



SPRING SAILING WEEKENDS 2012

30th/31st March/1st April

20th /21st/22nd April

Above are the dates for the Spring Weekends. Tony Vere, our new Sailing Secretary, is keen to know as soon as possible how many of you require berths for these trips. Early sign up by those available and willing to skipper would be particularly appreciated as he is out of the country from 22nd January to 24th February and will be unable to answer written correspondence in this period.

(e-mails will be redirected and, hopefully, answered!)

Charter costs are expected to be £110 per person per weekend.

Please return completed forms to

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Name.....Home Telephone No.....

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I would like to sail on the first weekend from Plymouth*/Solent*/East Coast*/Milford Haven* and I would like to be Skipper*/Mate*/Crew*

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I am*/am not* going to be able to get away on Thursday evening (if necessary).

(I will be able to make an early start on Friday to ensure that I board the yacht by 9:00am).*

Please provide a FIRST AND SECOND choice of location as it may not be possible to arrange a berth on a yacht at your first choice location.

*Delete as applicable.

Information notes.

Members will be aware that on Spring Weekends, the Club books the boats and arranges crews to achieve a balance of experience and ensure that new members obtain berths.

The charter companies in Plymouth and Shotley Marina on the East Coast have said that, if their boats have not been out on charter during the previous week, then they will be available from around 9:00am on the Friday morning, extending the cruising area in those locations. On these occasions it may also be possible to sleep aboard the yacht on the Thursday night.

NB. This is a special arrangement, negotiated by our previous Sailing Secretary, Rob Webber, and is confidential to Club Members.

Although charter costs are rising, we are currently negotiating with charter companies and we have set the weekend cost at £110 per person per weekend. Should final costs exceed our expectations then you may be charged a small additional fee to cover any shortfall. In this respect, it is worth bearing in mind that the larger the turnout, the more attractive the Club is to charterers and the easier it is to negotiate discounts and concessions

All charterers require a Security Deposit (around £1000 per boat). This is rather like the Insurance Excess on car insurance. The Security Deposit is returned if the boat is returned on time and without damage

Costs incurred during the Weekend such as food, marina charges etc., gas and fuel will be payable direct to your skipper.

New Members

If you are new to Boaters, please take part in the Weekends. We want to give newcomers, even complete novices, the chance to get afloat and enjoy the sailing experience! The boats we charter are generally 34ft - 40ft long and comply with all relevant DOT Regulations regarding safety, so are fully equipped with life rafts, lifejackets and safety lines. Skippers will organise provisions and contact their crew to arrange transport. Wet weather gear can be hired for a small sum from the charter company. You will need to bring along a good sleeping bag and a change of warm clothing.