



# LITTLE SHIP News

## Getting out on the water

**Now that training courses have ended, it's time to test your newly honed theoretical skills out on the water. And what better way to develop your ability to tie knots and pull ropes while getting wet and windswept than on a Little Ship Club rally?**

There is a full programme of sailing events organised for this season, on the South and East Coasts of England and further afield in the Channel Islands (July); the beautiful cruising grounds around Majorca (in September). Come the Autumn and it's back to Fast Cruising in all weathers on the Solent.

### Skippers and crews

To make the most of your sailing opportunities:

- make sure your details are up to date on the skippers and crews register on the website ([www.littleshipclub.co.uk](http://www.littleshipclub.co.uk))
- give your correct email address to the Club office ([office@littleshipclub.co.uk](mailto:office@littleshipclub.co.uk)) to receive e-news and bulletins giving crewing opportunities
- come to the Club on Tuesday evenings – an excellent way to make contact with skippers needing crew, or for crew wanting to find a skipper.

### Training opportunities

Some skippers have kindly offered a number of more focused training and crewing slots on their boats. For more details contact Richard Taylor, [jrichardtaylor@btinternet.com](mailto:jrichardtaylor@btinternet.com).

### Boat handling rallies

Find a berth on a boat for one of these rallies and practice your manoeuvring skills, under sail and engine, for a weekend. Great for skippers who need a bit more practice too! The South Coast boat handling rally is on May 16-17 and the East Coast version is June 13-14. Details of all rallies are available from the Club office or via the website. ■

*What do you think of the sailing programme? Do you find it easy to get information? What would you like to change? Robin Whaite, rear commodore sail and power, wants to hear your views. Either collar him at the Club on a Tuesday evening, bend his ear at a rally or email: [robin@whaite.co.uk](mailto:robin@whaite.co.uk)*

## Cookbook correction

The Club cookbook, *Cooking Afloat*, is priced £11.99, not £9.99 as listed in the recent journal. (£9.99 was a special offer price for pre-publication orders). There are still plenty left to buy, use the order form on the back of this newsletter to get your copy!

## Light lunches

The Club will be offering bento boxes, club sandwiches and burgers at lunchtime from May for those who want to eat but don't wish to dine formally. Head to Bell Wharf Lane one lunchtime and try them out!

## New members

A new members evening will be held on Thursday 11 June to promote the Club to members of sailing clubs in City-based companies or organisations. If you have any such contacts, or would like us to invite other prospective new members, contact Kate Newman, [kate@kna-strategic-consultancy.com](mailto:kate@kna-strategic-consultancy.com)

## Dress code & swipe cards

A reminder that the dress code in the Club is smart casual: no jeans, t-shirts or trainers please, however expensive! The Club also has a 'no mobile phone' rule – please don't make or take phone calls in the Club room.

You need to bring your membership card to gain entry to the Club using the electronic swipe system fitted to the entrance doors.

## Club officers

The AGM on 24 March saw the election of new honorary officers and members of the Club committee. Here is a complete list of those now running the show!

**President:** Sir Robin Knox-Johnston

**Commodore:** Keith Irons

**Vice commodores**

**South Coast:** David Roache

**East Coast:** Pat Dittner

**Rear commodores**

**Membership:** Kate Newman

**Sail and Power:** Robin Whaite

**Training:** J Richard Taylor

**Hon treasurer:** Don Shackley

**Hon solicitor:** Mark Turvey

**Members of the Club committee:**

Paul Banks, Barry Brinsmead, Anne Malcolm, Iain Muspratt, Jackie Potter

**President's committee:**

Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, Tom Davey, Hunter Peace, Nigel Pullman and the Commodore (ex-officio)

**Honorary life vice presidents:**

Norman Hummerstone, Dr Jean Plancke

## Keep up!

If the Club doesn't have your details up to date, in particular your email address, we can't keep in touch regularly and easily. Make sure you send changes of address, telephone number and emails to Val or Bernadette at the Club office.

# Get snapping – again! 2009 photographic competition

Now is the time to get started with the camera to get those entries for the 2009 photographic competition ready. There will be five categories this year.

1. Atmospheric seascapes and inland waterways (static boats can be included)
2. Making way – sails, motoring and dinghies
3. The enjoyment of club rallies
4. Club members ashore and afloat

(if three or fewer people in the shot, photographers must get their permission to enter)

5. Humour which must have a nautical theme and must not be crude.

Closing date is the first Tuesday in November before Club supper. Late entries are not accepted.

*Anne Malcolm – competition organiser*

## Club style

Polo shirts, baseball caps, fleeces, jackets, shorts, trousers... all available customised with the Little Ship Club burgee. Now's the time to get your orders in so you can look the part at those pontoon parties this season. Full details and prices available from the Club office: [office@littleshipclub.co.uk](mailto:office@littleshipclub.co.uk)

## Younger members

Eat with people your own age on the first Monday of each month! There is a younger members' Club table allocated in the restaurant. Monthly dinghy racing on the Thames is currently being investigated. If you are interested contact Kate Newman, [kate@kna-strategic-consultancy.com](mailto:kate@kna-strategic-consultancy.com)

## Recruit a friend

A pull out supplement for our member get member promotion was included in the last issue of the magazine. The prices quoted in the supplement were for paying by direct debit and not by cheque/credit card as stated. Direct debit membership fees are slightly cheaper than cheque/credit card fees in order to encourage members to pay by direct debit.

If you sign up a new member you will get a bottle of champagne as a thank you. More forms (with all membership rates shown) are available from Bernadette in the Club office ([bernadette@littleshipclub.co.uk](mailto:bernadette@littleshipclub.co.uk)). They can also be downloaded from the website. Go get recruiting!

## Recipes from the Little Ship Club Galley

When was the last time you found a cookbook which wasn't endorsed by a celebrity or featured in a TV series?

Or read a cookery book full of recipe ideas for when you're afloat?

These recipes have all been tried and tested by your fellow Club members. It's the perfect gift for sailing family and friends.

Price £11.99 + £2.50 p+p

Recipes from the Little Ship Club Galley has been generously sponsored by Chester Boyd

## ORDER FORM

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Postcode		Postage in the UK @ £2.50 per copy	<input type="text"/>
		or write 'yes' in the box to collect from the Club office	<input type="text"/>
Contact telephone number		TOTAL	<input type="text"/>
Email			
Credit card (Visa/Mastercard/Switch/Maestro) number		Issue number	Start date
Signature		Security code	Expiry date

Please return this form to the Club office, Bell Wharf Lane, Upper Thames Street, London EC4R 3TB. Fax: 020 7236 9100.