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Schwebsingen, le 2 août 2011

Dear LIRC members,

after the end of the beginners' training course on August 9, 2011 beginners are welcome to row with other LIRC members during LIRC's supervised outings on Wednesday evenings at 18:30 (until mid-September or on Saturday mornings at 10.00).

An opportunity to practise single sculling will be offered on **August 13 and 14**, when **the traditional single scull weekend** will be organised at our plot in the marina in cooperation with Bonner Ruderverein 1882, and as in previous this years, all LIRC members, including **beginners, are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity** during at least **half a day**. There will be enough single sculls (or „skiffs“) available and some expert trainers from Bonn will help you to learn how to master such boats.

All those who have taken part in previous years have profited from it considerably. In addition, an all-inclusive, open-end **barbecue party** will be offered at a reasonable (not more than 25 €) price on Saturday evening, August 13.

If you want to take advantage of the **barbecue party**, please let us know that by e-mail to lirc.commtee@googlemail.com by **Friday, August 12, 12:00**, as we will have to buy food and drinks on Saturday morning.

You may stay overnight at the camp-site after the barbecue if you bring a tent, sleeping bag etc. The cost is 5 € per tent and 3.50 € per person. Breakfast will be available on Sunday morning. Non-rowing spouses, family members and friends are welcome. Registration and payment of the camp-site fee will be done centrally by me, if you send me a message to this effect, again to lirc.commtee@googlemail.com by **Friday, August 12, 12:00**, stating the number of persons + their names and ages, and the number of tents you will bring.

On the 1st of August, we took possession of “Beluga”, a single sculling boat (Fun boat) we bought from Véronique, who went to the US. Purchasing it was facilitated by a donation from one member. Eurodiffusions have informed us that delivery of our new 2x is likely during the next few weeks.

A randonnee in the Netherlands (Friesland) is planned by some of those who took part in this year's "Elfsteedentocht" in the last week of August. Participation is open to all LIRC members including beginners who are fit to row 20-30 km a day. Details will be published within the next few days.

Best regards
Michael Mayer
LIRC president



Schwebsingen, le 27 juin 2011

Dear LIRC beginners,

17 of you attended LIRC's first beginners' training session on May 17. One more young lady showed up on this day, but couldn't try rowing due to a bicycle accident on her way to the marina. We hope she recovered from it in the meantime.

The two following weeks, on May 24 and 31, had to be cancelled, as navigation had been banned completely during this time.

Beginners' training sessions have been resumed from June 7 and have taken place thereafter as scheduled – however with only about half as many participants, although there have been a few additional beginners.

Those who didn't come again after May 17 certainly had valid reasons for staying away (leave, missions etc.) or they simply didn't find their first rowing experience attractive enough. If the latter applies to you, please let us know what we might improve in order to meet your expectations better in future.

In any case, beginners training is now taking place as planned every Tuesday evening from 18:30, and we want to assure you that **each and everyone of you is welcome to it** from tomorrow evening – no matter what prevented you from attending recent sessions.

What is more – we obviously have misread or mistyped the e-mail addresses of three of you, as previous messages to these resulted in error messages. We have tried to correct this and hope it is now ok. But if you learn that any of your fellow beginners did not get this e-mail, please ask him/her to send a short e-mail to lirc@luxrow.org, so that we can correct our list.

Outlook on forthcoming events

From **July 15 to 17**, a “**Hafenfest**” (port celebration) will be organised in Schwebsingen by the marina and camp-site management. LIRC will make its contribution to this and **stage several short distance races (ca. 300 metres) on Sunday, July 17, morning**. This event is certainly a good occasion for a Sunday morning excursion, and if you feel yourself **confident**, you are encouraged to contact Frederick Weiss at info@eureporter.com in view of your participation by 1st of July. If at least four of you do so, a special beginners race in coxed double sculls may be envisaged – if not, there may be a cox's seat for you.

From August 12 to 14, the **traditional single scull weekend** will be organised at our plot in the marina in cooperation with Bonner Ruderverein 1882, and as in previous this year's, **beginners are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity** during at least one morning or afternoon. There will be enough single sculls (or „skiffs“) available and a few expert trainers from Bonn will help you to learn how to master such boats. All those who have taken part in previous years have profited from it considerably. In addition, an all-inclusive, open-end **barbecue party** will be offered at a reasonable price on Saturday evening, July 13.

Ask other members for their experience with this event and mark this weekend in your agenda!

More details are to follow soon in a forthcoming general newsletter to members.

