

DIARY DATES 2015

- Fri 23rd Jan (eve) **Race training evening with Michael McNamara - Datchet Water SC**
Contact: Fleet Captain, Tony Cooper email: a.d.cooper@btinternet.com
- Fri 23rd - Sun 25th Jan **Winter Weekend at Brancaster**
An opportunity to shake off the winter blues and blow the cobwebs away! Brancaster on the north Norfolk coast is an excellent area for practising your tidal sailing skills. Hurry, places limited! For further information contact John Mellor, w10053@hotmail.co.uk or randt@wayfarer.org.uk
Tel 01937 918917 or Mobile 07875 195729
- Sun 1st,8th,14th,22nd Feb **Winter Warm-up Series Water Datchet SC**
Eight races over four Sundays.
Contact: Fleet Captain, Tony Cooper email: a.d.cooper@btinternet.com
- Sat 28 Feb **UKWA AGM**
Come and join us at our 57th AGM to be held during the RYA Dinghy Sailing Show, Alexandra Palace, London
4:00pm. Full agenda and papers to be published nearer the time
- Fri 20th - Sun 22nd March **UKWA Cruising Conference - Notts. County Sailing Club**
Talks, demonstrations and coaching. There will be a boat clinic, so bring your Wayfarer for some top advice from the experts! A great opportunity to learn more about the versatility of the Wayfarer as a day boat and its potential as a cruising boat. Bring your sailing gear and take advantage of the coaching available. Contact Jeremy Norman: cruising@wayfarer.org.uk Mobile 07770 424180
- 1 April 2015** **Subs due**
- Sat 11th - Sun 12th April **Open Meeting - West Oxfordshire SC**
First race 12.00. The galley opens at 10am before the first race for tea/coffee and bacon rolls. Gates open at 9am on Saturday. Camping is possible on club premises. Please contact: Lucia Winrow Fleet Captain . Email lucia.winrow@gmail.com or 01993 774274
- Sat 18th - Sun 19th April **Eastern Championships - National Circuit Event - Waldringfield SC**
Contact: Class Captain Simon Howlett, email: ips20@icloud.com
- Date tbc. in May **Spring Rally on the Southern Reaches of the Norfolk Broads**
For further information contact Mike Playle Wuffa@tiscali.co.uk Tel 0116 2776687
- Fri 8th - Sun 10th May **Essex creeks and the Gunfleet Sands wind farm (Sea level)**
Setting out from Marconi SC on the Blackwater at 1600, this weekend cruise will see us heading eastwards down-river to explore the rivers and creeks around Brightlingsea. Weather permitting we will also be taking an offshore cruise to the Gunfleet Sands wind farm to see close up its impressive 400ft wind turbines <http://www.gunfleetsands.co.uk/en>. The passage will take us four miles offshore, an experience in itself. You will be able to join us at Brightlingsea first thing Saturday morning if preferred; in the evenings you can camp either on your boat or ashore. For further information or to book a place contact john_eardley@btconnect.com or 07774 754617.
- Sat 16th - Sun 17th May **Open Meeting - Haversham SC**
Inland sailing near Milton Keynes with hospitality and camping.
Contact Russell Perry: email: perry_r1@sky.com
- Sat 23rd - Wed 27th May **Bourne End Week - Upper Thames SC**
Sail along the River Thames in this historic regatta in a Wayfarer fleet for 5 days and enjoy the varied social programme each evening. Camping is available. Details www.utsc.org.uk
Contact John Dighton: john.a.dighton@gmail.com
- Sat Jun 6th **Rally - Calshot to Wootton Creek, Isle of Wight**
Ideal for sailors new to sea sailing. Option of also sailing locally on Sunday morning.
Contact John.Norman@fco.gov.uk or Jenny Jeffs Tel 07710 262102.

