



East Dorset Sailing Club



CRUISING NEWSLETTER 2018

Dear EDSC Cruisers

Welcome to the first Cruising Newsletter for 2018

Sorry it's taken me a little longer to get this to you than planned. April is proving a busy month!

2018 Cruising Schedule

You should have seen the outline cruising schedule in the Club Newsletter. I attach a more detailed schedule showing tidal flows and directions.

As you should know we have teamed up with Lilliput Sailing Club and the first LSC Rally is on 5 May – just three weeks from now. The first rally, led by Lilliput Sailing Club, is on the early May Bank Holiday and goes to Christchurch and to Swanage and back to Poole on the Bank Holiday Monday.

If you've not been into Christchurch by sea before it's an interesting entrance and passage up to Christchurch Sailing Club and the delightful Quomps. I will get more details on this and email you again.

I hope to make some of the Cruises, but cannot make all of them owing to other commitments. But I see my role as making sure you are well briefed beforehand.

Rally Confirmations

I will be sending out a rally confirmation on the Monday before the Saturday Rally, seeking confirmation of numbers. I will also include a weather prognosis. Please reply to these. Where it is an EDSC only rally, if people are not interested in there is no point in proceeding. If we get sufficient confirmations (I suggest minimum 2 – 3 boats), then Marina berths etc can be booked in advance, which is usually advisable. Final confirmations will be made on the Friday on the basis of numbers and weather.

Informal Rallies and WhatsApp Group

We know that some people like to go cruising in company when formal rallies aren't on. At a recent EDSC Sailing Committee meeting, it was suggested that we could set up an EDSC What's App Cruising Group, so people can let people know of their cruising plans. If you've not run across WhatsApp it's a messaging system that works on smartphones. Please let me know if you think this is a good idea and I will take it further.

Thefts and Security

A number of EDSC members including the club Sailing Secretary and myself recently attended a Harbour Watch Security meeting at The Royal Motor Yacht Club. The following points emerged:

1. We at EDSC know that members, especially on the Inner Moorings have suffered thefts in past years. However these thefts are not showing up on Police records, presumably as people have not reported the thefts. As a result, EDSC moorings are not seen as a problem area. So, if you do unfortunately suffer a theft from or damage to your boat, please report this to the Police. There is more chance of Police and Harbour watch patrols of our area if you do.
2. The Police report that most thefts are in the Hamworthy area of Poole Harbour and in the small hours of the morning, possibly by organised gangs. The Harbour Watch teams have taken note of this and will be planning action accordingly.

Theft Prevention

The Harbour Watch meeting suggested a number of prevention measures, especially for moveable equipment like outboards.

These include:

1. Marking your equipment with The Datatag forensic marking security system. Details are here <https://www.datatag.co.uk/>
2. Or using the SmartWater system. SmartWater is a traceable liquid and forensic asset marking system that is applied to items of value to identify thieves and deter theft. The liquid leaves a long lasting and unique identifier, whose presence is invisible except under an ultraviolet black light. Details here: <https://www.smartwater.com/>
3. Fitting a movement detector on your boat as deterrence – these may require wiring in so may not be the simplest option.
4. Fitting a GPS tracker inside the hood of your outboard motor. These can cost as little as £10 and can link to your smartphone. You need to check the detail for the range of the GPS signal. But something like this could help you track and recover large stolen items. A source list is at the end of this newsletter.

Passage Planning

I gave an illustrated talk on Passage Planning nearly a month ago. It seemed to go down well. If anyone would like the slides, please let me know and I will email them.

Honfleur Trip

At the end of my Passage Planning talk I briefly mentioned the trip to Honfleur (near Le Harvre) that I am planning in early June. This will be a week-long trip across the Channel to Honfleur and then back west along the Normandy coast to the equally delightful port of St Vaast and back to Poole. Once my boat, Petrel, is back in the water I will be looking at this in more detail, including the dates. If anyone is free then and is interested in sailing in company, please let me know. Email me at paul.kelly20@virgin.net

Cruising Mailing List

I expect to send out periodic Cruising Newsletters and to send you updated emails before each Rally. If you are not interested in receiving these. Please let me know and I will remove you from the list.

I wish you sunshine, fair winds and lots of good, safe and happy sailing in 2018!

Best wishes,

Paul Kelly
Cruising Captain

Theft Prevention: GPS Trackers on Ebay

<https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Motorbike-GPS-Tracker-Compact-Genuine-TK102-NANO-Magnetic-Car-Tracking-Device/111355670700?epid=21007579162&hash=item19ed50b0ac:g:ueIAOSwEzxYeJ6R>
£45.00

<https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Genuine-GPS-Tracker-Car-Vehicle-Spy-Mini-Personal-Bike-Tracking-Device-TK102B/281457541873?epid=1137815937&hash=item41882d42f1:g:nG8AAOSwrxdaO6vb>
£36.00

<https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Genuine-GPS-Tracker-Magnetic-Car-Vehicle-Personal-Drone-Tracking-Device-TK102/132522200937?hash=item1edaf04f69:g:XIEAAOSwno1ZpMOQ>
£12.99

<https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Mini-A8-Realtime-Tracker-Locator-Spy-Global-Car-Kids-Pet-GSM-GPS-GPRS-Tracking/273094379973?epid=24015929901&hash=item3f95b189c5:g:gn4AAOSwuuRaqzhx>
£8.25