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### **29 April – 1 May: West Mersea Rally**

Come and join us for the traditional East Coast season opener. Fine dining, grand company, seafood & bubbles breakfast – and the best sunset in Britain!

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### **6-7 May: Lymington Rally**

We will invite new members and shore based trainees to join us for this rally. Further details will be available shortly.

Please email

skippersandcrew@littleshipclub.co.uk for further information

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### **13 & 14 May: London Waterways Cruise**

There will be two one day cruises. One on Saturday 13th May and the second on Sunday 14th May. The cost of each cruise will be £15. The cruises will take place on board Narrowboat Wee Dram and will start and finish at convenient locations near to railway or underground stations. The exact locations will be confirmed shortly.

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### **27- 29 May: Calais Rally**

The Club's longest running annual rally, in conjunction with the RNSA and other clubs. Formal dinner on Saturday at the Cercle Amicale, with the bubbly and bacon butty recuperative party on Sunday, followed by presentations from the Mayor of Calais.

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### **27 - 29 May: Rally to St Vaast**

Rally to St Vaast-la-Houge, a small fishing village on the eastern side of the Cotentin peninsula. An informal trip to this

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picturesque French harbour with pontoon party on Saturday, picnic lunch on Sunday with provisions from Monsieur Gosselin's emporium.

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### **10 June: Chatham Rally**

Further details to follow

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### **17 June – 1 July: West Country Cruise**

An informal rally, gathering in Brixham, and providing an opportunity to head west to explore the delights of the West Country.

The plan to leave Brixham on June 17th or 18th with the intention of making Falmouth and Helford before returning to Brixham on or about July 1st.

If you would like to join this cruise or for further information please contact David Roache [djroache@buzzinternet.co.uk](mailto:djroache@buzzinternet.co.uk)

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### **1 July : Woolverstone Rally**

We will join the Maldon Little Ship Club to visit the Royal Harwich Yacht Club in Woolverstone.

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### **2 – 9 July: Suffolk Cruise**

A week-long cruise in the Suffolk rivers following on from the Woolverstone Rally

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### **19 August - 3 September: Belgium & Netherlands Cruise**

Picturesque Zeeland! The cruise will include visits to Antwerp, Goes, Zierikzee, Veere, Middelburg and back via the coast of Belgium.

The programme will be flexible; join for all or

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part of the cruise. The highlight of the trip will be the annual visit to the Zierikzee Harbour Festival.

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### **23 September: Queenborough Rally**

Further details to follow

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### **1 July: Round the Island Race, Solent**

Enter your boat with the chance to win a Club trophy! [www.roundtheisland.org.uk](http://www.roundtheisland.org.uk)

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### **8 – 15 July: Panerai British Classic Week**

Club trophies are available, so let us know if you are racing.

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### **29 July – 5 August: Cowes Week, Solent**

Club trophies available.

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### **30 September-1 October:**

#### **Thames Trafalgar Race**

This two-day stage race gives sailors an opportunity to tackle the fickle tides and winds of the River Thames, starting from Blackwall Reach, near Greenwich and finishing at Erith Yacht Club on day one. After a dinner on Saturday night paying respect to Horatio Lord Nelson and the Battle of Trafalgar, stage two sees the race return upriver to Greenwich. More information:

[thamesracing@littleshipclub.co.uk](mailto:thamesracing@littleshipclub.co.uk)

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### **14 October: Frostbite Rally & FCI**

The Little Ship Club is continuing its tradition in 2017 of holding the south coast (see over)

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(ctd.) end of season dinner at one of the premier Cowes yacht clubs. This year it is being held at the Isle of Wight clubhouse of the Royal Ocean Racing Club (formerly Royal Corinthian YC).

In addition to marking the end of the traditional sailing season we will also have the first Fast Cruise of the 2017/18 winter season.

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### **21 October: End of Season, East Coast**

The 2017 End of Season Rally will be held in Burnham on Crouch on Saturday October 21.

Further details will be available later.

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### **8 – 19 November: Caribbean Rally**

A cruise of the BVI planned to start and finish in Road Town, Tortola. In between we hope to visit Cooper Island, Virgin Gorda Island, Marina Cay, Cane Garden Bay, Great Harbour and The Bight.

Enquiries to Debbie Wheeler  
[wheeldy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wheeldy@yahoo.co.uk)

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### **11 November: Fast Cruise 2**

Further details available nearer the time

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### **2 December: Fast Cruise 3**

Visit to the Folly Inn at Whippingham, on the Medina between Cowes and Newport, for the traditional Fast Cruise Fancy Dress contest, with music & obligatory dancing on the tables!

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### **Skippers and Crew Service**

For all your skipper and crew requirements please use the Skippers and Crew forum on the club website.

Or email your requests to:  
[skippersandcrew@littleshipclub.co.uk](mailto:skippersandcrew@littleshipclub.co.uk)

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For any queries, suggestions or even offers of help with any of the club's on-the-water activities please email  
[sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk](mailto:sailandpower@littleshipclub.co.uk)

For up-to-date information about all these events please see the club's website  
[littleshipclub.co.uk](http://littleshipclub.co.uk)

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## **Sailing & Rally Programme**

### **Spring 2017**



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