

Captain's Briefing – May 2010

Many MOA member's boats are now back in the water and sailing around the UK or to distant pastures. Eleanora (M31) is still high and dry at Portland Marina waiting for us to complete the refitting of the rudder with new seals and a shaft coupling. Like most owners who have had to change the rudder shaft seals we had to resort to an angle grinder and drift wedges, as well as ending up in contorted positions that we thought impossible for a 10 year old. This was our winter's project so we are planning to be back in the water by the middle of next week so we can do what the boat was built for - sailing! Our first long cruise will be to travel to Cardiff for the MOA Cardiff Rally. This means for us a 300 mile sail from Weymouth, around Lands End, and then a straight passage to Steep Holm and Cardiff Bay. We shall drop into Falmouth, or perhaps Mylor, on the way and after the Rally will leave the boat at Cardiff Marina until we make for the Isles of Scilly later in the month for the Mylor Yacht Club and MOA South West Branch rally. We then return to Weymouth.

South West Branch Jubilee Year Celebrations

You will have read in my last News Letter that for our MOA Jubilee year the South West Branch is arranging four rallies, each will celebrate the Jubilee. Unlike the more geographically compact branches such as the Solent Branch, the South West Branch (including those boats based in Wales) has over 3000 miles of coast line and it is impractical for many members to cruise to a single location for a Jubilee Celebration. We are, therefore, arranging the four rallies to be accessible to as many members as possible. The first, as suggested in my opening paragraph, will be the Cardiff Rally (2nd to the 5th July), which is to be held in parallel with the Cardiff Marina open day. The marina has offered both exceptional special rates and to sponsor a race that will either be around Cardiff Bay or, weather permitting, around Steep Flat and Flat Holm and back in time for Tiffin (actually a Bar-B-Q. There will also be a Jubilee dinner where all boats attending will receive two Jubilee engraved whiskey glasses. If members have more than two on board additional glasses will be available for a modest donation. The Cardiff Rally is being organised by our Cardiff Port Officer, Peter Satchel, who is not only an ideal host but also an exceptional organiser. Peter will be issuing the programme shortly and we hope that as many as possible will take advantage of the hospitality being offered by Cardiff Marina and the location for the MOA Jubilee.

The second event will be, as last year, a rally to the Isles of Scilly (20th to the 22nd July). This is in conjunction with a rally being organised by the Mylor Yacht Club (MYC). This is an annual event for the MYC, who is always most welcoming to the MOA. You will recall that last year the weather was not very kind and few boats made it, but the tea leaves tell me that this year will be better so I hope that we will see many boats join the rally. The plan is to arrive in the Isles of Scilly at about the same time as the Mylor boats and to anchor off a bay. If the weather is not suitable we can move to St. Mary's or Tresco. During the stay we will be participating in the Mylor events and also have a day for an MOA cruise and celebration meal. Again, two engraved Whiskey tumbler will be given to each boat attending the celebrations, and also to any MYC boat that would like to join us. A more detailed sailing programme will be circulated in the next couple of weeks.

The third event will be the Plymouth Fireworks (10th and 11th August) and the MOA Jubilee Rally (12th to 14th August). This will take place in two parts. The first two days being at the Plymouth Yacht Haven to view the fireworks competition. Arrangements have been made to view the final day from the RPCYC, which last year proved to be a highlight of the event. We then move to The Mayflower Marina for the West Country MOA Jubilee celebrations. There will be both sailing and social events celebrations. Peter Griffiths is arranging the MOA aspects of this event and, knowing Peter, this will be both inspirational and well managed. A final programme will be sent out shortly, but in outline the plan is to arrange events for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Like all our 2010 rallies, celebration engraved whiskey tumblers will be awarded to all boats that join in the event.

The final Cruising event in the South West Branch Calendar, and I say Cruising event as most South West boats have a significant amount of sailing to attend any of our events, will be the Captain's Rally to Guernsey (3rd to 6th September). When we first conceived this rally it was planned as a South West Branch event, but I am delighted to report that the Solent Captain has



proposed that his rally is included in the arrangements and the Commodore has done the same; making the whole event a major end of season MOA celebration. The event will, therefore, be a combined South West and Solent Branch Captain's and the MOA Commodore's rally. The core of the combined rally will take place on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of September, but the Solent Captain's Rally will start from the Solent some days earlier, calling at Weymouth on the way. The Commodore will be sailing from the South and will be arranging some events on the way. We have

booked the Moores Hotel (St. Peter Port) for a Jubilee dinner on the evening of the 3rd September, and the Guernsey Yacht Club for a social gathering on the 5th. We have also planned a dinner on Herm for the 4th, which will involve an inclusive ferry to Herm, Dinner and (if we have behaved ourselves) a return to St. Peter Port. The waters around the Channel Islands are interesting and some local knowledge would never go amiss. We are, therefore, planning a navigation cruise to the Little Russel for up to 12 people where an experienced Guernsey Pilot will show us safe passages and explain areas of risk. As an attachment to this News Letter I have included a short summary of the programme and ask you to e-mail us with your intentions to attend. We need some tentative numbers fairly soon as we must confirm the bookings. Also, as the marina has offered favourable discounts for the MOA, we need to tell the harbour master how many boats to expect. By stating an interest this will not be taken as a firm commitment but simply as a statement of interest or intent. For family groups there is a lot to do in Guernsey, with regular busses around the island with very cheap fares. There are also regular ferries to Sark, which if you have not been there is a most enjoyable excursion.

