

**Avoid carrying** 

diesel in jerry cans to EU

Following a review of

carrying spare diesel in

cans when entering the

Association's regulatory

avoided if at all possible."

temporary importation of

jurisdictions without any

advisory team (RATS)

says: "this should be

advice about sailors

EU, the Cruising

The Istanbul

Convention allows

fuel held in a vessel's

main tanks between

different customs



News and current affairs from the world of boating

## **Easier check in and out requirements** for sailors cruising to France

Cruising sailors now have much more choice as to where they can land on French soil when coming from outside the

European Union (EU). Previously boats would have to arrive at and depart from a Port of Entry (PPF), although last year a few ports were given a special derogation which allowed entry for a limited period. Now French officials have granted some 53 marinas (which are not PPFs) the rights to handle leisure/recreational boats arriving from or departing to outside of the EU or Schengen area.

#### New protocol

The new protocol came into force on 1 June. Skippers of these boats will need to email a specific completed form to the relevant port in advance of arrival or departure. A link to the form required is usually available on the website of the port or marina. For example on



the Calais website - www. calais-marina fr - there is a link from the home page to 'practical information' and then to 'documentation' which links to: www.calais-marina.fr/ page/documentation These forms will then be processed by local officials. The Cruising Association (CA) anticipates the stamped papers may be picked up on arrival or

emailed in the case of departure (as last year for those few ports). A spokesman said: "This announcement will make cruising to and from France this summer much easier and more attractive for all. The CA and cruising community is grateful to the French authorities, the ports and marina officials for their work to enable this outcome."

### The PPFs and other marinas or ports for Channel France

Grandcamps Maisy;

Ports included (as at 31 May 2024) are: Anglet; Antibes; Arcachon; Barneville Carteret; Binic; Calais; Camaret: Cancale: Cannes: Cap Breton: Cap d'Ail: Carentan: Cherbourg:



Concarneau; Courseulles-Isigny sur Mer: La Rochelle: La Trinité sur Mer; La Vicomté sur-Mer; Deauville; Dielette; Dieppe; Dinan; Dinard; sur Rance: L'Aber Wrac'h: Dives-sur-Mer; Douarnenez; Larmor-Baden; Le Conquet; Dunkerque; Fécamp; Le Havre: Lézardrieux: Marseille; Morlaix; Paimpol; Gravelines; Honfleur; Hyères; Perros-Guirec: Plouër-sur-Rance; Pontrieux; Port en Bessin; Port Saint Louis du Rhône; Port-Bail-sur-Mer; **Quiberon: Saint Briac: Saint** Guildo; Saint-Malo;

Jacut de la mer; Saint Suliac; Saint Vaast la Hougue; Saint Valerv en Caux: Saint-Cast le Saint-Quay Portrieux; Saint-Raphaël; Saint-Tropez; Sanary-sur-mer; Sète; Trébeurden; and Tréguier. www.pbo.co.uk/francenew-protocol

PBO contributor Ken Endean said: "The new system is clearly an improvement but anchorage enthusiasts who wish to zigzag between France and the Channel Islands (including Chausey etc) will look forward to a completely digital system not linked to specific ports."

PBO reader Paul Kelly said: "It is helpful but the omission of some ports and bolt holes remains regrettable. If sailing to France via the Channel Islands, from St Peter Port it is 75 miles to Roscoff but only 50 miles to Port Blanc which is not on the entry list. That 25 miles makes quite a difference for smaller craft. It is very good to see L'Aber Wrac'h on the list!"

PBO contributor Dan King, who has racked up more than 40 Channel crossings in his 1970 Westerly Pageant (PBO, May 2024), asked: "Could the CA clarify the implications of changed plans having already done the form filling?"

#### 'Earliest opportunity'

Bob Garrett, joint CA Channel section secretary, responded: "The need to inform the French authorities of a change of port of arrival or departure in advance may not be ideal but it is not always the case. If using a port of entry (PPF) then there is usually no need, but if using one of the 'protocol ports' then it is necessary because they have to forward the document to the French authorities for them to check, stamp and return to the port. If there is a change while under way, they should be informed of this, and I expect they would be happy to accept this. It is not a lot different from the UK situation where a Pleasure Craft Report must be completed in advance, and any changes notified at the 'earliest opportunity'."

