



Summary

We begin with a Pontoon Party with drinks and canapés on Friday at 1800 to welcome the doughty sailors of the HROA and their beautiful yachts. Saturday morning there will be a talk in the RLymYC from renowned TED speaker, author and yachtsman Crispin Craven 'Where the Magic Happens' about dreaming, planning and then sailing around the world with his family; a buffet lunch will follow. The afternoon is free to explore the town, take in some shopping, or just relax, to be followed by drinks at the club where we'll be keeping with 'the magic' theme before the Rally Dinner. The HROA fleet will disperse on Sunday, but you may wish to have lunch in the RLymYC before leaving.

Berthing

Unless you have already made other berthing arrangements, please fill in the relevant boxes in the application form and space will be made available at The Lymington Yacht Haven. The entrance very clearly marked with a large sign right at the west side of the river on the final leg of the approach to the town just before the Dan Bran pontoon, downstream from the RLymYC. There is water and electricity on the pontoons, and some of the finest onshore facilities on the South Coast! Please call on CH80 as you enter the marina for the Harbour Master to show you to your berth. There will be some rafting, but we hope to berth the

fleet together. The LYH office number is 01590 677071. Please contact me (07776 187123 or commodore@hroa.co.uk) if you would like any advice or guidance.

Berthing fees at the Yacht Haven (not surprisingly!) do work out more this year than the Dan Bran we usually use for the rally at £3.95 per metre weekdays (Sun to Thurs) and £4.20 per metre weekends (Fri to Sat) but these fees include electricity, water, WiFi, the use of the luxury washroom facilities, and we can also claim a 10% discount when rafting out.

Skippers are responsible for paying mooring fees to the Harbour Master's Team. The Harbour Staff will probably pay you a visit, but if they studiously ignore your beautiful HR, then please visit the Marina Office, which you'll have to do anyway if you wish to pay by credit/debit card.

The code for the gate on the pontoon will be available on arrival.

Heads and showers

In addition to the very smart onshore showers and heads provided by the Yacht Haven, the RLymYC has also kindly offered the use of its facilities during the rally.

Programme

Friday 28th September

PORTSMOUTH Tides @ BST (Two days after springs)

- ▼ 0714 0.8m
- ▲ 1414 4.7m
- ▼ 1932 0.9m

The stream in the Eastern Solent will set to the west from about 1330 until 1930; for those coming from the west the stream at Hurst will be favourable until around 1300 then from about 1930.

There will be a Pontoon Party at the Yacht Haven at 1800 with canapés and drinks. Please bring your own glasses! You will need to make your own arrangements for dinner after the party.

Saturday 29th September

PORTSMOUTH Tides @ BST

- ▼ 0747 0.9m
- ▲ 1447 4.6m
- ▼ 2007 0.9m

The talk by Crispin Craven will be at 1100 at the RLymYC, further details below. A buffet lunch, bookable via the booking form, will be available at 1300.

In the afternoon, the Saturday Market on the High Street is well worth a visit.

The Rally Dinner will be at the RLymYC. Dress for gentlemen is blazers/jackets and ties, equivalent smart dress for ladies. There will be a choice of dishes for each of the three courses - please choose using the booking form. The bar will be open at 1800 and there will be some nautical magic before being called to dinner at 1930. A half bottle of wine per person, or soft drink, and coffee and mints are included in the price. Additional drinks may be purchased from the bar.

Sunday 30th September

PORTSMOUTH Tides @ BST

▲ 0259 4.6m

▼ 0824 1.0m

▲ 1526 4.5m

The tidal stream will be setting to the west from about 1500 and to the east from about 0830. Those sailing in the afternoon may wish to have lunch in the RLymYC. If so, please enter your names in the booking form. Alternatively, stay another night (berths will be available) and leave on Monday.

Our Entertainment

Caspar Craven - Saturday morning talk

Caspar Craven's book 'Where The Magic Happens' has been an international best seller on Amazon in since launch March this year, and his recent series of articles in Yachting World have told the story of how he planned to change the direction of his life, up roots and a young family to sail around the world visiting beautiful and remote places. Just some of the magical adventures were when they swam with whale sharks and climbed a volcano in Vanuatu. They also encountered power failure in the Pacific Ocean and had to overcome rigging problems in the Indian Ocean. Eventually they ended up sailing their boat to San Francisco in the Summer of 2016 and from where they now cruise the West Coast of America. As Caspar tells it: "The magic happens when you step outside your comfort zone and you start to imagine."

The talk will last about 45 minutes, and Caspar will be happy to answer questions.

Colin Phillips - Saturday evening magic

Before dinner, we'll keep with the thread 'magic' of our morning speaker, and have some nautically themed magic to amuse us before 'setting a course' for dinner. Colin is briefed to 'avast' those that like to be intrigued and give a 'wide berth' to those that don't. Should be fun, and we're promised, very much 'one design'!

The 'small print'

Notwithstanding any advice or information given in these instructions, skippers are always entirely and solely responsible for ensuring the safety of their yachts and

crews. By entering for this Rally it will be assumed that you have read, understood and agreed to this.

Carole and I look forward to welcoming you to the Rally! Please contact me if you have any queries.

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