



The Royal Norfolk & Suffolk Yacht Club

RNSYC Cruising Program 2017

Following the meeting on the 19 November 2016, the Flag Officers and Committee of the Club have authorised the formation of a Cruising Subcommittee to plan and execute a cruising program for members of the Club in 2017.

The programme proposed by the committee is as follows: –

29 April to 1st May: Shakedown Cruise

3 June to 18 June: River Thames Cruise

26 August to 3 September: Cruise to Holland

27 October to 30th October: Autumn Cruise.

The intention of the Club is to establish a principle of cruising whereby, as far as possible, boats stay generally together. This has the major advantage that in the event of any boat getting into difficulty either mechanically or physically, help is nearby. The major disadvantage is that having regard to the variety of boats in the Club, they have widely differing performance and as a result to stay strictly in company on the open sea, progress would be at the speed of the slowest boat. In restricted waters, however, speed is usually restricted to 6 kn or less and remaining in company does not normally present a problem.

Some advance planning has taken place concerning the first two events already, the committee is holding a "Cruising Lunch" in the Club on Sunday 12th February 2017 at 12:30 for 13:00 after which there will be a discussion of the proposed cruising program when members of the committee will go into more detail of the proposed cruises.

Members interested in any of these events are asked to put the dates in their diaries and register their interest in the event with the Club office (Simon Cadle). Registration of your interest will not commit you to attend; it will simply ensure that you receive details of up-to-date planning for the event and the appointed cruise leader will contact you for a decision as to your intention to participate or not nearer the date of the event.

This is an exciting program and is something of a departure from the cruising programme of recent years. The longer cruises, to the River Thames and to Holland are intended to be holidays and not endurance tests. The emphasis will be on relaxed cruising, enjoyable company and fine dining with plenty of first rate scenery and retail therapy thrown in to suit all tastes. In recent years, members of our Club have cruised the length and breadth of the Atlantic coast of Europe but very few of them have done it in company. A party of six or eight boats cruising up the Seine or the Thames will have a much more exciting and enjoyable time than a solitary crew, simply because of the fun of sharing together new places, and the thrills and spills of cruising.

I look forward to seeing you at lunch on the 12th February.

David Evans
Secretary, Cruising Committee, RN&SYC