap fleet and 8th position in the 40 boat

29er fleet. This was an excellent result for their first major event in a big fleet, in such testing conditions.

The team's efforts are now focussed on the RYA Youth Nationals at Pwllheli in early April, and other 29er events on the circuit during the year.



Ben & Sam in action (Fotoboat)

Steph No 1 in Mexico!

World kite racing champ Steph Bridge has hit the top spot again, this time at the Professional Kite Riders Association (PKRA) Movistar World Cup event in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico. Steph posted a few notes on the Edge Watersports website:

"Day 3 started so windy with a big swell rolling in. I was on the water by 7.30am with some training with Densil and Bruno from France. Flying upwind with plenty of strap on then going downwind let the strap off and I am just so on the edge! By the end of the 2 hours I had improved



Steph on the Podium

on the gybes and tacks in the challenging conditions, it was back to the beach for skippers meeting. The double elimination started immediately with racing in the afternoon. I managed to blag a 9mtr Vegas and board so went and did 2 rounds of freestyle before getting knocked out by Angela Peral who went on to finish 3rd overall. By 4pm there was a tropical storm on the way with thunder, lightening and plenty of liquid sunshine. Day 4 was an early start for the race briefing but the wind was bolt offshore, super gusty/shifty and there seemed to be a lack of rescue cover. We were on hold all day with no racing. It was a good chance to catch up with some of the photographers and other team members talking about kit. Tomorrow is the final day and the plan is to have 4 races, the forecast is solid. "

Steph went on to win overall claiming 2 firsts and 2 seconds in the final days 4 races. See www.kiteworldtour.com for results and world rankings.



Hon Secretary's Jottings

from Ivan Wilkinson

Dinghy and Tender Parking

I am writing these notes immediately after completing one of my major admin tasks of the year, allocating boat parking spaces for the summer. Every year there are a number of members who are disappointed when they don't get a space as demand exceeds supply. I hope that the following notes will be helpful if you were unlucky to get a space.

Spaces are allocated on a strictly chronological order basis of receipt of applications in the club office. If you missed out this year be sure to apply as soon as the application forms drop through your letter box next year. Just because you had a space last year will not guarantee you will get one this year unless you apply early. Members who leave their boats at the Club throughout the winter and do not pay for winter boat parking will find their summer boat parking applications simply go to the end of the waiting list even after their debts are paid.

If you are unlucky to be on the waiting this year please don't despair. Any spaces not occupied by seaworthy boats by the 1st May, 2008, will be re-allocated to boats on the waiting list. If your boat is not seaworthy and ready to take to the water please remove it from the site and advise me and the space will then be re-allocated. This exercise usually identifies quite a few spaces.

We are re-introducing the boat use log scheme to identify the usage of dinghies and tenders. Please complete the Boat Use forms when you use your dinghy or tender and post it in the black post box in the entrance lobby. Dinghy owners do not need to record racing as the data will be collected from the race records. You only need to record the first six times in the season that you use your boat.

The Management Committee believe that there is potential for members to share tenders and thereby free up spaces. If there is a demand the Club will purchase dinghies from members. In the first instance members would use their own outboard engines to combat the idiosyncrasies of engines. If you would like to participate in such a scheme please let me know. The incentive is free tender parking.

Management of the Exe

Another year goes by and the proposal to set up a new Harbour Authority is gradually coming to a climax. A Public Enquiry into the Harbour Revision Order is scheduled for two weeks commencing 1st July. We wait with baited breath for the outcome of this momentous event.

The Exe Management Partnership has finally got underway again with the appointment of a new Estuary Officer after a 30 month gap. The structure of the Partnership has been changed with the winding up of the focus groups. This effectively eliminated estuary users' representation on the Partnership. However, the RSPB has gained representation by paying a fee to become a "Funding Member". It has been suggested that the RYA could gain representation for users through a similar move. As the local representative of the RYA I am awaiting a response from RYA HQ.

Thursday Evening Talks

This winter we had a wide range of subjects and some very professional presentations. I am proud of the results of the time and effort that goes into the presentations by speakers. I look forward to seeing this year's exploits on the water on the screen next winter.

