



Preliminary sailing programme 2011

If you would like to help organise all or part of a Club rally, please contact Robin Whaite (sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk).



Little Ship Club

Social, lecture and sailing dates 2011

Date	Rally	Contact
East Coast		
Easter 22–25 April	Informal gatherings North & South	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk
29 April–2 May	West Mersea & Blackwater	Anne Malcolm
28–30 May	Calais	Norman Hummerstone
4 June	EC50 Sailability, River Orwell	Pat Dittner
25–26 June	Brightlingsea	Sue Cossell
7–10 July	Thames Barge Match, Blackwater	Geoff Quentin
8–10 July	Henley Festival	Chris Tiff
30–31 July	Orwell - a joint (tbc) rally	Pat Dittner
22 August–3 Sept	Holland (Zierikzee Harbour Festival)	Jonathan Hague
10–11 September	London/Thames Festival	Jonathan Hague
15–16 October	End of Season dinner	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk
South Coast		
Easter, 22–25 April	Easter rally	Tim Bizzey
April/May	Lutine weekend (LLYC)	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk
29 April–2 May	Channel Islands dash	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk
14–15 May	Boat handling (Solent)	Jill Moffatt
28–30 May	Back of Wight	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk
June–July	Shorter, informal outings in & around the Solent	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk
11–12 June	Seamanship challenge (Solent)	Robin Whaite
18–19 June	Eastward Ho! – Littlehampton	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk
21 June	'prequel' to the Normandy rally	David Roache
23 June–2 July	Normandy (arr. Fecamp, 24-25 June)	David Roache
25 June	Round the Island Race	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk
25 June–17 July	South Brittany & Morbihan	Hunter Peace or Alan Fulton
31 July–6 August	Cowes Week	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk
27–29 August	Family friendly (Swallows & Amazons) Chichester/Poole	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk
10–11 Sept (tbc)	Solent treasure hunt	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk
October	Lutine weekend (LLYC)	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk
October	Frostbite (usually to Cowes)	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk
Others		
12–23 September	Vancouver / Desolation Sound	Geoff Quentin
To be decided	Dinghies & keelboats: Docklands mid-week	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk
To be decided	Dinghies & keelboats: weekends on the coast	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk
To be decided	Informal mid-week rallies	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk
Monthly Oct–March	Fast cruise series	sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk

Social and lecture programme

Tuesday 4 January

No lecture (following Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 11 January

HPO dinner

An evening to celebrate the Club's Honorary Port Officers from all over the world and to thank them for their efforts

Tuesday 18 January

New Members Evening

A talk by Club member Richard Gribbin

In an adventure which took him 3 years and during which he logged over 44,000 nm, Richard completed a circumnavigation under sail via the Capes

Tuesday 25 January

New Members Evening

A talk by Club member Rodney Pell

After serving with The Royal Navy as *HMY Sheemaun* throughout WW2 as a Thames Patrol boat, Rodney's classic Watson motor yacht is 2011 Historic Yachts Flagship.

Friday 28 January

Burns' Night Supper

Tuesday 1 February

Lecture: The Life of a Lighthouse Keeper

Speaker: Gerry Douglas Sherwood

As principal keeper of the Needles lighthouse, Gerry's job came with a stunning view of the English Channel. Gerry is now president and archivist of the Association of Lighthouse Keepers and will tell us about a way of life now extinguished.

Tuesday 8 February

Skippers & Crews presentation and 'The Cassoulet Confessional'

Come along to find out about rallies and sailing plans for 2011. There will be presentations about some of the season's rallies, and from a number of skippers, briefly outlining their sailing plans. The evening will also provide an introduction to Skippers & Crews and what the system offers for new members and trainees.

Over dinner (which will be cassoulet) there will be a chance to hear some carefully selected 'confessions' from members recounting sailing experiences that have gone wrong.
Compère: Mark Turvey.

