

Dear PPC Member,

Due to popular request, we are now intending to incorporate this year's RTI event with a visit to West Cowes (instead of Port Solent). For those interested in commencing on Saturday, there will be the opportunity to visit the 'Ribex' show which is being held in Cowes Yacht Haven over the weekend. For those not wishing to attend the Ribex show, Saturday will be a free day for boating, relaxing or else the opportunity of taking in one of the many local walks as part of the Isle of Wight walking festival. For those planning to meet in Cowes on Saturday, the usual marina options exist for you to make your own berthing arrangements. The details for these are as follows :-

Cowes Yacht Haven – 01983 299975.

Shepards Wharf Marina – 01983 297821

East Cowes Marina – 01983 299276

On the Saturday evening, there is the opportunity of an informal meal to be arranged once I have numbers. However the main attraction, apart from the many bars partaking in live entertainment, is the 'Ribfest' concert in the hard standing area adjacent to the marina complex - see below. Ribfest is a waterside rock concert that takes place as part of Ribex on 13th and 14th of May and the event will feature two nights of fabulous live music as well as an authentic Mediterranean styled Paella Food Fest. The Ribfest tickets are priced at £12.50 in advance and include a day's guest entry to the festival's associated boat show, RIBEX and I have included a link to the event below. Tickets for Ribfest can also be purchased at the event and these are priced at £17.50.

<http://www.ribexhibitions.co.uk/>

[http://www.cowesonline.com/zonexml/story?story\\_id=10384;cp=0-700-1002](http://www.cowesonline.com/zonexml/story?story_id=10384;cp=0-700-1002)

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On Sunday morning and following last years' successful circumnavigation with 17 boats, the main event is a leisurely cruise around the Isle of Wight. The event is open to all members whether you have racers or family cruising boats that are capable of carrying sufficient fuel to complete the 60nm trip together with a small amount of reserve fuel – suggested 20%. Last year, we completed the circumnavigation in a gentle 4 hours which included a lunch stop and it was great fun and a fabulous way to see the Island.

The plan this year is to meet and raft-up in Thorness Bay at 11.30 am on Sunday morning for a final briefing before leaving at 12:00 noon. This should allow sufficient time for any sore heads to settle prior to departure and then the short run west down towards the Needles. We are planning to have an early lunch stop in Alum Bay for an hour or so before continuing onwards to arrive at St Catherine's Point (most southerly point of the Island) at slack water which is around 2.45pm.. After rounding this headland we will cruise up to Sandown bay where we can again stop off for some refreshments.



The final leg sees us passing Culver Cliffs, Whitecliff Bay and Bembridge Bay and our return to the Solent before our final stop in Osborne Bay. From here it is time to say farewell and begin making for our respective destinations. I intend to send out the relevant briefing notes and navigational information and this will be distributed by email shortly and posted on the Website.

Could you please indicate your intention to attend the event either in part or in whole by way of reply and include the number of people in your party so that I can make any necessary arrangements.

Equally, can you please let me know if you are unable to attend.

Regards

Mark Eade