



**3rd, 4th, 5th**  
**July 2026**

## **INFORMATION PACK FOR SKIPPERS**

### **THE FIRST NIGHT, Friday 3rd July**

Following Mousehole Male Voice Choir, Sea Salts & Sail will officially be opened at 19.45hrs. There will be a brief ceremony, including a few words from our maritime guest. It would be great for all skippers and crew be around.

**Plans for arrival:** Please aim to be here as early as possible and anchor off if need be. Our team will be around all day and as the afternoon tide rises, we will call you in by size & draft. We will have a motorised tender to assist as appropriate. We could have around 50 boats registered, so please do allow plenty of time for berthing. Naturally, if you arrive earlier in the week, please liaise with the harbour master.

The Sea Salts & Sail bar will be open from 12.00hrs Friday afternoon, followed by live entertainment.

Crew supper will be served from around 19.00hrs to 21.00hrs. See below for further detail.

### **ARRIVAL DETAILS**

#### **By Sea**

If there is insufficient water in the harbour on arrival, weather permitting, you can anchor off, in-between St Clement's Isle and the harbour. See your charts. FYI, there is a 'gaps' tidal height measure on the harbour wall, to starboard, as you enter.

If the weather is fair, it may also be worth anchoring off in the evenings – it's more peaceful! This could save considerable time and effort in the mornings, as they are early starts. We have manned tenders to ferry crew to and from the boats during the day and up until around 20.00.

Should the weather not allow for anchoring off or access to the harbour, (if there's a large swell caused by a south-westerly or south-easterly) then feel

free to make your way to Newlyn Harbour approximately two miles away. From here, there are two buses per hour into Mousehole or Stone's taxi firm by the bridge. It's also about 30 minutes to walk.

If you have any questions as you approach Mousehole, then contact Rob or Dan. We will be around Friday afternoon, to meet you on arrival and assist.

**NOTE: There's a new pontoon on North Quay, that we have use of over SSS. Our berthing lay out will now change - bear with us. In short:**

- **Larger vessels (+33ft ) will now all raft against the South Quay (turn to port on entry). Allow for 4 rows, starting with the largest on inner tiers! Then 2 rows of shallower drafts, close to the beach.**
- **The +22ft vessels will be on the outer tiers on South Quay.**
- **Smaller vessels (u22ft) will generally be rafted on the North Quay pontoons (turn to starboard on entry).**
- **On both quays, we're aiming to raft at least four / five deep, starting with the largest on inner tiers!**
- **For the smallest vessels, there will be a line laid across the south beach to tie your bow onto - but a kedge will be needed.**

Please note that the quay is very old and uneven, so it's advised to have plenty of 'large' fenders and short ends to hand – do not forget your legs. Due to boat numbers and the harbour size, if you can retract or raise your bow sprit and/or outrigger, this will really help with berthing, manoeuvrability and grounding safely. The harbour will dry out along both quays.

Our hope is to get everyone moored up efficiently and safely, as early as the evening tide allows (on each day).

### **By Trailer**

Boats are more easily launched in Newlyn or Penzance, than in Mousehole. Our streets are too narrow to tow anything over 15ft, unless done very early in the morning or down Raginnis Hill. The roads will be congested, especially during the festival with 'holiday changeovers' and the public. Our marquis and tents will also be erected Wednesday-Friday AM - no access to south beach complicated. If you have a smaller vessel, then she could be launched by hand onto the south beach (before 9 AM Thursday or 9 AM Friday) and pushed in. Any other times, launch down the North Cliff slip, in the centre of the village by the clock tower. There's no trailer storage in the village or on the beach. Trailers can be stored (where appropriate) at Mousehole Camp Site, just up the hill in Paul. They will be safe, it's convenient and less than 10 mins walk back down the hill to the harbour. There's a small contribution for the three days if not camping and free if you are camping. See below for details. Alternatively, contact Sandy Cove Boatyard in Newlyn as they have lots of space. And if you need the boat repairing, they are perfectly located!

## **TENDER SERVICES**

A tender service will be provided by the *Penzance Sea Cadets and Mousehole Rowing Club*, to ferry crew to and from the vessels. This will generally be while vessels are anchored pre / post events. Please liaise with the Cadets or the SSS team on their start and end times for this tender service. Please note that there will be an evening cut off from around 20.00, so bring your tenders in.

## **SAILING**

Details of the Saturday and Sunday sails will be available from the Sailing Event Officer, at Friday's welcome supper. Courses will also be on a chalk board each morning.