Best regards

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Schwebsingen, le 19 mai 2011

Dear LIRC members,

calls for volunteers on May 21 and 1st of June:

As during the this year's lock repair period from **May 24 to May 31**, the water level of the **Moselle between Stadtbredimus and Schengen will be lowered considerably by 1.80 metres**, we need to protect our expensive landing stage from damage.

After evaluating some ideas, we decided to tug the landing stage into the dead river arm ca. 800 metres upstream on the German side of the river, as this seems to be the easiest solution. Still, a few volunteers are needed to carry this operation, which will be headed by Martin Krobbach. Those wanting to row should take advantage of the **last chance to do so on Saturday morning** and then help with the removal of our landing stage, which will last about one hour, **starting at about 11:00. A crew of 6-8 oarspersons** would be ideal. If you can help, please sent a short message to Martin martink@pt.lu.

Thanks to all those who offered tyres and wooden beams in the meantime, but you may keep them now.

The return of the landing stage is planned for Wednesday, 1st of June, 18:30. Then, we count on the regular Wednesday rowers to get it back to our plot. Volunteers for this operation please register with me under lirc.committee@googlemail.com.

Right on the following day (Ascension Day),

volunteers needed as well: As in previous years, LIRC is going to take part in COSL's famous **Spillfest on June 2nd, 2011**. COSL will rewarded our efforts there with a few 100 euros. At least **four helpers will be needed** at any time to look after our little clients, but you may register for just a half a day. I will be there all day. Please consider if you can give an input to this publicity-enhancing event. If you can, please let me lirc.committee@googlemail.com know. The first crew should be there by 9:30.

I know this looks a bit tough, but the Moselle lowering was visited on us at a fairly short notice.

Have an nice and sunny weekend.

Michael Mayer
LIRC president



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Schwebsingen, le 6 mai 2011

Dear LIRC members,

just a few announcements and calls for volunteers in May:

Important announcement: The Luxembourg Service de la Navigation have informed us that during the this year's lock repair period from **May 24 to May 31**, the water level **of the Moselle between Stadtbredimus and Schengen will be lowered considerably by 1.80 metres** and that **all navigation will be prohibited** during that time. (The normal level is ca. 2.50 metres). This means that supervised outings (Wednesdays and Saturdays) and the beginners' training sessions must be **cancelled on these days**.

It also means that our landing stage will fall dry, and we are currently thinking on how to protect it from damage. We will probably prop it up in some way and may need a few helping hands to do so, probably on Saturday, May 21, from 10:00. If you think you might be helpful, please earmark this date. More information to follow. One idea is to fix a number used tires beneath the landing stage. So, if you have access to old tires (the bigger, the better), please let us know.

On Tuesday, May 17, this year's beginners course will start. It would be nice if some experienced rowers could help instructors and beginners, especially for the first 2-3 sessions, as they did last year.

More volunteers needed: As in previous years, LIRC is going to take part in COSL's famous **Spillfest on June 2nd, 2011**. COSL will reward our efforts there with a few 100 euros. At least **four helpers will be needed** at any time to look after our little clients, but you may register for just a half a day. I will be there all day. Please consider if you can give an input to this publicity-enhancing event. If you can, please let me know. Again, more details will follow soon.

Later on, on July 15-17, there will be "Hafenfest" in the marina of Schwebsange, and LIRC has been encouraged to participate. The committee envisages to stage a few intra-club short-distance races on the river in front of the marina entry, probably on Saturday, May 16. Another event to earmark. Details are, yet again, to follow.

One request from our logbook keeper: Please enter **every** outing **beforehand** in the logbook in such a way that your entry can **easily** be deciphered.

Have an nice and sunny weekend.

Michael Mayer
LIRC president



Schwebsingen, le 24 avril 2011

Dear members,

on **April 2, 2011**, we will transfer our landing stage back to the Moselle and our boats and caravans to our plot. Please try to make yourself available for a few hours on this day and come down to the Moselle!

Your committee has made every effort to prepare these operations in order to carry them out smoothly. Specifically we had a talk with a Camport representative in February that seemed to be very conclusive. However, these arrangements are no longer valid, as the situation has changed recently, and Mr Kieffer said that he himself is unable to predict what things will look like exactly on 2 May, as he is not completely in control of events. Still, the transfer of our landing stage can be carried out as usual, and we will get access to our racks in the shed. But we don't know yet how we will place our equipment on our plot. The arrangement may well be the same or similar as in 2010. We are trying to obtain more concrete information before April 2.

Anyway, we'll meet at 10:00 at the camp-site entrance next to the Bar du Port. Provided that enough people are present, we will then split into three parties:

1. one will **transfer the landing** stage from the harbour the Moselle (headed by Martin Krobbach),
2. the second one is to **fetch the racks** from the shed and
3. the third one (I and someone else) will **tow the caravans** from the trailer park to our plot.

