



**Parkstone Yacht Club**  
**Cruising Section - French Cruise**    **16<sup>th</sup>**  
**June to 1st July 2012**



The 2012 French Cruise will be during the period Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July. The dates have been selected to guarantee tidal conditions for entry and departure at Carentan. The first passage trip of the cruise will be the traditional **vino** run Poole to Cherbourg. During the cruise we will visit four French ports totalling 237 Nautical miles. The French Cruise will finish at Diélette to give Skippers the choice of visiting the Channel Islands to extend their cruise or returning to Poole.

Given acceptable weather conditions, the proposed itinerary for the 2012 French Cruise is:

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Poole to Cherbourg	distances 62 NM.	3 nights and 2 full days in port
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Cherbourg to Carentan	distance 41 NM	3 nights and 2 full days in port
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Carentan to St. Vaast	distance 18 NM.	3 nights and 2 full days in port
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	St Vaast to Cherbourg	distance 26 NM	2 nights and 1 full day in port
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Cherbourg to Diélette	distance 27 NM	3 nights and 2 full days in port
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Diélette to Poole	distance 68 NM	

Due to limited space in Carentan, St. Vaast and Diélette, Harbour Masters have requested that we limit our numbers to 30 boats. As our average has been 29 during the past four visits to Carentan/St. Vaast this should not present a problem.

The tidal conditions during French Cruise period is Coefficients 54 (Mean Neap Tide) 16<sup>th</sup> June to Coefficient 79 (Mean Spring Tide) 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Entry into Carentan, St. Vaast and Diélette should present no problem (even for "Pelican's" deep draft). The Spring tide period is during the time we are sailing in the Carentan/St. Vaast area where the effect is minimised. (Lucky again!!) All we need now is a prolonged period of high pressure with a moderate Northwest going and Southeast for returning to Poole (!) Did you volunteer to be OIC weather again TOM?

As in the past, I would like to have two meetings before the start of the French Cruise. This is a good opportunity to put faces to names and names to boats. The first meeting will be at the PYC on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 1830hrs in the Main Committee Room. The meeting will be followed by the Cruising Section Carvery for those who wish to attend and have booked in with the catering supervisor. The second meeting will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June same venue same time. It is expected that most skippers and crews will attend the normal Friday Carvery and sleep aboard ready for the Cherbourg passage trip on Saturday. Sailing programme, tidal information and details about each port that is on the itinerary will be distributed at the first meeting.

If you wish to join the French Cruise, to give me some idea of numbers so that I can provisionally book berths with Harbour Masters, could you please tear off and return this portion by 17<sup>th</sup> February to: Mike Parsons "Bienvenue" 8 Crawshaw Road, Lilliput, Poole Dorset BH14 8QZ. Or, if you prefer, email to: [m.parsons502@talktalk.net](mailto:m.parsons502@talktalk.net) Tel: 01202 738958

I will / will not be joining the June 2012 French Cruise.

I will / will not be attending the first French Cruise briefing on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 1830hrs PYC main Committee Room.

I will / will not be attending the second French Cruise briefing on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 1830hrs PYC main Committee Room.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ No of Crew \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ LOA \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_