

Whilst it's not been the greatest summer for sailing and several of our planned events have been weather affected there has still been a lot going on as you'll see.

Forthcoming Events

September Solent Rally

The rally scheduled for 2nd September has been cancelled as it appears that no skippers are available.

The good news is that it's been **rescheduled** and will now commence the weekend 16/17th September. So far Beaumaris, Hunky Dory and Otter have signed up. If more boats fancy joining them contact Maurice Elford.

The **Littlehampton Rally** 9/10th September has unfortunately been **cancelled** due to lack of available visitor's berths.

October is fast approaching!

Don't forget our first **social event** of the autumn season is on Saturday 14 October at Riverside Hall. Details are being finalised and will be published soon.

And the first **Skills Forum** takes place Tuesday 10 October at 19.00. We are hoping to pay a return visit to Peter Leonard's on Denton Island where we will cover various marine technical issues. Details will follow.

Training

Following feedback from members there is a demand for a First Aid Course which will be progressed over the winter season.

We will also be trying to arrange a Man Overboard Recovery exercise at sea with RNLI before the winter is upon us.

Tom Cunliffe is back!

Tom Cunliffe, sailor, writer, broadcaster, and thoroughly entertaining guy is returning to regale us with his unique take on matters nautical at Riverside Hall on **17 February** next year. Members who saw him last time will

remember what a great evening it was. Put the date in your diaries now!!

NYC Ship to Ship Channel Change

Skippers should note that the VHF channel for NYC ship to ship communications is now:-

Channel 73

We've used Ch 77 for many years, however it's become very busy as it's used by the large number of vessels working on the windfarm, in addition to Brighton Marina YC racers, and a host of charter fisherman along the coast. We'll monitor how Ch. 73 works for us.

Coast Guard safety information channel change

From a date in September TBA safety and weather information will be broadcast on Channels **62, 63 and 64** replacing 23, 84 and 86

The preceding CG announcement on Ch 16 will advise mariners which channel to tune to.

Membership Matters

Welcome Aboard!

First we'd like to welcome back **Gary and Dawn Self**. You may remember they were previously members but left a while back as their boat **Memory of Kent** was based on the East coast. It's now moored in Newhaven and they are looking forward to meeting up with NYC members once again.

And a very warm welcome to **Roger Thomas** who owns Freo, a Bavaria 30, moored in Newhaven. Roger crewed on Hunky Dory on the recent trip to Dieppe which was his first channel crossing. Amazingly he kept his sense of humour through what turned out to be two pretty unhumorous passages!

Club Website newhavenyc.org.uk

If you've not looked at the site recently then do. We are continually tweaking it to keep it up to date and relevant. It's the "go to" place for the latest news.

The diary of events over the 2017/18 winter season are all there so please get the dates into your diaries now.

NYC Clothing



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

Cowes Chain Ferry - Hazard

Many NYC skippers visit Cowes regularly so please take note.

If you're not already aware, a new chain ferry has recently been introduced. There have been several instances of yachts fouling the chains as they are much higher above the sea bed than previously. The situation appears to be under constant review and has generated a stream of Notices to Mariners published by Cowes Harbour Commission. The latest suggests the max. draught of vessels is:-

Actual tide height + 1.1 mtrs.

Skippers are advised to check the latest situation on the Cowes website. In any event it

is advised that all vessels should pass as far away as possible from the ferry, preferably when it is at rest on one bank or the other.

Events Round Up

Summer Rally

By Maurice Elford

After canvassing members thoughts at the 2016 AGM on where the Summer Rally should go the plan was to go to Cherbourg and work our way along the coast to Dieppe and then home.

In the event there were no takers, and the weather gods weren't exactly playing their part either. So, it ended up like this:

Mike & Eileen on Belfast Child and Richard & Will on Blue Danube headed for the Solent on Friday 26th May, but Sue and I on Beaumaris headed off on Sunday 28th arriving in Gosport on the very last knockings of daylight at 22:05 where Mike and Richard were ready to take our lines and Richard kindly fed us.

Monday saw us away to Cowes in light winds in the afternoon.

Tuesday, we had a rest day in Cowes, going over to West Cowes on the relief foot passenger only ferry as the new Chain Ferry (Floating Bridge) was having teething problems!

Wednesday, a gentle sail up towards Hythe Marina Village in company with Blue Danube. Arrived off the entrance late lunch time so decided to sail on up to Marchwood at the top of Southampton water in glorious sunshine. For the last mile or so we sailed up with a large container ship and watched her being docked which was quite fascinating. Then back to Hythe for the night.

By now the weather forecasts for the second week were beginning to deteriorate substantially. So, the plan was to go back to East Cowes, a very gentle sail and some motoring and then round to Bembridge, (a first

for my crew, Sue) where we were caught in a gust as we came alongside and I ended up breaking my neighbour's jack staff which he was very understanding about.

Then it was all across to Gosport to hide until the weather improved, which it didn't! On the Monday my crew, Sue decided to go home for a few days and come back for the trip home. I still had a valid ticket for the dockyards, as did the crew of Blue Danube so we spent a few days taking advantage of them.

Thursday 8th June, Election Day, but more importantly our escape home! Sue arrived back late morning and we left lunch time with wind over tide that made for a very unpleasant exit from the harbour down towards the Spit Refuge buoy. We started off sailing, but the wind died after a couple of hours, so it was engine on all the way home. And then it poured while we unloaded the boat!

