



East Cowes Sailing Club Newsletter Winter 2019

2019 Race Fixtures

Thursday	4th April	All in Race 1
Thursday	11th April	Spring 1
Thursday	18th April	Spring 2
Thursday	25th April	Spring 3 plus Cup
Thursday	2nd May	Spring 4
Thursday	9th May	Spring 5
Thursday	16th May	Final Spring 6
Saturday	18th May	Marlow Cup (HW 12.26 Portsmouth)
Thursday	23rd May	All in Race 2
Thursday	30th May	Mid-Summer 1
Thursday	6th June	Mid-Summer 2
Thursday	13th June	Mid-Summer 3 plus Cup
Thursday	20th June	Mid-Summer 4
Thursday	27th June	Mid-Summer 5
Thursday	4th July	Final Mid-Summer 6
Thursday	11th July	Late Summer 1
Saturday	13th July	Yarmouth Race (HW 10.01 Portsmouth)
Thursday	18th July	Late Summer 2
Saturday	20th July	REGATTA (HW 15.06 Portsmouth)
Thursday	25th July	Late Summer 3 plus Cup
Thursday	1st August	Late Summer 4
Thursday	8th August	Late Summer 5
10th – 17th August		Cowes Week
Thursday	22nd August	Late Summer 6
Thursday	29th August	Final Late Summer 7
Thursday	5th September	All in Race 3
Sunday	8th September	Sunday Brunch 1
Sunday	15th September	Sunday Brunch 2
Sunday	22nd September	Sunday Brunch 3
Sunday	29th September	Sunday Brunch 4
Sunday	6th October	Sunday Brunch 5
Sunday	13th October	Final Sunday Brunch 6
Saturday	26th October	Prize Giving

Racing

It was a successful racing season last year with 24 boats taking part in a total of 31 days of racing including our two passage races and the Club Regatta.

As always, the season was slow to start and then with warmer weather more boats joined the races. The Regatta was sailed in breezy conditions which were trying for smaller boats but fun for all competitors.

We are grateful for the support of Danny H crews who turn up whatever the weather to help. A total of 13 Boats received prizes at the annual prize giving which was well attended.

The 2019 race program is similar to last year but the starts will be from the new Race Box which is situated on the Club Dinghy Compound; the former tennis court. Start making your plans to race now, there are a number of new boats preparing to race this year, and already boats from other clubs are asking to join in the new season.

As a result of feedback from the end of season review of racing last year, the format for starts will now be a SINGLE START AT 18.35, both spinnaker and non-spinnaker starting at the same time, but each class having their own course.

Remember, we divide our racing, over the year, into three: Thursday Evening Series, Early Summer Series and Late Summer Series, plus each series also has a Cup Race, so there are lots of opportunities to win prizes.

Our Club is building a reputation for providing good, well organised races so make sure you come out on the water and have fun.

Competitors taking part in this season's ECSC sailing events are encouraged to download the free WhatsApp app onto their smart phones, as the race team are intending to set up a WhatsApp group so the team can inform competitors should racing be cancelled or postponed prior to yachts setting out to race.

John Garlick R.C. Sailing

2019 Cruising Programme

Saturday	20th April	Shakedown Rally	Beaulieu
Saturday	18th May	Marlowe Cup Passage Race/Rally	Lymington
Saturday	25 th May	Meridian Cruise in Company	
Saturday	8 th June	Beach BBQ	Bembridge
Saturday	22 nd June	Annual Rally	Marchwood
Saturday	13th July	Passage Race/Rally	Yarmouth
Saturday	3 rd August	Gosport	Hardway
Saturday	24 th August	Late Summer Cruise in Company	
Saturday	14 th September	Motor Sail	Ryde
Saturday	14 th December	Festive Food Cruise	

2019 Fishing Programme

Sunday	28 th April	Biggest Ray
Sunday	12 th May	Biggest Smoothound
Friday	28 th June to Monday 1 st July	Trip round the Island via Yarmouth, Ventnor and Bembridge
Sunday	21 st July	Bream and Tope; Nab area; fast boats take others
Sunday	28 th July	Mackerel fish-out with BBQ on shore for all in the evening
Sunday	25 th August	Summer Species Hunt with BBQ on-shore for all in the evening
Sunday	20 th October	Heaviest Cod
Sunday	1 st December	Longest Cod and Heaviest Whiting

Quick Quiz

Which chart projection allows you to plot a Great Circle Route as a straight line?
Which fictional Flower Class Corvette sailed the cruel sea?
Which cruising club moors its boats in the Dock off the Main Drain?

House and Stores

The fit-out of the Centre Store is proceeding well. Upstairs, the new sail store has been a resounding success and is currently sold-out. Plumbing is complete for the kitchen with electricals and drainage next on the list. Downstairs, the new Bosun's workshop is close to completion making a useful addition to the existing Bosun's store. An old pontoon has been brought back into service and re-decked to make a maintenance platform to reach the underside of the Centenary Room. The new (to us) tractor has proved a real boon during the busy autumn/winter boat haul-out period.



1. Yard Movements (from Mike Tennuci)

Slipway cleaning is again under consideration. This time the emphasis is on easing the deployment and stowage of the cumbersome saltwater hose. In conclusion, thanks are due to the Wednesday Club for the application of their not inconsiderable skills and liberal doses of hard work.

On the Esplanade

The Club had two assets on the esplanade. A beach hut acquired in October 1994 which has been used as a race box ever since and one of a pair of tennis courts (acquired around a decade later) which serves as a dinghy park.

The Club has now sold the beach hut. Race management facilities will be provided from a new, specially designed, custom-built race box in the dinghy park.

Out and About



2. Yarmouth – April 2018



3. Puffin Beaulieu April 2018



4 - Gina Calais June 2018



6 - Calypso Dorset August 2018 (from Julia Richards)



5 - Tideline Marchwood August 2018



7 - Festive Food Cruise Consolation December 2018

Send your cruising pictures, logs and tales of derring-do to cruising@eastcowessc.co.uk. The club will award prizes for the best log and most interesting cruise of 2019.

May you enjoy fair winds and following seas.

David, Gina of Parkstone
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Quick Quiz Answers

Which chart projection allows you to plot a Great Circle Route as a straight line? **Conical**
Which fictional Flower Class Corvette sailed the cruel sea? **Compass Rose**
Which cruising club moors its boats in the Dock off the Main Drain? **Ribble**