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Emsworth Cruising Association

**Photo, the swans of
Emsworth Yacht
Harbour and their
large family. Many
of the cygnets
survived
Photo by Tr**



Commodore's Comments

There can't be too many boating clubs/associations with a Commodore having no boat but that could apply to the ECA very shortly.

As many of you will already know, Sheila and I have decided to sell Badgie Two in order to explore alternate forms of holiday.

Like many of similar age we have a bucket list and decreasing years in which to tick items off, hence our first major decision to sell the boat. We have already done the Arctic cruise to witness the Northern Lights (last November) and bought a caravan which we tested in earnest in The New Forest last weekend in all that snow and ice. We both have elderly relatives "Down-Under" whom we intend to visit and so on.

Yesterday, Dieter (an old sailing buddy) and I had a wonderful, possibly the last, sail to move Badgie Two round to Saxon Wharf to be lifted for survey at prospective purchaser's expense. They and my broker accompanied us. Everything worked and there were smiles all round. We did sail most of the way with F4/5 behind us or on the beam. A slightly nerve wracking moment was passing under the Itchen Bridge which has a claimed 23m clearance. It was a Spring high tide, Badgie Two has an air draft of 21.4m plus the 1m whip antenna. We transited whilst under the watchful gaze of the HM in his launch. We exchanged "thumbs up" as we emerged unscathed but it was very close! The next few days will confirm whether I am officially boat-less.

Unfortunately, but wisely, Dick had to cancel the Snowdrop Rally but fingers crossed for better luck with the fallback date of 17/18th March.

We have our last shore-based activity for this winter season on 24th March.

Details are on the website including a form for you to complete and return to give us numbers. This is our traditional "Fitting Out" supper at which those who wish may exchange information about sailing plans for the coming summer so that others may decide whether to establish **ad hoc** convoys/passages in company.

Please come prepared to share whether you are going West, South or East and the approximate dates.

This starts at 6pm promptly so that we are ready for our buffet at 7pm. We have been challenged by Dell Quay SC to a game of skittles hopefully combined with a rally to them during the summer.

Details for this have yet to be finalised. However, following our meal we will be participating in Skittles in order that we can establish our strongest players in readiness for that later challenge.

Enough from me, other than to wish all fair weather and winds for the coming season.

**Derek Ellinor,
Commodore**



Editor's Note –

Have you inspected your Life Jackets yet this year?

Remember to look at the expiry date on both the light and the firing head-the expiry dates are often in very small print and easily overlooked-Logbook records help control.

Chichester Cruiser Racing Club



Find yourself seeing if you can sail faster than another yacht?

Enjoy sailing in company?

Then you could enjoy racing in the Chichester Cruiser Racing Club

Many thanks for inviting me to your 'At Home' on Saturday. It was very well run with some excellent catering; your members should be congratulated. It was also interesting talking to some of your members about their sailing activities and your club especially since like CCRC you are a virtual club.

As I was leaving you mentioned the idea of potential member interests between our two clubs.

If any of your members are interested in racing they might be interested in a seminar we are running this year. This is a reflection of a view that unless yacht owners have come up from dinghies they may not even know what they need to know! The seminar Introduction to Cruiser Racing is described on our web site

Seminar Details and Booking

Saturday 7th April 2018 10am for 1030am start
Eames Farm Meeting Room,
Thorney Road,
Emsworth,
PO10 8DE.

www.ccrc.co.uk/seminar but I can also supply a short form of words and even an image we have supplied to others if you would like it.

We accept guest entries into any of our races but we have also scheduled an Open Event in June to allow those interested to participate in their yachts or as crew on one of our yachts. Details on this have not yet been completed.

Once again, many thanks for your hospitality.

Best regards

Bob Garrett
Commodore
Chichester Cruiser Racing Club

Next Rallies

17 -18 March Snowdrop rally for the second go.