Please wear rough clothes and take work gloves with you, if you have a pair of these

This is one of the occasions when **LIRC really has to rely** on its members' input.

Experience from previous years shows that most of the work can be done by 13:00. If, however, some of you can make themselves available for 1-2 more hours to finish detail work, you are most welcome.

Refreshments will be provided by the club.

If all goes well, the first supervised outings will take place on 6 May, from 18.30. During these outings, and on Saturdays at 10:00. During these outings, a more formal cox' training will be available until mid-May. So far, there are two participants, but a few more can be catered for!

LIRC will register at least one crew for **EUREGA on 7 May**. We have enough serious declarations of interest for the short distance (45 km) from Neuwied to Bonn, to make this feasible. If there are more prospective participants, registering a second crew can be considered. Those interested interested, please don't wait too long, as the number of crews for this race is limited. Please send your declarations of interest by email to www.luxrow.org. More details from Michael Mayer or Martin Krobbach.

An impressive number of members have already paid their contribution for 2011 so far. Thanks a lot. Still there are some members out there who are still unpaid for 2011, as LIRC's members' list contains at least 60 names. Technically speaking, contributions had been due by end of February, but – better late than never. For your convenience, please find below all bank details:

Yearly Membership fees/Jahresbeitrag/Cotisation annuelle

Active Members/Aktive/Membres actifs	100 €
Students/Studierende/Etudiant(e)s	50 €
Families/Familien/Familles	150 €

Bank account/Bankverbindung/Compte bancaire :
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Please mention your name when paying and state 'fees (year)'.
Bitte geben Sie auf der Überweisung Ihren Namen und „Beitrag (Jahr)“ an.
Veuillez indiquer sur le virement votre nom ainsi que « cotisation (année) ».

If however you intend to leave LIRC and do not want to pay the contribution for this year, please send us a short message to lirc@luxrow.org.

Latest news:

LIRC's AGM on March 15 elected three new committee members for the remainder of its term of office, i.e. until March 2012. They are Inken Stampa, Jana Rabenschlag and Frederick Weiss. However, Allan Stewart decided to leave the committee now and the club later this year for lack of time. The committee regrets his step and thanks him for his work and his valuable contributions during his two years in the committee.

Eurodiffusions have informed us that our new 2x, ordered in December 2010, will arrive two months later than envisaged, i.e. end of June or by mid of July. The committee will urge Eurodiffusions to shorten this delay considerably.

Stéphane Cesari has become father recently. Congratulations!

See you on April 2, 10:00!

Michael Mayer
LIRC president



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Luxembourg, le 22.12.2010

Dear LIRC members,

we are sad to learn that **Hans Paul Hendrik Brower** has died some time ago. Although not many of today's LIRC members may have known him, he was one of the founding members of our club in 1992. At this time, he was working in Luxembourg with Eurostat on secondment from his employer, the Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek, to which he returned at the end of his secondment. Thus Hans, a keen rower for most of his life, became one of the small group of enthusiasts who started rowing as a sport in the Grand Duchy. We also heard that he continued to row for many years after his return to the Netherlands in his other club, the Rijnland RV in Wassenaar.

Our fellow member and LIRC committee member **Rita Concannon** became mother of **twins** – two boys – in mid-November. Apparently, everything went well and both mother and children (and their father) are fine. Our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for the future go to Rita, her husband Alan and their boys! LIRC's committee decided that we will give them a present (or rather: two presents) early next year. Members who want to contribute to these presents are encouraged to transfer an amount of their choice to LIRC's account (you'll find the bank data at the bottom of this page), stating “Kado Rita” as the purpose of the transfer. Suggestions on what to procure are most welcome from those who know best what is needed.

While we are proud to see that some members are keen to row even in the harshest of weather conditions, the current **ban on rowing** from the Schwebsingen marina **has to stay in force**. The level of the Moselle has been above 3 m since the rowing ban has been declared, except for two days. It now is at more than 5 m again, due to the melting snow. What is more, the landing stage and the access to it are covered with snow and ice and may be very slippery.

Even under “normal” winter conditions, rowing at this time of the year calls for the greatest prudence! The most important safeguard against accidents is that all boats going out are **under the command of experienced and competent coxes**. In its latest meeting, the committee has drawn up a list of **such coxes, which is given below**. As the “jour fixe” on Saturday mornings is no longer feasible now, members wanting to row on weekends (or at any other time) have to make sure that at least one of these authorised coxes is on board, and they have to follow the instructions of these coxes, especially if they declare that an outing is too risky! When in doubt – don't go out!

