



Solent Soundings



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Editorial

Chichester Harbour Office warns that there are a number of pieces of timber adrift in coastal waters adjacent to Chichester harbour, some of which have entered the harbour. The planks are typically 3m long and vary from 25mm to 100mm thick, or larger. Anyone planning any winter sailing should proceed with extra caution.

27 February 2007 and will continue for an estimated period of four weeks.

- 2 Dredged material will be conveyed to the Treloar Hole in the harbour entrance by the 51m self-propelled split hopper barge *Split 3*, to be disposed off beneficially.

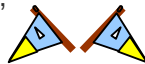
Disposal site:
50° 46'.88 N, 00° 56'.04 W

Another local notice to mariners:

MAINTENANCE DREDGE OF NORTHNEY MARINA, CHICHESTER HARBOUR

- 1 Mariners are advised that a maintenance dredge of Northney Marina will commence on Tuesday,

- 3 Mariners are requested to give the Barge *Split 3* a wide berth in the confined waters of Chichester Harbour



Report of Winter Meeting

This was held on the evening of Saturday, 10 February at The Crown, Emsworth.

Before the meeting five hardy souls, with three boats, launched from Warblington Road slip and sailed to Langstone for lunch at the Royal Oak. It was not a great distance, but they found it slow going as they had to row out of the shallows and then beat out to Sweare Deep against a light head wind. By the time they returned it was beginning to rain, and the wind had increased to about F5, but well reefed-down, they had a fast and very enjoyable sail. See page 5 for a more detailed account by Cliff Martin.

At the Crown, eighteen members and one potential member assembled for the evening. We were delighted to welcome some new faces, including Chris and Carolyn Gilsenan who have moved down from Cumbria, new member Roger Bamford who had driven from Gloucester, Frank Marsden - a potential member from Rugby who had discovered us via the internet and wanted advice on a boat he was building, and Paul and Annette Scivier from the Isle of Wight. We also had two virtual visitors from South Australia, Ray Ellard and Malcolm Evans, who consider they are also *DCA South Coast* – just the wrong country! They had sent some

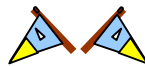


photos by e-mail to entertain us, and I assembled these into a presentation incorporating their narratives and showed it using my new (second-hand) digital projector. Ray had built a sailing canoe and its maiden voyage had resulted in a few disasters, and Malcolm showed us a big fish he'd caught in his net. I also showed photos taken at South Coast rallies during the Summer, and Richard Farr showed Hostellers Sailing Group activities on the East coast. Roger Bamford had brought a film of a cruise he had made in a yacht down the east coast of France, and David Jones talked about problems he was having with his new mast, and how he hoped to resolve them. All too soon it was time to pack-up – the time had flown.

Liz Baker



Winter sailors
 More pictures on
<http://groups.msn.com/MICROCRUISERSUK>



Problem solved?

Remember this photo from Roger Bamford? Thanks to Bill Jones, who has identified the boat as a *Westerly Nimrod* . . . however, Len says "No, that's not a *Westerly Nimrod*", it's a . . . Perhaps Steve Bradwell can enlighten us – he has recently bought a *Nimrod*.

Liz





Rally Programme 2007

Please note that rally hosts accept no responsibility for safety of participants – skippers must decide for themselves whether they and their boats can cope with prevailing and forecast conditions. In the event of a forecast of Force 6 or worse rallies will be cancelled or changed to be held in sheltered waters only. It is best not to wait until the day before to enquire about a rally because by then your host might already have launched. We have usually arrived at the rendezvous by 7pm. Some cook on board, and some prefer to eat at the nearest pub, to which most of us usually adjourn around 8pm. At a few venues it is possible to camp ashore, but in tidal waters it is usually easier to camp on board. Any member is entitled to propose and host a rally (subject only to clashing dates and to safety considerations).

Members are more than welcome to sail in just for the day, or to walk in just for the social evening. Camping ashore is possible not only during the Cobnor Week, but also on Apr 14, May 26, Jun 9, July 7, July 14, July 28 and Oct 6 rallies. (Best to check with host first.)

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Tides Sat BST unless stated otherwise.

'Por' = Portsmouth (is also approx. first HW Southampton)

