



Dinghy Cruising Association



COBNOR (CHICHESTER HARBOUR) CAMPING RALLY

***Sat 15 – Sun 23 August 2009-05-27
(incorporating camping ashore and two complete week-ends)***

This rally offers family camping on an attractive site with all-tide launching facilities, with the option of using the site for launching only. Launching is limited to boats of 16 ft or under, and 486 lbs (Wayfarer weight) or under, but larger or heavier boats could be launched at Bosham, Itchenor, or other sites and sailed there. Help could be provided if required to ferry you back to your car. The camping and launching fees are very reasonable, but respect for the landowner's regular tenants' rights is essential. For non-sailors there are excellent walks to be had on the South Downs or by the harbour, a cycle hire shop at Fishbourne (5 miles) as well as Fishbourne Roman Palace. Chichester town centre has excellent shops, and there are numerous interesting museums in the area.

The tides are neaps, with evening hw for the first half of the week, rising to springs with strong currents and mid-day high tides at the end of the week. Just inside the entrance to the camping field, to the left of the gate, is a small wooden hut containing information leaflets about the harbour. In here I will pin-up daily weather forecasts, tide times and any other information, such as plans for the day – if we have any. It's also a good place for leaving messages for friends or family arriving later in the day.

Any suggested programme (do what you like!) subject to change according to conditions. Please bear in mind that **no safety cover is provided** - it is for each skipper to decide whether his/her crew and boat are safe in the prevailing conditions.

It is hoped that Graham Deans will again bring his gazebo type marquee as a wet weather rendezvous. You are invited to join Liz's barbeque on Sat evening.

Paying for Camping

Please pay Liz for your camping and launching fees, and she will then pass the money to Diana Beale. Cheques would be preferable, made out to "Cobnor Estate". The prices are set-out in the Cobnor Estate camping information on p7.

Food Shops

The nearest food shop is the Co-op just north of the roundabout at Bosham. On the road towards Old Bosham and the harbour there is a farm shop. There is also a Co-op and an excellent Farm Shop at Southbourne.



Harbour Dues:

These are the boat owner's responsibility. If you don't already have a harbour dues plaque, please obtain this from the Harbour Master's Office at Itchenor.

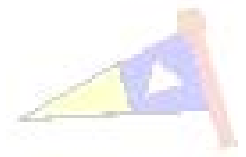
Length up to:	Annual	Weekly	Weekend	Daily
3m	£3.00	-	-	-
5.2m	£17.80	£3.50	£3.50	£3.50
6.3m	£28.45	£6.00	£5.00	£3.50
7.4m	£40.10	£8.00	£5.00	£3.50

Access via M27 / A27

From Portsmouth take the EMSWORTH exit (E of junction with A3) and proceed through Emsworth, Southbourne and Nutbourne. Take RH turn into CHIDHAM LANE and follow this lane for about 1.5 miles till road doubles-back on itself. On this bend go straight ahead down road signposted Cobnor House. After farm buildings on right you will see ahead of you a large, white house (Cobnor House). Ignore turn-offs on left to Christian Sailing Assn and Cobnor Activities Centre. On your right is the camping field. On the left is the gate to the berth holders' car park, access to the hard and toilet blocks. Please pitch your tents at the end of the field nearest the road, marked "Seapark" on the attached map.

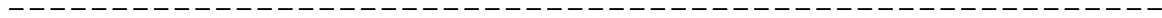
From Chichester (by-pass) take turn-off for Funtingdon, Fishbourne, Bosham. After Bosham roundabout you will see the top of Bosham Creek on your left. Then take first left, Chidham Lane, and proceed as above.





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THE HAYLING CHALLENGE CUP

Details being up-dated for 2009.
To be added later.



Skipper name Crew name

Boat nameType and description

Rig

Date of challenge HW Chi BST..... LW Chi. BST.....

Start time..... Finish time Clockwise or ACW?.....