Our final event for 2010 will be our AGM and haul-out-supper, which will be held in early October, but in the interest of keeping this letter to two pages, I will deal with this at another time.

Good Sailing,

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Moody Owners Association, Combined Jubilee Rally to Guernsey

The combined Commodore's, South West and Solent Branch Captain's, Silver Jubilee Rally is to be held in St Peter Port, Guernsey, between the 3rd and 6th September 2010. This notice is to advise you of the arrangements for the combined Jubilee Rally to be held in St Peter Port over the weekend of 3rd to 5th September 2010.

Special charges have been negotiated with the Harbour Authorities for berthing in the Victoria marina, there being a 25% reduction off usual berthing fees with the fourth night's stay free. This concession is based on the MOA collecting all fees and monitoring the arrival and length of stay of all vessels, which the South West Branch has undertaken to do.

Berthing charges are as follows:

"St Peter Port Rally Daily Rates 2010"

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under 7m	£	14.00	£ 10.50
7-7.99m	£	16.00	£ 12.00
8-8.99m	£	18.00	£ 13.50
9-9.99m	£	20.00	£ 15.00
10-10.99m	£	22.00	£ 16.50
11-11.99m	£	24.00	£ 18.00
12-12.99m	£	26.00	£ 19.50
13-13.99m	£	28.00	£ 21.00
14-14.99m	£	31.00	£ 23.25
15-15.99m	£	33.00	£ 24.75
16-16.99m	£	35.00	£ 26.25
17-17.99m	£	37.00	£ 27.75
18-18.99m	£	39.00	£ 29.25
19-19.99m	£	41.00	£ 30.75

Notes:- To qualify for the discounted rate,

1. Payment must be paid for by one nominated person
2. A list of participants must be provided 48hrs prior to arrival.
3. Rally dates must be agreed prior to arrival.
4. Electricity is charged additionally @ £2.00/day

Due to the incidence of tides it has not been practical to organise sailing activities for members attending so the following programme has been arranged.

Schedule of Events

Friday 3rd Sept. **Jubilee dinner at Moore's Hotel, St Peter Port.**
2 or 3 course menu, attached
£12.50 two course + coffee
£15.00 three course + coffee

This has been arranged at the Moore's Hotel, which is a five minute walk from the Victoria Marina. Guests should begin to gather for pre dinner drinks at 18.30 and dinner will be served at 19.30.

Saturday 4th Sept. AM: **Navigation trip.**

This is a two hour trip on a launch with a qualified Guernsey Pilot to learn about the rocks and hazards of the little Russel Channel and surrounding waters. The cost will be £18. The launch takes up to 12 passengers, so bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis. If there is sufficient interest a second trip could be arranged for the afternoon.

PM: **Dinner at Captain's Table, White Horse Hotel Herm.**

Trident Ferry departs St Peter Port 19.00 and returns 22.45. The total cost of £27.80 including ferry, welcoming sparkling wine, canapés and 3 course meal with coffee. The Menu will be e-mailed when received.

Sunday 5th Sept. 12.30. Guernsey Yacht Club is making a room available to us where we can meet and socialise. Its bar and restaurant facilities will be available to us.

An alternative activity could be a **Day trip to Sark**. The Ferry leaves 10.00 and returns at 16.00. If you would like to do this please book your own tickets. www.sarkshipping.com

Monday 6th Sept. Participants begin to depart, but may stay longer as required.

Please e-mail us your intentions

To give the organisers an idea of the numbers to provide for, it would be appreciated if you could indicate your intention to attend the rally by sending an e-mail to:

Richard.hodder@moodyowners.net stating that "I am interested in attending the rally and would participate in the following:", then state in which of the following events you would participate: ***The Jubilee Supper, The Navigation Cruise and The Dinner on Herm***

It would also be helpful if you would state how long you would like to stay in Guernsey and the length of your boat. This response is not required to be a firm commitment but an indication of intent. Firm commitments, subject to weather, will be requested about three weeks before the event.

Jubilee Supper, Friday 3rd September, Moores Hotel, St. Peter Port

Menu

Menu Option

Tian of Prawns

marinated in thousand island dressing presented on a bed of shredded lettuce

Medley of Melon

with mango sorbet

Deep fried breaded Button Mushrooms

served with tartar sauce

Beef bourguignon

With herb dumplings

Crispy roasted Duckling

Served on tangy orange and red currant sauce

Pan fried fillet of Pollack

on light dill sauce garnished with cray fish tails

Sauteed Wild Mushrooms

topped with parmesan shavings served with crushed potatoes

Smoked Salmon Salad

with Philadelphia cheese dip and poppy seed bloomer

Served with Selection of Vegetables

New Potatoes and Potato Croquettes

Warm Sticky Toffee Pudding

with butter scotch sauce and vanilla ice cream

Tri colour Fruit Mousse

with fruit coulis

Ice Coupe "Peach Melba"

Selection of Cheeses with Grapes, Celery and Biscuits

Coffee and Chocolate Mints