



# *Dinghy Cruising Association*



## **Five Harbours Cruise – 19-25 June 2010**

The five harbours cruise is intended to be a few days of sailing for our more competent members with their well prepared boats.

There is no doubt this has the potential for being the most challenging event in the rally programme and depending upon the conditions it may not be possible to go at all.

The “full” cruise starts on 19<sup>th</sup> June from Emsworth going to Eling, Hurst , Newport, Fareham and back to Emsworth. Slower boats can catch up by missing out parts of the course. In true DCA tradition it is expected some crews will start from alternative places/ do whatever they feel / end up in the wrong harbour by mistake. The event officially ends on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June in time for the Gosport daysail.

I have chosen Chichester / Langstone harbour for the start so that in the event of strong winds we have extensive sheltered waters to cruise.

I suggest that in the interests of keeping the fleet together participating boats should not leave Langstone / Chichester harbour if a strong wind warning for sea area Wight is in force, instead they should meet at East Head for low water (midday) to review plans. If we decide after all to go, at 2 hours after low water the tide will stand a while allowing exit from the harbour. This fits in nicely with the Solent tide which will turn fair around an hour and a half later

It should be possible for people to drop in / out of the event as convenient. Ashlett is a very useful free launch site right in the middle of the Solent. If you use it please remember the car park at the slipway can flood on a big tide although this is unlikely during this week.

There will be a very modest trophy for the best cruising log.

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