

## SOA International Shrimper Week 2019

### Advance Information (October 2018)

International Shrimper Week 2019 will be held in Plymouth, a location ideal for Shrimpers with a wide variety of sailing waters, coastal and inland, all accessible from the shelter of the Sound. The event will run from Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019, although those wishing to enjoy the area for longer will be able to arrive and launch on Friday, June 21st and to stay on beyond the main week, perhaps for coastal cruising in company. The Organisers, Liz Saudek (*Curlew 671*) and Steve Boote, (*Gribble 28*) have been busy over the past year putting together some excellent and varied activities for the week.

### Location

Our base for the week will primarily be Plymouth Yacht Haven, an excellent marina with modern facilities facing Plymouth on south shore of the Cattewater at Mountbatten. Available on-site are very good crane and slipway facilities plus a chandlery, bar and a restaurant, with local pubs and restaurants in nearby Turnchapel just a short walk away. For more information see here <https://www.yachthavens.com/plymouth/>



From Mountbatten there is a good local bus service into the centre of Plymouth (remember to bring your bus pass) and a regular ferry service across to the historic Barbican district where a wider variety of eating establishments may be found.

For those wishing to sleep ashore there are several options on site, with hotels and B&Bs nearby. Members will of course need to make their own arrangements if sleeping ashore.

## Sailing Waters



From the Yacht Haven there is plenty of water to explore, most of it accessible in any weather. Liz and Steve are looking forward to sharing with you their favorite anchorages, swimming places, coastal walks and more. For more information on the local area follow the link below.

<https://www.harbourguides.com/harbours/Plymouth/pilot-notes>

### Charts & Navigation Information

Local advice will be available during the week but participants are advised to obtain a chart of the local area. Imray chart *2400.13 Plymouth Harbour* contains all the information necessary for the week.

Those wishing to be more independent or perhaps cruise further afield during the second week might find the following guide helpful: *West Country Cruising Companion: A Yachtsman's Pilot and Cruising Guide to Ports and Harbours from Portland Bill to Padstow (Cruising Companions)* by [Mark Fishwick](#).

## Sailing

The itinerary is still being finely tuned, but it is planned to explore Plymouth Sound, the Yealm, Tamar and Lynher Rivers. There will be one (optional) overnight away in a quiet anchorage with no facilities, but if that's not for you, crews can still join in the activities before sailing back to the Yacht Haven for the night. One day will be allocated to racing, both competitive and something more friendly, which is not called racing so no special insurance is needed. This will have all the fun and challenge your sailing skills but without the cut and thrust.



## Activities

Eating and cooking together

Swimming

Fishing

Walking

Beach games

Musical Evening. Oh yes - Liz is a retired music teacher and has plans to involve absolutely everyone in some basic music-making, with options to show your advanced skills and perhaps join the SOA choir.

## And afterwards....

During the ISW week the fleet will not be straying far from Plymouth Sound and the local estuaries, but for those wishing to stay on there are many splendid harbours to visit, including Salcombe and Dartmouth to the East and Fowey, Falmouth and Helford to the West. All are possible within a second week, given fair winds. About 40 miles beyond Helford, and the far side of The Lizard, are The Scilly Isles. You would probably want to allow two weeks to include this paradise in a cruise from Plymouth.

## More Information

Further information, including final details of the programme and costs, will be available during the first quarter of 2019 (and also in the Spring 2019 issue of *The Shrimper*). However, it will help the organisers greatly if they had some idea of numbers hoping to attend.

So if you intend to join us in Plymouth next June, please register your interest as soon as possible. To register just forward your boat name and sail number, the number of people including the skipper, whether use of hoist or slipway is required, plus whether a definite or possible attendee, to Karen Macey at [1921karen@gmail.com](mailto:1921karen@gmail.com)