

ARUN YACHT CLUB

SCUTTLEBUTT SPRING 2010

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

The last three months have seen some really great events happening at the Club and I have been pleased to see so many members taking part. I do feel sorry for the dinghy sailors though - the weather has not been kind to them. One week races abandoned for no wind and the next abandoned due to storm force conditions. Such is the life of the sailor, always waiting for those ideal moments. Still Spring will soon be with us – I believe it officially starts the day after crane-in - so let's look forward to a great season, we deserve it!

All the members of the Management Committee have been hard at it over the winter months looking at ways in which we can improve the lot for our members. The Sailing Committee have been laying plans for the sailing season, with some exciting events proposed, a good variety of races and a challenging schedule of cruises aimed at the slightly less experienced. I think the Solent is going to find there is great Club just around the corner which is going to be flying its burgee more and more in its waters; let alone showing them how the Round the Island Race should be sailed. Meanwhile, our esteemed Bar Steward – Tony Peterson – has taken over the chair of the Social Committee and they have been busy planning and organising some good social functions for you to attend when you can't make it to sea.

Some parts of the Clubhouse have been getting rather tired and you will have begun to notice some changes. Carole and David have done a wonderful job redecorating the Ladies' changing rooms whilst the Gents are also getting a make over – hopefully completed by the time this goes out. Carole Clapham has also formed a small working group who are going to look at the redecoration of the Clubhouse following the returns and ideas we received from the members after the presentation by Design & Do last summer. There are some very diverse ideas about how the Club should look and I think it will be virtually impossible to please everyone, but I am sure that in Carole's capable hands we should begin to see some improvements in the near future. The main thing is that we are a Yacht Club and the improvements/redecoration will reflect this aspect. Other repairs and maintenance around the Club will be going on and I can't thank Barry and Nigel enough for their efforts here.

As you know Martin Gillam has taken over Moorings this year and he is busy trying to get the moorings in order for Crane-In on the 20th March. Ron and his team have done a great job getting the new pontoons and fingers in and Nigel is connecting the electrics and water. One problem is that we received one float too few - but I am informed that this will arrive shortly and everything will be in place on time. Martin is also looking at a dredge to be done next winter and has already received one quote. It is going to be

expensive but I think necessary and well overdue. I shall make sure you are kept informed of our plans in this respect.

Since our EGM concerning the North Moorings and what we are going to do with them have come under a great deal of scrutiny. Dick Holden has got some great ideas of how we can proceed with this and I urge you all to read his article in this edition.

Nick Rusbridge, my very conscientious and able Vice Commodore, has been doing a fantastic job with the Training Department with many courses being run and places filled. He has a great team behind him and they are all working hard to train the sailors of the future whilst providing courses for the rest of us to refresh our certificates and acquire those we have somehow overlooked.

We have been very concerned about the way in which the south east corner of the Dinghy Pen has been eroded and how the beach has been scoured, whilst pebbles etc. have been deposited causing difficulties launching and landing our dinghies. This same action also appears to be the cause of further deposits in the southern end of our mooring basin. The Management Committee is taking action to address this problem and we will advise the membership of the situation as soon as we are able and a way forward has been planned.

As you may know I am now looking after the website and you will have seen some changes. If any of you have any articles, photos or even small videos that you think would interest others, or would like to write a report about a recent event at the Club, please let me have them and, if suitable, I shall ensure they are uploaded to the site. The 'Latest News' page should be particularly useful as it will advise you of what is coming up and, hopefully, link you to reports of recent events. This page also provides links to the latest weather and tide information. A new 'For Sale' section has also been added which at the time of writing has no content. There will be a section here for Club Goods and for the sale of members' items – let me know if you have anything you would like to sell in this way. It doesn't matter how small or large, from a tin of Yacht Varnish to a whole Yacht – just so long as it is nautical.

Well, I am sure you would rather read some of the other articles in this issue rather than my ramblings, so I shall finish here and wish you all well, a fair wind and some great sailing. Remember, it is the taking part that matters, the more you take part in the activities in the Club the more you will get out of it.

Nick Clare
Commodore

Training Update: Time to Get Sailing!

