



SYC Dinghy Cruise OOD Guidelines

At the briefing before the dinghy cruise, please include the following items

1. The destination today is
(If applicable) We may be stopping at
2. The time of high tide is (or) Low tide is Spr/Nps?
3. The weather forecast is
4. The start time isboats on the water near buoy 29 usually 2 hours before LW for downriver cruises and 90 mins before HW on up-river cruises.
5. **Note: Slower boats which includes, Gul, Tideway, Mirror, Topper + less experienced skippers start 15 mins before the given start time.**
6. To take part in the dinghy cruise, all helms and crews **must** have read and digested the "SYC Dinghy Cruisers Crews Guidelines"
7. Members are reminded that they sail entirely at their own risk and the safety of the boat and the decision to join the cruise is entirely their responsibility and not that of the OOD or safety boat drivers.
8. To join the cruise, you must be confident in your ability to sail to the destination and back unaided. The safety boat is for unforeseen events only.
9. **Is there anyone here today who either**
 - a. **Hasn't been sailing regularly for at least one year?**
 - b. **Hasn't sailed to today's destination before?**
10. Members are reminded to
 - a. Stay within sight of the safety boat(s) – tack back or heave to if necessary
 - b. "Buddy up" with another boat so the other boat will be nearby if you have problems
 - c. Avoid crossing in front of large vessels who may be restricted in ability to manoeuvre. Understand the IRPCS (Collision Regs).
11. The signal to start will be given by the OOD – please don't leave before the signal
12. All crews must sign the "dinghy cruise sign on log" which is in the Committee Room.

Sound bell or race box horn for briefing 30 mins before start.

If any "yes" answers, say "can we chat after briefing?"



13. Any Questions? If not, end of briefing.

What to do if any participants say they lack experience

One of the questions overleaf aims to identify cruise participants who may not have sufficient experience yet to safely join the dinghy cruise.

If any participant answers “yes” to the question say that you will have a chat with them after the briefing to discuss this further.

After the briefing

- a) Have a chat with them – then ask them to read “**SYC Dinghy Cruise Guidelines**” and decide if they are ready to safely sail by themselves on a cruise

Participant has less than one year’s sailing experience

As the OOD, you can

- ❖ Recommend they first gain more experience on Free Sailing days when there is safety boat cover near the club
- ❖ See if there is a place available with a more experienced boat’s crew today so they can experience the tides and sights of the Estuary

Participant has good sailing experience but doesn’t know local conditions

As the OOD, you can

- ❖ Provide information about local conditions to enable them to join the cruise more safely e.g. 4 knot tides off Warren, wind gusts over Cockwood marshes, avoiding Exmouth docks approaches etc
- ❖ Or see if there is a place available with a more experienced dinghy cruise boat’s crew today so they can gain experience of local conditions