Wind strengths and directions

Hayling Bridge: Under with full sail?..... Gaff lowered?..... Mast lowered?.....

Rowed/paddle under? Walked boat through?..... With current / against?

Other comments:

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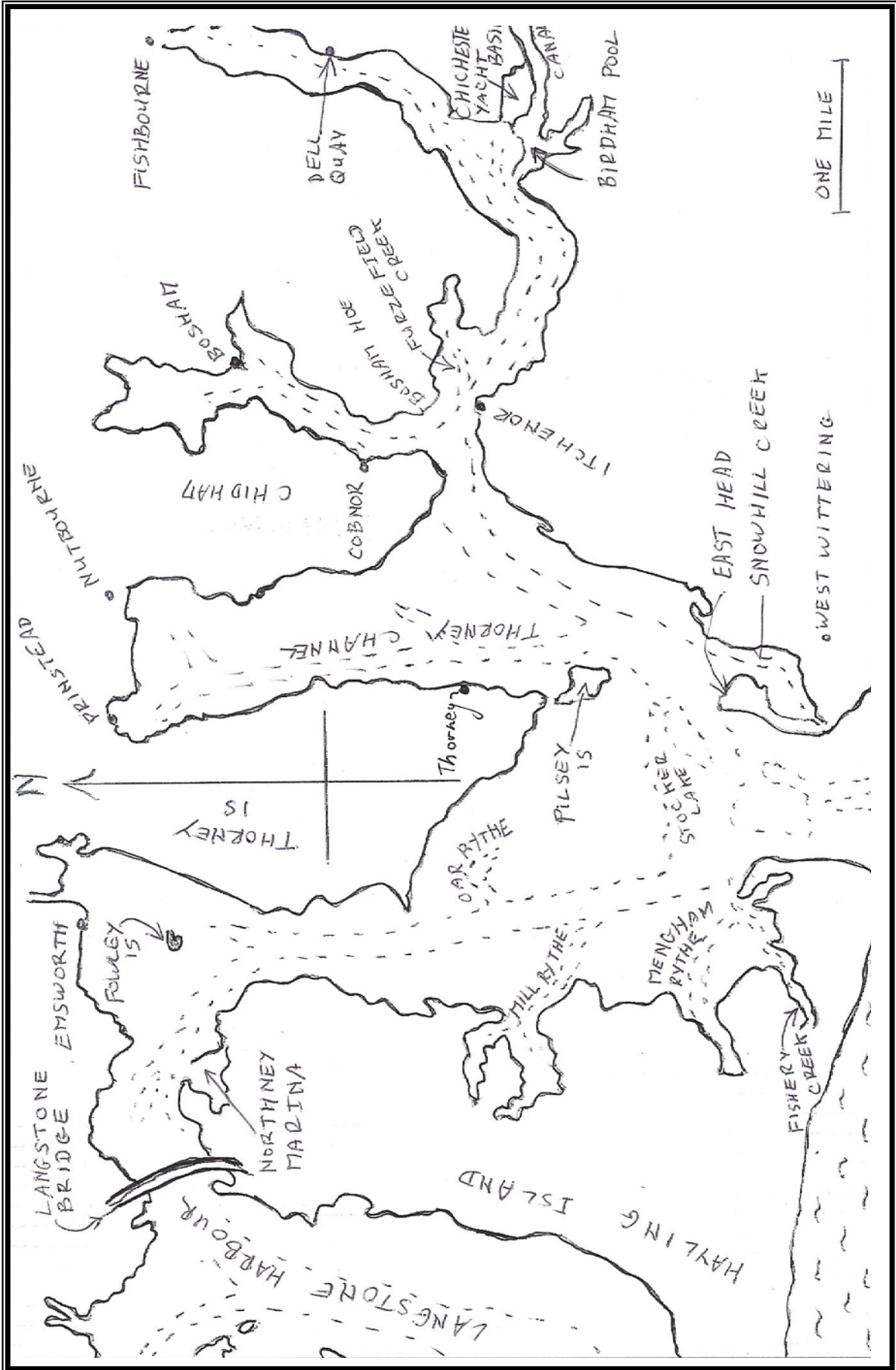
SOLAS (safety of life at sea) Regulations

Passage Planning

Check:

- the weather forecast before you set-off;
- that the tides fit-in with what you plan to do;
- your boat and crew can cope with the prevailing conditions;
- safety equipment (not forgetting lifejackets and compass);
- navigational dangers - study your chart;
- have a contingency plan in case things go wrong.

