



POOLE SHRIMPERS

Dear all,

Well, I'm pleased to report that we made it safely to the Netherlands and back for National Shrimper Week 2011, a 30th anniversary year for the S.O.A. and we had a fantastic time. The Poole contingent was Roy Ratazzi & Christopher Froehlich (121 Folly), Peter Bryan (173 Kathleen), Richard Pottinger & Mike Shearman (435 Black Swan), George & Sylvia Dibben (851 Porthilly Dreamer) and Marigold Clevely (960 Mrs Bear), plus myself and Gill on 882 Jessie May. The Dutch laid on a really well organised event around the Zeeland province, with almost 50 Shrimpers attending and some great sailing on sheltered waters. I have attached a translation of an article that appeared in the provincial newspaper which will give you a flavour of the rally. I should point out that it was written by a local journalist not a Shrimper owner, so you may find some statements amusing. For information, next year the Shrimper Week will be taking place at Falmouth.

Shrimper wanted - A local Shrimper owner is actively looking for an inboard Shrimper of vintage around the sail number 600 or so. If you are contemplating selling an inboard of this age, or know of one for sale, do please get in touch with me and I'll pass on the details.

Reminder of 2 events coming up very soon :-

Mid-Summer Raft-up this Sunday (26th June)

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. Listen in on VHF 72 in case the wind on the day cause us to move the anchorage.

Chapman's Pool on Monday 27th June

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. If the weather looks inclement we could always dive into Swanage or Studland.

We usually use VHF Ch. 72 as a comms link on these trips, especially if the weather is poor.

Solent/Chichester Section visit to Poole - 28th June to 2nd July

As I mentioned in my last circular, 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 are due to arrive off Poole Entrance at around 1300 hrs on Tuesday 28th June and it would be nice to muster a few Shrimpers to sail out to Bournemouth Pier as a welcoming committee. They will be based at Town Quay and have planned a few gyrations around the harbour, plus a sail to Swanage on Thursday 30th, lunch at Shipstal Point with a walk at RSPB Arne on Friday, and lunch at Studland on Saturday. You are all welcome to join them on these events.

Yours aye,

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