These are the the “authorised coxes”: KROBBACH, Martin; MAYER, Michael; Lejeune, Henri; MEYERS, Patrick; MANN, Michael; STAMPA, Inken; WEISS, Frederick; BAUDHUIN, Catherine, CONCANNON, Rita; DEGARDIN, Véronique, HOELZER, Sebastian; STEWART, Allan, MANGEN, Christiane; BRAM, Christiane; TOKAR, Adrian; SPRIET, Michele; HERWIJNEN, Marjan; DESAGHER, Annemarie.

Some of these are not available normally this winter: This applies in any case to MAYER, TOKAR, CONCANNON.

Repair of Wellensteen is almost finished and will not be more expensive than expected.
A new racing double scull has been ordered definitely last week for delivery in April 2001. It will

be suitable for rowers weighing up to 85 kg.

To pay for this among other things, LIRC is dependent on its member's contributions which are payable by end of February of each year. In order to be able to plan and to buy new equipment before the summer season starts, early payment is welcome, but not before 1st of January 2011 to avoid bookkeeping complications. Bank details are available on our website www.luxrow.org under "Contact" (bottom right).

If, as we hope, some money is left after paying these bills, we will use it to buy more sculls with a view equip all our boats with their own set of oars.

Below is the draft List of Events for 2011. There will be no Randonnée des trois frontières in 2011, as its organisers decided that it will only take place every other year from now onwards. However we might organise a randonnée of our own in late August and pay a visit to our friends of Société des Régates Messines who are celebrating their 150th anniversary on August 27 and 28. Other suggestions and declarations of interest for randonnées at other times are of course welcome.

We also plan to offer a more formal training for coxes, i. e. for members who want are willing to take responsibility for a crew during an outing. It will enable them to row independently and it is obvious that more coxes are needed if the number of LIRC members continues to rise as it did 2010.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Michael Mayer

LIRC president

Date/Termin	Event/activité/Veranstaltung		
15.3.2011 (20:00) (Tue. ma. Die.)	Annual General Meeting in the Augustinushaus, Schwebsingen	Assemblée générale annuelle au Augustinushaus à Schwebsingen	Jahreshauptversammlung im Augustinushaus zu Schwebsingen
2.4.2011, 10:00 (Sa.)	Transfer of landing stage and boats to our plot, marina Schwebsingen, start of summer season	Transfert des bateaux et de l'embarcadère à notre emplacement au port de plaisance de Schwebsange, début de la saison d'été	Überführung der Boote und des Stegs an unseren Platz in der Marina Schwebsingen, Beginn der Sommersaison
6.4.2011 (Wed./me./Mi.) 18:30	Start of weekly supervised rowing outings	Début des excursions supervisées hebdomadaires - jour fixe	Beginn der wöchentlichen Ruderfahrten unter Aufsicht
7.5.2011	EUREGA – European Rhine Regatta, Neuwied-Bonn (45 km) or Loreley-Bonn (100 km)	EUREGA – Régatte européenne du Rhin, Neuwied-Bonn (45 km) ou Loreley-Bonn (100 km)	EUREGA – Europäische Rhein-Regatta, Neuwied-Bonn (45 km) ooderr Loreley-Bonn (100 km)
2.6.2011	COSL Spillfest at Kockelscheuer	COSL Spillfest à Kockelscheuer	COSL-Spillfest zu Kockelscheuer
17.5.2011 (18:30) (Tue./mardi/Die.)	Start of 2011 beginners' training	Début de l'initiation des débutants 2011	Beginn der Anfängerausbildung 2011

?.? + ?.?.2011 (??.)	Dragon boat race on the Moselle at Besch with LIRC participation (volunteers wanted)	Compétition de bateaux- dragon sur la Moselle à Besch avec participation du LIRC (volontaires bienvenus)	Drachenboot-Rennen auf der Mosel bei Besch mit Beteiligung des LIRC (Freiwillige bitte melden)
23.5. - 1.6.2009	Big locks on Moselle under annual repair – no barges – prime rowing conditions	Réparation annuelle des écluses à grand gabarit – pas de péniches – conditions idéales pour l'aviron	Jährliche Instandsetzung der Großschleusen der Mosel – keine Berufsschiffahrt – ideale Ruderbedingungen
9.7. + 10.8.2009 (Weekend)	Single scull weekend with Bonner Ruderverein von 1882	Weekend d'initiation au skiff avec Bonner Ruderverein von 1882	Skiffwochenende mit dem Bonner Ruderverein von 1882
16. + 17.7.2011	Port party	Fête du port	Hafenfest
26.07.11	Last session of 2011 beginners' training	Dernière unité d'entraînement des débutants 2011	Letzter Übungstermin der Anfängerausbildung 2011
August/août 2011	In 2011, no three countries rowing tour Metz – Schwebsingen!	En 2011, pas de Rannonnée des trois frontières Metz – Schwerin !	2011 keine Dreiländer-Wanderfahrt Metz - Schwebsingen!
27. + 28.8.2010	Société des Régates Messines (Metz) celebrates its 150 th anniversary – with participation from LIRC?	La Société des Régates Messines (Metz) fête ses 150 ans – avec nous?	Die Société des Régates Messines (Metz) feiert die 150-jähriges Jubiläum – feiern wir mit?
22.10.2008, 10:00 (Sa.)	End of summer season – transfer of landing stage and boats	Fin de la saison d'été – ré-transfert des bateaux et de l' embarcadère	Ende der Sommersaison – Rückführung von Steg und Booten
This list is likely to be amended later. - Cette liste sera probablement modifiée ultérieurement. - Diese Liste wird ggf. noch geändert. - Watch his space again. - Révisitez ce site. Schauen Sie noch einmal vorbei.			