Too freezing for safe travel on land for the first date

Contact Dick Tyrrell (OoD) **07 939 240 289** or **01 342 824 359** or aybk59@dsl.pipex.com

Fitting Out Supper with Cruise Planning Exchange

Saturday 24th March

Back through popular demand! Skittles Night and Buffet

At The Barley Mow, Walderton

Yes, you need to get your right arms in practice for a night of skittles, bowling and maybe the odd pint too. This popular evening event will this year be in the nearby village of **Walderton PO18 9ED** (approx. 2 miles from Emsworth) where they have a dedicated Skittle Alley and a great reputation for lovely food.

The evening will kick off at 6pm with drinks in the bar, a chance to catch up with fellow members' sailing plans for 2018's season.

A buffet supper will be served at 7pm. After you've built up your strength with a good dinner, you can burn off the extra calories with a bit of bowling and hopefully some "Strikes".

The Barley mow is providing food to cover all diet requirements for £10.95 per head and you can get directions and pub information at

<http://thebarleymow.pub/>

There is plenty of parking and we hope to see you in the bar at 6pm on the night.

They do require numbers but no forward food orders so please complete the club registration form below* (**see website-Ed**) so that we know who will be attending.

ECA Easter Bank Holiday Rally to Bembridge 29/03 – 02/04/18

Posted on February 19, 2018 by [webmaster](#)

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Rally OOD: Andrew Bannister

This year's Easter rally is to the lovely harbour of Bembridge. It is an ideal way to start the season, sailing in the company of fellow club cruisers whilst at the same time enjoying the Bank Holiday weekend in a beautiful part of the Isle of Wight.

Berths have been reserved for the rally from Thursday 29th March however, it is appreciated some boats will not be able to make the passage until Friday 30th March. If you are interested in coming then please register your interest on the form on the web site.

Itinerary

Friday 30th March

Arrive at Bembridge (Contact HM on Ch 80 on arrival mention you are part of the ECA rally and ask for berthing instructions)

18:00 Meet on Yacht Bob for nibbles and drinks

19:20 Water taxi booked to Brading Haven Yacht Club (BHYC)

19:30 Meet in BHYC bar for pre-meal drinks

20.00 Meal in BHYC (Note: We will need to make choices from their menu closer to the event. I will publish details and ask for your meal choices as and when menu confirmed).

Saturday 31st & Sunday 1st April

This time has been left free for the moment however, if people are interested we could participate in a range of coastal or country walks. This can be discussed and finalised on Friday during the evening meal.

Monday 2nd April

Return to home port

Navigation Information

The tides for departing Emsworth are late morning and are rising towards springs. Those leaving from Emsworth on the Thursday with a 1.5m draft will probably not depart much before 09:35 (HW -1.5) or 10:22 if departing on the Friday. On the return for a 1.5m draft departure from Bembridge will likely be around 10:50 at the earliest (HW -3).

Tide Times and Heights

Departure

HW Emsworth 11.05 29th March – 4.4 M

HW Emsworth 11:52 30th March – 4.6M

Return

HW Emsworth 13:31 2nd April 4.2

Daffodil Rally

28-29/04/18

*** ECA Daffodil Rally ***

This is a wonderful opportunity to be an OoD for the first time.

Contact either:

Dick aybk59@dsl.pipex.com, OR

Andrew <andrew.bannister1@ntlworld.com> ,

Joint Rally with Emsworth Yacht Harbour

05/05/18 to 07/05/18

ECA/EYH joint May Day Bank Holiday Rally to **Bembridge**

OoD Neil Fuller <neilf39@hotmail.com> ,

full details on the Website <emsworthcruisingassociation.co.uk> ,
or from

Lorna in Emsworth Yacht Harbour office

ECA Freezer Rally 01-03rd February 2018 Report

Only two boats signed up for this and their crews met up on Thursday 01st February, a wet and windy night, and adjourned first to The Lord Raglan for beer and a Plan, then on to The Darbar, North Street, for a curry and another beer. Then Tringa II's crew headed back to EYH and Tony Browne to his home and so to bed on a very wet and windy night.

Friday morning saw Tringa moved from 'winter static caravan' mode to 'ready for sea', Safety Briefing and crew's Lifejackets fitted. Breakfast eaten and drunk and at 11.55, 30 mins before Portsmouth HW 4.9m at 12.24hrs, we slipped from our temporary berth on B pontoon, remembering to put the keel down as we went. 3.2m over the sill. N wind, F5 gusting 6 at times.

