

The Poole Yacht Club Cruising Section

April Update



What has happened during March & April?

Rallies:

- The Rally to Lymington was unfortunately cancelled due to bad weather, however we had a great pontoon party in the Academy on the Friday night. Some members visited the Mayflower pub in Lymington where a meal had been booked for the Saturday night. As a consolation we had 3 tables of 12 for Sunday Lunch in the Skylight Lounge – so fun was still had!
- The day trip to Swanage on Sunday the 14th April was a great success with 19 yachts in attendance, 44 people sharing boat space and a superb lunch at Swanage Sailing Club. Light winds in the morning meant most boats motor sailed. We had great wind conditions on the return leg producing some fantastic sailing.



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Talks:

- Robert Heaton's Maritime History Talk was on the 19th March – It was a fascinating talk about the history of our local area on land and sea, with 100 members attending.
- Our Poole Yacht Club Representative Howard Davidson gave a very informative Studland Bay Anchorage talk on the 9th April. The free talk was attended by over 60 members from The PYC. Howard updated everyone concerned about Studland Bay explaining the plans for a 100 eco moorings by the end of April and the rationale for encouraging sailing and motorboats to refrain from anchoring in the voluntary no anchor zone.
- Rob Gibson's Passage Planning Talk on the 16th April was well attended with 37 PYC members. Rob reminded us of the legal requirement for boat skippers to produce a passage plan for all our voyages. Rob also talked us through passage planning for St Peter Port Guernsey and Bembridge IOW, two of our cruises planned for this year in June.

Walks:

- Our last walk was on Sunday the 24th of March. It was a great walk arranged by Ray Floyd and attended by 9 members. We had perfect weather with a circular walk to Tyneham village and on to Warbarrow Bay, followed by an excellent carvery lunch at Wareham Golf Club.



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Social Events:

- The Cruising & Classic Boats Fitting Out Supper on the 13th of April was a great evening. The food as usual was superb with everyone enjoying the start of the season social event.



RNLI Annual Safety Check:

- The RNLI Lifejacket and Safety Clinic was held on Saturday 20th April in the Academy.
- 46 lifejackets were inspected with many out-of-date firing heads found and 5 lifejackets would not have worked at all, so it was a useful safety exercise.
- We also had a surprise visit from the RNLI Atlantic Class lifeboat which members were able to board and chat to the crew.



Still to happen in April:

- Offshore Safety Talk Tuesday 30th April by Rob Gibson 7.30pm, food available from 6.30pm

What is organised for May & June?

Rallies

- Bucklers Hard Marina, Beaulieu River May 3rd – May 6th - 20 boats booked now full.
- Solent Week May 18th – May 26th – 10 boats booked 5 spaces left.
- Duver Marina Bembridge RIR June 14th – June 17th – 13 boats booked 2 spaces left.
- Guernsey St Peter Port June 22nd – June 30th – 7 boats booked 8 spaces left.