The success of our winter powerboat and shore-based training notwithstanding, it really is time to focus on sail training. It is only 2 weeks until Crane In and only 6 weeks until our first sail training session!

Our guiding principle this year will be to focus as much on quality as on quantity. We want to have lots of people sailing, of course, but not at the expense of stretching instructors,

safety teams and equipment too thinly. So, more than ever, the onus will be on students to book early to avoid disappointment—either because spaces have gone or we have cancelled a course through lack of support.

I'll run through the various on-the-water courses one by one below. If you have any questions, please do contact me or Paul Hughes, our Chief Instructor. We are around quite a lot(!) but will definitely be at the Club for our **Training Open Evening** on Thursday 16th March from 6.30pm, when the training team will be available to discuss all sailing aspirations, large and small.

Instructors and training volunteers are reminded that we will be holding a **Season Start-up Meeting** on Saturday 20th March, to which you are all invited. Please confirm your attendance if you haven't already done so.

Adult Sail Training – Tuesday evenings

This course teaches RYA Sailing Level 1 & 2. The prices are £75 for members and £120 for non-members, which covers 6 evening sessions. We aim to sail from 6.00pm until the light stops us, always depending on weather conditions. Where sailing is unsafe, theory lessons will predominate. We endeavour to work to a low student/instructor ratio, which we have found suits adults more than cadets. The expectation is that a module of 6 lessons will enable the student to reach their target level.

The session dates are:

Block 1	20, 27 April; 4, 11, 18, 25 May
Block 2	8, 15, 22, 29 June; 6, 13 July
Block 3	20, 27 July; 3, 17, 24, 31 August

To manage administration and to enable instructors to develop individualised lesson plans, we are unable to accept students partway through a Block (we hope that the number of blocks offered means that at least one will be convenient for you!) A place is only accepted once a registration form has been completed and a deposit received. Full payment is due in advance of the first lesson.

Cadet Sailing Club – Saturday Mornings

This course teaches RYA Start Sailing Stages 1-4. The prices are £30 for members and £60 for non-members, which covers 6 morning sessions. We aim to meet at 9.30am and finish around noon.

This training presents a great opportunity for parents to get involved in their children's sailing activities, and we would encourage parents to help with equipment at the start and end of the session. If sailing is in the river, why not stay around to watch and meet other parents. If sailing is at sea, for those who are up for it we can take you out in our launch to watch.

The session dates are:

Block 1	17, 24 April; 1, 8, 15, 22 May
Block 2	29 May; 5, 12, 19, 26 June; 3 July
Block 3	10, 17, 24, 31 July; 7 14 August
Block 4	21, 28 August, 4, 11, 18, 25 September

The same booking/payment conditions apply. I'd highlight to parents of non-member cadets that annual cadet membership of Arun Yacht Club costs just £28—you save £2 by joining your child to the Club (or course, family membership is even better!)

Race Training – Wednesday Evenings (Members Only!)

For those aiming to improve their race performance, this bespoke 10-week course covers everything, from sail trim and boat handling through two-man dynamics and course awareness to racing rules, tactics and protests. This is not an RYA course but a Club-conceived course run by our own race coaches. The course takes place on Wednesday evenings, with some sessions on water and some on land.

This course is NOT for students still learning how to sail a dinghy—it's for dinghy sailors who want to improve their racing. The course will be filled by invitation only but **all interested sailors should register their interest as soon as possible** with the Office. The cost of the course is £50. We assume that you will want to race in your own dinghies but club boats will be available as necessary. Booking/payments conditions are as above.

The session dates are:

Block 1	5, 12, 19, 26 May; 9, 23, 30 June; 7, 14, 21 July
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Club Free Sailing – Thursday Evenings (Members Only!)

We see this activity as a regular occasion for all Club sailors, whatever their experience, to sail and socialise together. Cruisers are welcome to join the fun if it looks like a nice evening sail. With a lot of people at the Club we hope that even non-sailors will feel it's a good time to get down to the Club and join in.

It is not a training activity (I include it here only because the training team has driven the idea and will all be out there, practising what we preach!). However it is an opportunity to practise as well as leisure sail in the presence of safety cover.

