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Your editor at play on the Dart having trailed her down to Dittisham . I thoroughly recommend trailer sailing. Why not put 15 July in your diary and come to Chichester Harbour and try for yourself. See page 3.

Dear Member

Hopefully the winter is now behind us and our scows are coming out of hibernation. Our scow, Bocca Lupo (see photo above) is already in her space in the dinghy park at Keyhaven awaiting her first sail of the season. All the local clubs have a very full diary of events for Scows whether you are a racer or potterer or both. Our main event for the year is our annual Championship Regatta, this year being hosted by The Royal Lymington Yacht Club. More about that later in the Newsletter. We are also organising a Rally event to Chichester harbour in July. See the Diary notes.

I would encourage members to write to me about Scow or sailing matters to be published under Letters to the Editor. You will read later in the Newsletter an account by a six year old of his experiences sailing in the Barts Bash regatta. Please do let me have your anecdotes about your adventures with your scow past or present for the Tell Tale Trophy.

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Association matters

We welcome the following new members to the Association:

Neil Wharmby LR535 Brass Tacks.
Adrian Trevelyan Thomas LR521 Ready BRSC

Acting Hon. Secretary: Dorinda Nellis has been co-opted to this post for the remainder of the year (see below).

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions were due on **1st March, 2015**. If you have still not paid and wish to remain a member of the association, please send your cheque, payable to the LRSCA, to the Treasurer, David Weller, 15 Needles Court, Rookcliff Way, Milford on Sea, Hants SO41 0WA.

AMENDMENTS for the Yearbook 2016.

Would members please inform the Hon. Secretary of any changes to their address, telephone/mobile numbers or email addresses before the end of year printing of the Yearbook.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP PROCEDURE

Dan McCarthy, Class Measurer, asks that members who are selling their scows privately, to return the Owners Certificate together with the new owner's particulars, to the Hon. Secretary for details to be noted and a new certificate issued.

Dates for you diary

TRAIL SAIL TO CHICHESTER HARBOUR Wednesday 15 July 2015. (Reserve day Friday 11 September 2015). See page 3.

OUR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 20 & 21 JUNE 2015 – See Page 4.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Friday, 25th September, 2015 at the Royal Lymington Yacht Club at 6.30 pm. followed by the **ANNUAL DINNER** at 7.30p.m.

For summaries of the Committee Meetings please see our web site.

Association Website www.lymingtonriverscow.org

2015 Your Committee & other posts:

Hon. President: Gordon Stredwick **Chairman:** John Turner

Vice Chairman: Peter Blick **Acting Hon. Secretary:** Dorinda Nellis,

Hon. Treasurer: David Weller **Association Class Measurer:** Dan McCarthy.

Other members: Mike Urwin, Dubbie Robinson, David Howden (Editor of the Newsletter and Web Master)

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Fleet Notes

I would very much like to hear from Scow Captains/Club Secretaries about their LR Scow Class events. Editor.

A Note from your Chairman:

Honorary Secretary.

It is very sad to note that Brian Buckingham, our Hon. Secretary for the last two years and a committee member for three years before that, suffered a stroke early this year and despite making a gradual recovery feels unable to continue with his LRSCA duties. These included designing and maintaining our website. He has thus resigned. We shall miss Brian's enthusiasm and his very effective work behind the scenes for the Association. As a consequence the committee has co-opted Dorinda Nellis as Hon. Secretary for the remainder of this Association year. I am sure that you will warmly welcome Dorinda and help her pick up the duties mid-term. David Howden, our Newsletter editor, has kindly agreed to maintain our website.

Contact: Acting Hon. Secretary Dorinda Nellis, e-mail admin@lymingtonriverscow.org.

John Turner. Chairman.

Summer Rally for L R Scows in Chichester Harbour.

on Wednesday 15 July 2015 (reserve day Friday 11 September)

An invitation to all Association members for a day's sailing in Chichester Harbour.

PLAN

Chichester Harbour is a great place for sailing Scows and meeting fellow members. Visitors would road-trail their boats to Itchenor and join with local Scows (including from Dell Quay and West Wittering Sailing Clubs) for a 'potter' in the Harbour and a picnic lunch followed by supper either at DQSC or a local pub before trailing home.

In 2014 Scows from Keyhaven, Dell Quay and West Wittering had a lovely day sailing, meeting others and enjoying DQSC's hospitality (see *Late Summer Newsletter 2014*). This year it would be good to widen the participation (e.g. Lymington members?). Use of the large public slipway at Itchenor is possible at almost all stages of tide and there is a public car-park for cars and trailers. Escorting RIB from DQSC. Lymington to Chichester is about 55 miles or 1.5 hrs. with trailer mainly on A27/M27.

Timing depends on HW but for example dep. Keyhaven/Lymington around 0900hrs, arr. 1100, rig and coffee, sail 1200 – 1600 with picnic lunch, derig, meal, depart 1830, home 2030hrs.

