

**The weather is struggling to improve but it's clearly not dampened the enthusiasm of members. It's great to report that all of the early season events, both shore based and rallies have been extremely well attended.**

**Cup double for Salute!**

The Frostbite competition, deferred from March because of bad weather was included in the passage to Eastbourne for the Rally. The rescheduled course was a timed run from S of the Newhaven East Pier to the red can off Langley point. For the boats that left late morning it proved a cracking sail.



**Salute approaching Beachy Head flying sneaky chute!**

Three skippers returned times, others either didn't record them or resorted to engine because of the tide.

**Salute** elected to take the direct route, flying a cruising chute, whilst **Hunky Dory** and **Beaumaris** went the long way round doing proper sailing and tacking using white sails!!

The result on times adjusted by RYA base handicap times was

1. **Salute** Matt & Jacqui Longbone  
1hr 41m 45 secs Actual 1hr 55m
2. **Hunky Dory** Roger & Kath Davis  
1hr 49m 51 secs Actual 2hr 7m
3. **Beaumaris** Maurice Elford & Sue Marks  
2hr 7m 50 sec Actual 2hr 40m

The following morning four boats, Salute, Beaumaris, Patenella and Blue Danube set of the Sovereign Tower Light. This was the first time in many seasons the trophy has been contested. Conditions proved testing, especially the tide around the tower. It took Salute and Beaumaris two attempts to leave it starboard and against the wind.

Two boats posted times

1. **Salute** Adjusted Time 2hrs 49 mins  
Elapsed time 3hrs 11 min
2. **Beaumaris** Adjusted Time 3hrs 19  
Elapsed 4hrs 9 mins



## Summer Rally

The major NYC rally of the season is being held 27 May to 11 June. The destination, subject to all the usual caveats, is Cherbourg, probably via the Solent, then back along the Normandy coast to Dieppe or Fecamp and thence home. The choice of destination was members preferred option at the AGM.

Interested skippers should, if you have not already done so, contact Maurice Elford as soon as possible.

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## Training - Feedback wanted now!

There is a possibility that we may be able to offer RYA courses on **Diesel Engine Maintenance** and also **First Aid**.

Before pursuing this further, and finalising the cost, we need to establish interest from members to confirm the viability.

## Man Overboard Recovery exercise at sea with RNLI

We've not run this valuable joint session for a while. If there is sufficient interest we will try to arrange one on a Sunday morning in September in Seaford Bay.

If you're interested in any of the above please contact Maurice Elford,  
[mozza21@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mozza21@hotmail.co.uk) by **22 May**.

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## Events Round Up

### Commissioning Supper

The Commissioning Supper was held upstairs at The Hope Inn in Newhaven on 24<sup>th</sup> March. Numbers were strictly limited to 24 and all were taken up well before the day. The evening was a lively affair and a great success. And it was good that it took place in Newhaven too.

### Skills Forums

In February Richard Mitchell & Maurice Elford presented a highly entertaining session on Lights and Rules of the Road at the White Lion.

The final session of the winter season held in March took place at Simpsons Chandlery. Aaron kindly hosted a packed house focusing on personal safety equipment and then had members managing to tie themselves in knots attempting 3 strand splicing.

### Eastbourne Rally

A great weekend enjoyed by all. 10 boats came along, the best turnout for some time and a sizeable proportion of the membership. We were pleased to see some new faces (and boats) too. Sim Gray and Carla Perry on Dragon Singer making its maiden "proper voyage" after years of restoration, and new members Alan and Chris Turnbull aboard Eight Black Horses.

Saturday night saw 20 people sitting down to a meal at Sovereign Harbour Y.C. which proved to be the usual very sociable evening.

Several boats made the trip back to Newhaven on the Sunday afternoon ebb. It turned out to be a heavy bash to windward in very lumpy conditions. Pretty unpleasant at the time but satisfying once dried out and hypothermia overcome.

### Brighton Rally

This Rally was scheduled to take place over the May Day Bank Holiday. However the forecast wasn't brilliant but two boats from Newhaven, Blue Danube and Beaumaris went to Brighton on the Saturday joined by Belfast Child from Eastbourne. The sail on the Saturday was very gentle, in sharp contrast to the sail back on Monday!

Brighton marina was supposed to be full with three rallies, but it appeared the weather forecast kept numbers down.

However, 16 members met in the West Quay pub before going to dinner at Café Rouge, where once again it was a lively gathering.

## American Supper & NYC Clothing Display

The supper and display at Riverside Hall was extremely well attended. The AGM decision to ask members to bring their own drinks, rather than supply a bar, worked well. We will continue this approach for the next few hall events and see how it goes.

Judging by the number of items ordered members were very impressed with the range of NYC branded clothing.

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## Membership Matters

### Welcome Aboard!

We'd like you to welcome new members

**Alan and Chris Turnbull**, and their yacht Eight Black Horses based in Brighton and

**Mark Anderson** who has joined via Richard's buddy scheme. Mark holds the RYA competent crew certificate and is looking forward to getting in as much sailing with NYC skippers as possible. He lives in Newhaven so do please try to give him a trip on the water.

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## Website Enhancements

If you've not looked at the site recently then do.

Several cosmetic and presentational changes have been made, including new sections and drop down menus. We are always looking for feedback so don't hesitate to make suggestions.

The diary of events until the end of the year are all there so please get the dates into your diaries now.

