



Cruising Section
Easter Mini Cruise to Island Harbour
Isle of Wight 21st – 24th March



The Easter Cruise this year will be a gentle “Mini” cruise to Island Harbour, Isle of Wight via Lymington Yacht Haven. Island Harbour Marina is under new management and great improvement was made to the shore facilities last year. The co-located restaurant is also under new management and good value.

Tidal times for going East on Friday 21st of March are not that favourable albeit Neaps. Having said that, we have good tidal conditions for the remainder of the cruise.

On Friday there are three options. Option 1 – depart Poole 0630hrs arriving Lymington 0930. Option 2 – depart Poole at a time of your own choosing and motor/sail all the way to Hurst point!! Option 3 – Depart Poole 1500hrs arriving Lymington 1830. I’ve made the assumption that most crews will go for option 3. The slight disadvantage of having to take on a Neap tide until 1600 is far outweighed by the chance of a good sail given that we have a moderate/fresh wind from any direction other than the EAST!

Given reasonable weather conditions for the time of year the proposed itinerary is:

Friday 21st March Poole to Lymington Yacht Haven

ETD	Poole 1500hrs
ETA	Lymington 1830hrs

Saturday 22 March Lymington to Island Harbour

ETD	Lymington 0900hrs
ETA	*Island Harbour 1130hrs

*Access to Island Harbour is via a lock HW +/- 4hrs. Free flow if conditions are suitable is HW +/- 1hr.

Two nights at Island Harbour. Suggested programme:

Saturday 22 March Dinner at the **FOLLY INN 2000 hrs** for those wishing to attend.

Sunday 23rd March Walk along the River Medina to Newport - PUB lunch.

Monday 24th March Island Harbour to Poole

ETD	Island Harbour 1100hrs
ETA	Poole 1500hrs

As this is a Bank Holiday period, I have made provisional berth bookings for ten boats at Lymington Yacht Haven, Island Harbour Marina and made reservations at the Folly Inn for twenty to have dinner at 2000hrs. If you are interested in joining the cruise please send your boat details, number for dinner at the Folly Inn and berthing requirements at Lymington/Island Harbour to: Mike Parsons email m.parsons502@talktalk.net Or, if you prefer, add your name to the list on the Cruising Section notice board at the club. This information is required by 14th Feb so that our provisional bookings can be confirmed/adjusted.