### Round the Island Race rescue 'like doing an MOB recovery wearing a neck brace

This year's Round the Island Race saw winds gusting 45mph and 3-4m swells, and nine incidents including a man overboard (MOB) rescue. Of the 939 'race for all' entries on 15 June, 418 retired and 154 completed the 50-mile course around the Isle of Wight. Several classes were cancelled before the start due to the adverse forecast. As the weather took a turn for the worse from the outset, many competitors retired between Cowes starting line and Alum Bay near the Needles.

Among those was the five-strong crew of Walkabout IV, a Dufour 40, after a huge wave swamped the boat.

#### Knockdown

Skipper Steve Daniel, 69, who suffered a fractured tibia in the knockdown, said: "All of our lifeiackets automatically inflated under the deluge.

"As we surfaced a rapid head count revealed three out of five crew plus a pair of legs over the top leeward guard wire but still hooked on, Tom and Nigel soon had James, who at 6ft 6in is a big lad, back aboard. Tom quickly identified Keith in the water 15m to leeward with lifejacket inflated and two thumbs up. "We quickly had the jib furled and engine running after a loose rope overboard check, being within 300m of a lee shore, time was of the essence."

One failed rescue attempt down. Steve's brother Nigel, a Master Mariner, put out a Pan Pan to advise the Coastguard of a 'potential situation' Steve described the inflated

lifeiacket scenario as a 'doubleedged sword'. He said: "While self-inflating lifeiackets are great when you fall in, they are a bit of a liability inflated in the cockpit; working with a neck brace on comes to mind."



## GR ABOVE 76-year-old Keith Fisher was rescued successfully on the third attempt by his crewmates in challenging conditions

**RIGHT** Without that bathing platform, the recovery would have been much more difficult

was limiting manoeuvring "by having to avoid gybes". Their hitech throwing gear was too light for the conditions, so a 12m x 12mm diameter warp was used. Keith. 76. was successfully retrieved on the third attempt.

coastguard and Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) crews for their response and praised photographer Richard Langdon who used his initiative while operating a drone in the area: "It was a good MOB reference point."

The RNLI, which marks its 200th year, was the official race charity and crews from Cowes, Calshot, Bembridge, Mudeford, Lymington, Portsmouth, Yarmouth and Selsey provided safety cover, along with independent lifeboat volunteers.

40ft yacht taking on water following a collision, a 34ft vessel with a fouled prop, and a

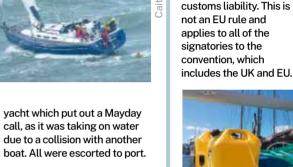


Other incidents included a

Main trophy winner TP52 Notorious was first overall

Steve thanked the

special for me."



in the IRC Class, winning the coveted Gold Roman Bowl. Skipper Peter Morton, of Beware being liable for Cowes, described the race as import duty/customs action

the "toughest one I've done" over the past 50 years. He said: "It's 40 years ago since I won the Gold Roman Bowl on a little 25ft boat called Odd Job which was the smallest boat in the fleet, so this year was very First across the finishing line

was the multihull Highland Fling 18, with a time of 3h 39m 5s, winning the Freedom Challenge Bowl. Owner and helm Irvine Laidlaw said: "It was the first event for us in 2024 and we've travelled over 3.000 miles from Palma to be here but it's worth it!"

Race director Dave Atkinson said: "Despite the challenging conditions we only had nine incidents connected to the race which is less than previous years. This shows the seamanship of the crews and the correct decision making that went into undertaking of the race."

The 2025 race will be held on Saturday 21 lune pbo.co.uk/round-the-island

#### The CA's Trevor Page, said: "While the convention does mention lubrication oil for normal servicing, it does not Gillfoto mention spare fuel in cans. It can be argued that these are outside the protection of the Istanbul Convention and potentially liable to import duty and/or customs action for the evasion of duty." He added: "The SOLAS V requirements may not give shelter

from possible customs actions. Our advice now carrying spare diesel in cans when entering the EU or Northern Ireland." Any fuel put into cans for onward passage after entering the EU must be white, and receipts kept

is that it's best to avoid to show duty was paid.

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Quadriplegic Captain

completed another

trail-blazing voyage

Caledonian Canal.