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Schwebsingen, le 8 octobre 2010

Dear LIRC members,

on **October 23, 2010**, we will **transfer** our landing stage back to the marina for the winter and remove our boats and caravans from our plot. This is a legal obligation to ensure safety in case of floods, which are quite likely in winter times. Please try to make yourself available for a few hours on this day and come down to the Moselle!

We'll meet at 10:00 at our plot. Please come there and **stay there** until you are assigned a task. This spring, start of work was a delayed by some time due to discussions with Mr Kieffer, and people had dispersed over the whole campsite when they were finally needed. We will certainly do better this time and split into **three** working groups:

1. **Group 1** will **transfer the landing** stage from the harbour the Moselle. It will be headed by **Martin Krobbach**. Work there will involve the dismantling of the gangways, the installation of the small rack on the landing stage and finally the transfer of the landing stage to the marina.
2. **Group 2** will be headed by **Michael Mayer** and will first rearrange our **boats on the racks**.
 - Some of our boats (+ relevant accessories) will remain **outside on the rack** on the landing stage for **winter rowing**. These will be: Spandau, Frauenlob, Kellergasse and probably the "new" green 2x.
 - Some other boats will be unrigged and put on our trailer for repair (Wellensteen, Rote Socke) or for scrapping (Corto doppio). Some trestles will also be loaded on the trailer.
 - The **remaining boats** will be put on either of the two bigger racks for transfer to the **shed** further inland. To do that, the cradles on the small rack will have to be mounted on the other rack(s) **first**. Transfer **into** the shed may not yet be possible on that weekend; in this case the racks will be parked in the lay-by near the road.
 - **Owners of private single sculls are invited to join Group 2**, in order to take their boats away for the winter or to put them on another rack for storage in the said shed.
3. **Group 3**, headed by **Patrick Meyers** will first **clear** the surroundings of our caravans, including cutting the grass, remove the flower pots, make sure that the tyres are properly inflated, install lids over the two broken roof windows and load trestles, tables and other similar items into the **bigger** caravan. The smaller one is already crammed with stuff. The caravans are the last two things to leave the plot.
4. Groups having finished their tasks will join one of the other groups to help them.

Please wear **rough clothes** and take **work gloves** with you, if you have a pair of these.

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Experience from previous years shows that most of the work can be done by 13:00. If, however, some of you can make themselves available for 1-2 more hours to finish detail work, you are most welcome. You may then, i.a., help with making a census of our accessories.

Refreshments will be provided by the club.

Some more news items

1. On the last weekend in September, Inken Stampa and Frederick Weiss took part in the famous marathon (160 km) rowing race around Lake Geneva. Martin Krobbach and

Katharina Senk had planned to join Inken and Fred, but had to resign at short notice due to health reasons. Inken Fred and their three crew-mates from Germany had rowed 100 km in 10 hours, when the crew decided to abandon the race due to the strong wind and heavy wash on that day and to place safety first, as the boat they got in Geneva was not designed for such conditions. They have to be praised for both their achievement as rowers and their prudence. By the way, about one third of the crews did the same.

Inken and Fred are the first LIRC members to have taken part in this race.

2. On October 23, a LIRC crew will compete in Liège in a somewhat shorter rowing marathon: 54/63 km. Crew members will be: Henri Lejeune, Uli Knolle, Roland Schoons (LIRC) and Thomas Beinke from RC Waldshut. Good Luck to you.
3. Apart from this, Henri will also take part in a race in Senneffe one week earlier.
4. The committee is about to order a brand-new 2x in France. It will be all white, suitable for rowers from 70-85 kg bodyweight and is tom arrive in April 2011.

See you on October 23, 10:00!