PLEASE LET JOHN TURNER* KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. Full details will then be provided later.

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THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



The LRSCA National Championships are to be hosted by the Royal Lymington YC over the mid-summer week-end (20/21 June). Preparations are well under way and posters promoting the event have been sent to all Clubs where our scows are sailed. The RLymYC is inviting interested Members to visit their website (<https://rlmyc.org.uk/Sailing/Racing/ScowNationals15.aspx>) where there are full details and the opportunity to view and print the Notice of Race and to enter on-line.

Members who prefer traditional methods can contact the office at the RLymYC, (015900672677) to ask for the information to be mailed to them. (Acting) Captain of Scows at the RLymYC Dick Moore said " we hope for a really good turnout this year. We are planning a large slipway team to help with launching and recovery and will have exclusive use of the slipway at the critical periods on Saturday and Sunday.

Our PRO, Vince Sutherland, has run all Scow special races at the Club for several years and understands how our boats perform and the courses we like to sail. He will give us good racing."

This year ALL members of the Association have been invited to attend an informal Mid-Summer Party on the Saturday evening, whether taking part in the sailing or not. The Association has exclusive use of the Clubhouse including the balcony, which will be covered by a marquee against the possibility of a shower. There will be a singer/guitarist to provide some background music and a two course menu complemented by a glass of wine and all for £17.50. As with the sailing, you can enter on-line or telephone the office.

Chairman of the Association John Turner said "The Nationals are the big event in the Association's year. This is the first time we have made the evening event open to every Member and we hope to see many of you there for what promises to be a really good party".

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Presidents' Masters Trophies

There were two new categories at our National Championship in June last year, Single-Handed Master and Double-Handed Masters (for crews 70 years of age or more). New perpetual trophies, donated by our first Hon. President, Roly Stafford, and myself, were unfortunately not able to be presented at the time as they were not yet finished. We were able to rectify that recently and present the trophies to the first winners, Ian Curtis who sailed *Bauble*, and Class Chairman John Turner with Marigold De Jongh who sailed *Annie*. Congratulations to them and apologies for the delay!



Winners: Ian Curtis and John Turner & Marigold De Jongh



The trophies

Gordon Stredwick, Hon. President

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Entries for the Tell Tale Trophy 2015

James Kennedy's thoughts about Bart's Bash.
(The following has been transcribed exactly as James wrote it down).

Bart's Bash

by James Kennedy, aged 6½.

I woke up and felt really excited because I was going to do Bart's Bash. That was the biggest sailing race in the world. It was in the memory of Andrew Simpson, a famous Olympic sailor who died in the Americas Cup. We got up early and went to pick up Max Pemberton, my cousin. Then we drove to Granny and Grandpa's house at the edge of Keyhaven. It's called Aubrey House. You might have heard of their house because a famous writer once stayed there. (Tennyson).

We went to the Keyhaven Yacht Club and I put on my sailing gear which is a wet suit, life jacket and boots. It was sunny but really windy. We were going in a scow called "Flying Turtle". Grandpa got the boats ready and then Max and I jumped in.

The river was swarming with boats. We launched the boat and went sailing off to the start line. Grandpa was helming and Max and I were doing the jib. Pssst - don't tell anyone but we got a bit lost on the way.

We were covering our faces with our coat hoods to get the water off our faces. We were a bit chilling too.

The Solent was very rough that day and there were a lot of violent waves. I felt like I was having a heart attack because it was so wild. Granny was bailing water out of the boat and wanted to go home! We sang "Sing Hosanna" to cheer her up.

It was soon time to go home and we all collected certificates. I loved Bart's Bash.

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Tell tale in Suffolk

By Marigold de Jongh

This is a land-based tale of the misfortunes of a scow in transit. I had been told by the Sailing Club at Waldringfield where I kept my scow, that I could no longer keep it in their dinghy park as it wasn't a racing boat, but that I could keep it at the top of a long hill in a field by the car park – where it would be impossible to drag her up. So I joined the Ipswich Sailing Club on the river Orwell.

I had bought a new trailer for the boat and was towing it over the Orwell bridge – a long bridge on the A14 dual carriageway. Suddenly there was a scraping noise and I saw one of the wheels disappearing over the horizon in front of me. I stopped rapidly and ran to catch it before it went over the top and down the other side. But before I reached it, a lorry swung over into the slow lane and just touched the wheel making it fall over. So I was able to retrieve it. A police car appeared from nowhere and they closed the inner lane so that we were able to put the wheel back into place before driving to a garage to have it secured properly.

Fortunately this all happened before I picked up the boat, and the rest of the journey to Ipswich was uneventful. I asked Radio Suffolk to thank the lorry driver for me. When I contacted the supplier of the trailer, they told me that a youngster had fitted the wheels and just made the nuts hand tight!