

Spread Eagle Sailing Club



2018 Programme Events

This year, as in previous years, we have arranged a wide variety of Club Events to enable Members to improve their skills, learn new techniques of boat handling and seamanship or just go sailing.

Our yacht Eagle, a 38' Bavaria, is ideally based for the Solent being moored at Universal Marina on the Hamble River and for those who want to venture further afield, the north French Coast and Channel Islands are only a day sail away.

All the Events will be hosted by our most experienced Skippers to ensure that everyone gets the benefit of their expertise and knowledge.

Safety First 23rd March 2018



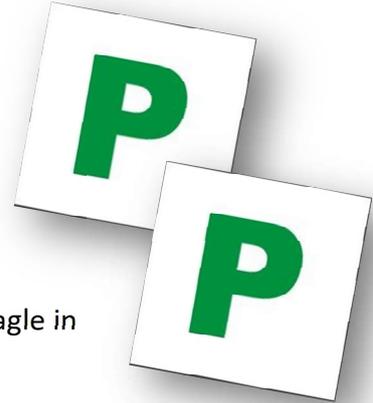
This is a shore-based social event to be held in Alton, Hampshire at 7pm – exact venue to be confirmed to those attending. Have you considered the effects of falling overboard even in the relatively tranquil waters of the Solent – it does happen. We have arranged for a presentation by Jim Crick, supported by a number of other RNLI personnel, to give us an introduction to sea survival including cold water shock, how to manage the hazards and risks of sailing and the use of lifejackets.

During the evening there will also be a clinic for those who have their own lifejackets to have it assessed and checked by the professionals to make sure that it will perform when you need it most. Eagle's lifejackets are being replaced this year (the reasons for this will be made clear during the evening) and there will be an opportunity to see what happens when you actually fire the gas cylinder.

Our Commodore Andy Morrill and other Committee Members will also be on hand to talk about and take questions on the future direction and activities of Spread Eagle Sailing Club. There is no charge for the event, but refreshments will be provided at a small cost depending on numbers and a pay bar will be available.

Skipper's Refresher 20th - 22nd April

It is a requirement that any new skipper charters Eagle at least once within the first year of passing their test. This Event is open to any recently qualified Skipper who has not chartered Eagle in the last three years – not a re-testing weekend, but an opportunity for new Skippers to refresh their skills and for inexperienced Skippers, to build their confidence so that they can organise their own crews and use Eagle in 2018 and beyond.



Masterclass 11th – 13th May



This weekend is for qualified Skippers only and is for those who want to increase their skills in boat handling in confined places and to try advanced sailing techniques under sail or motor in daylight or at night.

When was the last time you tried reverse parking into a strong ebb tide?

Meet the Regions 18th – 20th May

Over the years a number of clearly identifiable regions have formed within Spread Eagle Sailing Club with some well-established such as Alton and others who are developing including Thames Valley and Birmingham.

The purpose of this Weekend is to bring together one or two of the lead people from each region so that connections can be made across the country and ideas can be shared between likeminded people so that numbers can increase in each group.



Beat the Clock 8th – 10th June



Not actually racing, but Dave Berrigan will go through the techniques of racing to win including course planning, crew management, sail trimming and many other areas of sailing fast and efficiently. If weather permits, there may be a trip round the Island or simply 'round the cans' in the local area.

Jane's Weekend 6th – 8th July

Skippered by Jane Mancini, this is an opportunity for 'other halves' to sail together. It may be a cruise across Christchurch Bay to Poole or an explore of the Solent – and an ice-cream in Osborne Bay



Introduction to Sailing 17th – 19th August



This weekend is for novice sailors, or competent crew to sail with a new Skipper and just go sailing in the local Solent area staying overnight at one of the well-known places such as Lymington, Yarmouth or Cowes - the agenda will be set according to everyone's preference.

Summer Cruise 9th – 14th September

Five-day late summer cruise with an opportunity to get out of the Solent – ideal for anyone wanting to upgrade their ticket or to explore further away places such as Cherbourg or the Channel Islands.



Crossley Cup 31st August – 2nd September



The Crossley Cup has traditionally been hosted by Spread Eagle Sailing Club with entries from a number of other sailing clubs based on the South Coast. Racing takes place on the Saturday followed by a Gala Dinner at one of the most prestigious Cowes based sailing club headquarters.

Night Sailing 12th – 14th October

Always popular, a chance to practise navigation/pilotage and sailing at night in the Solent area with the expertise of Jim Crick on hand to provide all the help and guidance that is needed to become confident with sailing in the dark.



In addition to these events, there could be other 'short notice' Club Events offered during the year which will be advised to members as and when they are arranged. If you would like a bespoke event organised for you or a group, let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate this, including providing a skipper.

We are very keen to encourage new Skippers and existing Skippers to upgrade their tickets, so please do let us know if this is of interest to you. We can then organise preparation or testing events during the year.

Weekends will start on the Friday evening usually at 6pm, although the host skipper will be in touch with all crew a week or two prior to the event with detailed joining instructions.

The cost of each event is just £170 per person (£250 for the Five-Day Cruises) and this includes the cost of fuel.

Eagle has been reserved for all of these dates and as these Club activities are very popular, don't leave it to the last minute - ***bookings are now being taken.***

To secure your berth on any of the weekends, payment must be made in full at the time of booking.

Payments ideally by internet banking should be made to the SESC account at Barclays (sort code 20 17 92, account number 10554448). Please ensure that there is a unique identifier used when making the payment. When the payment has been made please email me with a copy to the treasurer David Smithson dj.smithson@btinternet.com

For more information or to book your place, please contact the Spread Eagle Sailing Club Events Organiser:-

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