An hour later, the battery interlink went in to charge the domestic bank as we put down Eastoke Buoy. Looking forward to commissioning the new alternator and re-installing the Adverc automatic charge monitoring system. Engine off 10 mins after crossing the line of The Bar between Chi Bar Beacon and Westpole (aka 'The Martian' aka 'The Tripod'). Cracking but cold and a bit wet sail in the NW 5/6 under Half genoa and main.

The QE carrier was due to leave Portsmouth approx 12.40hrs, so we laid for the No Mans Land fort and viewed her in silhouette all the way from Spithead out

to The Nab. Just two Chinooks ranged on deck and apart from her escort of MoD Plod launches and Serco tugs to past the Forts, no carrier group warships available, alas. Photos duly taken. Tony got a lot closer apparently.

14.10hrs saw Tony well ahead and out of sight, carrying the best of the tide, and the wind veering from N to W when W of the Forts, off Ryde Sands to the N. Usual wind shift when in line with Portsmouth Harbour entrance.

After a cold spray filled hour beating, we were West of Wooton Creek near Osborne House, with the tide now running against us. Time to tack on a header.

At 15.15hrs, the 'Standing Mutiny & Pragmatic Cruising Committee' decided that, as the long cold tack to the north in the rising Westerly required by the Skipper had still left us with too small an angle to lay even the Shrape Beacon, that was it; the engine was going on as the sun had gone in and "it was warmer standing in a Bosnian winter arguing with bl**dy

paramilitaries, than out here today, Skip."

We had managed one board from off Westpole to off Osborne, so Bernie our

helm all the way had done well minding the autopilot in wind and spray.

16.00hrs approx saw us berthed in Shepards Wharf, via the Shrape Channel. Tony had arrived in Elwing II about 30 mins earlier. Heaters on and hot drinks all



round to thaw out, then pints in the 'Union' pub, then finding the 'Saffron' curry house had metamorphosed into a trendy something or the other, to the Tandoori curry house, followed by an early night at 22.00hrs.

Saturday 03/02/18, 10.45hrs, slipped Shepards Wharf. No wind, engine on, poor vis, so steaming lights on. The HM launch acting as guard boat for THAT chain ferry yesterday and today-depth over chains in fairway troubles again, apparently.

12.30hrs saw us berthed on Haslar Lima pontoon, John having successfully helmed from Shraper to Haslar, including his first run up the Small Boat Channel into Pompey in quite challenging wind over tide and traffic conditions. John and Bernie shot off to the 'Explosion' Museum, well you cannot keep two aged ex-Paras away from things that make bangs, the bigger the better.

The Skipper had a shower, wrote up the Log, then to a marine chandlers for 2 replacement LJ lights, expiring this month.

Found 'Great Wall of China' about to close for a month and already fully booked Saturday night 20.30-22.30hrs. Exchanged our Drinks and Nibbles plans for 18.30 dash to 'The Wall' for an early 'all you can eat marathon' against the clock, where we were joined by Commodore Derek & Sheila, plus her friend Amy. Amy had driven her daughter up from Devon in all the wind and rain this weekend for a Guide camp under canvas, and at least Amy was warm, dry, and well fed for the trip home, staying overnight with Derek & Sheila. They drove home after the meal, so the Rally crews finished the night in the Mary Mouse for a night cap, where the owners partner had just come home from completing the OSTAR.

Alas our multi-cultural diet over the

weekend caught up with one of my crew, who suffered two 'big explosions' in the night.

Sunday 04/02/18 11.30 hrs, following helping Tony leave safely from the windward side, saw us warp off very successfully downwind in very cold, strong Northerly winds, gusting 7.

Absolute textbook; slip rigged the stern and bow lines, plus the midships spring, turned and hung off the pontoon end before powering away well clear of all those expensive boats 15m to leeward and their nasty anchors!

No one to see it, probably, bar us, that's why it went so well. Dead Chuffed at such a slick job, and praised both crew mightily for grace under pressure and good rope work and teamwork.