Michael Mayer

LIRC president



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Luxembourg, le 25.7.2010

Dear beginners,

we are now reaching end of July, and, as announced, the next beginners' training sessions will be the last one of the 2010 course. You are now encouraged to join the regular supervised sessions on Wednesdays at 18:30 and on Saturdays at 10:00 and make arrangements for outings outside these hours with experienced LIRC members. You may already know those of them who have kindly volunteered as instructors in the beginners' training sessions and probably some more if you have participated in the single scull weekend and/or the randonnée on July 17 and 18 on the Lac de la Sûre. Watch the pictures and video clips on:

<http://picasaweb.google.de/LuxembourgIRC/WanderfahrtLacDeLaSure?authkey=Gv1sRgCOjxfv3pdLXQA#>

To mark the end of the course we should have a drink together next Tuesday evening in the Bar du Port after the training session.

If, as I hope, you decided to continue rowing, it is now time to become a full LIRC member. Registration forms are available in the big caravan and on our LIRC website (www.luxrow.org) under "Downloads". Please fill them in and bring them back when you come to row next time. Many of you have already done that. Those who haven't please do not forget to transfer another €50.00 to LIRC's account. Account details are on the website under "Contact" (bottom right).

Best rowing regards
Michael Mayer
LIRC president



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Luxembourg, le 25 juin 2010

Dear LIRC members, dear beginners,

the fishing in a season has started once again this year, and you are therefore asked to watch out carefully for fishing lines when you're rowing near the banks of the Moselle. What is more, there will be a great fishing contest next Sunday, June 27, from eight to twelve o'clock in the morning on the Luxembourg side of the Moselle all the way from Grevenmacher to Schengen. As the banks of the river are likely to bristle with fishing rods on this morning, please use extra care during your outings then.

Our beginners' training courses have been more successful than ever this year, with twenty and more beginners arriving each Tuesday evening. This resulted in a shortage of instructors, especially as I had to be away from Luxembourg for three weeks in June. Fortunately, some experienced members have volunteered to train those many beginners, but they, too, are not always available. So, if you consider yourself an experienced rower, please try to come to our plot on Tuesday evenings at half past six (18:30) whenever you can. As there are more new beginners arriving every week and because the water will beginners were able to attend all training sessions, beginners training will continue until end of July.

Henri, who is supervising the most supervised outings on Saturday mornings from ten to twelve has recently been on our plot and no one was nobody else coming. And that was not the first time this happened. This is quite frustrating, as I can tell from experience. We do not want to cancel this rowing date, when everybody can come and have an outing. So if you are rowing on a Saturday morning, please do so at ten o'clock, if possible, and send a short message to Henri (hlejeune@pt.lu) beforehand.

I have painted Spandau's gunnels yesterday evening at left the boat on its trestles. The next crew to come may use it for rowing and please put it back to its place in the rack afterwards. Thank you.

Best rowing regards
Michael Mayer
LIRC president



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Luxembourg, le 20 juin 2010

Dear LIRC members, dear beginners,

we have to apologise to our beginners for some inconveniences during the last three sessions on Tuesday. In fact, this year there are far more of you than in previous years, and because I had to be abroad for the last two weeks, there were not enough instructors present and some of you had to wait for their turns. Things will improve from next Tuesday, when I'll be back, and we envisage to continue Tuesday sessions until end of July.

Randonnée des trois frontières, a two-day rowing trip from Metz to Schwebsingen, will almost certainly take place this year **on the weekend of August 21 + 22**. Every year it is perfectly organised by *La Ligue Lorraine de l'Aviron*. The offer comprises, i. a., overnight accommodation on Saturday evening and all meals from breakfast to dinner. You may also choose to participate only on one day. This event is for more experienced rowers only. Organising such a randonnée requires a good deal of preparation, and therefore *La Ligue Lorraine* asks participants to register by end of June. If you are interested, please contact Henri Lejeune (hlejeune@pt.lu) for further information and registration by **June 30**. In order to take place, a minimum number of participants is required by that date, or ***La Randonnée des trois frontières will be cancelled*** by its organisers for lack of participants, as it happened last year.

Another traditional rowing event will take place as planned: the popular **Single-Scull Weekend on July 3+4, 2010**.

It provides an excellent opportunity for acquiring or improving single-sculling skills and is organised by LIRC in conjunction with Bonner Ruderverein 1882 for the 5th time this year. There will be enough single sculls and instructors *for everybody to learn safely and thoroughly* how to row in these boats.

This event is ***especially recommended for this year's beginners***. Bonner Ruderverein 1882 have informed us that some 20 of their members have registered so far for this weekend, and several more are expected to do so. At least 10 of these are beginners, too, they told me, so, if you are a beginner, you will be among the likes of yourselves.