CHICHESTER HARBOUR



INFORMATION FOR CAMPERS

Cobnor Estate

Chidham, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 8TE

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email: diana@cobnor333.freeserve.co.uk

AREA AVAILABLE TO CAMPERS

- We have a new **notice board** for campers, showing a map of the site, a copy of this information and any other news or information about Cobnor, including a list of useful phone numbers.
- The leader must make sure all campers are familiar with the site boundaries and access arrangements. A site map is attached to these notes. Note there is no access to the hatched areas on the map.
- Access to the footpath round the seawall south of the Hard is via the public footpath going through the Dinghy Park. The area between the Dinghy Park and the boathouse, including that part of the foreshore, is for the use of the Beale family only.
- Campers have access to our private woodland path, to the west of the Camp field, that leads South to Cobnor Point. It's a beautiful little woodland, and a quiet conservation area - please keep to paths and glades to protect wildlife and new growth: and ensure kids get the message too – no rampaging!
- Please keep clear of agricultural land and observe the Country Code.

CARS

- Please park in the camp field only (permits are required for the car park, and checks are made).
- **Visiting Cars** are required to pay £2 per visit. If more than 4 cars are visiting your group, please obtain prior permission from me first.

WATER

- There are two standpipes; one by each entrance to the Camp field; the other is immediately west of the wellhead hut.
- **Please make sure taps are always fully turned off and water is not wasted**

RECYCLING and REFUSE

- **We aim for Cobnor to be a place of excellence re environmental practice, so please recycle everything you can: in the car park there are large bins for tins and plastic bottles (they go in together), for green , brown and clear glass, and paper.**
- Refuse for collection by the dustman must be in sealed plastic bags and placed in one of the refuse containers near Cobnor House.
- Before you leave, do inspect the site to ensure no litter is left.

TOILETS, WET PIT

- Our new loo block (2 ladies' loos, one gents plus 1 urinal) is available to campers. The camp leader must ensure they are left clean and tidy.
- If portaloos are being delivered, liaise with us first to agree siting and to ensure the lorry doesn't get stuck in the field if it's wet!
- There is a wet pit in the wood to the west of the Camp where chemical loos may be emptied (see map).

DINGHY FACILITIES, LAUNCHING and HARBOUR DUES

- Dinghies can be kept in the Camp field or in the western part of the car park but must not be left resting on the car park railings. Do not put boats anywhere else.
- Trolleys and trailers must be returned to the car park. Cars are not allowed into the dinghy park at any time.
- If you have several boats, please always ensure that you leave good access to the foreshore, ramp and dinghy park for others, especially at peak times.

- All boats must be insured and display Chichester Harbour Dues plaques - obtain them before going afloat from the Harbour Office at Itchenor (tel. 01243 512301).

THE WINCH

Power machinery is dangerous - please take great care.

- Children should not operate the winch unless properly supervised.
- Do not take more than 3 turns on the drum and NEVER let the rope wind up.
- In an emergency press the red cut-off button.
- If the winch is not working, check that the cut-off button is not stuck down. If it is stuck, wiggle it to release it.
- **If the winch still does not work please let us know immediately.**

• TELEPHONE and EMERGENCIES

- The nearest public call box is on the A259. In case of emergency, and you have no mobile phone with you, call at Cobnor House or Cobnor Flat (at the back of the House).
St Richard's **Hospital**, Spitalfield Lane, Chichester 01243 788122
Doctors: Southbourne Surgery, 337 Main Road, Southbourne 0844 477 0945
Vet: Mrs Darling, 254 Main Road, Southbourne 01243 379955

FIRES, BARBECUES

- Camp fires are not allowed without prior permission and agreement to a strict code of practice.
- If you have a barbecue you **must** make sure that it does not scorch the turf. We do not allow you to bring "instant barbecues" – they tend to cause the most problems and are not recyclable!
- No picnics or barbecues around the dinghy park and Hard area.