Motorsailed out of Gosport, to the Barrier and back into Chi Harbour, taking turns to cower behind the sprayhood out of the bitter wind on the nose.

14.40hrs Back on EYH B pontoon, Tony back ok, it was a Very cold NE 5/7 trip back, bitter cold until back in the EYH suntrap.

15.50hrs, after lunch and clean ship, John & Bernie off on their long drives home, self to do some maintenance.

Some gems from this weekends Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis forecasts;

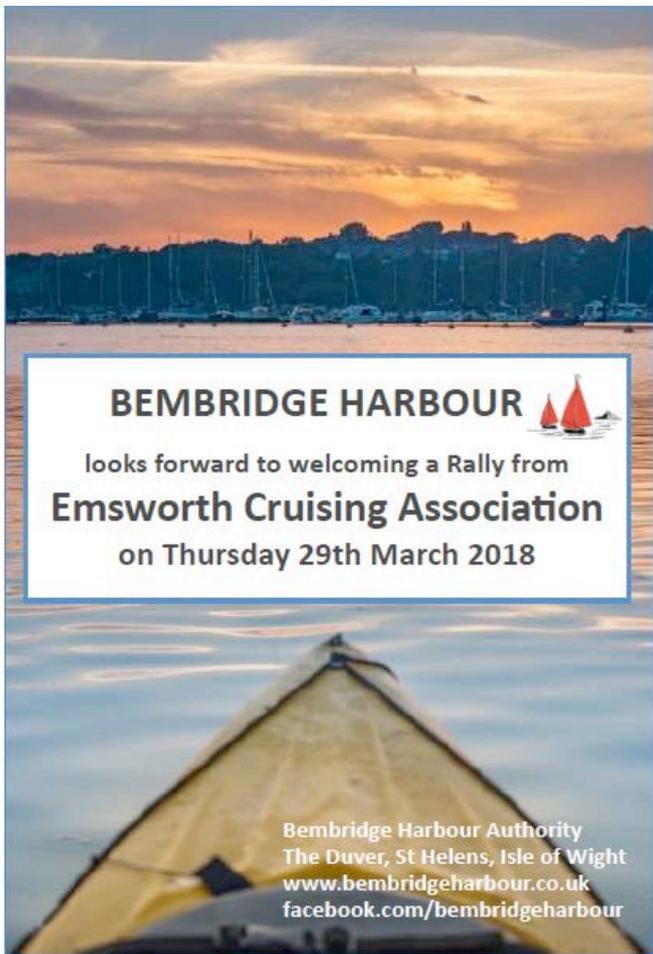
"Low centred Denmark will fill and move slowly South across N. Germany....."

"A strong, cold airflow develops across the South"... "The Azores High to link with the Scandinavian high pressure, maintaining a strong, cold NE airflow across the South".

They definitely got it right!

Dick Tyrrell

Tringa II



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Last chance to sign the Petition

<https://www.theca.org.uk/home>

[https://petition.parliament.](https://petition.parliament)

The Cruising Association (CA) has just released a video highlighting the dangers of entanglement with lobster pots as part of its campaign for better marking of static fishing gear.

Introduced by Tom Cunliffe, the video features two experienced yachtsmen describing their frightening encounters: Norman Kean whilst researching updates for Irish pilot books and Steve Williams whilst racing off Anglesey. The campaign has clearly hit a nerve with the boating public.

The CA has received an enormous response from people around the UK and worldwide telling of their experiences with unmarked pots and static fishing gear. More than 6,000 people have signed a petition posted by the CA on the government website calling for consultation with all interested parties on how to address this hazard and make navigation safer for everyone on the water.

The petition is still live and will remain so until the closing date of **12th March**. The CA feels that it is time for everybody with an interest in boating to work together to find a solution, particularly one that is affordable and practical for our fishermen.

See the petition at: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/200001>.

Full details of all the CA's news on this petition can be found

<https://www.theca.org.uk/home>

or

[https://www.theca.org.uk/news/CA lobster pot campaign video](https://www.theca.org.uk/news/CA_lobster_pot_campaign_video)