



# Ilfracombe Yacht Club

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## NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2009

### FROM THE COMMODORE

Due to a major computer failure there is no offering this month but hopefully I will be back and running for next month. In the meantime I hope you enjoy the forthcoming events at the club and with a new computer and a bit of luck, you will hear from me next month....

**Chris Marman**

### SOCIAL SIDE

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June is the Henry Trollop Race from Swansea to Ilfracombe with a BBQ from 20:00

**.....STOP PRESS.....**

***Just in From Swansea YC Thursday night 20:30hrs..... "The race is postponed due to the weather forecast. It is hoped to re-arrange the race for later in the year".***

As the BBQ food has been arranged, we will have a club BBQ on Sunday afternoon (6<sup>th</sup>) from 17:00 (weather permitting).

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> is a mid – summer quiz, this time set by Ann Clemence. Usual rules, teams of 4 and cash prizes. Start 20:00

Sat Jun 27<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day with various harbour side activities.

Sun Jun 28<sup>th</sup> Sponsored Gig Row to Lynmouth starting at 08:30

See you soon,

**Bobby**

### Ilfracombe RNLI Sea Safety Team

The Commodore has kindly allowed us to include a regular feature about *Sea Safety* in the Club newsletter. We're not about "teaching mother to suck eggs"....but we do want to share and highlight good practice to encourage everyone to enjoy their time afloat safely.

You may have noticed a smart new information board located at the top of the lifeboat slipway. On there you'll find some simple and straightforward sea safety messages – we call them

**"The Big 5".**

- **Wear a Lifejacket**
- **Check the tides and weather**
- **Check your engine and fuel**
- **Carry a VHF Radio**
- **Tell someone where you're going.**

**Top tip of the month** : Keep your keys and wallet in your grab bag when at sea....if the worst happens and you have to abandon your craft, arranging replacement keys and cards will be one less problem to sort out!

For any thoughts/ideas/advice about Sea Safety matters, please feel free to contact your local team here at Ilfracombe – John Clemence (07971 563094) or Mark Rumson.

One final thought...."A lifejacket buys you vital time....but only if you're wearing it!"

### "Coast to Coast"

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June (2pm – 6pm) until Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

An inspirational exhibition of seascapes from some of the UK's most distinguished artists alongside our most talented local artists.

Preview evening Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 6-9pm. Join us for a glass of wine and the auction of an original painting by local artist Nikki De Marco, all proceeds from which will be donated to the RNLI. The auction will be chaired by Mayor Phillip Webb. 10% of sales on the evening will also be donated to the RNLI.

After the exhibition there is an optional fixed price dinner, details from the gallery.

Reservations for the event can be made at the gallery, the Quay, [Ilfracombe@driftwoodgallery.co.uk](mailto:Ilfracombe@driftwoodgallery.co.uk)

## GIG CLUB

- The new training boat Lantern is almost finished and will soon be ready for 'action'. We now have two training boats 'Capstone' and 'Lantern' and Rapparee will now be able to have some general maintenance done and also be ready to take to Regatta's.
- The Men's A Crew took part in the Appledore History Race and came in Third! A shock to all the other teams to have a 'newbie' team do so well.
- The Men's A Crew also raced in the mammoth 9m Bristol Race and finished with a time of 1hr 5 minutes. 6<sup>th</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> in their group! Thanks to all who helped with the logistics of the day.
- The Ladies Crew took part in the Dartmouth regatta on 11/04/09 by the kind invitation of Appledore allowing us to row in their place.... And after a 'disastrous' start managed to beat Plymouth well done ladies!
- Julie Gordge and Sarah Barclay rowed with Appledore as part of the Women's B crew in the World Championships on the Scilly Isles and apart from sun burnt noses & aching all over have managed to gain valuable insight for the club with the view to Ilfracombe taking part in 2010. This is a fantastic event with approx 130 teams taking part from the UK, Holland and America!
- Novice sessions have been a great success and we welcome the new members... we hope to hold more throughout 2009.
- On the 28<sup>th</sup> of June is the sponsored row from Ilfracombe to Lynmouth. Forms will be ready shortly and will be available from IYC on the website and in the boathouse. The distance is 12 mile with fresh crews rowing back. If you would like to row please contact Iain Neale who is organising the event.

[www.ilfracombepilotgigclub.org](http://www.ilfracombepilotgigclub.org)

## OLD QUAY HEAD

A letter has been received from The Harbour Office outlining the currant problems with old Quay Head. A copy is on the club notice board for your information.

.....(Cut & Keep).....

## FROM THE DIARY

### **JUNE**

Sat 6.....Henry Trollop Race 10:00  
**postponed**  
Sun 7 .....BBQ 17:00  
Mon 8.....Copperas Race II 18:30  
Tue 9.....Copperas Race III 19:00  
Wed 10 ..... Lundy meeting 20:00  
Sat 13..... Lynton Music Festival  
Wed 17.....Committee meeting 20:00  
Tue 23.....Copperas race IV 18:15  
WED 24.....Quiz evening 20:00  
Sat 27..... Armed Forces day  
Sun 28.....Sponsored Gig row to Lynmouth