London, in a 9m

accessible power

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around Britain, via the

his team arrived back

at St Katharine Docks.

catamaran-the first

Wetwheels wheelchair-

catamaran, on 12 June

after 25 days at sea.

Geoff's wife, Elaine.

charity's locational gaps'

Wetwheels boats, would make a total of 12 bases around the UK

The 58-year-old and

Geoff Holt has

**DIARY DATES** 

Cowes Classics Week.

6-12 July. Isle of Wight, cowesclassicsweek.org

Conwy River Festival.

6-8 July, cruisers, dayboats,

Nobbys, Gaffers, classics,

Titchfield Boat Jumble.

7 July, 10am, Hound Hill

Farm, boat-jumbles.co.uk

LA-LA Rally, 10-13 July,

conwyriverfestival.org

## Six year old's single-handed adventure

A six-year-old boy who sailed solo around Hilbre Island at the mouth of the Dee Estuary in aid of the RNLI, was encouraged by his hero Bear Grylls.

Before his 5km voyage, off West Kirby in Wirral, Theo Geddes sanded down and painted his Optimist dinghy in Spiderman colours. While he was "scared" during the twohour trip, and suffered a sore arm and hands. Theo was inspired by a birthday message he'd received from the TV adventurer Bear Grvlls. "He said to follow my dreams

and never give up," Theo said.

## **Congrats madam chairman!**

PBO editor Katy Stickland has taken over as chairman of the Yachting Journalists' Association (YJA).

YJA as chairman and vicechairman. Cliff Webb and Mark Jardine have handed over the 'helm' during the annual

general meeting (AGM) held on 4 June, at the Royal Ocean Racing Club in London.

Katy is now chairman, with Lou Johnson who owns Box PR. in the vice-chairman role Cliff, whose tenure marked

the longest continuous position as chairman in YJA history, said: "I think we can look back with

lifeboat station, accompanied Theo in a rigid inflatable boat from West Kirby Sailing Club to Hilbre Island, down the eastern side then back to the mainland Matt said: "I felt proud given

Theo's dad. Matt. an RNLI

volunteer with the West Kirbv

it was all his idea. He complained about sore hands and a sore arm, but we had a discussion and it was entirely his choice whether he wanted to carry on or not. For his sixth birthday he got a little message from Bear Grylls encouraging him to follow his dreams, so that's what he did."

After six years serving the

## Sports come together for clean water

Seven national governing bodies of water-based sports have formed an alliance to call for an end to the discharge of raw sewage in UK waters. The Clean Water Sports Alliance of Angling Trust, British Rowing, British Triathlon, GB Outrigger, Paddle UK, Royal Yachting Association and Swim England have united to fight water pollution, setting the vision to achieve healthy and nature-rich blue spaces across the UK. Collectively, the

organisations represent almost 450.000 members, elite athletes and water users across the country who rely on UK





Theo's efforts aboard Spidey raised more than £1,800 for the RNLI

Katy said: "The membership

strength, and I'm excited about

is the association's biggest

developing plans so it

from Conwy to Caernarfon. power and sail welcome, conwyriverfestival.org Cam Sailing Club regatta weekend. 13-14 July, marking 125 years since the club was founded. Waterbeach, River Cam, camsailingclub.org.uk Gorey Regatta, 13-14 July. Roval Bay of Grouville. Jersey, 167th anniversary event, goreyregatta.org Thames Traditional Boat Festival, 19-21 July, Henley-On-Thames, tradboatfestival.com **Scow 100,** 21 July, centenary celebrations at Yarmouth Sailing Club, contact Pete Giles: Muttbuzzlev3@outlook.

