

## **SOLENT SECTION WINTER PROGRAMME 2009-10**

### **Location of Meetings**

There are six meetings planned for the coming winter and all will be held at the Royal Air Force Yacht Club, Hamble (RAFYC), where the Section has been holding its meetings almost continuously since the Section was founded in 1976.

The current Section Secretaries are Tim and Liz Dodwell and they will be organising the Winter Programme for the Section members. We are grateful to the RAFYC for making the Section welcome again for another winter; and in return the RAFYC members are invited to our talks and to the February symposium. The Club has an excellent bar and is very friendly. To find your way to the RAF Yacht Club, please follow the link, Directions.

There is a system of booking forms for pre-payment for each of the suppers and meetings as we need to know in advance who is coming to any particular meeting. The forms will be available here and are also sent to members by email.

### **Guests Invited**

Members are encouraged to bring guests to the meetings and it is hoped that the guest(s) will be moved to join the CA at some point. The Section Secretaries usually bring CA Member Application Forms to the meetings so potential new members can take away some written information on the CA.

## **DAY AND TIME OF MEETINGS**

### **Thursday Talks**

This winter there are three Thursday meetings, the traditional night over many years for the Section, and these are planned to start with 'bar' from 18.00 hrs, an informal supper usually at 19.00 hrs, and a talk with presentation by a guest speaker or speakers on a nautical subject of close interest to the members at about 20.15 hrs. Members unable to arrive in time for the supper are welcome to join the meeting for the talk.

### **Saturday Symposium**

In February 2010 an extended meeting is planned to take place on a Saturday afternoon from about 14.30–15.00 hrs running into the evening and ending with supper at 19.00 hrs. These symposia type meetings usually have a defined theme of a relevant nautical nature appropriate to cruising people and have three speakers. With members' posing their questions it makes the Symposium very interactive and fun too.

### **Friday and Saturday Dinner Meetings**

The December and April meetings are usually gatherings for a dinner after which some fun and entertainment is often introduced by a willing member such as a nautical quiz, frequently illustrated by slides. The bar is open from 18.30 hrs and the dinner is usually at 19.30 or 20.00 hrs.

These meetings provide an excellent opportunity for members to interact and discuss their boats, their boating experiences and their plans. Conversation is never dull where yachting and cruising are concerned, and many member and their spouses make life-long friendships out of the section's meetings and summer 'Meets'.

More full details of this winter's meetings will be posted in due course. We hope you will come to as many of the meetings as you can, and we will look forward to that.

## **THE MEETINGS**

### **Thursday 12th November 2009**

Supper and Talk / Presentation

### **Friday 4th December 2009**

Christmas Social Event

### **Thursday 21st January 2010**

Supper and Talk / Presentation

### **Saturday 20th February 2010**

Afternoon Symposium followed by supper

### **Thursday 18th March 2010**

Supper and Talk / Presentation

### **Saturday 24th April 2010**

Fitting Out Supper

**Please note:** This introduction to the Winter Programme can be downloaded as a pdf for saving or printing as desired.

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