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## Channel Section

### 2024 Fireworks Rally

- 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024 in Plymouth
- See British Firework Championship
- Socialising: drinks, dinner, walk

*Book Early To Avoid Missing Out*



The Annual British Fireworks Championship event where six UK companies fight it out over two nights to be crowned champions continues to be popular with CA members.

The wave wall at Queen Anne's Battery (QAB) marina provides the ideal location for viewing the firework displays which are set off from the Mount Batten Pier opposite. Paul and Liz Harewood, whose home berth is QAB, have secured 6 rafted berths on the QAB visitor pontoon for boats of less than 12 metres LOA (to include davits / bowsprits etc.).

The rally will start with pontoon drinks and a meal together at a local restaurant overlooking the marina. The 14th and 15th August will include a local walk, a trip to 'The Box' (a recently completed modern museum in Plymouth) and drinks on the wave wall before the fireworks start at 21.30.

The Fireworks are free, but there will be a small rally fee and a deposit for the meal. On booking a rally berth for QAB through Eventbrite we will send you a unique code to enable a reservation to be made directly with QAB for the first 6 applicants. Marina berths can be difficult to secure in the South West, especially in the school holiday period, and for a popular event like this we advise early booking. If you wish to attend the rally but are unable to meet the 12m LOA limit or miss the available QAB berths, then booking your own marina berth, anchoring off at Cawsands or Jennycliff and making your way to QAB by road, dinghy or other method is still a possibility.

A WhatsApp group will be set up nearer the time so that arrangements for social activities can be communicated to attending members.



## More details regarding marina berths / anchoring in Plymouth:

QAB - MDL marinas, (01752 671142). If you are one of the 6 managing to book on Eventbrite, then once you have received the code please ring the marina office and use the code to book your berth for 3 nights.



Sutton Harbour marina, (01752 204702), has visitor berths available and is accessed via a lock (at any height of tide). It is a level 15-20 minute walk via a bridge over the lock to QAB. There is also easy access from Sutton to the Barbican and all local facilities.

The Cattewater Harbour Commissioners (CHC) - visitor pontoon. Please contact the harbour office to book your berth, either by phone on +44(0)1752 665934 or email: [info@plymouthport.org.uk](mailto:info@plymouthport.org.uk). Please note this is not a walk ashore pontoon as it is situated mid-river between QAB and Mountbatten. You will need a dinghy and outboard to make the short trip to the CHC pontoon at the Barbican.

Plymouth Yacht Haven, (01752 404231), is the largest marina in Plymouth and has visitor berths available. Access to the rally is a 10 minute walk to the Mount Batten ferry to the Barbican and then a 15 minute walk from Mayflower Steps to QAB. Ferries (£2.50 per person single) run from Mount Batten every 30 minutes, on the hour and half hour with return journeys at quarter to and quarter past the hour.

King Point Marina, (01752 424297), - accessed via Millbay Docks - have limited visitor berths. Walking to QAB will take about half an hour via the local roads or slightly longer via the more scenic Hoe Road.

Mayflower Marina, (01752 556633), have visitor berths available and is approximately 2.5 miles from QAB, so about 50 minutes to walk via the shortest route or about an hour via the Hoe.

If anchoring at Jennycliff, please note that a project to regrow seagrass started in April 2021. To protect the newly planted beds, a notice to mariners was issued by the Kings Harbour Authority see link below for details: <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/khm/plymouth/local-notices/Intm/2022/plntm-022-jennycliffe-voluntary-no-anchoring-zone-vnaz-information?pdf=true>.

If not berthed at QAB, the rally leaders, Paul and Liz Harewood, will provide secure storage for life-jackets etc, and endeavour to secure dinghy parking at QAB.

Paul and Liz Harewood are happy to field any questions via their email: [phrally@btinternet.com](mailto:phrally@btinternet.com)



# Booking

Restaurants and attractions are popular during the summer and we need numbers early to secure your place.

## Costs

The items identified below are all to allow you to select your options and to make initial payments through the CA booking system. Many items will be paid at the time of the rally.

Item	Price (on Eventbrite)	Notes	Max numbers
Rally Fee (per boat)	£12	Includes CA Channel Rally 2024 flag and some pontoon drinks parties.	16
QAB Marina berth booking (max LOA 12m and monohulls only) for three nights <i>NB making this booking will release a unique code to enable you to book your berth directly with QAB</i>	0	All marina berths are to be paid by participants directly.	6
Deposit against dinner on 13 <sup>th</sup> August (per person)	£15	Specify number wishing to eat. Pay restaurant for individual orders excluding deposit and pre-order of menu choice may be required nearer the time.	40
* Walk		No need to book for this, we will check numbers interested closer to the rally date.	
* The Box visit		No need to book for this, we will check numbers interested closer to the rally date.	
<i>* Please note the date of the 2 activities above will either 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> depending on the weather forecast</i>			

Book will be open from 0930am on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March using the link on the [CA event web page](#) (only visible to CA members). Book early as spaces will be limited.

Booking deadline 18<sup>th</sup> July but early booking helps planning and ensures your space as previous rallies have always been fully booked.

Booking are subject to standard CA Terms and Conditions and Rally T&Cs as on the next page.

If you have any queries, feedback or comments, please email [channel@theca.org.uk](mailto: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 I have read and agree to the General Conditions that apply to the CA Sections' Rallies/ Meets and Cruises.**