The type of activity will depend on the conditions, the level of interest and the level of safety cover we can provide. There is no charge and club dinghies can be reserved and hired according to our existing policy. The session will run from scheduled start date to finish date; planned cancellations will be notified to members via David Robinson's email update; otherwise, we will make a decision on activities on the day.

I would strongly encourage all dinghy sailors to support this club session (it is hoped it will turn into a social gathering as well as a communal practice session). For RIB drivers on safety teams who feel they do not get sufficient practice during the rest of the year, this is an ideal time to sign up to provide safety cover and to practice your skills outside of a race format (chances are the sailors will be pushing themselves hard to try to improve, so capsizes are likely!).

The session dates are:

Block 1	Start: 22 April; Finish 16 September
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Cadet Weeks – 1-4 June (Spring) and 9-13 August (Summer)

We have a great tradition in providing fun-filled cadet weeks and this will continue! The only difference this year is that the 'Spring cadet week' is later than usual, due to the way the holidays fall.

We are likely to offer fewer places than in previous years, so early enrolment is recommended. The format will be similar to that of previous years, with teaching based around the RYA Start Sailing Stages 1-4. With 4 or 5 full days of teaching, we expect to be able to move students through a level by the end of the week. The prices are, for Spring, £120 for members and £150 for nonmembers, and for Summer, £150 and £190, respectively. Again, there are cost savings to be made by joining as cadet members!

The session dates are:

Spring	1-4 June
Summer	9-13 August

What Else?

I'd like to thank members of the training team who have already put in a lot of hard work preparing for the forthcoming season. We have a commitment to increasing the quantity and quality of sailing at our club, and the 2010 programme is going to be challenging—please bear with us as we roll it out. As ever, we would welcome more volunteers becoming involved in core club activities. Nonetheless, with more members training to be able to support our planned activities, and with an unprecedented level of joint planning between the Sailing and Training Committees, I feel confident we can achieve our goals.

Nick Rusbridge

Vice Commodore and Training Principal

Good at Grants?

We'd all like to see our sailing activities flourish. An important source of funding to support youth and adult sailing initiatives is grant funding. There are lots of opportunities out there to explore but as a Club we've not always explored them—not because we've not been aware of the opportunities but because we've not identified the necessary resources. Clubs all around us have been successful in winning funding and are seeing real benefits as a result. It's our turn!

I would like us to put together a small group of volunteers to head up the development of applications for grants to support sailing initiatives and the overall progression of the club.

If you have an eye for application forms, numbers or both, or would like to be part of helping us achieve more, then please drop me a note and I'll get back in touch. Thanks.

Nick Rusbridge

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GRANT FUNDING?

Our club is affiliated to the RYA, and as an organisation they devote considerable resources nationally into helping yacht clubs to develop. The Management Committee

wants to see this Club develop and prosper, and we have been talking to the RYA about how to take the Club forward. They have pointed out that if we act quickly there *may* be an opportunity to obtain up to 50% grant funding to develop the North Moorings. The purpose of this article is to explain the idea to our members.

I think everyone agrees that it would be a crying shame to lose the opportunity to build new deep-water North Moorings, particularly after our Development Committee members have put in literally years of hard work to obtain the necessary consents. If a way can be found to appropriately fund the development so as to minimise the risk, then the plan makes a lot of sense.

Other clubs have worked with the RYA to identify sources of grant funding to enable them to develop. The best example in the South East is Erith YC (a not dissimilar Thames estuary club with 60 moorings) which recently obtained a multi-million pound grant to develop. From discussions with the RYA we believe that there may be an opportunity for grant funding to help with the cost of the North Mooring deep-water development. There are several possible funding bodies, all of whom get a new budget to allocate for development projects from April 2010. In the final year before the Olympics, and perhaps the final year before substantial belt-tightening in the UK economy, 2010 could represent the only chance to obtain significant grant funds.

Going after grant money is a time-consuming task. Each provider requires a bespoke application and supporting information. Grants are gifts of money—they do not have to be repaid but they are not given out lightly. The funds are provided in exchange for a commitment to develop the sport of sailing for the benefit of the community. The funding bodies will look for projects which will get people involved in sailing as a sporting pastime – because they want sporting excellence (partly for the Olympics), and they want the population to be healthy and taking exercise.

