



Ilfracombe Yacht Club

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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE COMMODORE

What a weekend we had for the Lundy Race.

Congratulations to the 18 yachts that took part and completed the course, commiserations for those where the challenge was too much.

My thanks to Steve for helping Zephyrus over the line in Pole position for Class 2 and 3rd overall.

Dan Welch's achievement in class 3 was second to none, well done Coquette skipper and crew for making the treble, Class Winner, Winner overall and Mason Trophy winner, (best Ilfracombe Yacht).

There are too many people to thank individually and I would not like to miss anyone so to all those who made the Lundy Weekend the great success that it was, THANK YOU.

Feedback from the competitors has been positive and we will take on board some of the recommendations from the Lundy Committee.

Good selections of photographs are available for you to see or buy from the links on the main page of the IYC website.

The around the cans event proved to be visually exciting with competitors and spectators having a great time. We will do it again.

Social events continue to please some members, but I am sorry more of you don't join us. Your Club Needs You.

Dave Welch

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

In July we have a fantastic opportunity for promote both the club and indeed sailing itself. Ilfracombe College is having water sports activities days on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th July organised by Chris Clements. A group of students will be taking part in gig boat rowing, canoeing and dinghy sailing, across the two days and we have been asked to help by getting them out on the "big yachts". So I am asking for volunteers to take a few students out on the Monday and Tuesday evenings on their yachts. I know many of you will have questions around adult support, insurance, health and safety, etc etc, but Chris and I have discussed this and believe there is a solution. So for now, just contact myself or Chris, if you can help. This really is a great opportunity to promote both sailing and the club to the younger people in the town. Just email me at mark.fay@hp.com or leave a message at the club.

Mark Fay

NAVIGATION CHARTS

So you would like to have charts for your area, you would like them regularly updated, you would prefer Admiralty Charts, you don't want to spend hundreds of pounds on chart plotters or C-map cartridges and you would like enough change in your pocket afterwards to buy a pint.

So this is your lucky day, go to www.visitmyharbour.com and you will find Admiralty Chartlets and Pilotage Information for 140 Harbours in the Bristol Channel and around the UK. Access to this is free.

Next there is now available 400+ Home Waters navigation charts, these are on-line at full size and resolution. You can view these on your home PC or Laptop, the charts will expand to fit your whole screen area. If you have mobile internet access then you will be able to view these charts on your boat.

Screenshots can be printed and laminated for a durable finish. Access to 400 charts is not free; there is an annual fee of £25. (You will not buy many paper charts for this price).

POWER BOAT WEEKEND

Due to a change in race fixtures on the South Coast, The Ilfracombe heat of the Power Boat races has been postponed until the **August Bank Holiday**. This change of date will also mean more boats will be taking part and the club will be even busier. All offers of help will be appreciated as I expect some of our boat owners will have arranged cruising for that weekend. The format will be the same as in previous years so if you can help please contact Mike Elmer or Bobby Davies. Thanks

SEA SAFETY

With the Top 6 RNLI Tips you will be considerably increasing your safety at sea:

- Tell others where you're going
- Get Training
- Carry a means of calling for help
- Wear a Lifejacket
- Check engine and fuel
- Check weather and tides

FROM THE GIG CLUB

Weymouth 3rd 4th July – This is a weekend event with racing on the Saturday and Sunday for the Mens and Ladies crews and just Saturday for the Vets. I am trying to secure us a second wooden gig so we can take A and B crews for the Ladies and Men. The format is the same as the Scillies. Can you let your crew captains know ASAP if you can make the whole weekend. See our website – fixtures page – scroll down to Weymouth and click on more details..

Clovelly to Lundy row 10th and 11th July – If you would like to do this please look at the our web site – fixtures page where you can find more details Dion is taking names so please get in touch with him if you would like to row . There are also contact details for a member of Rock gig club, who is looking to field a crew of breast cancer survivors.

Teign on 17th July - a number of members have asked if it is wise to travel to Teign on the 17th and then compete at Appledore on the 18th. Can you let you crew captain know if you are prepared to do both or would rather save yourself for Appledore.

SOCIAL SIDE

Once again a great Lundy Race weekend, many thanks to all those who helped with the tents, awnings, BBQ prep and 'back stage' work. Thanks also to Ann Clemence for doing a great job with the V.I.P.'s brunch and then the lunch for the shore gang. Thanks also to Maureen – my right arm – I couldn't do it without her, all the shopping, prep and cooking. Thanks Maureen, you are a star.

Thanks also to Sharon Ward for holding her 40th Birthday celebrations at the club and also to John Ward for doing the catering. Don't forget, if you have something to celebrate, think about holding it at the club.

On Sunday 4th July the club are having an Independence Day American style BBQ form 17:00, come along for something different.

Bobby

FROM THE DIARY

July

Every Monday..... Early doors from 17:00
Sun 4thBBQ USA 17:00
Sat 10thGig / Yacht club first aid course
Mon 12thCollege water activity day
Tue 13th College water activity day
Sun 18thClovelly Maritime festival
Sat 24thGig row to Lundy
Mon 26thCopperas race (3) 18:15
Sat 31stClovelly Rum race 10:00
Sun 1stGig Club sponsored row & BBQ