



Seaward Squadron

Rally - 6th to 9th June 2013

With temperatures little greater than freezing, it is difficult to plan for the summer, but hopefully the weather will improve shortly and we will be out preparing our boats for the season.

With this in mind, I thought it about time to firm up on plans for the Seaward Squadron Rally. The format this year is a little different to previous years, in that it is spread over three nights. The main venue for Friday and Saturday is Bembridge Harbour. However as the tidal access to Bembridge is restricted to H.W. \pm 3 hours it has been decided that we should meet at Cowes on the Thursday and then move around to Bembridge on the tide on Friday. This will make it easier, for boats that are coming from further afield, to plan their passage to the Solent.

The proposed schedule for the weekend is:

Date	Activity
Thursday 6th June	Boats gather at Cowes Yacht Haven from 12:00. We will meet at the Island Sailing Club in the evening for drinks and a meal. The cost of this meal will be, approximately, £20.00 per person.
Friday 7th June	Boats move in convoy around to Bembridge Harbour. H.W. is approximately 11:00, so we will be there for lunch! This evening I suggest that we eat at The Brading Haven Yacht Club, which is just a short walk around the harbour. The cost of this meal will again be, approximately, £20.00 per person. There are several Pubs and Restaurants in the area, if you prefer to do your own thing.
Saturday 8th June	Day free to explore Bembridge and the Isle of Wight. In the evening we will transfer by water taxi, across the harbour, to Bembridge Sailing Club for our Rally Gala Dinner. The cost of this meal will be approximately £35.00
Sunday 9th June	Boats will disperse, after breakfast, to their home ports.

It is hoped as many boats as possible will attend, this our annual rally, however if your boat is based too far away from the Solent to make it practical to come by boat, you are most welcome to attend by Road/Ferry. There are lots accommodation options in the area.

Details regarding Bembridge Harbour can be obtained from their excellent web site at:

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

I have enclosed with this Newsletter a Booking Form, which I would ask that you return to me as soon as possible.

News from The Factory

It is with great pleasure that I am able to advise you that the production of Seaward Boats will continue in the Isle of Wight.

Barry Kimber has negotiated the sale of Seaward Marine Limited to The Boat Development Company and production, sales and support will be based at the factory in Cowes.

The principals behind the new company are, Chris Clayton who is managing director of Bucklers Hard Boat Builders and Mike Burnham who trained as a naval architect and has extensive experience in the workboat and leisure boat industry, having worked at and finally run Halmatic for many years. Together they aim to build on the excellent reputation that Seaward Marine has for building exceptionally seaworthy craft.

Barry and Alison plan to enjoy partial retirement as they help the new team settle in and it is hoped that many of the dedicated and skilful people, who previously worked at Seaward, will be in the workforce again. They hope that all the existing Seaward owners will keep in close touch and would welcome any opportunity for work on your boats.

More details of these developments will be announced in the press very soon and I hope that we will be able to welcome Mike and Chris to the rally in Bembridge



Bembridge Harbour

If you have any boating news, I will be pleased to enclose it in future Newsletters.

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