

## **Potential Solent Cruise**

### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Several Fleet members have shown interest in a Solent Cruise in Company in September, when a significant number of Haven berths will be needed to host the J24 World Championship.

Peter Taylor would be happy to move the Yarmouth Rally to the weekend 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> September and Nigel Clark the Lymington Rally to the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> of September. Subject to sufficient interest a programme including possibly Portsmouth, Cowes, Hamble and Southampton (in conjunction or not with the Boat Show) could be organised in between. Some of you may wish incorporate Phil Symons's Cherbourg Dash and Peter and Christine Steven's Christchurch Rally both currently scheduled for the weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> September.

A Solent Cruise is suggested to particularly appeal to Haven berth holders, freeing up some of the berths needed, but other members would of course be most welcome.

For Haven based yachts taking part in a Solent Rally, set up to specifically to support the J24 Worlds, there is the possibility of a limited financial contribution from the J 24 event towards the berthing costs each yacht would incur whilst away. Recognising that the weather could prevent boats leaving or returning when intended, the fully funded reservations the Club has made at Poole Quay Marina would be retained as a contingency, as well as for some displaced yachts not taking part in the Rally.

September seems a long way off and understandably you may not wish to firmly commit the at the moment but to help with planning and particularly to see if a Solent Rally would attract sufficient support, if you are interested please respond after the 24<sup>th</sup> February (when the address will be active) to [cruisingsailing@parkstoneyc.co.uk](mailto:cruisingsailing@parkstoneyc.co.uk) with your:

- Haven berth no. If applicable
- Yacht name
- Yacht length overall

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