



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.

2018 Cruising programme

Before I get too excited about possible rallies this year, I need to assess the level of interest.

The table below shows the date and type of event so please enter "Y" or "N" in the "Interested?" column and return the form to me via e-mail. This is not a commitment at this stage – that will come later!

Note that the dates are mostly as previously promulgated but some events have changed. I have moved the Big Buoys Challenge to May and the BBQ to July to fit in the Yarmouth Trophy.

Boat Name: _____ Skipper: _____

Date	Event	HW Portsmouth	Location	Interested?
Fri Mar 23	Pre-season briefing	1539	Hornet	
Sat Apr 21	Spring Rally	1532	Littlehampton	
Mon Apr 23	Zeebrugge Centenary	1800	Dover (see below)*	
Sat May 19	Big Buoys Challenge	1434	East Solent	
Sat Jun 16	Yarmouth Trophy	1337	Yarmouth	
Sat Jul 7	Round the Island Watch	1821	Yarmouth	
Sat Jul 14	BBQ	1241	Island Harbour	
Sep 5-9	Mini-cruise	1809	Solent	
Fri Nov 2	Laying-up Supper	1847	tba	

- April 23rd 2018 is the 100th anniversary of the famous Zeebrugge Raid which attempted to block the port to U-boats. The raid was launched from Dover where there will be a commemoration ceremony. Think about it and if a minimum of four boats are interested, I will organise the event – as always, weather dependent.

I am looking for volunteers to help organise these events (not the Yarmouth Trophy), so please contact me if you are interested to help with any one of them – or more than one!

The organisation needed as a minimum is to book berths and organise a pontoon party.

An option is to book a restaurant and you can either leave menu choices until you arrive or arrange in advance – it would depend upon the restaurant.

Not rocket science – just a few hours of simple administration to help your fellow sailors.

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.

Kind regards.