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## Buddy Scheme

As mentioned in the last News we've reopened the scheme and several buddies have already been out on the water. A new member has been signed up as a direct result, proving yet again

the value of the scheme to the club. Skippers should contact Richard Mitchell ([mail4richardmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:mail4richardmitchell@gmail.com)) if you would like to support the scheme.

**Saturday 1 July** is in the calendar as a buddy sailing day. The idea is to get as many buddy sailors and skippers on the water at the same time and possibly follow it up ashore with a bit of a social.

Interested buddies and skippers should contact Richard as soon as possible.

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## NYC Clothing



A wide range of items in all sizes is available. For further details and how to order check out the new Merchandise drop down menu on the NYC website.

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## Tapping Cup – 7 Ports Trophy Rules Change

The qualifying ports for 2017 have changed. Rye has been omitted following the demise of the festival as the committee felt it unlikely that many would visit.

The revised list is available on the NYC website under the Club Stuff drop down menu.

The port selection is intended to make the trophy stretching but “doable” for skippers and we've added a night at anchor as an option.



### **A-FRAME free to a good home.**

A while ago, I built an A-frame and used it to lower and raise the mast on my Jaguar 25. I no longer have the boat, and would be happy to give the A-frame to a fellow club member who could use it.

The legs are made from 4" x 2" PAR timber (that's 10 cm x 5 cm if you're a lot younger than me!), and they are about 15ft 10 in (482 cm) long. I believe I have the cross piece and the necessary nuts and bolts, but I haven't assembled it recently.

If it would be of use, please get in touch and we'll arrange a time for you to collect it from my home in Seaford.

Richard Mitchell  
([mail4richardmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:mail4richardmitchell@gmail.com))

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### **Newhaven Summer Ferry Schedule**

Skippers are reminded that from 1 May till the end of September there are 3 sailings (and of course arrivals!) daily.

Departures are usually 0900, 1730 and 2300, Arrivals 0400, 1500 and 21.00

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### **So he really does have a boat .....**

**this just in from Graham Eaton**

I bought my boat, Gemini Dreamer, a Dehler 41DS in March 2016, lying at Noss Marina, Dartmouth, with the intention of bringing her back soon after to Brighton. Little did I know that she wouldn't be back home until a year later...Here's the tale.

I guess it was a bit of a delivery trip, but wanting to enjoy it, the decision was made to split the trip into 3 or 4 passages. However, issues with getting the main bent on, batteries, fading hours of daylight, the onset of winter and life in general delayed our departure until the days started to lengthen earlier this year.

Having been glued every day to XCWeather now that spring had sprung, a weekend in early April beckoned.

The alarm woke us from our slumber early on a Sunday morning and it was eerily silent, and looking out...oh dear – thick fog. Unbelievable. So we weren't going today.

A week later, Marilyn and I set off, bound for Portland. All was going well and an hour or so into the passage the chart plotter went on strike, followed shortly by the GPS, and then in sympathy, the PC. How could all three sources of a position fix fail at the same time...? Whilst a fan of paper charts, I didn't fancy rounding 'the Bill' without a bit of electronic assist. So we turned back, called Noss (who'd just given my berth away), and after a huge downpour ensuring we looked and felt like drowned rats just as we arrived, they efficiently re-housed us in a new (hopefully temporary) berth. An evening in the Cherub (the oldest building in Dartmouth which just happens to be a rather good pub) was the remedy to reflect on the day.

Lady Luck had to shine on us soon, surely? So a week later (Easter) it was third time lucky. With the assistance of various bits of handheld nav equipment, once again, we set sail across Lyme Bay. What a day – we had a cracking sail reaching over 8 knots at times, were joined briefly by dolphins and of course, all the electronics worked just fine now I had back-ups!

Giving 'the Bill' a wide berth and with the wind building to about 25 knots as we rounded the Shambles bank, it was great to tie up in Portland and go for a well-deserved beer. We took the next day out to explore Portland, and plan our passage up through the Solent to Gosport. Easter Monday saw an early slip, tracking along the Jurassic coast, negotiating St Alban's Head and through the Solent – quieter than I expected for an Easter Monday. The berth at Gosport took a bit of finding, but we tied up and yes, went for a beer (and some food).



**Dawn - Gemini Dream in Portland**

One week later and the last leg. Just about to slip when we noticed that a broken turning block at the base of the mast meant no mainsail for us today, but it was still a pleasant motoring job under jib back to Brighton. I have never been so pleased to see the chimney of Shoreham Power station and finally Brighton marina (some of the club members who will remain nameless actually doubted my boat existed, but no, here we were, struggling to find the berth at Brighton I'd so carefully chosen the previous day). Tied up, three long days and 164 miles later, we were there – we'd done it!

Dartmouth proved to be a great home for a year, and must be thoroughly recommended, but it's SO much better having my boat 7 miles from where I live, rather than over 200 (by road or train). Despite the events along the way, it was a great passage, and anyway, without a few challenges, it wouldn't be sailing, would it?! Now when shall we plan the return passage?

**Finally .....**

**Anyone for golf!**

Yes golf!

Our friends at Simpsons Chandlery are keen golfers – no doubt funded by our generous contributions. They have suggested it would be fun if NYC could put a team together for a match.

If there are members out there who would be interested please get in touch with Jim Taylor [jcrtaylor@gmail.com](mailto:jcrtaylor@gmail.com) who will set something up.