July-2 August. Isle of Wight. www.cowesweek.co.uk Worthing Boat Jumble, 11 August, Marine Parade, boatjumblessussex.co.uk Portsmouth Boat Jumble, 1 September, 10am, Fort Purbrook, boatjumbles.co.uk Suffolk Boat Jumble. 8 September, Trinity Park, lpswich, rotaevents.co.uk Southampton Boat Show, 13-22 September. Britain's biggest boating festival, Mayflower Park, southamptonboatshow. com

## RNLI 200 Year

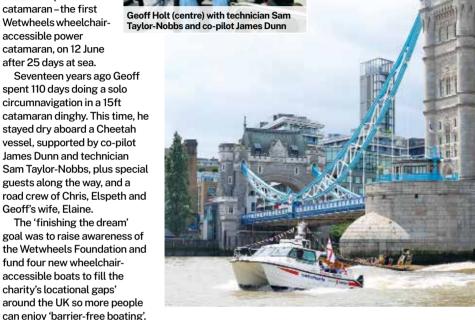
28-29 September, Isle of Wight, clipperevents.com Kent Boat Jumble. 29 September, Hop Farm Showground, www.rotaevents.co.uk

must protect our playground to to share with PBO readers? email pbo@futurenet.com inspire the next generation"

com Cowes Week regatta, 27

Anniversary Ball, 28 September, RNLI.org/200 Knox-Johnston Cup.

Got an event you would like



Geoff, who was paralysed from has always been my salvation since my accident, somewhere the chest down in a swimming I can forget my disability." accident in 1984, said: "The sea He added: "Throughout this challenge, we have met **ABOVE RIGHT** Acquiring four more wonderful people in the most

**Geoff Holt completes his 'finishing** 

the dream' circumnavigation

challenges and having spent hours on end at sea we have returned home safe knowing more people are aware of the amazing work Wetwheels do." beautiful places throughout pbo.co.uk/geoffs\_dream

the UK. It wasn't without its

## **European inland waterways guidance**

Mast Routes. It

details the numerous sources

information, such as where to

find alerts on the status of

locks and bridges along the

routes current water levels

permitted draught and air

for obtaining up-to-date

A new, free guidance note on on Sources of the Netherlands Standing Mast Information on Routes is now available from the Cruising Association (CA). Standing Mast

These routes are a popular Routes. This passage for sailing and motor guidance note yachts, serving as a gateway to destinations like the Kiel Canal and the Baltic, or simply guide Through offering a new cruising experience.

Recognising the importance of keeping the cruising community informed with easy to find up-to-date advice on the routes and possible disruptions. the CA's European Inland Waterways Section (FIWS) has launched a free guidance note



draught and known incidents affecting 2024 cruising. Plus a list of common questions and answers on the routes. Download the free PDF at pbo.co.uk/european-inlandwaterways

#### young volunteers with Unsung Hero, Long Service, Rising Star, Guiding Light and Inspirational Race Coach or Instructor accolades. Nominations must be made before midday on 16 September 2024. Finalists will be invited to a reception held at the RYA Dinghy and

Celebrate

Do vou know anv

(RYA)-affiliated

in the UK?

individuals or Royal

Yachting Association

organisations making an

outstanding contribution

Nominations are open

to sailing or boating life

for the new look RYA

Awards, which merge

the former Club of the

inspirational volunteers

clubs. the awards aim to

celebrate all those going

ABOVE The RYA is merging

its previously separate Club

1) The Affiliate Awards to

honour clubs. classes

accolades including

Persons, Active and

Event of the Year. 2) The Individual Awards

and organisations with

Together on Water, The

Green Blue team. Young

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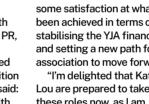
celebration. From

to forward-thinking

unsuna heroes

Watersports Show on 22 February 2025 where winners will be announced. pbo.co.uk/rya-awards

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some satisfaction at what has been achieved in terms of stabilising the YJA financially

and setting a new path for the association to move forward on. "I'm delighted that Katy and

Lou are prepared to take on these roles now, as I am

#### Journalist, the Young Sailor and Yachtsman of the Year. pbo.co.uk/yachtingjournalists-association

# the health of UK waters by 2030



cancelled or postponed. Sports Alliance will work makers and drive positive

together to influence decisionchange. Angling Trust spokesman Kris Kent said: "We

waters for sport and recreation. Pollution from various



need regulators to enforce the law and we need the government to be more ambitious in their plans to end the discharge of raw sewage." Royal Yachting Association CEO, Sara Sutcliffe, said: "We

www.pbo.co.uk/rya-awards

has also caused events, training sessions and activities to be By uniting, the Clean Water

**RIGHT** The alliance aims to improve



continues to grow, offering new Katy has another leading role opportunities and focusing on supporting and nurturing those who want to work in our industry." The YJA's awards this year will include the Young