SOCIAL EVENTS, NOISE and MUSIC

- We want your group to enjoy themselves together but to be mindful of all the other users of Cobnor, who come mainly for the peace and quiet. Please keep noise and disturbance to a minimum.
- Do not have loud music playing. and
- No parties involving extra people coming on to the site (see notes re visiting cars).
- **Noise to be kept at an absolute minimum from 10.30pm**

KIDS

- Cobnor is a great place for kids to play freely in the outdoors and have loads of fun. – **Just make absolutely sure you assess risks such as mud, tides, tree-climbing and fires, and brief kids and supervise them appropriately.**
- For the sake of all Cobnor visitors and residents, do not allow kids to run about unsupervised. Make sure they know **where** they are allowed to play.

SWIMMING

- Swimming from the Hard is relatively safe on the flood tide and is best on the last two hours of the flood. The ebb runs much more strongly and is very dangerous, even for strong swimmers.
- Swimming elsewhere is always dangerous. Campers are entirely responsible for their own safety.
- Please do not swim when races are being started or at any time of peak activity.

BICYCLES

- Do bring bicycles, but no cycling along the seawall paths, on the Hard, through the woods etc

DOGS

- A dog is welcome provided it doesn't bark a lot and that you keep it under control at all times, particularly near the sheep and other campers etc. If your dog is not 100% reliable, then it needs to be on a lead.
- Clean up after your dog! There is a special dog waste bin by the footpath near the dinghy park that you can use.

- We have a wonderful array of birdlife at Cobnor, and are involved in conservation work to encourage certain species of ground-nesting birds. In the breeding season (April to July) please keep your dog well controlled, and on a lead through the wooded areas.

There has been a wonderful tradition of youth and sailing camps here, with many coming for decades. They have been a part of the happy summer activity here. Very occasionally, we have had problems with rubbish, noise, damage to the woodland or whateverour policy now is to reserve the right to charge a deposit, returnable after site inspection by Mike Bulpett or myself.

If you have any queries or problems, do come and find me at Cobnor House (come to the front door) or leave a message. We very much welcome all feedback and any ideas you have for improvements.

I hope you have an excellent time here.

Diana Beale

**Cobnor Estate
INFORMATION for CAMPERS – 2009**

**CHARGES (including VAT)
CHARGES for SMALL GROUPS of CAMPERS – 2009**

Category	@ Charge	
Adult Campers	£4.50 per head per night (includes use of showers / toilets)	
Campers under 18 years	£2.50 per head per night (includes use of showers/toilets)	
Other Charges	£ per Week-end	£ per Week
Dogs	2.00	5.00
Canoes	4.00	9.00
Boats 12'(3.7 m.) or under	6.00	14.00
Boats 14' (4.3m) or under	7.50	18.00
Boats 16' (4.9m) or under	9.00	21.00
Extra Visiting Cars	£2 per car NB: Over 4 cars - permission required	

Use of Changing-Rooms

The camping fee now includes use of the Changing-Rooms, with toilets and showers. The code is **C1236X**.

Please look after the facilities well – you are responsible for making sure that they are left clean and tidy. Any children using them must be supervised by an adult.

Should anything need attention, please let me know.

Thank you.

Diana Beale

MAP FOR CAMPERS

No access to hatched areas - Thank you.

Key

- W Water points
 - R Refuse bins
 - RC Recycling bins (glass, tins, plastic bottles)
 - WP Wetpit
 - T Toilet block
- Cobnor
Hard + slipway