There is no possibility of finding grant funding simply to build new deep-water moorings for Club cruisers, as no funding body will be interested in providing public funds just to enable a cruiser owner to moor up his boat (there are plenty of commercial marinas that do that job). Any grant funding will be tied to developing our capability as a Club to offer cruiser racing and training. Funding is unlikely to exceed 50% of the cost, and—if we get it at all—it will be dependent on funding the infrastructure of a bundle of activities which will introduce the local community to sailing, train newcomers to the sport, and increase the cruiser racing activity—these are funds from the community and we must involve the community. All of this we have already proved we can do very well as a Club; just look at our very successful RYA dinghy training activities.

The RYA doctrine for development is “Maintain, Enhance, Excel!” This means that to develop your club you should (a) keep what you are already doing (don’t lose capability), (b) do it better (by improving the capability), and (c) become the leaders in what you do (a local centre of excellence). As a Club we have a good cruiser racing capability, which is limited in size because we don’t have the deep-water berths to attract faster fin-keeled boats. Without positive support cruiser racing at Arun Yacht Club, our Club could die. With a grant we could sustain and progress to excel as a racing venue.

The implication of this is that *if we are successful* in obtaining grant funds, the new moorings will be substantially used by fin-keeled cruisers that are committed to racing and

race training. They will still pay for their moorings in the same way, and still be members of the Club as normal, but we would not seek to put boats on those moorings that do not want to race. This would have to be controlled by vetting of applicants and monitoring of race activities, and offering/renewing mooring agreements only to those that get involved. In order to try for grant funding, the permissions for the development have to be in place. This means we can only go for the original "short" development which has approval, rather than the extended scheme which was presented at the EGM. This provides a total of 15 berths, of which 10 are deep water. A quick calculation: the whole development, including extending the car park, is budgeted at £250,000 and will bring in moorings income of at least £25,000 per year (90% occupancy), and with running costs (including dredge) of £7,000. We will try to obtain grant funding for 50% and will have to raise the other £125,000 ourselves. With a net income of £18,000 per year, the payback period is 7 years.

There are several ways to fund the Club's portion, and we are examining which will be most advantageous, but this is not an amount of money that is likely to break the Club. We will cost this development extremely carefully and fund it in a way which means it will not drain funds away from the imperatives of continuing to dredge our moorings, maintain our Clubhouse and other Club essentials.

For existing members of AYC this means that, at least, they will be no worse off as a result of this development and it is expected they will see positive benefits. New members bring income, activity and "life" to the Club, which means more income for the bar and galley, better social functions, and more money to invest in the Club. Ultimately it increases the critical mass of members to justify all our fixed costs. Ten cruisers racing is likely to mean 50 or so members active on the water and active in the Clubhouse every weekend, plus associated training activity.

Moving forward with the North Moorings would also remove the uncertainty around the site. At last we would be fulfilling our lease and bringing top-class facilities to the Club, enabling us to keep up with the developments planned on adjoining sites and securing the future of Arun Yacht Club with the income that is generated.

There are many details to be worked out, but we hope this note gives you an idea of the way the Management Committee is approaching the challenge of Club development. Of course, there may be no grant funding, but trying for the funding seems too good an opportunity to miss, and we hope we can count on your support if we do get ourselves to a position whereby we have raised grant funds and want to push ahead. We should know by the end of 2010.

TO DISCUSS THIS WHOLE OPPORTUNITY FURTHER IT IS PLANNED TO HOLD AN INFORMAL MEETING IN THE CLUBHOUSE AT 19.30 ON FRIDAY 19TH MARCH. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

MOORINGS REPORT

It's coming up to that time of year again, the birds are returning, animals are getting frisky and you see lots of activity in the boat park as panic stricken owners suddenly realise that they haven't completed all those jobs they meant to do. Yes it's crane-in and the sailing season is about to kick-off.

This is my first year responsible for moorings and I have been really impressed with the support from the members, especially at the working party on 30th January to replace D pontoon. It was a demonstration that many hands really do make light work and it completes the replacement of all the main pontoons that started several seasons ago. I am creating a to-do list and the next job being planned is to repair / replace some of the north mooring pontoons. Once again we will be after volunteers to make this happen - please look out for the date in David's weekly email and on the notice board. In addition I have started investigating a dredge for this winter and am hopeful to have some news on this soon.

