



SYC Dinghy Cruise OOD Guidelines – Say!

At the briefing before the dinghy cruise, please include the following items

1. The destination today is
(If applicable) We may be stopping at
2. The time of high tide is (or) Low tide is Spr/Nps?
3. The weather forecast is
4. To take part in the dinghy cruise, all helms and crews **must** have read and digested the “SYC Dinghy Cruisers Crews Guidelines - Know”.
Copies are available in the OOD folder if required!
5. Members are reminded that they sail entirely at their own risk and the safety of the boat and the decision to join the cruise is entirely their responsibility and not that of the OOD or safety boat drivers.
6. To join the cruise, you must be confident in your ability to sail to the destination and back unaided. The safety boat is for unforeseen events only.
7. **Is there anyone here today who either**
 - a. **Hasn't been sailing regularly for at least one year?**
 - b. **Hasn't sailed to today's destination before?**
8. Members are reminded to
 - a. Stay within sight of the safety boat(s) – tack back or heave to if necessary
 - b. “Buddy up” with another boat so the other boat will be nearby if you have problems
 - c. Avoid crossing in front of large vessels who may be restricted in ability to manoeuvre. Understand the IRPCS (Collision Regs).
9. The start time isboats on the water near buoy 29
10. The signal to start will be given by the OOD – please don't leave before the signal
11. All crews must sign the “dinghy cruise sign on log” (which is taken on the cruise by the OOD) and also the normal “day sailing log” in the Committee Room porch
12. Any Questions? If not, end of briefing.

Sound bell or race box horn 5 minutes before briefing

If any “yes” answers, say “can we chat after briefing?” then see overleaf.
You will need to hand out copies of the “SYC Dinghy Cruise Crew's Guidance”



What to do if any participants say they lack experience

One of the questions overleaf aims to identify cruise participants who may not have sufficient experience yet to safely join the dinghy cruise.

If any participant answers “yes” to the question say that you will have a chat with them after the briefing to discuss this further.

After the briefing

- a) Have a chat with them – then ask them to read, sign and return to you an “**SYC Dinghy Cruise Guidelines**” form (copies of which are available in the Dinghy Cruise OOD folder in the boat shed)
- b) The “SYC Dinghy Cruise Guidelines” form aims to guide those with limited experience to decide for themselves whether they are ready to safely sail by themselves on a cruise

Participant has less than one year’s sailing experience

As the OOD, you can

- ❖ Recommend they first gain more experience on Free Sailing days when there is safety boat cover near the club
- ❖ Recommend they first gain more experience by on Sunday / Wednesday Race Days when there is safety boat cover near the club
- ❖ See if there is a place available with a more experienced boat’s crew today so they can experience the tides and sights of the Estuary

Participant has good sailing experience but doesn’t know local conditions

As the OOD, you can

- ❖ Provide information about local conditions to enable them to join the cruise more safely e.g. 4 knot tides off Warren, wind gusts over Cockwood marshes, avoiding Exmouth docks approaches etc
- ❖ Or see if there is a place available with a more experienced dinghy cruise boat’s crew today so they can gain experience of local conditions