

# SYC Dinghy Cruising Calendar 2020

**Weekly emails** – I have been impressed by the regular communication of other groups like Nick Webber of Exe SC, and the Cody Club, so we are going to try and do the same, about 4-5 days before each event reminding everyone of the event and forward view of the likely weather and its potential impact, good or bad on our activity.

## Pre-Season Events

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| Sat 8 Feb                  | <b>Dinghy Cruisers meeting</b> | <p>1pm all those who want to, meet at Topsham Quay and enjoy a walk round river at Topsham. In the event of the weather being foul we will skip it and just meet at 3pm at the Globe</p> <p>3pm we all meet at the Globe Inn Topsham (Pub is confirmed) for Tea or drinks and a chance to discuss the programme see what everyone wants to get out of this years' Dinghy Cruising programme.</p> <p>We can discuss the other cruising groups, like the DCA, Cody Club and Exe and see what may interest members. I invite anyone who has done an interesting cruise recently to come along and tell us about it and I will try to put something together on our trip to the Morbihan last May. After meeting all those that want to can stay on for an early dinner at the pub.</p> |
| Sat 28 March               | <b>Shore Based Training</b>    | <p>11am in SYC clubhouse for approx. 2 hrs. Will go through things like what makes a sail work efficiently and how to rig for different wind conditions.</p> <p>Pros and Cons of reefing vs flogging. Effect of fore and aft trim. Efficient use of the centerboard and rudder, effect of fore and aft trim and steering without a rudder.</p> <p>Plus a chance to ask any questions regarding any aspect of sailing. Weather allowing, will rig my boat and demonstrate different aspects of rigging and trim. Club is booked and Tea, Coffee available – Cakes welcome!</p>   |
| Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> April  | <b>Fitting out Supper</b>      | <p>7pm at Club. They are always good fun and a chance to meet fellow members in a relaxed environment while not wearing rubber! 3 courses of home cooked food for £10, including prizes for fancy dress (optional) and a fun quiz. If you haven't been before, give it a try – booking via the web site. Theme for this one is Mexican so dust off your Sombreros!</p>  |
| Sat 18 April               | <b>Working Party at Club</b>   | <p>10.00 where all day sailors do jobs around the club for the benefit of all. Come along if you can make it – many hands and all that!</p>   |
| Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> April | <b>On the water training</b>   | <p>10.00 (HW 9.00 3.7m so a prompt start) We will try to put into practice all the stuff we talked about during the shore-based session. Rigging, sailing for optimum efficiency, sailing without a rudder, some short courses around closely positioned buoys to get in lots of manoeuvring practice. Sailing backwards. Hints and tips and a chance to swap crews if desired.</p>   |

## Sailing Programme

For the rest of this years programme we have a number of programmed Down River (DR) and Up River (UR) cruises as before, but we would like to make it a bit varied by encouraging the appointed OOD to think of different places to go, and stop, things to en-route or when we get there – poss ideas are cream teas on the sands, treasure hunts, games on the beach / sands, follow my leader (no passing or hanging back allowed!) - see what you can come up with.

In addition to the planned cruises we are also going to try and do some more varied stuff, be it fun, training or in-company short cruises on the Free Sailing Days as there is safety boat cover in front of the club, lots of water so we have a bigger playground. If there is no wind, then perhaps we can have rowing races or simply grab a paddle board. Myself or Rod – or anyone else for that matter can suggest ideas for the forthcoming session based on the best predictions of the expected weather on the day.

**Autumn and Spring Cruises** – it is good to see more members cruising early and late in the season, because we often get some really good spells of weather with decent winds. Just remember to stay safe by sailing in company or in plain sight of the club when others are around and tell any watchers of what you are planning to do. Always sail within your comfortable level of risk so you don't endanger yourself or others.

**Exe SC Cruises** – these take place most Sundays so if you fancy a different experience, then give it a go whilst the rest of the club gets excited about chasing each other round the buoys, contact Nicholas Webber [nickwebber368@gmail.com](mailto:nickwebber368@gmail.com)

**DCA** – They run several cruises around the South West each year, with overnight stops somewhere nice which includes a pub. Most camp in their boats, but a small tent on the shore is usually an option. It is worth being a member for the excellent quarterly magazine they send out plus the opportunity to talk to other members about their cruising experiences. Treasurer is David Morton [davidcmorton@ntlworld.com](mailto:davidcmorton@ntlworld.com) and SW coordinator is David Platten <dgmplatten@gmail.com>

**Cody Club** – The are based at Frensham Ponds SC but they cruise every weekend up and down the Solent mostly, and are a nice bunch of people -we did a Langstone Harbour to Bembridge on the Isle of Wight last year which was great and there are often crew slots available on several boats. More interesting perhaps are the camps they organize each year, one at Easter and another in the summer and as luck would have it, most of these are down this way. Last year was Poole at Easter and the Helford in summer – format is usually wild camping ashore in tents. Contact [codyadmin@codysailingclub.co.uk](mailto:codyadmin@codysailingclub.co.uk)

## Events programme

Sat 2 May	11.00	HW 14.26	2.8m	Adult Race Training at club – an opportunity to practice racing or how to sail better between any two points.
Sat 2 May	13.30			Free Sailing
Sat 9 May	13.00	LW 15.07	0.5m	DR Cruise
Sat 16 May	14.00	HW 14.59	2.6m	Free Sailing
Sat 6 June	12.00	LW 14.02	0.6m	DR Cruise
Sat 13 June	11.30	HW 12.41	2.7m	Free Sailing – great day for fun events and training
Sat 4 July	16.00	HW 19.04	3.9m	Free Sailing

Sat 18 July	10.00	LW 11.27	1.1m	Commodores Cruise – Strawberries and cream all round!
Sat/Sun 25/26 July		HW 10.56	3.7m	Exe Regatta – join in if you feel like it, lots of fun on and off the water.
Sat 1 Aug	16.00	HW 17.55	3.5m	Free Sailing
Sat 8 Aug	9.30	HW 10.21	3.4m	UR Cruise - need prompt start if to get upriver before tide turns.
Sat 15 Aug	15.00	HW 16.21	3.0m	Free Sailing
Sat 22 Aug	14.00	LW 15.58	0.6m	DR Cruise
Sat 29 Aug	15.00	HW 16.38	3.1m	Free Sailing and a birthday celebration, but whose?
Sat 5 Sept	16.00	LW 15.36	0.8m	Star Stock – a superb event of great music, excellent choice of food with great ambiance on our own idyllic stretch of river side – don't miss it. Chance for a short sail beforehand if you fancy it
Sat 12 Sept	13.00	HW 14.05	2.7m	Free Sailing
Sat 19 Sept	12.00	LW 15.04	0.5m	DR Cruise – starting earlier than usual before LW so more water.
Sat 26 Sept	14.00	HW 15.00	2.8m	Free Sailing
Sat 10 Oct	10.00	HW 12.19	2.9m	UR Cruise
Sat 31 Oct	19.00			Laying Up Supper – again give it a try, it is a lot of fun.

Best regards

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