

Cruiser News 2010

It will soon be time to stop dreaming about it and start doing it and I'm not talking about boat maintenance.

The Sailing Programme was not handed out at the AGM this year but will be ready for lift in. You can obtain dates and information from our website or the Notice Board.

You may recall that last year many of us filled in forms to obtain Handicap numbers from the Medway Yachting Association. They had offered to issue specific handicap numbers for all yachts that race on the Medway in inter club races. However, two of the clubs who are actively involved had a difference of opinion. Consequently the committee dealing with this has not met for a year.

Due to the above situation, our Race Committee has been reconvened under the chairmanship of Bob Woolford with John Powell "Lady in Red" being seconded on to it. John has e-mailed those members who we have an e-mail address for, with an update. Basically we all need to fill in the forms again ASAP.

The races against our neighbours at MCC give us the opportunity to race in a bigger fleet and this season John Powell will be advising members of the opportunities for us to join in other Yacht Club races.

This year Bill Finch has kindly offered to run a training session for members who might be interested in occasionally helping to run the Race Box. Will volunteers please contact Bill directly.

Most of our **Sunday Races** are low key affairs; you do not need to be an experienced racer to take part. If you haven't raced

before but want to give it a try show up on race day about one hour before the start and all will be explained.

The individual cruises will have details posted on the notice board and website

Our **Shakedown Cruise**, which is not usually well attended, as most members are still getting ready for the season, will be to Benfleet Yacht Club, if they can accommodate us.

The **Continental Cruise** is being organised by Ian Bourn, speak to him for details.

The **Blackwater & East Coast Cruises** are a matter of turn up and go, as we do not need to book marina berths until under way.

Our annual **St Katharine's Dock Cruise** will go ahead as usual even though last year was a disappointment as far as Marina berths, charges and facilities were concerned. Going a few weeks later should be quieter. Limehouse Basin Marina is as expensive and has other drawbacks and South Dock Marina is not best suited to the City Break that most members are looking for.

If you want a copy of the opening times and procedure for the Kingsferry Bridge, this like most other club literature can be accessed and downloaded from the Club Website.

For those requiring a crew member or a berth please see the separate form. This is for use by all sections and craft.

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