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Just got in from a Safety boat training course to realise only 24 hours to go to the Exe News deadline. So what to write about? I know the safety boat course, which is, at least, fresh in the memory. The RYA Safety Boat course is aimed at more experienced Powerboat drivers who want to build on their basic skills, learn some more specialist techniques and make a contribution to the club. On this course we had Steve and Rachel Hughes, proud owners of the Saddler 35 Stardust and great supporters of the club. Exemplified, I think, by this little incident. At the start of the course Steve Best walks through, still wearing his bicycle clips (why does he do that, nobody wears bicycle clips anymore?) and asks Steve and Rachel, can they act as Committee boat for the RS 200/800 open in September? No, they said: we are away on a tall ship race to Bilboa or somewhere south of Cornwall, but you can have the boat. Typical of their generosity and that of many of our members who support the club in so many different ways. The training programme in particular is totally dependent on these generous volunteers who give so much of their time and let us use their boats for committee boats and motherships, - thank you one and all.

Back to the training centre report! The 2008 programme was published in December and many of the courses are already booked up. New for this year is the proposed two week, first 2 weeks of August, Junior Summer programme. We will be running the RYA 1-4 Youth sailing course, so any who missed out on the Friday training may like to think of this as an alternative. It is booking up quickly so don't delay. I have checked the forecast: the first two weeks of August will be great, sunny and force 2/3!

Now how about all of you who have been thinking/bar talking about learning to dinghy sail. You know who you are! But what are you doing on the weekend of the 3rd/4th May? We will be running the RYA Level 1 Start Sailing course, the introduction to dinghy sailing. A little bit of theory, lots of sailing with an instructor in the boat and, if you are ready, you get to throw the instructor overboard on day 2 and go solo. More fun than a barrel load of ferrets or so I am told! This

one is followed in June by the Level 2 Basic Skills: build on what you have learned and you will be sailing competently in a range of conditions by the end of the weekend. There you are, set up, but remember to keep practicing. Get out there, hire a Vision or a Topper, go out while the club racing is on and we have safety boats on the water or get together with a few friends and take the Toppers out on a low tide in Shelley Gut or at high water in the Duckpond—it's safe and your confidence will soar.

Other courses to look out for are the Seamanship course 10/11th May. I am running this one so the weather is guaranteed, not like that Noel Davis! It always rains and blows like hell on his courses. More advanced sailing skills, picking up moorings, anchoring, coming alongside, reefing, sailing backwards and rudderless, lee shore landing plus a bit of navigation and passage planning and loads of common sense safety stuff. Ideal for building your confidence especially if you are relatively new or have not sailed for a while.

On the powerboat front notices for future courses will go up shortly, to test demand. If there is sufficient interest we will try to put on one or two courses over the Summer but these will be mid week as we cannot access the club RIBS at the weekend. There will be full, weekend, Powerboat/Safety boat training programme again next winter. Watch the website and notice boards for details.

BOOK ON THE NOTICE BOARD SHEETS OR THROUGH ME:

richard@newcaredevon.co.uk

Friday night programme registration, that's the training programme and splash-night is set for 0730 on Friday 18th April

Other news. You will, I hope, see lots of excited youngsters around the club on Wednesdays and Mondays (what's new about that I hear a few exasperated members groan), what's new is that this lot will be part of our RYA OnBoard and Sailability programmes. National programmes aimed at introducing our sport to young people who would not ordinarily get that opportunity. To achieve this and with the backing of the RYA we have been approved as an 'OnBoard' club and have formed a partnerships with Exmouth Community College, the West of England School for Children with Little or No Sight and the Royal Academy for Deaf Education. This little lot will be led into action by our team of volunteer instructors. Sailability will be on Monday evenings and the Community College group late Wednesday afternoons. If anyone would like to come along to help us out you will be most welcome.

The race coaching programme will get underway 1830 on the 3rd April. You need to be at the club by 1800 if you can though the time will slip to 1900 as the evenings draw out. We have very deliberately not titled this as 'Junior Training' as this year as we would like to open it to all. Friendly racing, short simple courses, on water coaching, pre race briefing and de briefings and for those who want it we will offer the RYA Start Racing Course as an integral part of this programme. Interested? Contact Rick.