During crane-in the Golf Club will once again allow us to use the north end of their car park. For those people moored on D pontoon I am expecting to need to make some minor adjustments to the fingers after crane-in, to ensure that all the boats have adequate space. Once again the cost of crane-in has been held at £75 - please can I ask that you bring your cheque books/ visa cards with you.

There are a couple of berths available for suitable sailing boats so if members know of people wanting a mooring now is a good time for them to apply.

Martin Gillam

HOUSE MATTERS

Improvements to the Clubhouse have started, albeit slowly. The Ladies changing room has had an excellent coat of paint accomplished by Carole Clapham and David Mayne. John Harman stripped has varnished the woodwork, and new flooring has been put down.

At the time of writing the Gents changing room is also being repainted and new flooring has been ordered.

Carole Clapham is looking into ways of implementing the plans for the refurbishment of the Clubroom and other areas following the designers' presentations last year.

The front gate is now operational activated by the blue key fob. The gate will close at 11.00 p.m. and re-open at 8.00 a.m. During these times the gates can be opened with the fob from either side.

The south east corner of the dinghy pen is still suffering erosion, but negotiations are ongoing to find a solution to the damage caused. In the meantime, our trusty digger is keeping the sea at bay.

Volunteers are always required for jobs around the Club, especially to relieve the small band of members who do most of the work already.

Any helpful suggestions are always welcome, and you can contact me at the Club most days on 01903 716016

Barry Partridge
Committee Member - House

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS - AYC TRAINING.

I thought members might like to hear about my experience of an Arun Yacht Club run RYA Powerboat Level II training course which took place on 20/21 February. The instructor was Paul Hughes and I was joined by trainees Sue and Zara.

With two RIBS and the AYC Committee boat (Diamond) to practise on we were able to experience a wide range of practical lessons including towing, controlled manoeuvres, anchoring, coming alongside, MOB procedure, picking up a mooring buoy and summoning assistance. There was also plenty to do in the classroom with subjects ranging from navigation to the weather.

The weather was great on Saturday but a real challenge on Sunday with heavy rain and moderate seas. Towing the committee boat out of the harbour was challenging but we managed to return it to its mooring successfully. Also learning to control the RIB (without the tow!) in confused seas at speed was pure exhilaration.

Some memorable moments included:-

My attempt at moving the RIB carefully away from Diamond. It was a large wave which pushed me onto the throttle for a really fast but controlled getaway!

Sue's powerful 360 degree turns in the RIB.

Zara's cold hands (made steering/towing difficult-for her!)

With over 90% of the course on the water this really was an excellent practical course. Paul's local knowledge added an extra dimension to the training and everything was covered thoroughly with a good measure of realism and humour helping us to get things right.

So if you want to get trained up on any aspect of boating have a look at the Club's prospectus or if you receive this in time come down to the Training Open Evening at 7pm on the 18th March and see what's on offer.

And finally thanks to Sue and Zara for being such good sports.

Ron Wood.
(Membership Support)

Founders Day Lunch – Saturday 17th April

The date of this year's annual Founders Day Lunch is fast approaching and details have already been circulated to those of you who are in the Club's group email system. However, for those of you who are not (or who are and have overlooked it!) details are included with this edition of Scuttlebutt.

This is always a well-supported event when we invite former members and current members alike to meet, renew friendships and reminisce over the earlier days of the Club's evolution and its plans for the future.

As always, Angela provides us with an excellent menu and I hope that, this year, we can exceed last year's attendance of 70 persons. With a maximum capacity of 90, do please get your applications in as soon as possible but, in any case, **by not later than 9th April.**

David Robinson

SOCIAL REPORT

Well, it's March already, the boats are going back in the water and spring is on the way. Many thanks to David Lyndsay for organising this year's Social Calendar - all I had to do was book a few bands! By the time you read this we will have had two Quiz Nights, a Sailors' Talk, Spanish Night, a Rally and a Candlelit Supper. Coming up are Mothering Sunday Day lunch on the 14th March, Crane In and Crane-in Supper on the 20th March and the Club Boat Jumble on Sunday 11th April.

