**SHOTLEY POINT YACHT CLUB CHALLENGE**

**General**

1. Shotley Point Yacht Club (SPYC) recognises the need to challenge the more experienced Skippers and crew who may wish to sail for more than a weekend, sail long passages or enjoy testing their skills beyond the requirements of our normal activities.

**Aim**

1. The aim of the SPYC Challenge is to set and annual criteria of a number of trying tasks, all of which are accomplishable and safe with the correct amount of planning and forethought. *SPYC takes no responsibility for the planning or execution of Skippers routes.*

**Eligibility**

1. The Challenge is open to all skippers and crew who are members of SPYC in any capacity and on an individual basis. That is to say that a skipper or crew member can achieve the challenge by sailing on more then one boat to different destinations.

**Planning and Execution**

1. While it is the responsibility of the Skipper to plan each phase of the challenge, skippers are encouraged to sail in concert with other boats. It is hoped that by doing so a greater esprit de corps can be achieved. Remember this is not a competition but a challenge, there is no first place just those who complete the tasks and those that don’t. So, you will not handicap yourself by sharing information.

**A Challenge need not be Challenging**

1. Whilst the object of the exercise is to complete the tasks, Skippers should not lose sight of the real objective, which is to find new and interesting ways to sail and enjoy the activity to the best of your ability. So, you can build the tasks into a larger or longer trip. Having fun is the real aim.

**Proof of Accomplishment**

1. As the old adage goes, “if you cheat, you’re only cheating yourself.” That said, the organiser will require copies of logbook entries and photos or video as proof of achievement. Consider doing a video diary for your own fun, editing all the bad bits out is very easy these days. If you take some great pictures, enter them in the Crow’s Nest Editors Photo competition.

**2021 Challenge**

1. Due to uncertainty over traveling abroad, all the tasks this year are in UK waters.
	1. Cruise to Eastbourne, this can be part of a longer trip.
	2. An extended cruise round the Thames, including a Kent port, this might be part of the London Limehouse trip?
	3. A cruise to Wells Next The Sea
	4. A cruise with three consecutive days at different anchorages.

**Question**

1. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Harling newmembers@shotleypointyc.org

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