

# Lympstone Fishery & Harbour Association - Spring 2017 Newsletter

- 1. Happy New Year** to all LFHA Members from the Harbour Board. We wish you good boating in 2017. This Newsletter touches on matters that impinge on the management of our property and offers information for Members. If your licensing needs have changed from last year, please e-mail me, [lffhamemsec@gmail.com](mailto:lffhamemsec@gmail.com) before the end of the month, so that more invoices are right first time.
- 2. Website update & current information**  
Our website [ <http://www.lympstoneharbour.org.uk> ] is now easier to read by small-screen devices. Members are encouraged to browse the site for up-to-date & reference information (AGM & 2017 craning dates, fees, rules, mooring information etc) & the on-line form for updating your license requirements. By all means contact [lffhamemsec@gmail.com](mailto:lffhamemsec@gmail.com) with comments.
- 3. Buoys**  
The survey of moorings at the end of last season by Harbour Board Members was more difficult to carry out due to poorly identified moorings with nearly one in five being unidentifiable. Tying a plastic container to your riser for instance, is a risk to navigation as the like are difficult to see in poor visibility & are often semi-submerged in a strong tidal flow. Your mooring number will be printed on your invoice, otherwise ask [don.govan@live.co.uk](mailto:don.govan@live.co.uk) or [lffhamemsec@gmail.com](mailto:lffhamemsec@gmail.com). Members are invited to raise the standard of their moorings this year.
- 4. Pressure on Summer Berthing Resource**  
Demand for the berthing of dinghies, tenders & canoes outstrips available space. The Harbour Board is alert to ways of maximising the efficient use of our resources but Members' choices can play & have played a significant role in ameliorating over-capacity demand. But as every new house built in the parish potentially adds to the pressure on harbour resources, the consequences are likely to be permanent waiting lists for the most sought after resource. The Harbour Board encourages Members & new applicants to minimise demand & to be aware of alternative available resource, such as "beach moorings" for tenders. Such consideration might even extend to the choice of a new vessel or any request for facilities for more than one vessel.
- 5. Licensing of a Valuable Resource**  
Members are reminded that they are licensed only for the facilities they applied for; there is no license for the storage of trailers and trailers left in the harbour will be destroyed. As pressure on the available space increases, the Board is more likely to use its powers to revoke the membership of those members who do not obey the rules, the simplest of which is "ask first".
- 6. Tilting of Tenders and Dinghies – Harbour Board Instruction**  
Members who tilt their tenders or dinghies by pulling the trolley out from under the hull, often significantly extend the overall length of the berth and can cause trip hazards. Please desist from this practice & use a prop to tilt your vessel.
- 7. License Labels & General Vessel Identification**  
Up to now, the request has been to place you vessels' License Label on the transom where it can be clearly seen even with a cover on. This applies to tenders & dinghies on trolleys, but when it comes to racked canoes or inflatables, the issue is not the position on transom, but the visibility of the label when racked. You will also be asked to provide any obvious hull identification colour or markings on your invoice. Please take a little more care in preparing the surface on which you apply the License Label as the adhesive seems less effective these days.
- 8. Short-term berthing of vessels in the brook and the full extent of the wet harbour**  
Members are reminded that without specific Harbour Master permission, berthing in the brook and wet harbour (which includes the south side of the harbour wall) is only permitted for short-term activity during one tide only. Ongoing permission is granted to commercial licensed fishing boats registered as such with the Harbour Board.
- 9. Tail end!**  
The observed antisocial behaviour of some dog owners in & around the harbour last season beggars belief. The Board encourages all Members to politely challenge any deserving dog owner. The reporting of incidents to the Parish Council and our WPCSO is encouraged.

*Richard Crisp, LFHA Membership Secretary*