Two jazz bands have been booked for Jazz by the River evenings. The first is the Fetherstone Five on 22nd May, and the second Jazz Evening is on the 21st August featuring Chris Newman. 24th April sees the return of Ray Anton's 'Rat Pack Music', and the popular Lou Barry Duo, has also been booked. Watch out for details of the best band on the South Coast - the ABBA Beat with the music of ABBA.

As you may know all social functions have to be self funding, therefore we rely on the surcharge on the meals to cover costs. Along with Angela we provide a good night out at a very reasonable price, so please support us.

Sunday lunches are still very popular therefore booking is recommended.

A few thanks you's – Hillary Walker, David Mayne and Carole Clapham for taking down the Christmas decorations and for decorating the ladies toilets. I should also like to thank my social Committee for sticking by me, Sue for all her technical help with menu's etc., and to Angela and her team in the kitchen.

Tony Peterson
Social Secretary

Sunday Lunch Table Arrangements

We have made a slight change in table arrangements to accommodate our increased bookings for two, three or four customers. If you would like to sit at a larger table please let Tony know, and as always, we shall do our best to make you feel comfortable.



Reporters needed

We need members to report on Club events so that the full story and action can be posted on the club website. If you would like to cover an event, please contact Nick Clare at nick@clare.org.uk who looks forward to receiving your contributions in the near future.

Letter received from grateful Visitor

The Commodore Committee and Members of Arun Yacht Club

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I write to you all, secure in the knowledge that my simple prose will not do justice to the task in hand.

That task is to praise and thank the members of the club and your staff who helped me and my son retrieve a small yacht I had bought blind on ebay from a member of your club. Barry Partridge, John Harman, David Mayne, Andy Powell, Nigel Townsend and others whose names I have forgotten gave me lessons in practical selfless assistance, advice and humour which I shall treasure for many a year.

If the rest of the sea sailing community is as kind and helpful, as your members, I shall have no fears of being abandoned to the elements. That their assistance was given without thought to their own time, trouble and expense was remarkable but the final icing on the cake was that they would not hear of even token rewards. Everything they did worked at treat. Our only part in the adventure was to remove the wheels to inflate them, which we did skillfully. Alas, the task of securing the wheels was less skillfully conducted and after 5 miles the near side trailer wheel took a small journey alone leaving us to scrape to a despairing halt.

By an amazing extension of your own remarkable kindness, a garage lent us a trolley jack and a scrap yard provided replacement bolts from those now hidden on one of East Sussex's grass verges. By six p.m. in the gathering gloom we were once more on the road and despite a long series of road works we finally arrived home at 2.45 a.m. on Saturday, just 36 hours behind schedule. The sense of relieve and sheer joy at making the journey at all was tremendous.

On Dave and Barry's advice I have now fitted Ford Transit tyres and am confident of the future.

I may not have the chance to return the favours to you gentlemen directly but given the opportunity I will pass on your kindness as the Good Samaritans you proved to be, to others in need. I may not do it with as much knowledge, experience and humour as you but I will do my level best.

Thank you all for a very memorable two days.

Yours sincerely,

David and David Lawrenson Junior

THE CLUB MEMBER – WHICH ARE YOU ?

(Taken from Lisboa Log in 1960)

Are you an active Member, the kind that would be missed ?
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list ?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock ?
Or do you stay away and criticize and knock ?

Do you take an active part to help the work along ?
Or are you satisfied to be the type that 'just belong' ?

There's quite a program scheduled that I'm sure you've heard about
And will appreciate if you, too, will come and help us out.

Think it over members, you know right from wrong
ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER OR DO YOU JUST BELONG ?

SUE'S SECRETARIAL BIT

We would like to welcome the following new members and wish them a long and happy association with Arun Yacht Club:

Elizabeth Carlton (Dominic's wife)
Patrick and Valerie Pattenden
Cathy, Brian, Thomas and William Flook
Antonia Forster
Nicholas Tree
Jason Godsmark

GROUP E-MAIL

If you have an e-mail address and are not receiving David Robinson's weekly
e-mail - get in touch with the Office and Sue will pass on the information.

