



## Notes to HROA Summer Rally to Seine Bay 2017



Starting on the 28th May we will visit Fécamp, Ouistreham and St Vaast in an East to West direction over 10 days with lots of activities around these specific destinations.

Here we outline important notes from research conducted by John Lepper (Akasha), Gill Partington (Jocalia) and Tim Bishop (Minke II) who visited each of the destinations.

Deadline for completing the application is 22nd April next.

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Many thanks, Fintan Walton, HROA Sailing Secretary

# Route Plan for HROA Summer Rally 2017

Kindly researched and compiled by John Lepper

## General:

All times in this plan are French local (GMT+2)

Having reviewed port restrictions and other considerations discussed in the Initial Planning, the committee has decided to make this a 10 day, three port rally (Fécamp - Ouistreham - St Vaast). It was also decided to delay the start by one week until Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May. This coincides with the 2017 Royal Escape Race from Brighton to Fécamp.

## Royal Escape Race:

This is schedule to start from Brighton at time to be announced on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May with 80+ boats arriving Fécamp on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>. A return race is scheduled to start on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>, however I'm not sure how many do this.

- <http://www.royalescaperace.co.uk>

Maybe some HR's might be interested in doing the Royal Escape as a rally feeder race!

HR42e, Stina, Michael Hatchwell, did the 2016 race.

## Ports:

- **Fécamp**
  - Access: 24 h on neaps, but slightly restricted either side of LW on springs.
    - 26<sup>th</sup> May – top of springs – coeff. 107
  - Entrance exposed to strong W or NW.
- **Ouistreham**
  - Access: HW -2 to HW +3
- **Caen**
  - 7m up canal from Ouistreham
- **St Vaast**
  - Access: HW -2.25 to HW+3.5

Distances:

<b>Baie de Seine</b> Distances (NM)	Dieppe	Brighton	Foorts	Fécamp	Le Havre	Ouistreham	Caen	St Vaast	Cherbourg
Dieppe				31					
Brighton				67					
Foorts				81					
Fécamp	31	67	81		26	39		64	78
Le Havre				26		18		54	
Ouistreham				39	18		8	44	63
Caen						8		35	
St Vaast				64	54	44	35		25
Cherbourg				78		63		25	

The distances above are in nautical miles, from off entrance to off entrance and approximate.

Tides:

- HW Fécamp is approx. 2 hr 40 min after HW Cherbourg
- Tide is slack / East going from 2.5 HW Cherbourg to 3 hours after HW Cherbourg.

<b>2017</b>		<b>Cherbourg</b>			<b>Ouistreham</b>		<b>Fécamp</b>	
		GMT+2			GMT+2		GMT+2	
Date:		HW am	HW pm	Coeff	HW	HW	HW	HW
26-May	Fri	10:02	22:23	107	11:49	---	00:15	12:41
27-May	Sat	10:51	23:09	106	00:11	12:38	01:02	13:29
28-May	Sun	11:40	23:55	103	00:58	13:27	01:49	14:18
29-May	Mon	---	12:28	95	01:45	14:16	02:37	15:07
30-May	Tue	00:41	13:17	83	02:32	15:06	03:25	15:58
31-May	Wed	01:29	14:09	70	03:21	15:59	04:15	16:52
01-Jun	Thu	02:22	15:08	58	04:15	17:00	05:10	17:51
02-Jun	Fri	03:24	16:15	51	05:19	18:07	06:11	18:54
03-Jun	Sat	04:33	17:24	50	06:30	19:18	07:18	20:01
04-Jun	Sun	05:43	18:28	53	07:42	20:23	08:27	21:06
05-Jun	Mon	06:47	19:22	59	08:47	21:16	09:32	22:01
06-Jun	Tue	07:41	20:07	65	09:37	21:59	10:25	22:46
07-Jun	Wed	08:27	20:48	70	10:19	22:36	11:08	23:26
08-Jun	Thu	09:07	21:25	73	10:56	23:10	11:47	---