'Chi' = Chichester

Grid refs = Ordnance Survey Landranger series

Mar 31 to Apr 1 HW Chi 12.11	Fowley Island lunchtime meet (Grid ref 744 044, dries out 14.10) With option of staying overnight in Chichester Harbour. Host - Len Wingfield, Tel: 01483 563422, Mobile: 077486 70155
April 14/15 HW Chi 09.40	Oxey Lake (inlet to west of Lymington, Grid ref 329 936) Host - David Jones Tel 01403 266800, Mobile 0781 884 5618
April 28/29 HW Por 09.54	Eling (Southampton Water, Grid ref 366 125) Host Cliff Martin Tel: 01420 476 608, Mobile 07724 108 672
May 12/13 HW Por 07.46	Bembridge Harbour (IoW, Grid ref 641 887) Host - David Jones Tel 01403 266800, Mobile 0781 884 5618.
May 26/27 HW Por 08.00	Ashlett Creek (Grid ref 467 033) Host David Sumner Tel: 01403 730 152, Mobile 0781 880 1657
June 9/10 HW Chi 06.19	Sinah Warren (Langstone Harbour, Grid ref 694 999) Host Liz Baker Tel 01323 842 124, Mobile 07854 652 554
June 23/24 HW Por 05.48	Newtown Harbour (IoW Grid ref 415 903) Host Chris Jenkins, Tel 02392 601779, Mobile 07766 733 517
July 7/8 HW Por. 04.32	Christchurch Harbour (near Hengistbury Head, Grid ref 176 911) Host Keith Holdsworth, Tel 01425 479239, Mobile 07932 394553
July 14/15 HW Por 12.06	Folly Inn (Nr Cowes Grid ref 512 927) Host David Sumner Tel 01403 730152, Mobile 0781 880 1657
July 28/29 HW Por 11.06	Hurst Point , Keyhaven (Grid ref 316 903) Host Keith Holdsworth, Tel 01425 479 239, Mobile 07932 394 553



Aug 18/19
Grid ref: 793 024

Cobnor Camping Week-end / Week, Chichester Harbour

Hosts for weekend: Len Wingfield Tel: 01483 563422, Mobile 077486 70155
HW Chi: 03.13 Liz Baker Tel: 01323 842124, Mobile 07854 652554
Cliff Martin Tel: 01420 476608, Mobile 07724 108672

You are advised not to arrive before Friday evening as this will be the last day of Bosham Juniors Week, some will still be camping in the field, the slip will be very busy, and the whole area will be bedlam!

Programme: Saturday launch 11.00, then, according to weather etc:
over to Itchenor for harbour dues plaques, then up to Fishbourne
and Dell Quay for lunch, back and up to Bosham; return.
Sunday: East Head then Emsworth, return with stop-over for seal-
watching ?

Week to continue according to demand:

Aug 20 HW Chi 04.24 Hayling Sandy Point, then His Lordship's Pool?
Aug 21 HW Chi 05.10 Round Hayling? Prinstead Boatyard Restaurant?
Aug 22 HW Chi 06.08 Langstone Village ?
Aug 23 HW Chi 07.23 Whatever members wish and weather allows.
Aug 24 HW Chi 09.03 Leave campsite in the morning

Sept 8/9
HW Por 10.10

Yarmouth Harbour (loW) (the beach, east end of harbour)
(Grid ref 350 897)
Host Liz Baker Tel 01323 842124, Mobile 07854 652554

Sept 22/23
HW Chi 08.10

Dell Quay, Chichester Harbour (Grid Ref 836 027)
Host Chris Jenkins, Tel 02392 601 779 Mobile 07766 733 517

Oct 6/7
HW Por 09.48

Ashlett Creek (Grid ref 467 033)
with possible Sunday day-sail up to Hythe and back.
Host: Len Wingfield, Tel 01483 563422, Mobile 077486 70155

Oct 27
HW Chi 12.35

Snowhill Creek (East Head) Grid ref 771 990. Sail in or walk in.
Meet at 6pm for barbecue, or Wittering pub if too wet.
Host: Cliff Martin Tel 01420 476608, Mobile 07724 108 672





Winter Day Sail by Cliff Martin

Participants:

Len Wingfield
David Sumner

Gull Asa
crewing

Steve Bradwell
Graham Deans

Enterprise
crewing

Cliff Martin

Mirror *Daydream*

The three boats and five sailors launched from Warblington Road at around 1.30pm into very shallow water. A foul wind and tide meant rowing the first half-mile, after



which we could lower our centreboards and beat to Emsworth beacon, then run up Swear Deep, creep past Northney Marina and Langstone Bridge and moor to the stone wall at

Langstone. The winds were useful, although quite light – ideal for a winter sail. The weather was warm and drizzly.

A pleasant hour or so was spent in the Royal Oak over a pint. Some ate in the pub, while others ate sandwiches in their

boats in the rain. Liz Baker joined us by road. Sadly all good things must come to an end and with dusk falling and the tide already ebbing, we set-off back. Liz was offered a berth in the Mirror but it was raining, the wind was rising, and she was concerned about remaining dry and getting her photographic equipment to the Crown before the start of the meeting, so reluctantly she declined.

The wind had turned westerly and the Mirror, which left first, kept ahead by planing over quite a lot of the distance under full sail. The Enterprise, with a reef, was also planing. The Gull was slower, but crept up a shallow channel to the west of Fowley Island and arrived first.

On a day with gale warnings we had grabbed a quick cruise, sailed safely and worked the boats hard. De-rigging in the dark was a nuisance but OK. We then went to the Winter meeting at the Crown. Why don't we winter day-sail more often?

Cliff

