

Notes on the Social Sailing S.G.M. on 6TH APRIL 2018

Mike Tong, the Fleet Captain, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

APOLOGIES: 28 Members attended the meeting, and apologies were received from Barry Blaydes, John Cook, Paul & Belinda Cook, Rosemary Gledhill, Jane Hooper, Paul & Janet Ripley, Lyn Smith and Ray & Margaret Stewart.

CRUISER COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Pontoon: **David Dodgson**, Rear Commodore Cruising reported that he had used the new pontoon, "which is absolutely great". The gradient for trolleys is very steep and care is needed when descending to the hammerhead. Safety bars are planned but these have not been installed yet, so care is necessary. Also the wheels that guide the pontoon onto the hammerhead pose a hazard. One's foot could be trapped so special care must be taken until a re-design, promised by Carol Letten, is implemented.

Tenders cannot go down the pontoon.

The mid-week ferry must be booked and paid for. It will run at 09.00 & 11.00 and 14.00 and 15.00 hrs. The late-night ferry at weekends will run until 22.30, but if it is needed after 21.30 it must be booked before that time.

The tender park work party have cleared away all the rubbish and the sand for the start of the season.

Marine staff will remove all strops and shackles at the end of the season and replacement them next year. Owners must provide their own strops and shackles.

Questions: **Gary Gledhill** drew attention to the difficulties regarding the wheels, especially at high water and if the area is busy when great care is needed. He suggested that the banning of tenders should be made compulsory and David Dodgson pointed out that this required a change in the Rules.

John Ainsworth asked if there would be fresh water or electricity on the pontoon. The answer is NO. **Toni Durrant** pointed out that the 500 Club has plans regarding these matters but exactly what is not yet known.

Peter Lichfield felt that the Club should put a notice regarding the danger of the wheels, and **Peter Christmas** mentioned the danger of the Club being sued.

Jane Blaydes drew attention to the nice Solos' jetty for launching tenders.

Gary Gledhill said that the situation of the pontoon is not typical, and **Mike Tong** said it is not a marina situation, so care should always be taken.

Mike Tong remind all skippers that the ferry should be called on **Channel 8**, and also that use of the outboard shed costs £10.00 per year; if it was used last year it will have been automatically charged.

PROGRAMME: **Amendments:**

Dell Quay S. C. Tues 1st May. There will be a hot meal this time at a cost of £10.00 per head.

Bembridge, Brading & Port Solent, Mon 14th – Thu 17th May. Paul Young has not yet booked a restaurant for the Port Solent visit. **Monica Rose** pointed out that there is a Wetherspoons with an upstairs eating area, and this will be investigated. **Gary Gledhill** informed the group that Seaview S. C. have a new pontoon which is much more user friendly, so some people might like to make it a day visit. He will organise the ferry if this is requested.

Blooming June Week, Tues 12th – Tue 19th June. It was pointed out that it is necessary to book and Pay for Yarmouth berths (this is non -returnable). **June Tong** needs to know the number of boats likely for the Dan Bran pontoon, as space is limited. The only fixed Event there is dinner at Lymington Town Yacht Club.

Poole Week, Wed 27th June – Tue 3rd July. The only event booked here is dinner at Parkstone Y.C. and the Marina.

Local Week/Harbour Week, Mon 16th – Fri 20th July. Tuesday lunch will be at The Ship at Itchenor. As there are few harbour visits **Toni Durrant** suggested sailing to the Chichester Marina pontoon for lunch at **The Boathouse** restaurant, and this idea was approved

It was suggested that a work party should help with setting up and dismantling the **BBQ at Peter & Gusty Taylor's house.** This will be confirmed later.

Winter Programme, Thurs 11th October, Confirmed as Itchenor S. C.

UPDATES TO PROGRAMME: These appear on the yahoo scheme and are available on the website.

Mike Tong explained that the 2 longer trips had been included at the request of the Club in an endeavour to encourage the cruiser fleet to take part in "group" sailing events, as previous efforts had failed. **David Dodgson** said this would satisfy the Club but may, in fact, not attract many new sailors. **John Ainsworth** pointed out that if any younger members came they then consider joining Social Sailing when they became able to sail in the week.

Mike also pointed out that Poole Week is very much skipper-dependent and gives an opportunity for longer trips.

Barbara Glasby reminded everyone that the original plan for Social Sailing had been to offer group events for those able to sail in the week, and the local week gave an opportunity for smaller boats to join in and sail around the clubs in the harbour. She did, however, express the view that the Social Sailing has gone from strength to strength.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MikeTong reminded everyone that he cannot continue as Fleet Captain next year and asked for a volunteer to take over the role. The work could be split up or be taken over by a small group. He hopes that members will think about these issues ready for the A.G.M. in November.

Toni Durrant thanked everyone involved in the organisation of events for their hard work, and **John Ainsworth** thanked Mike and June for the excellent programmes they had organised over the two years of their tenure.