Finally we are delighted to announce the appointment of our first Exe SC Club Professional. Rosie Sands will come into post on the 14th April. Rosie's brief will be to work with the volunteer training/coaching team to help deliver our 2008 programme. She will also be available to offer advice and guidance to any members about sailing related matters, so if you want to know how to re-rig that broken main halyard, what part of the estuary is most suitable for sailing on a Spring Flood in a South Easterly wind, when is the next Powerboat level 2 course etc etc ask Rosie. Rosie can be contacted by leaving a message on the training notice board or through the club email: address to be announced shortly.



Rosie & Andy at the Starcross Steamer

That's it, have a great sailing season and let us know what you want from your training centre.

Rick Newcombe 07966 320193. richard@newcaredevon.co.uk

A large advertisement for Simon Turl Boat Repairs. The background is a photograph of a red and blue boat on the water. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, 'Simon Turl' is written in large blue letters. Below it, 'Moorings' is on the left and 'Boat Repairs' is on the right, both in blue. At the bottom, 'Phone 01395-272497' is on the left and 'Mobile 07967-132852' is on the right, both in white.



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The Great Exe Sailing Club 2008

There's a lot going on this Summer on the sailing front but when 8th August comes around in general and "our boys" in particular will do at the sailing regatta of the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. We have prepared a small quiz to test your knowledge and sharpen up your appreciation of the sport.

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Q1 – Where will the 2008 Olympic Regatta be sailed?

- (a) Chinese National Aquatic Center
- (b) Qingdao
- (c) Yingdong Natatorium
- (d) Great Lake of Happiness, Beijing



Q2 – Who designed the 49er (as sailed by Stevie and Ben)?

- (a) Phil Morrison
- (b) Tamsin Outhwaite
- (c) Julian Bethwaite
- (d) Julian Clarey



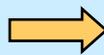
Q3 – Which boat did the 49er replace as the Olympic high performance dinghy?

- (a) Flying Scotsman
- (b) Flying Fifteen
- (c) 505
- (d) Flying Dutchman



Q4 - Why is the 470 (as sailed by Joe and Nick) so called?

- (a) It was the designer's lucky number
- (b) It was 50 cm longer than a 420
- (c) That's the total sail area in square feet
- (d) It was the code number of the prototype



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2008 Olympic Quiz



...and, all eyes will be turned to the East to see how Team GBR in
...s. Given the time difference we should be able to sail by

...of the great event when it eventually rolls around...



Q6 – What is the maximum number of sailors who may take part in the 2008 Olympic Regatta?

- (a) 300
- (b) 400
- (c) 600
- (d) 1200

Q7—How many Olympic sailing gold medals have been won since sailing came into the Olympics (Paris 1900) ?

- (a) 327
- (b) 198
- (c) 147
- (d) 95

Q5 – In which Olympics was the 470 first sailed?

- (a) Athens 2004
- (b) Montreal 1976
- (c) Seoul 1988
- (d) London 1948



Q8—Stevie and Ben were, er, discouraged by (was it the RYA?) from naming one of their 49ers. What did they want to call it (her?)?

No multiple choice on this one—just the answer, please!



...a correct set of answers on the Exe Sailing Club forum

CENSORED

House Report

from Frankie Upton



Before taking on this role I had an idea that there were jobs to do before the season fully got underway but the scale of activity has been quite an eye opener. The day to day house team ably led by the experienced Steve Best, comprises the equally experienced Mike Hill, Brian Abbot and Club Steward, Steve Jacklin. Jobs are identified, other members with relevant expertise are roped in or volunteer and the jobs get done.

So far, in preparation for the season, we have seen the club have its weather boarding improved, it has had a new coat of paint where urgently needed indoors, the stairs have been re-carpeted and we have new flooring in the entrance hall.

Out and about, a working party made safe the tracking down to the beach and there are plans to relay it again before the season gets underway. We are working on the 'shedder' to make it waterproof, safe and tidy and hope that this will help our attempts to reduce the frequency of oversized puddles in and around that area of the club!

