



## **Rally Joining Instructions**

Welcome to the Cowes Classic Powerboat Rally 2011 and thank you for entering your vessel. We have worked hard to plan a good fun weekend for everyone and we hope you'll have a good time.

The rally has been organised by Ben Curtis and Paul Hooper both owners of classic Powerboats. Paul is an aficionado of all things Levi and owns the Triana 25 'Le Scarron', Ben is a long time Fairey fan and owns a Huntsman 28 'Playtime II'.

At the time of writing we have 20 paid up entries with quite a few more hoping to be ready in time to join us. We will be issuing a handout sheet with the goodie bag at Gunwharf with a full listing of the boats and crew attending. Please read through the following pages and take your time to familiarise yourselves with everything that is going on.

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

You are welcome to arrive at Gunwharf anytime on Friday afternoon or evening, there will be someone to meet you there from 13:00 onwards your berths have been reserved.

Please take special care to observe the regulations for entering Portsmouth harbour. You can find detail of this at <http://www.qhmpportsmouth.com/leisure> note that Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth operate on VHF channel 11. Take special care to observe the commercial and Navy traffic in the harbour.

You will be directed into the berthing area set aside for the rally by the Gunwharf staff, you should expect to be moored alongside other rally boats, once securely tied up come and say hello to either Paul or Ben. We'll have your rally goodie bag ready for you, which will include one rally polo shirt, please let us know your preferred size if you haven't already done so, if you would like more or alternative clothing with the logo on it can be purchased direct from [www.oceanworld.co.uk](http://www.oceanworld.co.uk)

On Friday evening you are free to eat, drink, dance, gamble, watch a film, or go bowling as you wish, there are a vast selection of bars and restaurants to choose from. I am sure you will find some fellow Rallyists willing to socialise.

### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

A Skippers briefing will be held on the pontoon at 10:00. Please settle your respective berthing fees with the marina office beforehand. Unfortunately it seems that the WWII High Speed Launch HSL102 will not be able to join us due to a recent incident.

Departure from Gunwharf will be in groups of five, starting at 10:30 this will be co-ordinated by the marina staff and they will manage the communications for us to cross and exit the harbour

Each skipper must take full responsibility for his own craft and crew and follow the rules of the road afloat. Please ensure that you act in a safe and considerate manner at all times and that you have the requisite safety gear on board.



Upon our arrival in Cowes at approximately 12:30 we will be moored in the South Basin of Cowes Yacht Haven, the staff there will guide the boats into the reserved berthing area.

We should be in Cowes in time for a leisurely lunch on board the boats, if you need any provisions there are two supermarkets within a minutes walk of the Yacht Haven.

During the afternoon we'll be judging the concours, the 'Le Scarron Trophy' for GRP and aluminium boats will be judged by Paul Hooper and Sonny Levi and Ben Curtis and Tony Hamilton-Hunt will judge the 'Playtime Trophy' for wooden boats.

We'll be serving Pimms and soft drinks on the pontoon at 18:00 from the cockpits of either Le Scarron or Playtime II, we will then present the trophies for the concours competition.

Later at 19:30 we will be joining the BPRC Cowes Torquay competitors at the Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club for a hog roast and dancing to live music, the hog roast will be £5 per head and there is a cash bar.

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

Tiffins of Cowes opens for bacon rolls and coffee at 08.30

09:00 skippers briefing on the pontoon. You may wish also to attend the BPRC brief on Saturday evening at 17:30 if you plan to offer your services as a safety boat.

The CTC race starts just outside of the Solent west of Hurst Castle at 10:30, the classic fleet will be heading west up the Solent before the race boats to view from the start area. We'll discuss the details of this on the morning at the briefing.

Boats are free to remain in the Solent or return to Cowes, we'll discuss on the day if we wish to go into Yarmouth or elsewhere for lunch either ashore or rafted at anchor.

Evening reception in the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club in Cowes, arrive at 19:30 for drinks from the bar, dress code Yachting casual [no denim or sportswear] a hot buffet will be served at 20:00, please let us know if you have special dietary needs. If you require further tickets for this event please let us know as soon as possible so that we can arrange the catering accordingly.

### **Monday 29th August**

If the weather is nice and there is interest from people we'll arrange a picnic lunch afloat in the central or western Solent area. We'll discuss that on the day.

Boats may depart for their home port at any time. Please settle your respective berthing fees with the marina office beforehand.

As always if you have any questions please e-mail us at [info@powerboatrally.com](mailto:info@powerboatrally.com) or call us

Ben Curtis 07921 944251

Paul Hooper 07973 349769