

Solent to Poole Mini-Cruise – May 2020

Ahoy Solent Shrimpers!

Just to say we'd like to invite you to join a special mini-cruise from the Solent to Poole Harbour in May.

It is probably in your diary already and there are still some details to finalise, but this note is to seek your appetite as being a 'Yes', 'Maybe' or a 'No'! We would like to have a good idea by March 28th please so the remaining berthing and catering arrangements can be made

We plan to pass Hurst between 09.00 and 10.00 on Monday 18 May and return Thursday 21st pm or early morning Friday 22nd

So, why is this mini cruise so special?

Firstly, it is open to all Shrimpers on a first come basis whether you are normally based in Chichester, East Solent, Central Solent, West Solent or even in Poole. In fact, it is entirely open with the hope that we will meet some new Shrimper friends.

Secondly, it piggy-backs on to a mini-Solent cruise being led by Poole Shrimpers so the hope is we will be able to integrate some sailing and social activities in the Solent and in Poole, giving you the best chance of joining up

Thirdly, by combining the cruise with activities already in place in Poole we anticipate all interests of cruising, racing, shopping, partying, etc., can be met!

We intend to have a 'Mother Ship' and 'Plan B' for each day as we all know it is possible the departures may be delayed due to adverse weather. The 'Plan B' will be flexible enough to accommodate super sailing and pleasant social events in either sailing region, the Solent or Poole Harbour. The possibility of using cars or trains has also been considered and these finer details will be worked on during April.

With Poole SOA and Solent SOA now not able to have their March get-togethers on Saturday 28th it would be great to have your views, questions and commitment over the coming weeks. For those not able to join the cruise TO Poole Harbour, below is the itinerary for the Poole Shrimpers COMING to the Solent, should you wish to join them.

Headline details:

Poole Shrimpers:

Depart Poole Fri 15th May for Solent, led by *Camaron* (940), skippered by Karen Macey;

Friday 15th Meet Bell buoy 10am (tbc) and sail east. Evening in Yarmouth

Saturday 16th Day sail with some Solent Shrimpers. Evening RAF Club, Hamble

Sunday 17th Day sail with some Solent Shrimpers. Evening in Lymington

Monday 18th Pass Hurst between 9 and 10 am. with 'Solent Shrimpers' heading west

Chichester and Solent Shrimpers:

Depart West Solent Monday 18th May for Poole Harbour - led by *Bluejay* (1152), skippered by Mark Jenkins

Sunday 17th West Solent, probable night in Lymington. Decision at noon re tomorrow

Monday 18th Pass Hurst between 9 and 10 am, tbc with the Poole Shrimpers returning home

Afternoon at Parkstone YC. Presentation of Shrimper Harbour Plan (**SHP**) see below

Evening at Parkstone YC, Weekly Sailors Dinner booked at Parkstone YC.

SHP Options Tues-Thursday:

Round the Islands, Brownsea, Round, Long, etc

Join Parkstone YC Shrimper race (on your boat or as crew with a Poole boat) at 18.00 on 18th

Join Royal Motor Shrimpers at 10.45 on 19th for short cruise and lunch

Sail to Old Harry/Swanage

Day/night at Poole Quay for 'famous shoe shopping'

Sail/motor to Rockley, Wareham

Use Training Room facilities at Parkstone YC – subject Tbc

Join Parkstone YC afternoon race on Wednesday 20th

Join Poole Shrimpers morning cruise on Thursday 21st

Anchor in Studland Bay with a beach BBQ

Thursday 21st Mid-afternoon return to Solent for some, passing Hurst after 15.30

Friday 22nd Early morning return to Solent for some, passing Hurst before 11.00

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Costs:

It will largely be 'Pay as You Go' as the organisers are seeking flexible terms from the various hosts, namely marinas, yacht clubs and dining venues.

See you soon, stay clear of any bugs (!)

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