



# LITTLE SHIP News

## Spread some LSC cheer this Christmas

If you're wondering what on earth to buy your relatives and friends this Christmas why not give them a reminder of the Little Ship Club.

### Junior membership

For any under 18 year olds in your life – nieces, nephews, children, grandchildren – you could give them membership of the Club for just £25. Each junior member will receive a framed print of an original watercolour by Patrick Smith with their name on it and signed by the commodore. A perfect Christmas or birthday gift. For more details contact the Club office. To see a copy of the print, look at the website: [www.littleshipclub.co.uk/junior-membership%3B-perfect-gift](http://www.littleshipclub.co.uk/junior-membership%3B-perfect-gift)

### Club cookbook

Orders have been flooding in for the Club cookbook which will be printed and ready for distribution before Christmas.

According to Julie Coleclough, one of the brains behind the project, the recipes are interesting and eclectic and she says this is one cookbook

you won't be able to live without. The books are £9.99 to club members (£11.99 non members) plus 90p postage and packing. To order contact the club office, 020 7236 7729 or [office@littleshipclub.co.uk](mailto:office@littleshipclub.co.uk)

### Best dressed sailors

Now you've bought your under-18s club membership and a cookbook for all your friends, what about treating yourself to some new sailing gear adorned with the Little Ship Club burgee? The Club has organised a great deal with SLAM offering great looks, style and technically rugged across a range of gear from tops and jackets to trousers and bags. To look at the full range contact Bernadette in the Club office ([Bernadette@littleshipclub.co.uk](mailto:Bernadette@littleshipclub.co.uk)) or Birgitte Oveson ([ovesen08@hotmail.com](mailto:ovesen08@hotmail.com)). To look at the full range of SLAM gear visit [www.slam.com](http://www.slam.com) ■

## Farewell Martin

Martin Sedgwick has retired as Club chief executive and his contributions over the past four years to the running of the Club were marked with the presentation of a crystal decanter engraved with the name of his boat, *Odin*, at the laying up supper on 11 November. As an active sailing member of the Club we hope to see Martin on the water next season and wish him well in his retirement.

## Boat show time

This is the time of year when the Club makes its presence felt at the annual London boat shows. The sail, power and watersports show at Earl's Court takes place at the end of November. The show runs from Wednesday 26th till Sunday 30th November and volunteers are still required for the Club stand.

The London Boat Show at ExCel runs from Friday 9 January till Sunday 18 January. Volunteers are now being sought to staff the Little Ship Club stand. To sign up contact the club office ([office@littleshipclub.co.uk](mailto:office@littleshipclub.co.uk)) or put your name on the list in the foyer of the Club.

## New members

There are three evenings scheduled for potential new members on Tuesday 16 December, Tuesday 27 January and Tuesday 3 February. Sign up and show off your Club.

## Training

### Condensed yachtmaster and dayskipper courses start on 28 January.

Sign up for them if you want to pack your course into 12 Wednesday evenings and five Saturdays (all day). Taught with the same rigour and enthusiasm as the traditional one evening a week course, but with a bit more pressure!

### Diesel courses

There are two diesel dates coming up, **Thursday 5 February** and **Thursday 19 February**. Come and learn how to keep your engine running smoothly.

### First aid

A working knowledge of first aid is useful for anyone going out on small craft, especially skippers, and is a requirement for those with coastal skipper/yacht master offshore. This course covers a broad range of situations that may face you and trainees will be taught the recovery position and resuscitation techniques. A certificate is awarded and is valid for three years and the course is recognised by the HSE and MCA. The next course runs on 26 November from 10.30am till 6.30pm.

Price £75 plus purchase of the most recent edition of the authorised First Aid Manual, available from the Club at the reduced price of £10.

*Contact the Club office to ensure your place on any of the many training courses on offer.*

## Diary dates

The annual visit of the **Lord Mayor of London** to the Club will take place on **Tuesday 10 February** at 6pm.

The next **Club AGM** will take place on **Tuesday 24 March 2009**.

## Socialising in good company...

### Christmas carols

The annual Club carol service and Christmas dinner will take place on Tuesday 9 December with a service of carols and readings at St Michael Paternoster Royal (opposite Bell Wharf Lane) led by organist and choir master John Warrell.

With honorary chaplain Bill Christianson conducting the service this is sure to be a merry yet thoughtful event.

After the service mulled wine and traditional Christmas dinner can be enjoyed at the Club. Tickets are £22 each and members may only invite one guest due to the popularity of this event.

### Christmas party

Revisit the Roaring 20s, relive the

heyday of jazz and practice your charleston steps and shimmies in sparkling style at the Club's most glittering event of the winter. Friday 19 December: cocktails at 7pm kick the evening off, followed by supper and dancing till 1am. Tickets £37.50.

### ... and just when your liver has recovered from Christmas, Burns' night comes along....

The Club's annual tribute to the Scottish bard Robert Burns is a lighthearted affair with haggis, drams (not always so wee), carousing, cavorting and an attempt at Scottish dancing. Come along, join in the fun, it's the 250th anniversary of the Burns' birth in 2009 so make this the year you celebrate. **Friday 30 January** is the date.

## HPO dinner

The annual HPO dinner brings together honorary port officers and members for an evening in which sailing experiences around the world are shared. It is traditionally held during the London boat show, when many HPOs are visiting London. Next year it will take place on Tuesday 13 January at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £18 per person from the office, [office@littleshipclub.co.uk](mailto:office@littleshipclub.co.uk) or 020 7236 7729

## Buddy, can you spare the time?

Would you like to be the first to meet some stunning new members? Our members join for many totally different reasons, but everyone appreciates someone to welcome them to a strange Club. Please email [Burnettrae@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Burnettrae@tiscali.co.uk) to sign up for our 'Buddy Register'; Jeremy will email you some new 'bud', for you to find out what they want from their new Club, introduce other congenial members, and show off all we have to offer. Meet them at the club night, on the high seas, or at a rally, and have fun! Be Clubbable!

## Fast cruise series

The next fast cruise will be held on **Saturday 6 December** and will end at the Folly Inn for the Christmas party folly in fancy dress.

Other fast cruise dates are:

- Saturday 17 January
- Saturday 14 February
- Saturday 14 March

Contact Debbie Dickson Gill for more details: [deborahdicksongill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:deborahdicksongill@yahoo.co.uk)

## Keep up!

If the Club doesn't have your details up to date, in particular your email address, we can't keep in touch regularly and easily. Make sure you send changes of address, telephone number and emails to Val or Bernadette at the Club office.