



POOLE SHRIMPERS

June 2011

Dear all,

Here we are into the 3rd month of the season already, but there has been some fantastic sailing to be had so far, most of it with one or two reefs in the mainsail it has to be said. We do really need some calmer conditions in the weeks ahead if we are to be successful with our 'out of harbour' events. However, a couple of weeks back we held a Friday lunchtime foray up the River Frome to Wareham. At the halfway point and with the wind right on the nose for the Wareham Channel, I counted 13 boats, but in the event we had 9 Shrimpers stay the course to tie up alongside the quay. I'm told that the hull speed of a Shrimper is about 5½ knots and my GPS would confirm this as we stormed home after lunch. There is an old saying, "Never carry sail downwind, that you couldn't carry upwind". Well most of us certainly gave short shrift to that, but it's a good thing nobody had to go about in a hurry. Those of you who are Parkstone Y.C. members will have seen some great photos of the gathered fleet alongside at Wareham, taken by Paul Tyler and circulated on his PYC newsletter. Incidentally, Paul has recently sent out newsletter No. 100 to PYC Shrimper members. I do hope the locals appreciate his fine efforts.

I have today received an e-mail from Trevor Thomas (SOA National Hon. Sec.) appraising us of a possible good deal on boat insurance. Here is what Trevor says.

" I have now completed negotiations with a company called Towergate Mardon Insurance regarding a discount for SOA Members Shrimper Insurance. I believe the discount to be the best available and should be attractive to those seeking to save on their premiums.

I have posted a 'News Item' on our website but I wonder if you can pass on the news to members in your area via your email lists? ”

The link to the web page is :- <http://www.shrimperowners.org/news/76>

Mid-Summer Raft-up - Sunday 26th June

We traditionally hold a Shrimper raft-up fairly close to the summer solstice and this year we are going for a Sunday lunchtime rendezvous. The aim is to head for Shipstal Point for about 1330 hrs and anchor just beyond the pier at Round Island in fairly shallow water, away from the crowds. We won't all need anchors, but you'd be well advised not to all hang off one poor soul's hook. The tides will be on neaps that day and we shall be on a rising tide at least until dusk. Don't forget to bring a picnic.

Chapman's Pool - Monday 27th June

You may find it hard to believe, but each summer there are only just a few days when the tides are right to allow this trip, having regard to club launch times, drying moorings and daylight hours. Well this is one of those days, BUT as I frequently say about this trip, the Purbeck Coast is no place for a small boat in poor weather. However, if conditions are good it's the best trip we do all year and the scenery is outstanding. The tidal stream off St Albans Head will be slack at or just after 1345 hrs and the distance is about 11 miles over the ground. Even allowing for a knot or two of tidal stream under your stern, it can still take over 3 hours to make the journey, so do please aim to be at the chain ferry by 0945 hrs. If there is a strong SW wind, the anchorage at Chapman Pool will be untenable and you would be advised to try another day. We usually use VHF Ch. 72 as a comms link on these trips and if the weather looks inclement we could dive into Swanage or Studland.

Solent Cruise Week - 28th June to 2nd July

This year the Solent/Chichester SOA are hoping to sail down to Poole Harbour for a few days as part of their Solent Cruise Week. They will be based at Town Quay and have planned a few

gyrations around the harbour and out to Swanage and Studland. I'll update you with the event a bit nearer the time, but if you're not worn out with the Chapmans Pool sail the day before, perhaps we can muster a few Shrimpers to sail out to Bournemouth Pier as a welcoming committee. Incidentally, Rodney Arnold (294 Morning Vicar) a Shrimper owner for a quarter of a century, tells me that he can longer face the bash from Emsworth and wonders if anyone would like a crew for the few days of the visit, or perhaps would let Rodney have use of a boat for those days. Let me know if you can help.

Yours aye,

Trevor Heritage
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Hon. Sec.