



Event Report – Welcome to New Members, Launch of the 2024 Summer Rally Programme, and 2024 Summer Cruise Update

What a packed evening this promised to be. You needed to be there, really you did!!

Paul started by personally introducing those New Members present on the evening – namely Ashley Manton (and Mel his wife), Martin West (Pagetal crew and a kite-surfer), and Andre Scott (on behalf of his wife Wiesia) who owns a cabin-cruiser powerboat. All were welcomed and toasted. Other New Members are available!

Then it was over to Billie, our Rear Commodore to talk us through the 2024 Summer Rally Programme. This covered destinations, venues for supper and options as to walks, and sights to see at each location. I think I counted about 11 rally dates, one Sail Around The Isle of Wight Yateley Offshore SC Time Trial weekend, plus a mid-week GCCC Around the Island plan. There might have been more!



Those dates and details are now live on the club website. As always it is “first come, first served” for Registrations, so don’t delay!!

Billie did make a serious announcement – she needs about another 4 or 5 skippers to step up and act as a Rally Leader. This entails co-ordinating boats and crew, mainly to organise the evening supper. If you want to add in a pontoon party, or a walk or some other activity, great! Without Rally Leaders, the burden falls onto Billie, and she will be away in Poland for some of those dates, making it really difficult. Please step up ... contact her to find out which rallies weekends are in need.

After all that excitement Gareth kindly provided a brief, but helpful update on the 2024 Summer Cruise, advising that now that he had visited most destinations (Thank you”) he

was comfortable with the arrangements as originally outlined. The next significant meeting for Skippers and Crew will be Tuesday 2nd April as per the club website schedule.