

Seamanship Challenge

Saturday 11 June 2011

This is called a Seamanship Challenge, but it is **not** intended for expert crews. Quite the reverse. The object is to put into practice a few essential skills, while having a bit of fun. So do not be put off if your boat is difficult to handle, and being sailed by inexperienced crew, and not enough of them at that. In fact, you might have an advantage: the unique handicapping system will take account of all factors; the prizes will probably not go to the fastest!

Saturday 1100 start from Osborne Bay. It will be a 'Le Mans' start, at anchor, sails furled in. Course of around 15nm, with various manoeuvres or exercises along the way, including MOB drills. Finish at anchor back in Osborne Bay, or if conditions suit in Newtown Creek (anchor or visitors' mooring). Sailing Instructions will be available on web (or by email) nearer the day. Working channel Ch. 72 (but N.B. several other clubs might be using it too). Eat on board Saturday evening. A Safari supper if we manage to anchor in close proximity (not too close!).

If the conditions are favourable, the plan is to anchor overnight Saturday/Sunday. (If conditions inclement, I suggest we seek shelter at East Cowes Marina: the same weekend there is a Regatta based in Cowes Yacht Haven, so likely to be too busy.) Sunday - disperse to home ports, but I will organise a short activity for the morning if there are enough boats not needing to leave Central Solent until later in the day.

Rally fee of £10 per head - to the Club Office in advance, please (preferably a single payment by boat, to reduce admin). Victuals, marina fees (if any), etc. by own arrangement.

Portsmouth Saturday 11 June 2011 (BST) : 07:46 4.09m H ; 13:12 1.36m L ; 20:28 4.36m H

Please contact organiser Robin Whaite if you would like to attend

Booking form overleaf/

SEAMANSHIP CHALLENGE

Card Number

Name of boat

Contact details

Mobile phone

E-mail address

Payment (**£10 per head**)....£

Cheque (payable to Little Ship Club) enclosed for £..... Or

Please debit my Master Card/Visa/Switch with £..... Start date

Expiry Date Issue No

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Security Code. . . . House No . . . Postcode

Signed

Disclaimer

The Little Ship Club ("the Club") must make clear the basis on which it organises and you participate in the events that make up the Club's varied sailing calendar. Those events may include fast cruises, yacht races, training events and social rallies (together "the Activities").

The Club introduces skippers and crews to one another, but it cannot warrant or certify the seaworthiness of vessels or the competence of individual skippers or crew.

By taking part in any Activity, whether by putting to sea or crossing a start line, you agree -

that none of the Club, The Little Ship Club Limited ("the Company"), the officers, committee members, directors and employees of the Club or the Company are responsible to you or others for personal injury, loss of life, loss of or damage to your, or anyone else's, vessel or property arising from your taking part in the Activities.

If you are a skipper, you also agree - that the decision to take part in or withdraw from any of the Activities is solely yours and that it is your responsibility to make sure that your vessel and its equipment are sound, that your crew are properly briefed as to safety on board and that both crew and vessel are suitable for the Activities in the conditions prevailing; that any tidal or other navigational information offered by the Club is for guidance only and should be checked by you; that the responsibility to arrange adequate and suitable insurance cover, including third party cover, for any Activity is yours; and that you will draw this disclaimer to your crew's attention before participation in any Activity. If you are a crew member, you also agree - that the responsibility to arrange adequate and suitable insurance cover for any Activity is yours. Nothing in this disclaimer seeks to limit any statutory or common law liability that the Club or the Company may have for death or personal injury arising from the negligence of either. Advisory Note

Members should be aware that yacht insurers and life insurers may regard some of the Activities listed above as "racing" within the terms of particular insurance policies and that not all policies cover such activity. Members should therefore check for themselves that their insurance protections provide adequate cover for the particular Activity in which they are taking part.

The Club will accept this declaration by post, fax, scanned copy by email, or an email which confirms the details requested above and your acceptance of the disclaimer.

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