



Little Ship Club
Sailing in Good Company

WEEKEND CRUISE ON A THAMES BARGE 4 to 7 September 2008

Little Ship Club has booked the 12 berth steel barge *Reminder* based in Maldon, Essex.

visit www.top-sail.co.uk/reminder.htm where there are photographs and a description of the barge

The boat is available to us from the evening of Thursday 4 September and we plan to leave Maldon early Friday 5 September, returning Sunday afternoon. High Tide is at 04.45 on the Friday and 18.15 on the Sunday. It will be the third time we have used *Reminder*.

We shall be sailing down the beautiful Blackwater estuary on the ebb tide and be making for Colne for the Friday evening so that we can join the regatta on Saturday. We stay somewhere in Colne after the race and return to Maldon on the Sunday. It will probably be an early start again. It is believed that the Colne regatta includes fishing smacks as well as barges and it is a close fought event. *Reminder* is not a fast barge but all will be done to make her go as fast as possible and the close sailing in the narrow waters of the Colne should make for much fun and many photo opportunities.

This time the cost covers accommodation and food as well as a modest supply of wine and beer, the cost depends on all 12 berths being occupied. We shall be catering for ourselves as before and all agreed last trip that the meals were excellent, especially Anne's gourmet sausages in onions. The cost does not include the meal on the Thursday evening, which traditionally we have taken in a Malden restaurant booked by Anne Le Verrier as she both lives there and knows the reputations of the restaurants

Normally, guests on a barge such as *Reminder* may be asked to help raise a leeboard but mostly we just watch the world go by and look out for the wildlife. Once the race starts it becomes rather competitive and we should have huge fun. The fact that we have to make a passage to and from the race will make for a very good sailing weekend. Last years sunset was memorable. *Reminder* crew of two has always provided us with many stories and jokes!

Full information on parking and what to bring and so on will be provided closer to the event.

The cost will be £210 per person, and a deposit of £50 should be paid to the Club when you book your berth, leaving a balance of £160 payable before we sail.

As five places have already gone please phone for availability

Organiser Geoff Quentin 01702 585038 and gpcrq@yahoo.co.uk



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Members Name _____

Home Tel No _____ Mobile Tel No _____

Email _____

Cheque (made payable to Little Ship Club) enclosed for £ _____

OR

Please debit my Master Card/Visa/Switch with £ _____

Card Number _____ Expiry Date _____

Security code _____ Postcode _____ House No _____

Signed _____ Dated _____

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.

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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