

Cruising during 2010

Some further thoughts on cruises for 2010 season after speaking to some of you about the previous list I have made a few changes. I have concentrated on tides and weekends when they might be good for a particular cruise. These are just a list of possible's, you or I might not necessarily be able to make them but others can pick them up if they wish.

All cruises are subject to weather conditions. Individual Skippers of boats are responsible to make the decision to go or not to go. I would suggest unless you are experienced to always try to buddy-up with someone. Some cruises have minimum speed requirements.

Some of the cruises are suitable for newbies to the delights of tidal cruising, that may wish to come along for the experience. These cruises will need to always be accompanied by experienced Skipper, craft and crew so there will be safety and support for the newbies.

May

May Day Bank Holiday

Sweeps Weekend (Newbie's friendly) (min 2 - max 10 craft)

Friday 30th April - HW AL= 15.00 to SYC

Saturday 1st May - HW SYC = 15.17 AM Sweeps PM Foley Dash

Sunday 2nd May - HW SYC = 16.00 Sweeps

Monday 3rd May - HW SYC = 16.33 leave SYC 15.30 for arrival at AL 1700

Spring Break + half Term

Round the Island (this includes an overnight stay at anchor) (min 2 - max 8 craft)

Friday 28th May - HW AL= 14.00, 15.00 leave AM for SYC

Saturday 29th May - HW SYC = 14.16, Leave SYC at 13.00 to Harty Ferry via Swale to Anchor for night

Sunday 30th May - LW S/ness = 08.40 leave HF around the island via Red Sands Towers back to SYC
HW = 15.00

Monday 31st May - HW SYC = 15.30 leave SYC 14.30 for arrival at AL 16.00

an Alternative

Ramsgate (Boats must be able to maintain 8 knots at least) (min 2 - max 6 craft)

Friday 28th May - HW AL= 14.00, 15.00 leave AM for SYC

Saturday 29th May - HW SYC = 14.16, Leave SYC at 12.00 to Ramsgate arrive 18.30

Sunday 30th May - LW Ramsgate = 08.30 leave Ramsgate 09.30 back to SYC HW = 114.30

Monday 31st May - HW SYC = 15.30 leave SYC 14.30 for arrival at AL16.00

Because of the timing with tides Burnham could be later in the week

Burnham (Boats must be able to maintain 8 knots at least, this includes an estuary crossing so can get a little bouncy) (min 2 - max 8 craft)

Tuesday 1st June - HW AL 16.30 leave AL at 16.30 arrive Queensborough 19.30

Wednesday 2nd June - Leave Queensborough at 06.20 River Crouch Estuary LW = 10.25

Thursday 3rd June - play on River Crouch and surrounding area HW 05.00, 17.15, LW 11.00 & 22.30

Friday 4th June - play on River Crouch HW 06.00, 18.16, LW 12.00 & 23.35

Saturday 5th June Burnham leave at 11.00 to catch LW = 13.00 at estuary of Crouch arrive SYC 19.00

Sunday 6th June HW SYC = 08.00 leave SYC at 07.30 to AL for 09.00

June

Round The Island (the other way - long day) (min 2 - max 8 craft) (Newbie's can come along and decide on the day whether they wish to continue around the island)

Friday 18th June Leave AL 17.00 to SYC

Saturday 19th June Leave SYC 08.00 to Shellness (HW 12.40) return via Swale back to SYC

Sunday 20th June Leave SYC 06.30 return to AL for 08.15 HW

July

Strood Yacht Club (Newbies friendly) (min 2 - max 8 craft)

Saturday 10th July Leave AL at HW (12.30) straight through to Ramsgate for LW at 18.00

Sunday 11th July Leave Ramsgate 06.30 return to AL for HW at 13.15

August

I know some of you wish to have extended run on the Thames in August

I have included short London cruises for those do not have the time or space, but can still travel one way with the flotilla that is going for the longer Thames Trip. These timings and options will need to be finessed nearer the time.

I have attached Steve's log of his return Thames Trip for reference (thanks Steve). Some good tips and timings that could be very useful.

Thames & Short London Cruise (min 2 - max 8 craft)

Friday 13th August - Leave AL at 15.46 to SYC 17.15

Saturday 14th August - 07.00 leave SYC for LW at Medway Estuary 10.15 - rising tide to St Kats by 14.30 (HW London Bridge 17.50)

Sunday 15th August - leave St Kats 07.00 to Teddington 09.00 - Play on non tidal Thames until Saturday 28th August follow below.

(alternative return to AL arrive back at 18.00 **long day!**)

Short London Cruise (min 2 - max 8 craft)

Thursday 26th August - Leave AL at 15.30 to SYC 17.00

Friday 27th August 07.00 leave SYC for LW at Estuary 09.00 - rising tide to St Kats 14.17

Saturday 28th August- Leave St Kats 06.00 to Teddington be back to St Kats for 15.20

Sunday 29th August - Leave St Kats 06.30 for SYC

Monday 30th August - Leave SYC at 15.00 for return to AL

September

Strood Yacht Club (Newbies friendly) (min 2 - max 8 craft)

Friday 10th September - Leave AL at 15.00 (HW at AL 14.40) to SYC arrive 16.30

Saturday 11th September - play HW at 15.30

Sunday 12th September - Leave SYC at 15.00 to arrive at AL (HW 16.30)

Finalised details will need to be checked (tides, timings etc..) and weather conditions considered.

If anyone has some more ideas or dates for trips, lets throw them in the mix.

Ad-hoc, spur of the moment, great idea cruises will take place, a notice can be put up near the toilets to advertise to get numbers if required.