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Commodore's Comments, January 2018

Festivities over for another year so now is the time to be planning your year ahead, and in particular booking time in the diary or on that kitchen wall calendar to go sailing. You know from experience that unless you book that time now it will get eroded (just like antifouling paint) with no effort on your part, to be replaced by urgent tasks such as gardening, house maintenance, grandchildren birthday parties, babysitting duties, admin weekends and the like. We pay a lot each year for the privilege of boat ownership in labour, materials, money and angst so this year's resolution is to get value and enjoy the water. To help you, Dick is well on the way to planning which weekends we go where, and, included in this newsletter, is advance information to enable you to start populating your calendar.

The Christmas lunch at The Millstream Hotel in Bosham was very well attended and very well received with 39 members and guests enjoying traditional fayre followed by charades with a nautical theme, prepared by Suzy, which was fun. My thanks go to those involved in the organisation. If you attended and have any feedback positive or negative, please let me know so that we can take that into account when deciding what to do this year.

In common with recent years, you are cordially invited to attend the At Home when we entertain to drinks and nibbles representatives of those organisations (Sailing Clubs, Businesses, HM etc) that have been supportive of us. Your Committee would be grateful for your involvement by mingling and talking to those present about the ECA, what we do and generally showing our flag. In return you too get some nibbles and a drink. The date is 10th Feb at noon in The Stable Barn, Eames Farm, Thorney Road, Thorney Island, PO10 8DE. Please advise Neil or myself so we know for how many we should cater.

Finally from me, if you have not done so already, please pay your subs. The due date was the 1st January and unless paid up before the end of February you will not appear in the Yearbook and your membership will lapse. It is still only £30 if you have a boat and £20 if you are boatless.

Now where's that kitchen calendar?

Derek, Commodore, ECA

Front Cover photo, as we were entering Cherbourg last summer we saw this wonderful ship tied up alongside. We believe it is a cable layer. Photos by RET.

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What is happening to Emsworth Yacht Harbour? Dick (Rear Commodore Sailing) has taken some photos of the Dredger pausing their activity during low water. Bottom page4 is the ancillary vessel in company colours.

Dates for your KITCHEN WALL CALENDAR and for i or Smart Phone.

Dates are definite destinations may be variable. Dates in green ink are EYH organised.

13th Jan 2018 Commodore's Meal
& Photo Competition & members mini talks with
Chinese Takeaway

19-21/01/18 *ECA Frostbite Rally-2nd date

02-04/02/18 *ECA Freezer Rally-1st date

10/02/2017 ECA 'at Home' Eames Farm

17-18/02/18 *ECA Freezer Rally - 2nd date

3-4/03/18 *ECA Snowdrop Rally 1st date

17-18/03/18 *ECA Snowdrop Rally 2nd date

29/03-02/04/2018

ECA Easter Weekend Rally then up To 06/04/18 cruise in company

30th March 2018 EYH Hot Cross buns in the Harbour Office from 08.00hrs

1st April 2018 EYH Easter Eggs for those on their boats 11.00hrs to 13.00hrs

21st /04/2018 EYH 'Silver Celebration' Brookfield Hotel, Emsworth

28-29/04/18 ECA Daffodil Rally

05-07/05/18 ECA/EYH joint May Day BH Rally to Benbridge

13th /05/2018 EYH/ECA New Berth holders

19-20/05/18 ECA X Manche Cruise?

26-28/05/18 ECA Spring BH Rally

16-17/06/18 ECA Solent area Rally?

7th July 2018 EYH Summer Party

14-15/07/18 ECA Solent area Rally?

28-29/07/18 ECA Solent area Rally?

Date tbc ECA summer Cruise in company ?Netherlands ? Normandie/Baie de la Seine?

All August EYH month of August Photo Competition

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13-17/08/2018 Chi Fed Week Racing dinghies & yachts all over Chi Harbour

25-27/08/18 ECA August bank Holiday Rally

14-16/09/18 ECA SIBS Rally Cowes

06-07/10/18 Last Rally of the season 1st date

27-28/10/18 -----"----- 2nd date

November and December yet to be decided.

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Frostbite and Freezer Rallies-UPDATE

The first weekend for the Freezer was cancelled due to a dire Sunday forecast and 50% of the participating crews coughing, sneezing, etc.

At the moment, Tringa II and Elwing II intend to start the season on the second Frostbite date or one of the Freezer dates, wind and tide permitting.

Destinations will be flexible, to suit the forecast. Please let Dick Tyrrell know if you want to come out and play.