- Sat 13th - Sun 14th June **Southern Championships National Circuit Event - Shoreham SC**
Contact: Alan Chaplin a.chaplin700@gmail.com
- Fri 12th - Sun 14th June (tbc) **Nottingham to Lincoln inland Mini Adventure**
An opportunity to sail / motor down the inland waterways in company with other Wayfarers. Crews will assemble at Cromwell lock on the tidal River Trent for a pontoon party on Friday night and an early start on Saturday. For further information contact Charles Ferrar, email: charles@ferrar.org
- Sat Jul 11th **Isle of Wight Circumnavigation 2015**
Join this classic Wayfarer event starting from Calshot Activity Centre for a sail you will never forget. Sixty miles of exhilarating Wayfaring in challenging waters is not for the faint-hearted, so experienced sailors only. Details and application form from John.Norman@fco.gov.uk or Jenny Jeffs Mob. 07710 262102
- Sat 27th June **Hayling Island (Northney Marina) to Bembridge (IOW) Cruise**
Suitable for intermediate sailors. Contact Chris Tyler chris@chreselen.co.uk Tel 023 92 499796
- Sun 19th - Fri 24th July **National Championships Brixham YC**
Same format as the 2014 Europeans at Weymouth but with more wind ordered!
Contact: Alan Chaplin email: a.chaplin700@gmail.com
- Wed 12th - Sun 16th Aug **Perseid Meteor Shower Cruise, Falmouth Area**
We will attempt to take advantage of the relatively dark skies in some of the headwaters of the Fal and Helford river systems. Boat boat tents essential, as landing overnight cannot be guaranteed. The sailing will be varied in nature, some deep water estuary sailing, and some tidal mud-flat avoidance - or not! Potentially some sea sailing outside the Carrick Roads. The ability to reef afloat is essential. Because of the travel distance likely to be involved we have decided to make this an extended weekend. We plan to rendezvous with other boats on or before Wednesday evening 12th August, recovering boats on Sunday 16th, with very little sailing on either of these days. Numbers are necessarily limited, so if you are interested get in touch with Dave & Julie at w3177.she@rwater.co.uk for more details.
- Sat 22nd - Sun 28th Aug **Ullswater Family Gathering**
Details to follow, so keep an eye on the web site. Early booking is recommended for this highly popular event. 35 boats took part last year. Details and application form from Mark and Julie Foreman Markaforeman@me.com or shore6reak@yahoo.com
- Sat 22nd - Sun 23rd Aug **Western Championships National Circuit Event - Parkstone YC**
The exact format to be confirmed, but an opportunity to stay on to Poole Week below:
Contact: Class Captain Phil Powell email: philpowell.poole@gmail.com
- Sun 23rd - Fri 28th Aug **Poole Week - Parkstone YC**
Great, family friendly regatta with a mix of harbour and bay sailing together with a revitalised social program including class dinner, hog roast etc. Look out for a bargain early entry fee. Parkstone will have a stand at the London Dinghy show where there will be more early booking incentives. The race officers have agreed to put big inflatables at the hardest to find marks like Ellis Jones and Drake to help visitors locate them!
Contact: Class Captain Phil Powell email: philpowell.poole@gmail.com
- Sun 6th - Sun 13th Sept. **2015 WIC International Rally - Lough Derg YC, Co Tipperary, Ireland**
Though fresh and modern in its design, today LDYC is the 3rd oldest yacht club in the world, and has been a leader in hosting vibrant sailing events since it first opened its doors way back in 1835. The lake is 40km (24m) long and 12km (8m) at its widest - a fine sailing area. Accommodation will be in luxury waterside cottages and UKWA has managed to secure excellent off-season rates. Alternatively there are camping facilities at LDYC and a lovely local pub. The opening Regatta will be at Cullaun SC. Co. Clare on 5th/6th Sept - a 34km drive. The closing Regatta will be at LDYC 12th /13th in company of 420 & Fireball classes. This will be a great opportunity for cruising sailors with scenic day sailing to places of interest and cosy village hostelryes. UKWA members attending are requested to bring their own boats where possible and a reduced rate with Stena has been negotiated. More information available on request. Contact Ralph Roberts mrrmr@btinternet.com or ralph.roberts1@btinternet.com
- Sat 12th - Sun 13th Sept **Splashaway Trophy - National Circuit Event - Upper Thames SC**
Classic river sailing event and social with on-site camping facility.
Contact John Dighton: john.a.dighton@googlemail.com

Sat 26th - Sun 27th Sept **Wayfarer Inland Championships National Circuit Event - Datchet Water SC**

See club profile in this edition!

Contact: Fleet Captain, Tony Cooper email: a.d.cooper@btinternet.com

Sat 7th -Sun 8th Nov **Bough Beech SC Finale Open**

Traditional end of season wrap-up event in the Weald of Kent, near Sevenoaks. Two races each day with usual Wayfarer supper on Saturday evening. Contact Guy Marks: deb3235@btinternet.com