

## Second Friday Sailors' Social (SFS)

On the Second Friday evening of each month more than 50 members of the section congregate in the Club for a drink, meal and good conversation. This is the best way of meeting fellow sailors in a social environment and not as part of a cruise.



## Rambles, Lectures and other Social Events

Outside the sailing season, there are other opportunities to meet new and old friends at the monthly walks and lectures, usually held on Saturday and Sunday mornings following the SFS. There are also a series of 'How to' talks and discussions on a whole range of subjects to interest yachties, from maintenance, to navigation, to how to sail there faster or more safely, usually held on a Friday evening, as well as a number of Club and YS dinners, quizzes and socials throughout the year. Details of all events are in the club programme and on the website.

## Communication

The Yacht Section uses a variety of ways to communicate with section members, including: the CYC website and noticeboard; monthly CYC Magazine; weekly newsletters – the YS "Over The Yardarm" (OTY) and the club "On Board"; WhatsApp groups for the section and, increasingly, for specific cruises and interest groups; and separate mailshots as required.

To ensure you receive these make sure the office has current email addresses for all members, not just the primary contact.



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# YACHT SECTION





The CYCYacht Section is a very active part of the Club with a full programme of activities, both on and off the water, throughout the year. The Section aims to facilitate sailing, offer support and provide a range of social events, all in good company.

### **Cruising in Company**

The highly popular Cruising in Company programme offers the chance for yacht owners to sail and meet others at pre-booked

destinations, either locally on the South Coast or across the Channel. The packed programme runs from April to October and includes weekend and mid-week cruises together with longer excursions outside the Solent.

Cruising in Company is a very enjoyable, relaxed and sociable activity with opportunities for meeting others, making new friends and sharing the wealth of knowledge of sailing that exists within the Club. It has the added bonus of going places you might not think of, with assistance and advice never far away. If you wish to join in, sign up by going to 'yacht cruises' on the website. For further information, contact the relevant cruise leader.

### **Cruiser Racing**

Cruiser racing at CYC aims to provide fun events, aimed at all sizes and types of cruiser, and all experience levels from the skippers. We don't take our racing too seriously!

We have a small core of participants who are only too happy to help and advise newcomers to cruiser racing. All you need to take part is a cruising yacht, fast or slow. We run our races using the RYA National Handicapping for Cruisers, so after a few races even small, slow boats have a chance to win a prize. There are 5 or 6 events each year, normally between May



and September, mostly passage races over a weekend. Specific details are in the Yacht Section Cruise Programme.

### **Crew Exchange**

The Yacht Section has a number of short-handed skippers and Club members without their own boat. We are trying to find the best way to get these two groups together! The best way of meeting is at the "Second Friday Sailors' Social". Make yourself known to a YS



committee member (the ones with the name badges), who can make the introductions.

We really do want to get everyone sailing or sailing more! To this end, a series of Day Sails are being planned - in addition to the main Cruising Programme - specifically to encourage people with small yachts and to enable "scratch" crews to get to know each other.

### **Buddying**

Many of the more experienced members of the section are willing to share their experience informally with those who are new to yachting, or those who would like specific advice on a particular aspect of yachting. The idea is to help each other become more proficient and get more enjoyment on the water.



### **Yachtie Ladies**

A large group of ladies meet about 3 times a year as a social network to share ideas, knowledge and expertise, with the aim of developing skills and confidence on the boat. At recent meetings there has been a demonstration of safety equipment from the RNLI, the opportunity to practice VHF radio techniques, discussion on first aid at sea and some ladies have had on the water practice of Man Overboard drills.

Everyone is welcome – experienced or novice, confident or nervous, new or old members of the section.

