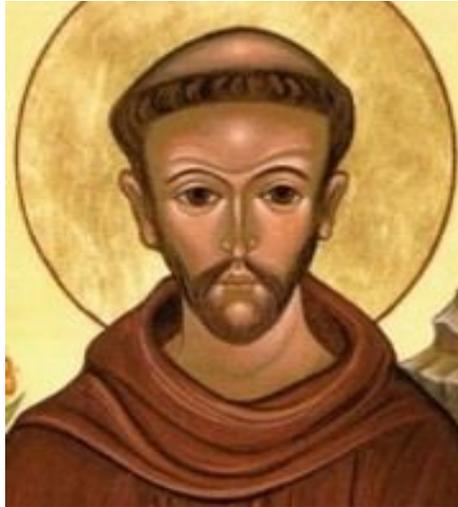


## St Francis of Assisi Sail

23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Brancaster Staithe



On 24<sup>th</sup> February 1208 St Francis of Assisi received his vocation in Portiuncular, Italy, so what better way to commemorate this than by meeting up to partake of our chosen vocation in Portibrancaster, Norfolk on the exact anniversary.



You are cordially invited to experience 'life on the ocean wave' - adventure, excitement and maybe a slight touch of discomfort sailing at Brancaster Staithe in February 2018.

Bring your Wayfarer along to North Norfolk so you can get it rigged up on Friday to save you the bother on Saturday morning (although this year there will be time on Saturday morning).

Accommodation is provided at the Bunkhouse at Burnham Deepdale. This luxury sleeping facility has been booked and paid for in advance for your convenience and has been found to be absolutely ideal in past years.

You do need to be suitably experienced as we may be sailing out to sea, but if in doubt give either John Mellor (01937918917/07766123783) or Matt Sharman (01362860209/07743135473) a ring to discuss.

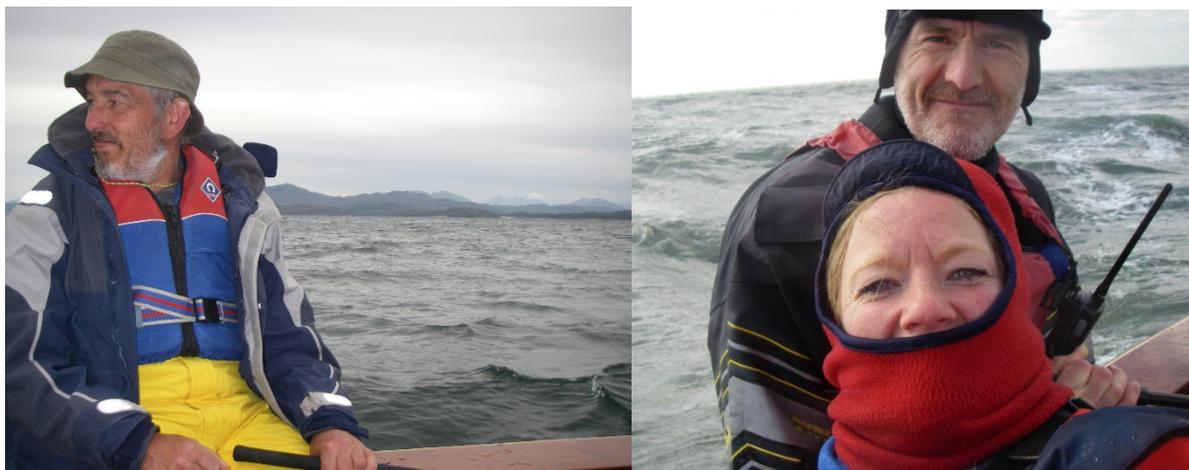
You will of course need to know what to bring – **it may not be warm!** so many fleeces, hats, gloves and ‘base layer’ clothing to be worn. The motto will be, ‘You can always take it off, but if you haven’t got it with you, then you can’t put it on!’ It is fairly certain that wetness will be a factor, so waterproof trousers and jackets will be worn as a minimum. Drysuits are ideal. For feet we recommend dinghy boots or wellies big enough to accommodate a thick sock or two.

**High water is at 12.03hrs on Saturday and launch time will be around 10.00hrs so be prepared.**

Sustenance is of course of supreme importance and in this area we have been particularly fastidious. Friday evening will see us in a local pub enjoying local fare of your choice and Saturday evening will see us enjoying a Chinese takeaway meal at The Bunkhouse. Lunches will be taken al fresco (No stinting on the calories now! Calories keep you warm). A flask of warming soup will definitely bring good cheer out on the water. You need to supply your own breakfasts and lunches and any nibbles and alcoholic beverages that take your fancy to enhance the experience.

You will definitely get some sleep during the weekend, so bring sleeping bags or duvets – sheets and pillowcases are provided by the establishment. Washing is of course optional, but bring a towel, just in case.

And here’s the rub – nothing these days is free and this short, but delightful break from the routine and drudgery of winter life is no exception. A £30.00 deposit per head will secure your place. The etiquette of the thing is – ‘pay up early’, so please send your money to Matt before Christmas 2017. The final cost will depend on how many saintly souls attend to share the cost of the event, but will not exceed £50.00



per person. Remember – style is everything, but once at sea, there’s no-one out there to see you!

Matt Sharman

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