Source: <http://maree.shom.fr/>

2017		St Vaast						
		GMT+2						
Date:		Open	HW am	Close	Open	HW pm	Close	Coeff
26-May	Fri	08:37	10:47	14:11	20:57	23:09	02:35	107
27-May	Sat	09:26	11:35	15:00	21:44	23:55	03:21	106
28-May	Sun	---	---	---	10:16	12:24	15:48	103
29-May	Mon	22:33	00:43	04:07	11:08	13:14	16:36	95
30-May	Tue	23:23	01:32	04:53	12:02	14:06	17:24	83
31-May	Wed	00:17	02:23	05:39	13:01	15:02	18:14	70
01-Jun	Thu	01:18	03:19	06:27	14:07	16:04	19:09	58
02-Jun	Fri	02:28	04:23	07:21	15:19	17:17	20:10	51
03-Jun	Sat	03:45	05:37	08:23	16:29	18:39	21:17	50
04-Jun	Sun	04:56	06:57	09:31	17:27	19:40	22:22	53
05-Jun	Mon	05:54	07:58	10:38	18:15	20:25	23:19	59
06-Jun	Tue	06:40	08:44	11:34	18:56	21:06	00:07	65
07-Jun	Wed	07:21	09:25	12:23	19:34	21:44	00:48	70
08-Jun	Thu	07:59	10:03	13:04	20:09	22:19	01:26	73

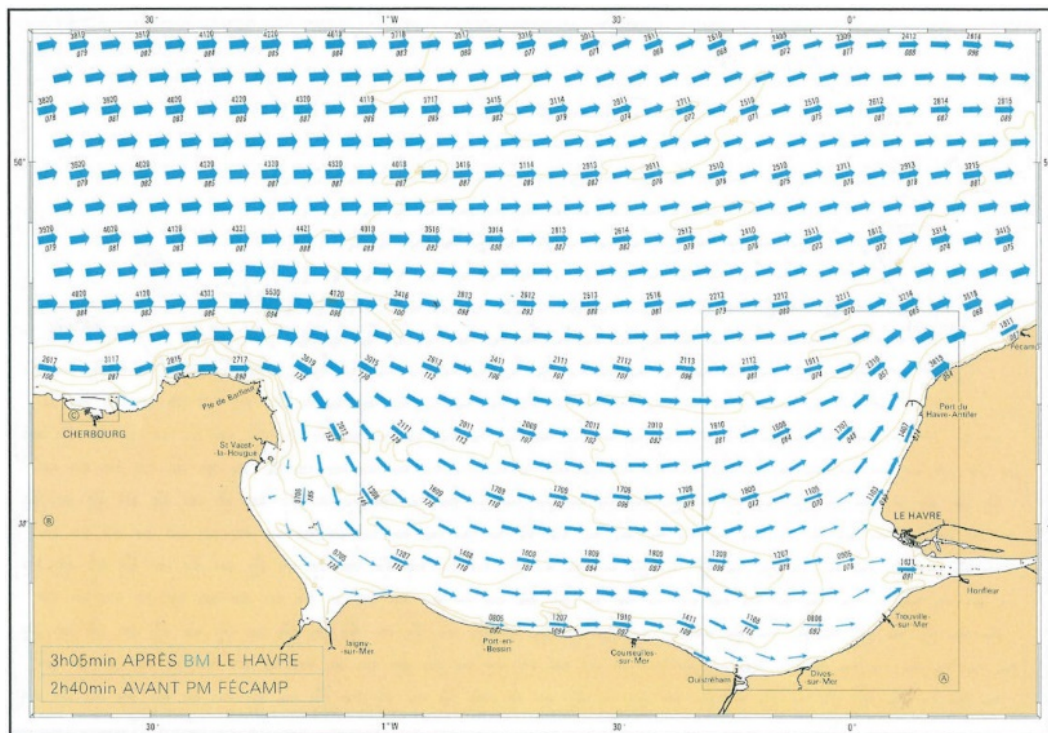
Source: <http://www.ports-manche.fr/wp-content/uploads/portes-et-marées-2017.pdf>

## The Planned Route

Subject to weather!