You will still be able to receive your copy of Scuttlebutt if you wish.

You will then be able to find out what is taking place at the Club on a weekly basis such as
racing, Social Events, etc.

ARUN YACHT CLUB
BOAT JUMBLE

SUNDAY 11th APRIL

10.00 - 12.00 Noon
In the Car Park – weather permitting
or In the Clubhouse

Entrance – Donation to the RNLI

Sellers £4.00 - £5.00
Please put your name on the clipboard
to reserve a space

Please leave DONATIONS for the Club stall
with Tony Peterson, Barry Partridge or Carole Clapham

????? Have you any boat bits, tools, fishing gear
or anything usable on a boat that you no longer use ?
Then how about having a stall or donating it for the club stall.

AYC CADET WEEKS

Please note dates for Cadets Weeks are as follows :

Spring Cadet Week : 1st—4th June

Summer Cadet Week : 9th—13th August

Spring week is £120 and Summer £150.

Spaces are filling fast so book now to avoid disappointment

CRUISING SECTION

To me cruising is 'Cruising' not racing or a rush from one maritime hostelry to another. Hence, the Cruising Programme has the option of expensive harbour/marina facilities or doing what I usually do—which is to anchor off for free. Yes, it means using a tender. Please do not overload them because if they sink it costs everyone considerable inconvenience—the Reserve services do not need call-outs.

I hope to hold a short pre-cruise meeting either on the Thursday or Friday evening before the event takes place at the Clubhouse. The object of the meetings is to clarify details of tide, possible courses to be taken, VHF frequencies and any other queries cruiser owners

might have.

I am aware that some are in doubt about their abilities in various aspects of sailing—usually due to lack of experience and practice. All the problems can be sorted out with a little goodwill, not usually in short supply in the sailing community.

For those who are short of crew I would hope we would be able to combine or find crew from other non-boat owning Club members.

If there is sufficient call I would try to arrange an informal refresher/basic navigation/pilotage course at the Club—we all get rusty or into sloppy habits.

If you have any ideas or questions please contact me.

Dominic Carlton

Hon Cruising Secretary
01243 552716

CRUISING PROGRAMME 2010

Note : times and distances approximate and course through Looe Channel

Thursday Mar 18	1830 Cruising discussion at Clubhouse
Saturday April 17	Cruise to Itchenor 25 m. Depart approx. 1030 hrs. Use either CHC visitor buoys or anchor at Roman Transit
Saturday May 1	Cruise to Medina IOW 37 m. Depart approx. 1100 hrs - various venues depending on space – first choice Folly Inn
Friday May 28	Cruise to Yarmouth IOW 45 m. Depart 0900 hrs. Use either Yarmouth harbour or its buoys, or anchor to east of pier – Starts flowing west 1 hr. before HW Portsmouth say, 1100 hrs Saturday. Consider anchoring in Osbourne Bay on Friday night.
Saturday 12 June	Cruise to Bembridge 30 m. Depart 1000 hrs. There is no access For vessels with drafts of 1.5 m (5 ft.) at +2½ hrs LW. Use Harbour or anchor off.
Saturday June 26	Cruise to Newhaven 27 m. Either use Marina or anchor to east Of mole and dredged channel.
Saturday July 10	Cruise to Beaulieu River 35 m. Depart 0800 hrs. Several Marinas or consider anchoring between no. 9 buoy and Beaulieu River SC.
Saturday July 31	Cruise and barbecue at entrance to Chichester harbour 20 m.

Depart 1230 hrs. Good anchoring, but can be crowded. Consider anchoring towards Rookwood 150 m east.

Friday August 6

Cruise to watch Cowes fireworks 30 m. Depart 0800 hrs. This is a very crowded event and the fireworks start at 2100 hrs. Anchor to west of Norris buoy. Ensure that an anchor watch and bearing are kept.

Friday August 27

Cruise to Studland Bay 65 m. Depart 1030 hrs. Anchor to north of Old Harry Rocks outside the conservation area. To miss west Solent tides, go south of IOW. Distance similar and less crowded.

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