Experienced LIRC single scullers are also encouraged to take part and share their skills.

Training sessions will be from *Saturday morning till Sunday afternoon*. Please mark this date in your agendas, bring a towel and a set of dry clothes and consider staying on Saturday evening for the ***sumptuous open-air barbecue!*** You need not attend the whole weekend, but should reserve at ***least half a day*** for it.

If you plan to take part in this Single-Scull Weekend, you ***should*** send a short message to lirc@luxrow.org, but if you plan to stay for the barbecue, you ***have to do so by June 30***, so that we can make sure beforehand that there is enough to eat and drink for everybody.

The all-inclusive price for the barbecue will be near to **20 €**, to be paid cash on the spot, comprising as much wine, beer, soft drinks, fish, meat, salads etc. as you can eat and drink.

On the weekend of July **17 + 18**, we plan to row on the artificial lake in the North of Luxembourg. More details soon after the next committee meeting tomorrow evening.

A former LIRC member, Jan Jensen, has given us his own private single sculling boat, including a pair of wooden scull. While the boat was manufactured some 30 years ago, it has been used little and is in perfect repair. Thank you, Jan!

Best rowing regards
Michael Mayer
LIRC president



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Schwebsingen, le 5 mai 2010

Dear LIRC members!

the road N 10 between Remich and Schwebsingen is under repair and therefore blocked for about two weeks to come. Deviation is via the road through the villages and may take more time. Please take that into account when you go down to the Moselle.

Please take notice of the other attachment to this message. It is LIRC's list of events in 2010 as updated by the committee in its latest meeting on 3rd of May. Changes concern LIRC's planned randonnée in mid-July (most likely on the artificial lake up north in the GD) and the Randonnée des 3 frontières that will again take place this year.

If you want to take part in this R3F, you'll have to register by end of June to Henri Lejeune (hlejeune@pt.lu). We would be happy if at least one crew of LIRC rowers would seize this opportunity.

On May 13, i. e. (Ascension) Thursday next week, your club will once again contribute to the 2010 issue of "Spillfest", organised each year by the COSL. It provides us with an excellent opportunity to make LIRC better known to the public, and participating club will receive a respectable subsidy from the COSL.

For this event, **a number of volunteers** are still needed. Their task will mainly be to look after the kids who playing the games that we offer. **Every help is appreciated**, even if it is just for 2 or 3 hours. Please contact Henri Lejeune (hlejeune@pt.lu), if you want to support your club on this day.

Beginners training will commence on May 18, from 18:30. This means that all 4x+ and 3x will be reserved on these evenings. Please think of this when planning outings. On the other hand, you may want to participate and help with the first 2-3 beginners' training sessions. We have already received declarations of interest from about 13 new beginners.

Michael Mayer
President



Schwebsingen, le 4 avril 2010

Dear members,

On **April 10, 2010**, we will transfer our landing stage back to the Moselle and our boats and caravans to our plot. Please try to make yourself available for a few hours on this day and come down to the Moselle!

We'll meet at 10:00 at the camp-site entrance next to the Bar du Port. Provided that enough people are present, we will then split into three parties:

1. one will **transfer the landing** stage from the harbour the Moselle,
2. the second one is to **fetch the racks** from the shed and
3. the third one (I and someone else) will **tow the caravans** from the trailer park to our plot.

Please wear rough clothes and take work gloves with you, if you have a pair of these. This is one of the occasions when **LIRC really has to rely** on its members input. Experience from previous years shows that most of the work can be done by 13:00. If, however, some of you can make themselves available for 1-2 more hours to finish detail work, you are most welcome.

Refreshments will be provided by the club.

LIRC has registered two crews for **EUREGA on 1 May**. The crew that will row the 100 km from Loreley to Bonn is already complete.

For the short distance (45 km) from Neuwied to Bonn, we can still **have a seat available for 1 fairly experienced rower**. If you want to join Henri, Uli and myself, please let us know that **soon** by email to www.luxrow.org. More details from Michael Mayer.

Almost 30 members have paid their contribution for 2010 so far. Still there are some members out there who are still unpaid for 2010, as LIRC's members' list contains at least 50 names. Technically speaking, contributions had been due by end of February, but – better late than never. For your convenience, please find below all bank details:

Yearly Membership fees/Jahresbeitrag/Cotisation annuelle

Active Members/Aktive/Membres actifs	100 €
Students/Studierende/Etudiant(e)s	50 €
Families/Familien/Familles	150 €

Bank account/Bankverbindung/Compte bancaire :
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Please mention your name when paying and state 'fees (year)'.
Bitte geben Sie auf der Überweisung Ihren Namen und „Beitrag (Jahr)“ an.
Veuillez indiquer sur le virement votre nom ainsi que « cotisation (année) ».

