

SEAVETS MIDWEEK CRUISING

2009 PROGRAM

This year's program consists of 8 midweek boardsailing expeditions, usually with the objective of rounding one or more islands in a days sailing..

CHOICE OF DATES

We have computed when the tides are suitable for sailing at each of the 8 locations. The location will be chosen by the organisers a few days before the event. If the weather forecast given on the evening before the event is favourable then sailors that have declared an interest in participation will be notified that the expedition is taking place by phone or email that same evening. The actual route to be followed on the day depends on the wind and tide, and will be determined at the departure point before launching.

If you want further information on the program please contact one of us:

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EXPEDITIONS

BEAULIEU RIVER - 14 miles with tacks

A sail from the east side of Calshot Spit to Lepe for coffee then up the Beaulieu River to Bucklers Hard with lunch at the cafe or pub there. Then back to Lepe for tea and return to Calshot Spit. An out and back trip with tricky tides and currents around Stansore Point and Stone Point. The Beaulieu River is beautiful and makes for a safe and pleasant sail along its length.

RIVER BLACKWATER - 15/16 miles with tacks

A sail round Osea Island and Northey Island and a visit to Maylandsea, crossing the causeways to the two islands at high water. Lunch at Maylandsea or Mill Beach.

CALSHOT - 11 miles with tacks

A sail from the east side of Calshot Spit round Calshot Castle to Ashlett Creek (1½ miles north west of Calshot) with lunch at Ashlett. Then back into Southampton Water and round Calshot Castle to Lepe with a stop for tea there at the beach cafe. Return to Calshot Spit.

CHICHESTER (BOSHAM AND DELL QUAY) - 17 miles with tacks

A sail from Hayling Island SC through Chichester Harbour to Bosham, stopping for coffee at the Mariners coffee shop, then on to Dell Quay (Chichester) for lunch at the Crown and Anchor before returning to Hayling Island.

HAYLING ISLAND - 18 miles with tacks

A sail round the island with stops for food at The Ferry (at the entrance to Langstone Harbour) and at Langstone Bridge, the bridge connecting the island to the mainland, or at The Quay Flintstones Tea Rooms at Emsworth.

MERSEA ISLAND - 14 miles with tacks

A sail round the island, carrying board across the causeway. Direction round the island depends on the tide time for crossing the causeway. One stop for a meal at Brightlingsea and a brief rest at the causeway.

POOLE HARBOUR - 18 miles with tacks

A sail round all the islands in Poole Harbour, including Giggers Island (west end of the harbour), Long Island, Round Island, Green Island, Fursey Island and Brownsea Island. Bring snacks for

beach stops on Long Island and at the Shell Bay Cafe on south side of the entrance to the harbour.

ISLE OF SHEPPEY - 32/34 miles with tacks

A sail around the island. The clockwise start is from Bartons Point with lunch at The Ferry Inn at Harty Ferry and a snack at the Kingsferry Bridge. The anti clockwise start is from Leysdown with lunch at Queensborough and tea at The Ferry Inn. A long trip. Midsummer is preferable because of the longer hours of daylight.

SAFETY

The Seavets Wednesday Cruising Program is based on social sailing with an emphasis on seamanship and safety as we are sailing without rescue cover. Participants are totally responsible for their own safety and must have adequate third party insurance.

Conditions

Positive tidal flow wherever possible

Winds forecast for 5 -15 mph and preferably onshore

Air temperature for the day forecast to achieve 10 - 24 deg. C.

Daylight adequate to cover any delay due to decreasing wind

Board and rig

Raceboard with safety leash on mast foot and towing loop

Sail size - usually one size smaller than for racing unless wind is light

Equipment

Steamer or wetsuit, float coat, buoyancy harness, hat and sun cream

RYA orange flag and whistle

Flares

Knife and spare line

Cash in waterproof case

Snack/drink

Ordnance survey map of sailing area and compass

Mobile phone in waterproof cover with other sailors' numbers entered in

Escort

Buddy system, partner within 200 yards

Abort route

Not further than 300 yards from land

Safe landing areas identified

Rescue

Person onshore notified of intended route and schedule

No responsibility can be accepted by the coordinators for the safety of participants in these expeditions.