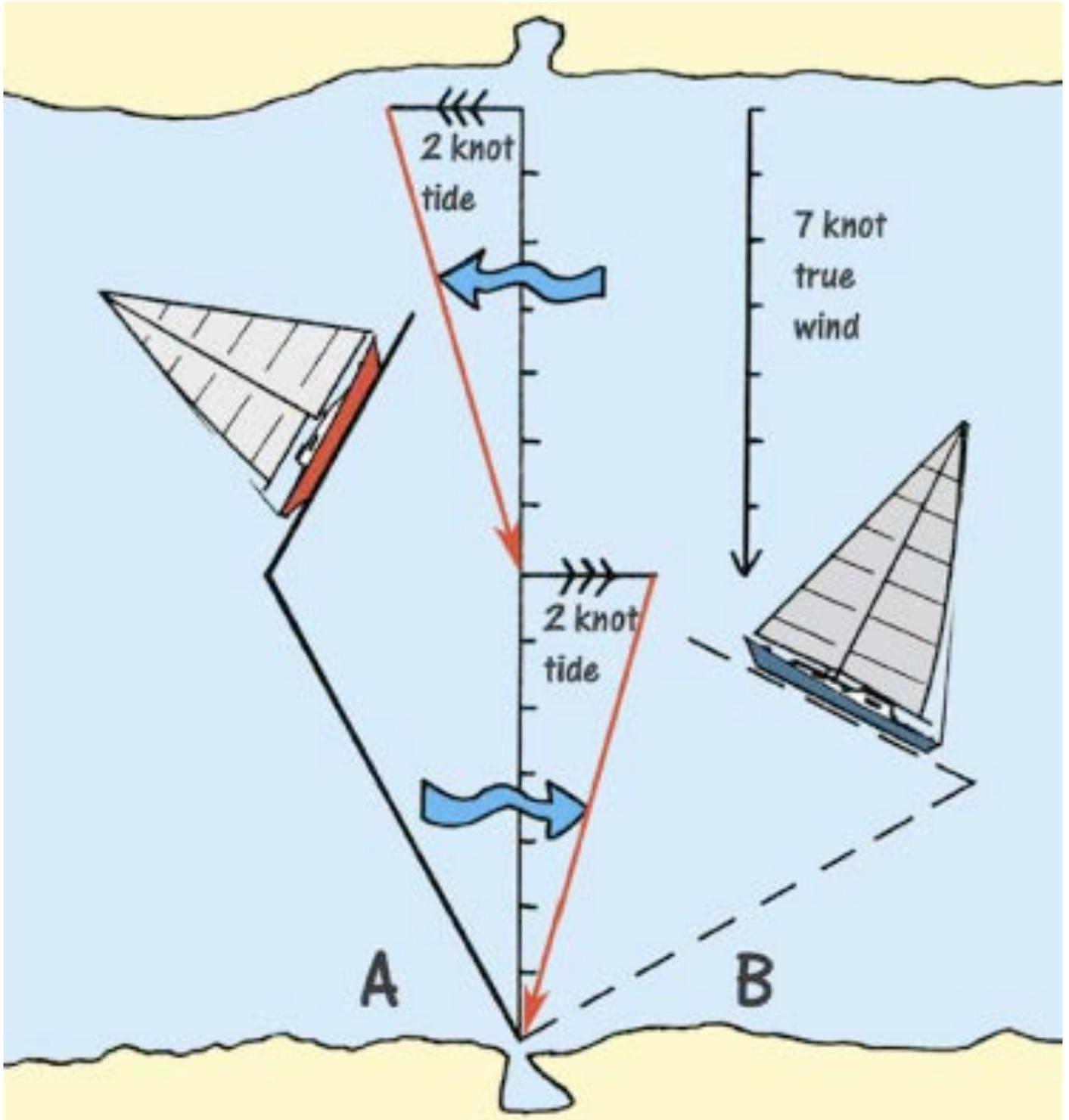
His contact details as per the 2017 Yearbook.





“Lee Bowing” when the wind is dead ahead by A Tyrrell with much help from D Everitt of PBO.

If our destination is directly to windward we’ll have to tack towards it.
The diagram to the right shows we have a 7-knot wind on the nose and a 2-knot tide running at right angles to us, and later on in the passage the tide will change and run in the opposite direction.



This is all theoretical, but it will demonstrate the principle of what is usually called ‘lee bowing’.

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Making choices

With the wind dead ahead, we can start on either port or starboard tack.

If we start on starboard (A) we'll have the tidal current on our lee bow and it will push us back towards the rhumb line – the shortest straight line to our destination.

But if we go on port (B), the tide's on our windward bow and will push us away from the rhumb line.

What isn't quite so obvious is the effect of the tide on the wind direction that we'll feel onboard.

The vector triangles in the diagram show how a 7-knot wind when combined with a 2-knot tide at right angles will create a 'resultant' or 'tide-induced wind' of 7.3 knots (the red arrow).

But the important thing is it's a much better angle, so we'd get a bit of a lift if we started out on starboard. In our ideal theoretical world we'd be in a much better position when the 'tide-induced wind' angle changes with the tide.

But on course (B) we'd be headed when the 'tide-induced wind' changes direction.

Of course, in the real world it's not so simple. The apparent wind direction can alter, so it then makes even more sense to keep close to the rhumb line to take advantage of any wind shifts, and the 'tide-induced wind' effect drops off at slack water as the tide turns.

But the principle of keeping the tide on the lee bow is worth remembering when planning a passage. It might not seem to gain you much, but the alternative of being pushed off in the other direction can be quite dramatic.

ECA 'at Home' a guide for New Members

The clubs based in and around Chichester Harbour have an organisation called 'Chi Fed'.

Much of the business of Chi Fed is about racing in the harbour, the state and position of marks for their races and in general communicate to keep the natural harbour a playground for all of us.

This business also includes a formal social scene. Commodores and their partners are invited to functions held by individual clubs at their premises through the year.

The ECA does not have fixed premises nor professional caterers, so we book a venue and request all hands to join in with the preparations, even if you cannot help prepare we would love to see you to socialise with other Chi Fed club members.

The ECA starts the season early so we can go sailing for the rest of the year. Our guests really do mingle and enjoy coming to the ECA 'at Home' because we have a lunchtime buffet with home made fresh canapés that everyone loves and lots of our members being hosts.

Emsworth Cruising Association Photographic Competition



Whatever your style of
photography!



Please send your
photos to: -



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