We also have a couple of major club improvements planned. The first is to strengthen the club room floor to allow for enthusiastic bopping at those well-attended social events we all enjoy. This will be quite a big task and there will be some disruption but it is a priority and will be done as soon as we can. The other project, identified as a need at the AGM, is about improving our changing facilities to meet the demands of this full and well-used club along with improvements to office and storage space. We are at the stage of seeking planning and in due course will come to the membership with more detail. Finally and possibly covered in other reports, we are making progress in terms of trying to improve the capacity of our dinghy park, with the planning application to do this recently submitted.

Phew, that's a lot in what seems a relatively short space of time. I have no illusions now about the scale of activity pre and during season. Thanks to all who play their part.

Frankie Upton

Rear Commodore



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X-Bridge News



Since last September playing bridge in the Club has become a well known activity. We started with a list of 22 interested members from beginners to social and experienced level.

A group of 12 beginners decided to follow a recognized Bridge Course which was held at the Club. Several of those have almost completed 2/3 of the course and are now able to play at a social level.

We are now looking for all those interested social and experienced bridge players to make up a table on Tuesday evenings at the Club. We held our first Bridge Evening at the Club on the 4th March and 8 people had a most enjoyable evening over a drink and some with a meal.

It is likely that playing bridge might be more of a winter activity but there is no reason why one should not get the cards out on a warm summer's night on the balcony.

Packs of playing cards are available behind the bar and we look forward to many good games of bridge.

Riki Nemes.



The ESCART trip to St Ives
(Andy Nemes)

Introducing...



Towards the end of the Sailing Season in September 2007 a group of members set up an Art section, which meets in the club each Tuesday from 10.00 hrs. At the very first session it was agreed to be supportive and encouraging of each other and that artists would bring along their own materials. All are encouraged to suggest topics and contribute to a plan of activities. This is now under way. 20 members showed interest in the formation of the group and they attend as and when they wish. There is no set teaching plan in progress, but by coming along there is an opportunity to set up subjects for studies, go outdoors to paint, sketch, photograph and actually get down to the task which is always put off at home; and what an inspirational setting in which to work.

This year to date there has been painting in watercolours, acrylics, collage, and sketching at the club site. Four life drawing sessions have been arranged at another venue attended by 6 members each time. In August 2007 there was an invitation to tour local studios open in Exmouth during Devon Open Studios week and in December we took an off peak trip to St Ives to view works in the Tate and Barbara Hepworth galleries. This was particularly enjoyable as it turned out to be a beautiful day enabling some of us to eat overlooking the beach and enjoy the surfer's skills. Gillie had a walk down memory lane and caught up with a much-respected tutor from her days with the St Ives School. At the Tate, Jonty Lees, the Artist in Residence, had a trick up his sleeve for us; on leaving one of the rooms a whole wall full of what appeared to be hanging tools waved "goodbye" as they were mechanically activated by the movement of the door handle! We all appreciated a small, but representative collection of work by John Wells, which was displayed to celebrate the centenary of his birth.

There is a relaxed atmosphere at our art sessions, sailors have been known to step ashore, lay up their craft and come on in to set up an easel or go sketching. You may have seen us around and about the club or along the shoreline. We have tutor sessions planned for March 18th and April 8th. Please come and view what fellow members are enjoying creating and keep a lookout on the Social Board at the top of the stairs as you are welcome to join any trip we may organise in the future, or bring yourself along to have a go yourself - there is an artist hiding in all of us!

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Prizewinners 2007

Cruisers

Cup/Series	Yacht Name	Skipper/Helm
Estlinan Cup	Sante	Rob Masters
Fairway Cup	Alibi	Chris Rhodes
LSC Cup	Alibi	Chris Rhodes
Spring Plate	Speculator 2	David Palney
Walter Holman Challenge Cup	Delphin	Hedley Saunders
McPherson Cup	Delphin	Hedley Saunders
Mermaid Trophy	Wavelet	Tincke Blanchard