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Tuesday 15 February

New Members Evening

A talk by Club Member John Nixon

John sailed the Southern Oceans in the last Clipper Ventures race.

Tuesday 22 February

Lecture: The Greenwich Hospital

Speaker: Peter Linstead Smith OBE
Commander, Royal Navy

Peter is Head of Strategic Development at Greenwich Hospital, the Navy's oldest charity. Greenwich Hospital is an ancient Crown charity providing charitable support including annuities, sheltered housing and education, to serving and retired personnel of The Royal Navy and Royal Marines and their dependants.

Tuesday 1 March

Sail and Power forum

Pilotage and Passage Planning in Practice

Top tips from a panel of weather-beaten sea dogs. A short presentation of what works in small boats and what can safely be left in the class-room, followed by a discussion to share experiences.

Tuesday 8 March

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 15 March

Fitting-Out Supper

Tuesday 22 March

Skippers & Crews Presentation

Join us to learn or just update your knowledge on how to use the Skippers & Crew web pages to get the sailing you want, hear about the season's rallies, sign up for the rallies you're interested in, find crew or berths, and more! The S&C team will demonstrate how to do all this by creating your own sailing pages, attaching photos, inputting your experience, the sort of sailing you'd like to do, and where you'd like to sail, to help you get the most out of the varied sailing that the Club offers. This will also be a pre-season networking evening for skippers and crews to renew sailing contacts and make new ones.

Tuesday 29 March

Lecture: Sailing a Classic Yacht

Speaker: Steve Meakin

Based on the East Coast, Steve has been sailing traditional gaffers for many years. Come and listen to a rather different sailing experience than most of us are used to!

Tuesday 5 April

Lecture: Circumnavigating the British Isles

Speaker: Chris Allen

Chris took three months to sail around the UK single-handed. He wrote a blog, as well as a book about his adventures; as a trustee of UKSA, Chris distributes all profits to them.

Tuesday 12 April

Lecture: Simply Astro

Speaker: Norman Hummerstone

Norman will try and demonstrate to the uninitiated that astronavigation is not the esoteric subject that it is often considered and also to bring in the warning by the NASA scientists that extreme sun flares possibly occurring in 2012-13 may inhibit satellite navigation and also compass activity. Astronavigation should be free of this effect and may be the only practical choice at sea of determining a ship's location. (The scientists can, of course, be wrong.)

Tuesday 19 April

Lecture: Circumnavigating at the Tropic of Cancer: a sailing project with a difference

Speaker: Emma Pontin

A freelance yacht skipper, Emma was diagnosed with breast cancer whilst heading to the start line of a transatlantic race.

For her next big challenge, Emma is planning a full circumnavigation of the world (30,000 miles), with a planned departure from London in October 2011 to raise funds for, and global awareness of, breast cancer. Her team will be comprised of a small number of experienced sailors, combined with a crew of 42 selected members of the public, all of whom have had a very personal relationship with breast cancer.

Emma is also the godmother of *Celebrity Eclipse*, the third in a series of five stunning Solstice Class ships.

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Tuesday 26 April

No Lecture (following Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 3 May

No Lecture

Tuesday 10 May

Lecture: The Challenges of Anchoring

Speaker: a panel led by Robin Whaite

Come hear a few tips and share your own experiences of anchoring.

Tuesday 17 May

Lecture: A Life Dedicated to The Mission To Seafarers

Speaker: Revd Canon Bill Christianson

Well known to Club members, Bill stepped down as Secretary General of The Mission to Seafarers last year after 42 years of service with the Mission. Bill will entertain us with stories of his life within the Mission.

Tuesday 24 May

Quiz Night

The Spring social and lecture programme closes with a Navigation and Seamanship Quiz designed by Pete Newbury, Rear Commodore Training.

Dates for your diary, details to follow...

Tuesday 14 June **Music Night**

Tuesday 12 July **Film Night**

Tuesday 9 August **Summer Party**