All times are GMT+2

- **Sun 28<sup>th</sup> May**                      **Arrive – Fécamp**
  - HW Fécamp 14:18 – HW Cherbourg 11:40
- **Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May**                      **Start of Rally - Fécamp**
  - HW Fécamp 15:07 – HW Cherbourg 12:28
- **Tue 30<sup>th</sup> May**                      **Fécamp**
- **Weds 31<sup>st</sup> May**                      **Fécamp → Ouistreham**
  - 39 M
  - HW Fécamp 04:15 + 16:52 – HW Ouistreham 15:59
  - HW Cherbourg 01:29 + 14:09
  - Tide West going 06:00 to 12:00 (Springs: up to 2kn favourable)
  - Should easily be W of Le Havre before 12:00 then cross tide across Seine Estuary to Ouistreham
  - Depart Fécamp 7:30 – 08:00
  - Arrive Ouistreham approx. 15:00 (1 hour before HW)
- **Thu 1<sup>st</sup> June**                      **Ouistreham**
- **Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June**                      **Ouistreham → Caen**
- **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June**                      **Caen → Ouistreham**
- **Sun 4<sup>th</sup> June**                      **Ouistreham → St Vaast**
  - 45 M
  - HW Ouistreham 07:42 – HW Cherbourg 05:43 + 18:28
  - HW St Vaast 19:40
    - Gate open: 17:27 – 22:22
  - Tide West going from 09:30 to 14:30 (up to 1.5 kn)
  - Depart Ouistreham 08:00 – 08:30 (half hour after HW)
  - Arrive St Vaast 16:30 (1 hour wait for gate to open)
- **Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June**                      **St Vaast**
- **Tue 6<sup>th</sup> June**                      **St Vaast**
- **Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June**                      **St Vaast - End of Rally**
- **Thu 8<sup>th</sup> June**



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## The Ports - Links

- **Fécamp**
  - **Port de Plaisance**
    - [plaisance@fecamp-bolbec.cci.fr](mailto:plaisance@fecamp-bolbec.cci.fr) - [contact@seine-estuaire.cci.fr](mailto:contact@seine-estuaire.cci.fr) - [plaisance@portdefecamp.fr](mailto:plaisance@portdefecamp.fr) (not sure which is current)
    - +33 (0)2 35 28 13 58
  - **Société des Régates de Fécamp**
    - [+33 \(0\)2 35 28 08 44](tel:+33235280844)
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  - **Port de Plaisance de Ouistreham**
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## Other Considerations

- **Public Holidays**
  - May 25<sup>th</sup>      Ascension Day (French Public Holiday)
  - May 29<sup>th</sup>      UK Spring Bank Holiday
  - June 5<sup>th</sup>      Whit Monday (French Public Holiday)
- 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May – Royal Escape Race – Brighton to Fécamp

Alternative Port Links in case of poor weather.

- **Le Havre**
  - Port de Plaisance
  - Société des Régates du Havre
  - Le Havre Tourisme
- **Honfleur**
  - Cercle Nautique Honfleur
  - Honfleur Office de Tourisme
- **Deauville**
  - Port-Deauville
  - Bassin Morny
  - Deauville Yacht Club
  - Deauville Tourisme
- **Dives**
  - Port de Dives – Port Guillaume
  - Société des Régates de la Dives-Houlgate
  - Dives-sur-Mer - L'Office de Tourisme



## Notes for Fécamp: 28<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May

Kindly Researched and Planned by John Lepper

### Rally Plan

Arrive: PM Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Depart: AM Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May

### Harbour Master

I had previously been in correspondence with Richard BRIAND, who is harbour master responsible for the Port du Plaisance. However as he was on holiday this week, I met with Michael SMEWING, his boss, the Port Manager.

The HROA rally is firmly in their calendar for us to arrive Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May and depart Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. We will provide a firm list of yacht names and lengths in advance. If any of our fleet arrive earlier than the Sunday they will find a space, even if this is in the Basin Berigny.

2017 Berthing Rates per night:

- 9 – 9.99 m € 30.00
- 10 – 10.99 m € 32.00
- 11 – 11.99 m € 36.00
- 12 – 12.99 m € 39.00
- 13 – 13.99 m € 43.00

10% group discount to above for each boat, providing we provide boat name, length and skipper details in advance.

### Societe de Regatte de Fécamp

Met with Dominique CHALOT, Commodore of the Société des Regates de Fécamp. He is very supportive of our Rally.

The club has toilets, showers etc which will be open throughout our visit. The large bar upstairs will be open lunchtimes and evenings while we are there.

Recommended Restaurant la Croisette, at the Casino for an evening meal. SRC now use this for the Royal Escape prize giving dinner on the Saturday night.

