



# Parkstone Yacht Club

## Cruising Section



### French Cruise 14<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2008

The French Cruise during the period Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June is in the opposite direction to the 2007 cruise by popular request. The first passage trip of the cruise will be the **vino** run Poole to Cherbourg. (My life would be in danger if I made a change in this area)!! From Cherbourg we will be visiting ports on the west side of the Cotentin Peninsula totalling some 300NM.

Given acceptable weather conditions the proposed itinerary for the 2008 French Cruise is:

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June.	Poole to Cherbourg E distance 62NM.	3 nights and 2 full days in port
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June.	Cherbourg to St Helier distance 57NM	3 nights and 2 full days in port
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June.	St. Helier to Carteret distance 25NM.	3 nights and 2 full days in port
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June.	Carteret to Dielette distance 17NM	3 nights and 2 full days in port
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June.	Dielette to Cherbourg distance 30NM	2 nights and 1 full day in port
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June.	Cherbourg to Poole distance 62NM	

However and as ever, the above can be adjusted if necessary when weather conditions can be taken into consideration nearer the time. That said, restaurant bookings will have to be made well in advance especially if we have similar numbers to last year. I will arrange for the dinners at different ports to be the day after arrival to give us some latitude. This will allow a 24 hour postponement to each passage if necessary (as was the case in Cherbourg last year).

Due to limited space in Carteret, Jean-Marc Hebert the Harbour Master, has asked me to limit our numbers to 25 boats. As our average has been 23 during the past four visits to Carteret/Dielette this should not present a problem.

Fortunately the tidal conditions during the period in the Channel Islands area are quite favourable and the entry into Carteret and Dielette should present no problem. Whilst the Alderney Race demands our full attention especially off Cap de la Hague, on the passage Cherbourg to St Helier and again off Pt Corbiere, other tidal conditions near St Helier harbour entrance, Carteret and Dielette are more localised. With respect and timing, they can be used to our advantage.

I would again 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. Each meeting will be similar to last year on the first Friday of the month followed by the Cruising Section Carvery for those who wish to attend. The first meeting will be at the PYC on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 1830hrs in the Main Committee Room. The second meeting will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June same venue same time. Sailing programme, tidal information and details about each port that is on the itinerary will be distributed at the second meeting.

For planning purposes and to give me some idea of interest, could you please tear off and return this portion by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February to: Mike Parsons "Bienvenue" 8 Crawshaw Road, Lilliput, Poole Dorset BH14 8QZ. Or, if you prefer, send your return by email to: [m.parsons502@talktalk.net](mailto:m.parsons502@talktalk.net). Should you require further information please give me a call on Tel: 01202 738958

I will / will not be joining the June 2008 French Cruise.

I will / will not be attending the first French Cruise briefing on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 1830hrs PYC main Committee Room.

I will / will not be attending the second French Cruise briefing on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 1830hrs PYC main Committee Room.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

No on board      Tel: \_\_\_\_\_      Email \_\_\_\_\_