



ROYAL NAVAL SAILING ASSOCIATION Portsmouth Cruising Group

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Aims of the Cruising Group

1. To encourage RNSA sailors (and motor boaters) to meet in congenial surroundings where they can exchange advice and knowledge about small boat work with partners and friends in a social setting.
2. To encourage members to sail outside their comfort zones into less familiar waters.
3. To support less confident or new sailors by sailing in company where appropriate.
4. To encourage family sailing through short passages to local ports.

RELIEF WANTED! I have been Branch Cruising Co-ordinator for four years (usually tenure is three years) and need to hand over to someone new. There is a budget for pontoon parties etc. so do let me know if you are interested. The format and frequency of rallies would be up to whoever takes over. Meanwhile, I have laid out this year's programme and volunteers have offered to help with specific events. (See below)

2017 Cruising programme

Dates for your diary are as shown below with more details to follow:

March 24th *HW 1009* *Hornet*

Pre-season briefing for all sailing sections to discuss planned events and to exchange ideas. Free drink on arrival and a supper at £5 per head subsidised by Portsmouth Branch. I will sort this one!

May 6th **HW 0910** **UK Sailing Association, Cowes**

Spring Rally. Note date change to de-conflict with Hornet Commodore's dinner. Sail over on the 5th, pontoon party on the 6th followed by buffet supper in UKSA. **Organised by Richard Yeomans (thanks Richard) Booking Form attached**

May 13th/14th **HW 1404** **Yarmouth Trophy**

Being organised by **Arthur Baldwin** and open to racers and cruisers. Entry details to follow.

June 17th **HW 1801** **Big Buoys Challenge, East Solent**

A similar format to last year where red buoys must be rounded then a "coloured" buoy as defined in the Sailing Instructions. Fun for racers, cruisers, families and dinghy sailors with RNVRYC also taking part. The event will be followed by a Hog Roast and prize-giving at Hornet. Details nearer the time. **I will organise this one!**

July 1st **HW 1726** **Round the Island Watch, Yarmouth**

Sail to Yarmouth on Friday. Up early on Saturday to watch the race over breakfast. Pontoon party followed by dinner in the evening. Open to anyone not participating in the RtI. **Organiser wanted!**

July 22nd **HW 1635** **Family BBQ at Island Harbour**

This popular, family event will again take place at the delightful, Island Harbour marina where the staff and Bistro team are so welcoming. **Being organised by Graham Chilcott and John Squirrel. (I just love volunteers!)**

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September 6th – 10th HW 1233

Solent Mini-cruise

Details to be arranged. Any requests for locations or restaurants? Pontoon parties on Wednesday and Friday? **Any volunteers to organise one or more port visit and restaurant?**

October 30th HW 2056

Laying-up Supper

Any suggestions for venue? Any suggestions for guest speaker? **Any volunteer to organise the event?**

Any RNSA member who would like to crew on any of these events should contact me – preferably by e-mail – and I will pass the word around.

Chris and I look forward to seeing old and new friends on the water or at events during the coming season – not long now!