If however you intend to leave LIRC and do not want to pay the contribution for this year, please send us a short message to lirc@luxrow.org.

Latest news:

As those who attended the AGM already know, the management of the marina and the camp-site has changed this year. While, until last year, the marina and the camp-site have been run by the commune itself through its employees, they are now going to be leased to a private firm in Remich, Navitours, for 20 years. Commune representatives have assured us that we will be able to continue our activities as before under the new management. First contacts with Navitour's staff on the camp-site suggest that this may indeed come true. The committee is following this matter very attentively and will keep you up to date on it.

See you on April 10, 10:00!

Michael Mayer

LIRC president



Schwebsingen, le 1 janvier 2010

Dear LIRC members,
the committee of your club wishes to all of you an excellent new year 2010 in every respect – rowing and otherwise.

While a number of members are continuing to row during the winter, a word of caution seems to be appropriate at present: The level of the Moselle is today at 4.19 m, 1.70 m higher than normally. It is expected to fall slowly during the next days, but is likely to remain above 3.00 m for some time. this means that the river's current is strong and that there can be quite a lot of flotsam (i.e. floating logs of wood and the like). You can consult the up-to-date levels on: http://www.hochwasser-rlp.de/mosel/pegel/einzelpegel.php?pegel=PERL&display_mode=table.

When in doubt, don't go out!

The committee would also like to draw your attention to a paper on the risks linked to rowing in cold weather and on cold water, and on how to avoid such risks. It has been found in the internet by our member Inker Stampa and is available in English and German. It's worth reading:

<http://www.leoblockley.org.uk/documents/cold-water-survival.pdf> and

<http://www.leoblockley.org.uk/documents/kalteswasser.pdf>

In its latest meeting in December, the committee decided to pursue the acquisition of a second-hand training racing double scull, offered by Münchener Ruder-Club, next spring. It seems to be in very good repair and is suitable for crews of up to 80 kg average weight. Also the price is quite interesting. Have a look yourselves

at: http://werow.com/mod.php?mod=boerse&op=show_boot&modus=biete&id=1046&maxrows=10&menu=909 and give us your views on this project to lirc.committe@googlemail.com.

To be able to pay for this boat, two pairs of sculls for it and for other improvements to our equipment, you are kindly asked to transfer your membership soon, i. e. by end of February, asforeseenn in LIRC's statutes. This way you will also be able to use newly acquired material early in the season. For your convenience, please find the bank details below:

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annual fee 2010

members 100 €

students 50 €

family 150 €

Please mention your name when paying and state "fees (year)".

Our website has been remodelled by Inken Stampa and will soon go online. It looks much better than the present one and will offer some interesting new functions.

Best rowing regards

Michael Mayer

LIRC President



Schwebsingen, le 29 octobre 2009

Dear LIRC members,

the **clearing of our plot** at the end of the summer season took place as planned last Saturday. Our thanks go to all those members who came to the marina to help. Special mentions are deserved by Martin Krobbach and Tau Yogeshwar.

Our two big **racks** need to be pushed to the commune's shed **next Saturday, 31st, from 10:00**. For this action, which can be combined with a rowing outing afterwards, a number of **volunteers** is needed. If you are willing to help, please send a short message to hlejeune@pt.lu. Before you start working, please contact Mr Benzmüller for advice on how to proceed. Unfortunately, I will not be able to be there myself. Please put 4 more pairs of sculls on the landing stage in the marina before you start moving the racks.

As in previous years, three boats have been left outside on the rack on the landing stage for use during the winter. These are Spandau, Kellergasse and Corto Doble. Spandau's missing heel cap has been put back in place.

Supervised outings on **Saturdays at 10:00** will continue until further notice, but not on Oct. 24, of course. All members, including this year's beginners are strongly encouraged to profit from this opportunity. Any outing must, however, be headed by an experienced member! In general, be careful and watch out for the barges!

Experienced members can make arrangements to row at other times. An updated version of our members' list will be sent around soon to facilitate getting into contact with other members. The committee also hopes to offer you an online forum allowing members to make arrangements for rowing even more easily.

Frauenlob has been bought to a garage in Bech-Kleinmacher for overhaul during the forthcoming weeks. This place has kindly been put at our disposal by the Heintz family. Thank you, Maryse! If you like to work with wood and to do paint jobs, please contact me by return of email. Martin K. and I plan to have repair sessions mainly on Tuesday evenings.

Best rowing regards

Michael Mayer
LIRC President