### Tourist Office

Christophe CUSSEAU, Directeur, also suggests Restaurant la Croisette, at the casino on the beach or Restaurant le Maupassant at the Hotel Normandy in town centre for evening meal (± 50 people).

Provided contacts for tour of Palais Benedictine.

Suggested Walk along top of cliffs via Grainval to Yport (5-6 km)

[www.fecamptourisme.com](http://www.fecamptourisme.com)

### Evening Meal

As it was recommended by both Tourist Office and SRF, I selected the Restaurant la Croisette at the Casino. Met with Damien Lefrancois, the director.

The Royal Escape dinner and prize giving will be at la Croisette on the Saturday evening.

Dining area is separated from one armed bandits and gambling section. Area that would be reserved for us has views over beach, sea and cliffs. See: <https://www.casino-fecamp.com/restaurant-bar>

### **Royal Escape Race**

Royal Escape fleet is expected to be around 80-90 yachts of which around 15 will be Fécamp based who sail over for race. <http://www.royalescaperace.co.uk/>

The race starts 07:00 from between the Brighton piers with Yachts likely to arrive Fécamp from late Friday afternoon onwards.

Most of UK based boats are likely to depart Sunday morning.

### **Contingencies**

Main risk is weather making entrance into, or departure from Fécamp difficult. Only real alternative is Le Havre.

### **Contacts**

#### **Société des Régates de Fécamp**

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#### **Port de Fécamp**

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<http://www.seine-estuaire.cci.fr/port-de-fecamp>

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**Restaurant le Maupassant**

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# Notes for Caen-Ouistreham: 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June

Kindly Researched and Planned by Gill Partington

**Berthing:** The Port de Caen-Ouistreham is responsible for both bassins, but they are payable separately. Ouistreham's payment goes to Caen sur Mer Chambre de Commerce and Caen's to Ville de Caen.

The Commodore berths free. At the moment they are offering 10% discount but this is likely to rise to 15%. They will require a list of participating boats, names, LOA and draft, at the latest 15 days before arrival. Tariff according to length, around €30 per night.

**Caen** There are visitors' moorings in the Bassin de Plaisance in the centre of the city, 16 on pontoon E and for the longer boats on pontoon F. They seem confident that there will be no problem accommodating us. Larger boats to berth first. Facilities accessible with a key; one per boat, to be collected by us and returned on departure.

**Ouistreham** Plenty of spaces available. Facilities accessed by code. Showers free.

Electricity in Caen 6amps, in Ouistreham 16. Diesel available payable by card only.

It is mandatory to wear lifejackets in the locks at Ouistreham **at all times**. There are gendarmerie patrols and they fine on the spot. A gentleman in a powerboat objected when reminded and was taken away in handcuffs for further discussions!

We were given other information regarding the locks, method of approach and timings, which I can give you separately. The vice-président at SNCO, Mike Conroy, is the local Reed's agent.

**Caen Yacht Club** was very welcoming, small but keen to make acquaintance of foreign yachtsmen. They will provide a reception and aperitif on 2 June in their clubhouse beside the Bassin. They would like to know numbers in advance.

**Société de Régates Caen Ouistreham** was likewise very welcoming. We met several of the members as Thursday night is when the bar is open and it was very convivial! They too will provide a reception and aperitif on 1 June in their clubhouse, a short walk from the pontoons. They are happy to exchange burgees; there are several around the room already and also an RNSA plaque. The président was told, by his vice président, that he will have to wear his blazer!

## Eating and visits

### Ouistreham

The Bassin de Plaisance is 15-20 minutes' walk from the port area where there are several places to eat, frequented by ferry travellers. I have spoken to a small restaurant further into town but only 5 minutes more on foot, La Rose des Vents, who could accommodate up to 60, using the outside terrace as well as indoors, and have given me menus to choose from at €30, drink included, for the night of Saturday 3 June, if there is interest. Other places to eat are further away along the coast e.g. in Rue de la Mer.

Ouistreham was Sword Beach on D Day, where the British and Free French commandos landed, and there are two museums, Le Musée du Débarquement and Le Grand Bunker. The beach is sandy and well provided with entertainments and a foot/cycle path along the coast to Luc-sur-Mer, etc.

