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2017 Rally: 30th June - 5th July 2017

- Together with the CA Solent Section
- Options for Yarmouth, Cherbourg and St Peter Port
- Watch Round the Island from above the Needles
- Cross-Channel Cruise-in-Company
- Social events and tourist options

Book Early To Avoid Missing Out

Our 2017 rally is aimed at:

- those who would like a rally in the Solent
- those who wish to cross the Channel in company, and
- those who will be heading south-west for the summer.

With this in mind we have a programme you can pick and choose from. You might, for example, simply want to meet up with CA members in the Solent; or you might simply want to cross the channel in company; or you might want to participate in the whole programme.

Yarmouth

This is a popular port on the Isle of Wight in the western Solent. So popular that weekend visits in the summer usually need pre-booking. Being close to the Needles Channel it is an ideal starting point to cross to Cherbourg with a single tack in the prevailing wind. It is also a useful meeting point for crews with its ferry to Lymington, and its station, on the mainland.

The town has a variety of places to eat as well as two yacht clubs. There are pleasant walks up the river Yar to local pubs and viewpoints. There is the historic pier as well as Yarmouth Castle plus, a short walk away, Fort Victoria, a Victorian gun battery which now houses a number of local attractions.



Illustration 1: photo: Chris Wicks

A short bus ride away is the The Old Battery and The Needles. From above the Old Battery and within its grounds there is a great view of the Needles and Needles Channel. With a prevailing wind this is one of the most exciting spots to watch the Round the Island race (>1500 yachts) participants cross-tacking between the Shingles bank and the island then rounding the Varvassi wreck.



Cherbourg

This city has a large port and marina with easy access in all states of tide and weather. Being the nearest French port to the Solent (~68 miles from Yarmouth) it is a popular destination for British yachts before they head on east and west.

The city has many restaurants and shops all located quite close to the marina. Amongst its attractions are the excellent maritime museum which includes an aquarium and a French nuclear submarine plus the Liberation Museum which also has spectacular views over the city.



St Peter Port

This town port has a picturesque sea front and marina providing access to the outer port in all states of tide.

There is good shopping as well as attractions including Castle Cornet and the Underground Military Museum which features the period of Occupation from 1940-45. St Peter Port is also a good starting point for other features of Guernsey especially the round island buses (perhaps including the Shipwreck museum in a Martello Tower); you can also get the ferry (or sail) across to Herm or Sark.



Rally Details

Friday 30th June - Arrive in Yarmouth

1900 Welcome and Pontoon drinks party.

Saturday 1st July - Day in Yarmouth

See Round the Island race round the Needles; visit tourist sites on an open-top bus; visit Cowes, Newport etc.

This is optional but if sufficient numbers commit then we can arrange a fun morning or day as follows:

- Leave the marina (at 6am!) on a dedicated bus taking us up to the Needles Battery. Here we can watch the Round the Island race with its ~1800 yachts tack (assuming prevailing winds) past Hurst Point into the Needles Channel to round the Needles and put up their downwind sails. This is probably the most exciting part of the race.
- Visit the Needles Battery (National Trust) with its tunnel, guns and exhibition as well as tea room (great for breakfast).
- Visit by open-top bus other sites on the western side of the Isle of Wight such as Alum Bay, Fort Victoria etc.



- Use your bus pass to visit other parts of the island during the day - perhaps Cowes to see yachts coming in from the race; or Newport for its shops, castle and Roman villa, etc.

We need to arrange a special early bus so this is dependent on sufficient people committing to this. Costs for the special bus plus a full day bus pass for groups of up to 5 to travel together will be between £6 and £8 depending on numbers. In addition there is the cost of entering the Needles Battery to watch; this is National Trust so if a member you get in free, if not we may have enough for a group ticket (cost £5.85 per person).



