



## **J24 World Championships – a heads up from the Cruising Fleet Captain**

Dear Cruising Fleet Member,

You may already be aware that in September next year our Club will be hosting the J24 World Championships.

This is a massive event for Parkstone.

- Massive because of the status of the event in the world of competitive sailing.
- Massive because there may be up to 60 boats competing with 300 crew members plus their many supporters.
- Massive for our Club's prestige and standing in the sailing world.

This will be a time for the entire club, whether we sail cruising yachts near and far or whether we compete in dinghies or keel boats, to come together in whatever way we can to support the team, led by Bryan Drake, managing the event.

The Club's aim is to be the best possible hosts to the J24's and their crews, for whom our magnificent Club House and Haven will be their base for the 10 days from September 9th to the 19<sup>th</sup>, although it may take a few further days to get everything back in place.

The plan includes accommodating the entire J24 fleet in the Haven. For members with boats there it would be helpful if your berth was available. In addition to those freed up because members will be away cruising, the Club has reserved and will pay for berths in Poole Quay Boat Haven. This could present an opportunity for the shortest cruise ever and for a week or so to enjoy Poole Harbour from a very different perspective! Details will be available early next year, but if you are interested, as spaces will be limited, we can provisionally put your name on the list.

I am writing to you today to alert you to the event and to reassure you that your Cruising Fleet Committee will be exploring the ways to minimise the impact on your enjoyment of the Club as well as to add our significant numbers and sailing experience to help make these championships a real success.

As thinking crystallises over the coming months, in conjunction with David Pipe who is our liaison contact on the J24 Worlds team, we will be coming back to you with ideas and proposals. We know that in the spirit of camaraderie, which is one of the hallmarks of the Parkstone Yacht Club, the Cruising Fleet will not be found wanting.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Parker

Cruising Fleet Captain