

Seavets Midweek Cruising Program for 2017



OBJECTIVE: This year's program consists of 8 boardsailing expeditions, usually with the objective of rounding one or more islands in a days sailing. Each expedition will take place on a weekday unless otherwise arranged.

CHOICE OF DATES: The tides suitable for sailing at each of the 8 locations have been calculated. The location will be chosen a few days before the event and sailors on the cruising email list notified. If the weather forecast given on the evening before the event is favourable then sailors that have declared an interest in participation will receive confirmation that the expedition is taking place by phone or email that same evening. The actual route to be followed on the day depends on the wind and tide, and will be determined at the departure point before launching. If you want further information please contact :

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SAFETY: The Seavets Midweek Cruising Program is based on social sailing with an emphasis on seamanship and safety as we are sailing without rescue cover. Participants are totally responsible for their own safety and must have adequate third party insurance. The following aspects should be considered:

Conditions

Positive tidal flow wherever possible
Winds forecast for 5 -15 mph and preferably onshore
Air temperature for the day forecast to achieve 10 - 24 deg. C.
Daylight adequate to cover any delay due to decreasing wind

Board and rig

Raceboard with safety leash on mast foot and towing loop
Sail size - usually one size smaller than for racing unless wind is light

Equipment

Steamer or wetsuit, float coat, buoyancy harness, hat and sun cream
RYA orange flag and whistle, flares
Knife and spare line
Cash in waterproof case
Snack/drink
Ordnance survey map of sailing area and compass
Mobile phone in waterproof cover with other sailors' numbers entered in

Escort

Buddy system, partner within 200 yards

Abort route

Not further than 300 yards from land
Safe landing areas identified

No responsibility can be accepted by Seavets or the coordinators for the safety of participants in these expeditions. Before each cruise you will be required to sign a Risk Statement

EXPEDITIONS

1. BEAULIEU RIVER: sail from Calshot to Bucklers Hard on the Beaulieu River and return to Calshot

Distance: Sailing without tacks 13.7 miles. Sailing with tacks around 15 miles.

Base: Car park at Calshot Beach.

2. BLACKWATER ESTUARY: sail round Osea and Northey islands stopping at Maylandsea and Mill Beach.

Distance: Sailing without tacks 14.5 miles. Sailing with tacks around 16 miles. Distance depends on route round islands.

Base: Stone Sailing Club

3. CALSHOT: sail from Calshot to Ashlett and Lepe and return to Calshot

Distance: Sailing without tacks 10 miles. Sailing with tacks around 12 miles.

Base: Car park at Calshot Beach.

4. CHICHESTER: sail from Hayling Island Sailing Club to Dell Quay stopping at Bosham on the way.

Distance: Sailing without tacks 15.6 miles. Sailing with tacks around 17 miles.

Base: Hayling Island Sailing Club.

5. HAYLING ISLAND: sail round Hayling Island with stops for refreshment at The Ferry and at Emsworth or Langstone Bridge.

Distance: Direct 16.3 miles. Sailing with tacks around 18 miles.

Base: Paying car park at Beachlands, West Town on the seafront.

6. MERSEA ISLAND: sail round Mersea Island stopping at Brightlingsea for lunch.

Distance: Sailing without tacks 12.3 miles. Sailing with tacks around 14 miles.

Base:

Mersea Windsurfers Pavilion, Victoria Esplanade, West Mersea, Essex CO5 8BZ. On the sea front to the east of West Mersea town.

7. POOLE ROUND THE ISLANDS: sail round all the islands in Poole Harbour in a clockwise or anticlockwise direction, including Giggers Island, Long Island, Round Island, Green Island, Furzey Island and Brownsea Island. Two stops for food - a beach stop on Shipstal Point and another beach stop at the Shell Bay Cafe on the south side of the entrance to the harbour.

Distance: Direct 15.7 miles. Sailing with tacks around 17 miles.

Base: Lake Pier free car park on Ham Common, near Hamworthy

8. ISLE OF SHEPPEY: sail round the Isle of Sheppey in a clockwise direction. Two stops for food - lunch at the Ferry Inn at Harty Ferry and a tea break at the Kingsferry Bridge. An anti clockwise rounding starting from Leysdown has been considered but never done by Seavets.

Distance: Sailing without tacks 28.2 miles. Sailing with tacks around 32 miles.

Base: Pay and display car park between Bartons Point and Scrapsgate up on the shingle wall, 2 miles east of Sheerness.