1900 Informal barbecue dinner at Yarmouth Sailing Club.

Sunday 2nd July - Cruise in Company to Cherbourg

0700 Approximate departure time.

No dinner arranged so eat onboard or choose from the many restaurants in Cherbourg.

Monday 3rd July - Day in Cherbourg

Free day in Cherbourg to visit shops, museums, beach etc.

Optional dinner at Cherbourg Yacht Club.

Tuesday 4th July - Cruise in Company to St Peter Port

0800 Approximate departure time.

1930 End of Rally Dinner at Guernsey YC

Wednesday 5th July - Rally Ends

(though some may choose to cruise onwards together)



Booking

These marinas are popular during the summer and we need numbers early to arrange the bus in Yarmouth so please book early.

Costs

The items identified below are all to allow you to select your options and to make initial payments through the CA booking system. Some items are to be paid on arrival.

Item	Price (on Eventbrite)	Notes
Rally fee (per boat)	£5.00	
Yarmouth berth for night of Friday 30 th June		To be paid to Yarmouth HM on arrival. 10% rally reduction from standard berthing fees. Any cancellations must be made at least 3 days before the rally.
Yarmouth berth for night of Saturday 1 st July		To be paid to Yarmouth HM on arrival. 10% rally reduction from standard berthing fees. Any cancellations must be made at least 3 days before the rally.
Yarmouth day Round the Island Race viewing from Needles Battery etc. on Sat 1 st July. See above.		Whether this happens and at what cost is complicated! See the schedule for details but we need to know how many are interested!
Barbecue at Yarmouth Sailing Club on Sat 1 st July (per person)	£17.50	
Cherbourg berth for night of Sun 2 nd July		To be paid in Marina office on arrival. 20% CA rally reduction from standard berthing fees.
Cherbourg berth for night of Mon 3 rd July		To be paid in Marina office on arrival. 20% CA rally reduction from standard berthing fees.
Dinner at Cherbourg YC on Mon 3 rd July		
St Peter Port berth for night of Tuesday 4 th July		To be paid to Rally Leader on arrival in order to get a group payment discount.
Dinner at Guernsey Yacht Club (per person)	£24.95	

Book on-line now via the CA web site by [clicking here](#) and scrolling down.

Booking are subject to standard CA Terms and Conditions.

If you have any queries, feedback or comments, please email channel@theca.org.uk.



Terms And Conditions

1. The skipper shall be a fully paid up member of the CA.
2. Should the rally have to be cancelled before it starts then all monies will be returned to participants. The organisers retain the right to vary the programme if necessary.
3. A vessel may withdraw from the rally but will still be liable for costs unless their place is filled by another vessel or suppliers agree to reduce their charge, which the organisers will use all reasonable efforts to achieve.
4. Vessels attending the events are to be covered by adequate third party and public liability insurance; minimum £2,000,000 for any one accident.
5. The Event Organisers and Organising Body shall not be in any way liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner, skipper, his/her crew or other persons on a boat, as a result of their taking part in the Meet, Rally or Cruise-in-Company. Moreover, every skipper/owner warrants the suitability of his/her yacht/boat for the Meet, Rally or Cruise-in-Company and that his/her boat is insured for taking part in the Meet, Rally or Cruise-in-Company;
6. When on a Meet, Rally or Cruise-in-Company with the CA the safety of any yacht/boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/skipper who must ensure that the yacht/boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew of sufficient number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/skipper must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all other gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in-date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

The vessel is insured and I have Third Party and Public Liability insurance cover of at least £2,000,000 for any one accident. My insured cruising range covers the area relevant to this event. I am aware that the Cruising Association and the Rally organisers accept no responsibility for the safety of my vessel, or its crew. The decision to sail and all handling of the vessel and its tender are the responsibility of the skipper who should take his/her decisions knowing the abilities of his/her vessel and of his/her crew. I confirm that that I have read and agree to the General Conditions that apply to the CA Sections' Rallies/ Meets and Cruises.