There is a foot/cycle path along the side of the Caen Canal to **Pegasus Bridge** with a fine museum and the first house liberated in France. This is an easy walk/ride, about 5k. The no 61 bus also goes there. Museum entrance €7.50, €5.50 for a group of 20+, booked in advance. Open 09:30-18:30.

On the east side of the Canal are paths around the estuary of the river Orne, an area of major ecological interest.

Further afield are Arromanches and the Mulberry Harbour, 32k, a complicated bus journey, about €50 one way by taxi. Also Bayeux, 37k, with the cathedral, tapestry and Museum of the Battle of Normandy.

## **Caen**

Around the area by the Bassin de St Pierre are many restaurants of varying types.

In Caen Le Mémorial is a very fine museum which takes around 3-4 hours to visit. Open 9:00- 19:00. Entrance cost is €19:80 (€17 over 60) for individuals. Group rates (20+) are €14.50, €17.50 for entry + audioguide, bookable in advance. Easily reached on the no. 2 bus from near the Bassin.

Within walking distance of the Bassin are the Château with the Museum of Normandy and Art Gallery (9:30-12:30; 14:00-18:00, €6, €4 for a group of 10 or more), Abbaye aux Hommes (guided tours 10:30, 14:00, 16:00; €7 or €5.50), Abbaye aux Dames (free guided tours every day at 14:30 and 16:00) There appear to be tours in English only in July and August.

## **Useful websites**

[www.ouistreham-rivabella-tourisme.fr](http://www.ouistreham-rivabella-tourisme.fr)

[www.calvados-tourisme.co.uk](http://www.calvados-tourisme.co.uk)

[www.caen-tourisme.fr](http://www.caen-tourisme.fr)

[www.caen-plaisance.com](http://www.caen-plaisance.com)

[www.ouistreham-plaisance.com](http://www.ouistreham-plaisance.com)

## Visit to St Vaast: 4<sup>th</sup> June –7<sup>th</sup> June

### Researched and Compiled by Tim Bishop

Confirmed that the HBR Master is confident that there's enough room for 20 HRs on the visitors pontoons from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June, there are no rival rallies booked. Rates will be 30% less than the usual tariff for a maximum of 3 nights. An HR 34 on tariff would be €31.80 (reduced €20.90) , HR 36 €37.30 (reduced €25.00) He will endeavour to berth us together. They are adding smart new pontoons/water/power this winter.

Although there are a number of events around June 6<sup>th</sup>, D Day, in the area, the Tourist Authority have confirmed that there are none in the town.

The dinner could be at **Hotel de la France et Les Fuchsias** on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Fabien has said the restaurant is usually closed on Mondays but they would open for a block booking (just for us). They will devise a menu with choices for Fish Meat and Veggie at a Prix Fixe going to be approx. €50 plus wine...they ask that we give approx. numbers by end of March with a deposit, then confirm numbers by end of May.

There are a number of museums connected with D Day including the celebrated '**Utah Beach' museum** (31kms) but none within walking distance or with public transport from the harbour, so we would need to hire a bus (expensive)

I would suggest we book a 'boat on wheels' to go over to the nature reserve of **L'isle Tatihou**, where there is a **Musee Maritime**, (cost €7 each) We can also walk to the small but poignant **La Chapelle Des Marins** (free) on the opposite side of the harbour. The stout of foot can continue down along the harbour wall to the **La Tour de la Hougue**, an 18<sup>th</sup>C fort guarding the harbour entrance (about 30 min walk) There is a famed store near the town quay '**Maison Gassolin**' with all things Normandie...though quite pricey, HROA members will find things to eat and drink that can't be bought even in the Harrod's food hall.

Le Nautisme: The local yacht club is more Topper, land yachts and lasers than HRs, and I have left a couple of messages on their ansaphone as well as a mobile number, but yet to receive any response. The building on the quay is closed until April.

Finally, for the very keen there is a company that offers an afternoon/evening tour of the port, meeting fishermen and hearing about their boats and the fish they catch. Then a visit to the L'Isle Tatihou followed by cookery demonstrations and a supper of 'produits de la mer'. We need a minimum take up of ten for this, and the price is around €80 but includes all the food, travel, museum entry etc...