(Not the) Shoreham Rally

By Maurice Elford

This was planned for the weekend of 15th/16th July. Unfortunately the only place for us to stay was the Lady Bee marina inside Shoreham Harbour, but as they couldn't accommodate us we decided to make it a (another) Brighton Rally instead. Given the tide time and the wind on the day it was just as well!

I was joined by Anne Fuller for the weekend as her first trip as a Buddy, although she is an experienced sailor. We had a real bash to windward, as did Blue Danube, Belfast Child having come from Eastbourne the day before. Good job in the end that we were not going to Shoreham, but we will try again next year.

The evening saw us having a club dinner in Café Rouge that included new member, Roger Thomas and his wife Sarah.

Sunday home with just the genoa, a really good weekend.

July Normandy Rally

By Matt Longbone

The intention had been to head to Fecamp on Saturday 22nd, then up to Dieppe via St Valery en Caux. The weather put paid to the departure date and the strong NW rendered Fecamp untenable so the skippers agreed Dieppe was the safer option.

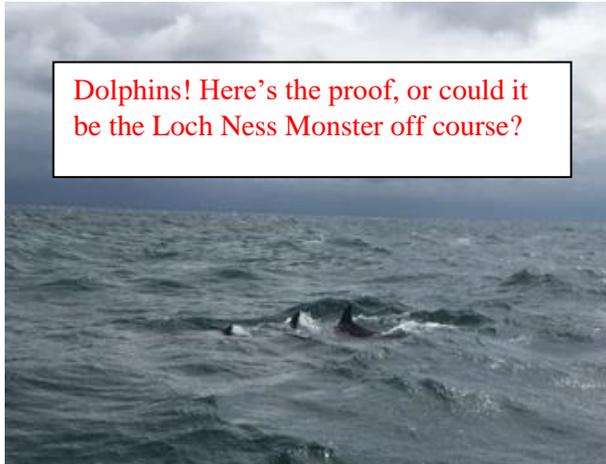
The day started early on Monday 24th July. Beaumaris slipped lines around 04:00 hrs, followed by Salute, Hunky Dory and finally Belfast child who left the Eastbourne lock at around 06:30hrs. A following sea with a force 5, gusting 6 NW breeze was promised as we set out for the shipping lanes....the breeze proving troublesome for most of the boats - right 'up the chuff!' resulting in an early decision by most to motor.

Additionally Salute was crewed single-handed leading to Matt's decision to shadow Roger D. and crew Roger T. on board Hunky Dory for the crossing. The following sea lead to challenges for the autopilots, rendering many boats experiencing a tiring crossing with constant attention to the helm.

Salute's skipper suffered a bout of sea-sickness but there was no crew to steady the ship or permit a civilised pee break! However it didn't prevent him from broadcasting a chastisement via his loudspeaker, which must have been heard by every vessel in the channel, that Hunky Dory was still trailing a fender!

Some 10-14 hours after departure the various boats of the NYC fleet finally arrived at Dieppe, firstly Belfast Child with Mike, Eileen and granddaughter Shana on board...they had crossed the slightly shorter route from Eastbourne and were followed by Hunky Dory and Salute who both had to 'tread water' for 45 mins outside the port as the ferry was leaving.

Shortly afterwards Beaumaris arrived with Maurice and Sue Marks, who also had an unpleasant crossing in terms of seasickness. Hunky Dory reported a fine display of Dolphins a few miles off Dieppe – Roger had tried to alert Salute to them as she was close by but apparently Matt’s head was in a bucket at the time so didn’t respond!!



Dolphins! Here’s the proof, or could it be the Loch Ness Monster off course?

The crews ventured ashore for well-deserved sustenance on the Monday night, followed by a deserved 'day off' on Tuesday when the sun shone!

Shirli skippered Fairway single-handed the following day with slightly fairer conditions and some sight of the sun!!

The weather on Wednesday prevented boats moving on and saw some of the crew taking the train from Dieppe to Rouen whilst others elected to spend the day in port/exploring Dieppe.

Thursday and Friday saw the boats stormbound in Dieppe as an unseasonably low pressure system drifted very slowly from its position over the British Isles bringing strong winds and high seas. Provisioning various boats with fuel and food for the return trip took place alongside a fair bit of cleaning/polishing!! A walk to the church on the top of the hill took place for some. No doubt asking for some divine intervention with the weather. And it seemed to work!

A window of opportunity presented itself for a return trip on the Saturday, and all boats with

the exception of Fairway left port around 09:00hrs BST bound for their home ports. Shirli volunteered to crew on Salute as she was leaving her boat in Dieppe for a future visit. A brisk 20-25 knot SW wind was welcome on the beam for most yachts at the start of the crossing and the sea state slight occasionally moderate made for an initially good start to the crossing. The wind later died right away and was shortly followed by sustained heavy rain leaving all crews soaking wet by the time they arrived home after another 'trudge' across the channel. Visibility whilst crossing the shipping lanes was particularly poor for some boats providing a few squeaky bum moments as huge vessels loomed out of the murk.

Beaumaris experienced slightly less rain than the others having left Dieppe slightly later, and made very good time arriving in Newhaven by nightfall.

All in all, an enjoyable trip hampered only by the weather!



Trips to the bar meant consulting the tide tables to avoid this ski slope!!

Stern Lines

Dismay at Normandy Tourist Office as their latest poster fails to attract more visiting yachtsmen!



And finally The Cock Up Kettle

Contenders for NYC's most prestigious award, the Cock Up Kettle are already coming in. But we need more, a real classic to rival previous years acts of nautical stupidity. Don't be shy, you'll be found out! If you're hoping to hide one of yours away get in touch before your crew grasses you up.