Dinghies

Series	Class	Position	Trophy	Winner
Thursday series 1	Juniors	First	Easter Cup	Sam Manson
		Second	Challenge Trophy	Iain Horlock
Thursday series 2	Juniors	First	Hedges Cup	Sam Manson
		Second	Mermaid Trophy	Jess Blick
		Third	Belsher Cup	Alex Horlock
Evening 1	Juniors		Parience Cup	Alex Horlock
	Handicap	First	Evening Cup	Chris Rhodes
		Second	Exe Cup	Rosie Sands
		Third	Sharp King challenge Cup	Martin Lilley
	Trio	First	Deakin challenge Cup	Andrew McCausland
		Second	Sunday /Alford Cup	Bob Horlock
	Laser	The third	Fulford bowl	Tony Brewster
			Ingham challenge Cup	Ian Horlock
Evening 2	Handicap	First	Fulfirds Cup	Les Arscott
		Second	Reed bowl	Rosie Sands
		Third	West Bay Cup	Martin Lilley
		Fourth	Cluney Challenge Cup	Chris James
	Trio	First	Scrimjunker Cup	Andrew McCausland
		Second	Best Ashore Cup	Guy Farnant
		Third	Sharp Alette Cup	Bob Horlock
		Fourth	Roberts Cup	Tony Brewster
King Cup		First	King Cup	Andrew McCausland
		Second	Seddon Easter plate	Rosie Sands
Spring	Junior		Williams Tankard	Alex Horlock
Spring	Handicap	First	West of England Cup	Rosie Sands
		Second	Norman Cup	Les Arscott
		Third	Pilot's Challenge Cup	Martin Lilley

		Fourth	Norman Chardi Cup	Rex Frost
	Trio	First	Bristol rigged Trophy	Tony Brewster
		Second	Enterprise rose bowl	Guy Farrant
		Third	Sharp Best Comlie	John Best
	Laser	First	Deakin, Best Asthore Trophy	Malcolm Lynn
		Second	Checkstone Trophy	Nick Coombes
Summer	Handicap	First	Falmouth Cup	Rosie Sands
		Second	Paul Martin, Zeus Cup	Les Arscott
		Third	Sharp Cup	Jess Bliak
	Trio	First	Ivor Williams bowl	Guy Farrant
		Second	National 14s Exe Trophy	Tony Brewster
		Third	Webber Cup	Martin Luce
Winter	Handicap	First	Nat West Cup	Chris Rhodes
		Second	Thorpe family Cup	Rosie Sands
	Trio	First	Boyce challenge Trophy	Guy Farrant
		Second	Hamlin Cup	Fred Woodcock

The **Claret Jug** awarded to the person who has done the most to help the club this year: **Gillie Newcombe**, for services to feeding hungry sailors and helping in so many other ways. Well done Gillie!



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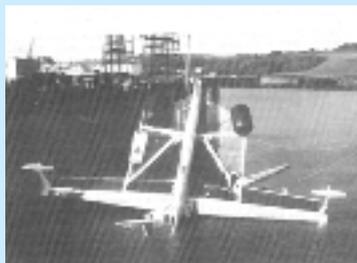


10 Years Ago

- ⇒ Ivan Wilkinson was Commodore
- ⇒ Mike Saunders attempted to kick-start dinghy racing by introducing the new (old) Laser fleet, encouraging people to go out and buy old Lasers to race.
- ⇒ ESC website was launched at www.exe-sailing-club.org

20 Years Ago

- ⇒ Ivan Wilkinson was Commodore
- ⇒ Charlotte Neil and Ryan Lee were Cadet national champions
- ⇒ Three out of the five boats selected to represent GB at the Cadet Worlds in India came from Exe SC (Charlotte Neil/Ryan Lee, Jamie Lea/Adam May and Stephanie Rowsell/Harry Mogridge.)
- ⇒ Mark Gatehouse and crew won the Three Peaks race in Queen Anne's Battery Marina, a 40 ft catamaran designed by Phil Morrison and built by Spud Rowsell. Sailing crew was Mark Gatehouse, Andrew Ball and Mike Holmes. Runners were Royal Marines John Rye and Patrick Winterton. The boat had to be rowed for a total of 20 hours during the 3 days of racing!
- ⇒ Hedley Saunders (and little Steven Morrison) joined Phil Morrison and crew for the last flight of the Blue Arrow. The radical 65 ft hydrofoil craft was commissioned by Peter de Savary for the America's Cup, but refused entry. In this last trip out of Falmouth, for the benefit of film crews, the boat pitchpoled at high speed and suffered major damage. Team Skandia GBR will be grateful that the experience didn't put "little Steven" off sailing...



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