



ROYAL NAVAL SAILING ASSOCIATION

Portsmouth Cruising Group

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.

2015 Cruising Programme

1. Pre-season reception 27th March HW 1703 Hornet

This event is being subsidised by RNSA Portsmouth to which members of all sailing sections and their partners are invited to meet others and to swing lamps. We will meet at Hornet around 1900 for a (free) welcoming drink and have supper around 2000.

A menu is attached and pre-booking is essential - *if you don't book you won't be fed!*

Names and menu choices with cash or cheques payable to Hornet Services Sailing Club to me by Tuesday, 24th March AT THE LATEST! Please also indicate which sailing section you belong to (Offshore, Yachts, Cruising, Dinghy etc.).

My address is 65, Ackender Road, Alton, GU34 1JT.

See you soon!

2. Spring Rally 11th April HW 1701 Sparkes Marina

We meet at Sparkes Marina, Hayling Island for a pontoon Party at 1800 followed by supper at 1930 in the Piranha Bar at the marina. The food is good and ambience very pleasant so let me know if you intend to be there and I will send you a menu. The cost will be £25 per head for a 3-course meal.

3. Yarmouth Trophy 16/17 May HW 2258 Yarmouth

This will follow a similar format to previous years with a race/rally to Yarmouth on Saturday with a meal together later followed by a race/rally back to Portsmouth on Sunday. Again, please let me know if you wish to take part and I will send you joining instructions.

4. Channel Island Dash 22 – 25 May HW 1614 St. Peterport

Details for this race/rally are still vague but watch this space.

5. West Country Cruise 26 May – 6 June Various

Due to other commitments I'm not available for this but let me know if you are interested and I will arrange an outline itinerary.

6. Round the Island Watch 27 June HW 2100 Yarmouth

Usual format, arrive Yarmouth on Friday; breakfast at Fort Victoria to watch the racers; Pontoon Party at 1800 followed by supper – details tba. I have reserved 10 berths at Yarmouth so please let me know if will be joining us.

7. Big Buoys Challenge 11 July HW 2031 Hornet

A different format this year so you don't get bored with the same challenges every year.

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| 8. Island BBQ | 25 July | HW 1842 | Island Harbour |
| 9. Mini-cruise | 2 – 5 September | HW 1449 | Solent |
| 10. Laying-up Supper | 7 th November | HW 2046 | Haslar Light Ship |

All comments and suggestions will be very welcome.

I may be away in foreign parts for some rally dates so if I make the arrangements I will be looking for volunteers to lead the event.

Any thoughts on introducing new faces to the Cruising Group will also be very welcome.

See you soon,



Haydn Chappell
Cruising Group Co-ordinator