In short, the sails will be split into 3 simple LOD classes – see Sailing Instruction booklet for details. In brief: 0 - 22ft, 23ft - 31ft, 32ft +

Saturday: Morning: start from 10.30hrs and Afternoon: start from 15.00hrs

Sunday: Morning: start from 10.30hrs

Afternoon will be Flotilla Parade of Sail, start 15.00hrs

**NOTE:** If you are berthed in the harbour and planning to join the sailing events, please be prepared to move out and anchor off as soon as the morning tide allows. We suggest moving by 07.30hrs. This especially applies if you have an outer berth. Those who draw more water and are lying along the walls, will become anxious as the tide ebbs away and will worry about grounding (therefore not making the starters gun). If possible, it's recommended you anchor off early and get a tender back in for a hearty breakfast in the village.

If you are not planning to join the sailing events, please let the team know on arrival, so they can perhaps organise an inner berth.

If you are moored off and not joining the sailing, please liaise with the Sail Event Officer on best mooring / anchorage location, that doesn't get in the way of the event courses.

## **SCULLY RELAY RACE, Saturday late afternoon**

Due to popular demand, we have the scully relay race planned in the harbour for the Saturday evening in two identical 14ft Sea Salts & Sail oyster punts - Port and Starboard. Approximately 19.00hrs (gathering 18.30). Teams will race from the beach, around a buoy and back. This will be against the clock and against the other boat. In short, the fastest overall team-time wins! Please enter your names at the welcome supper or before departing the harbour Saturday morning. There will be a black board register.

## CATERING FOR CREW

Free Friday supper vouchers will be issued to those crew members who have registered and are taking part in the sailing events over the weekend. It is the responsibility of each skipper to supply the festival organisers with their crew numbers before the event, in order to obtain appropriate vouchers on arrival. Please contact Vikki Hills: [info@barnardresearch.com](mailto:info@barnardresearch.com) with you crew numbers. This will really help our caterers. Between 2 and 6 crew per vessel, depending on size. We appreciate there are a few larger vessels coming, so there are exceptions. Also, please remember that this event is run entirely by volunteers - there are no grants covering catering for crews – so please bear with us as we will try offer something to everyone.

## SUNDAY EVENING

Award ceremony and art auction from 18.30hrs.

## SAIL EVENT OFFICER / ORGANISING

As with our last festival, Mike Winiberg is our Sail Event Officer. He will be based at his control centre, at the end of the South Quay and use CH77 for announcements.

Start times and routes for the events will be given on arrival at the crew supper on Friday. Re-confirmation and updates of routes and start times will also be available early Saturday and Sunday, from approximately 08.00 by the main marquee - there will also be a notice board with details. Mike will be around for last minute advice - and **turn your radios to Ch77**. We recommend you get out of the harbour early and anchor off, then come back in for a catch up and breakfast. Or send in a member of your crew! Cafes should open around 07.30/8.00am

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Please make sure your vessel's insurance is up to date. Min 3<sup>rd</sup> party.
- We recommend you wear life jackets when on the water and sailing.
- Public conveniences can be found on both quays. A small shower can be found in the South Quay toilet block and a water tap for filling containers can be found on the outside of the North Quay toilet block.
- There are several cafes, restaurants and pubs around the village.
- Petrol and diesel can be obtained at the Co-op in Wherrytown.
- The nearest Chandlers are in Newlyn.
- Mousehole does not have a general store, so please bring provisions.

- There are several galleries and gift shops around the village.
- The nearest supermarket is the Co-op in Newlyn.
- There is a regular Mousehole bus service to (and from) Newlyn / Penzance, two an hour. The bus turn-around point over the weekend will be outside the Coastguard Hotel.
- The local taxi company in Newlyn is Stones.
- Trailer storage and boat problems: Sandy Cove Boatyard (Newlyn)

## **THE HARBOUR**

- Please consult your pilot book before arrival, to refresh yourselves with the approach, surroundings and safe anchorage location.
- On approach, keep to the central cleared channel between the gaps.
- The harbour entrance is 11m wide.
- Should the wind blow heavily from the south-east, setting up a ground swell in the harbour, you may have a more comfortable night in Newlyn.
- Other hazards to be aware of in the harbour, will be kids jumping off the quays, swimmers, fishermen, mermaids and the odd kayak.
- Please DO NOT empty your 'heads' in the harbour. There are toilet blocks on the quays.
- Harbour dries out at low water, so don't forget your legs, buffs and lines!
- This is a working fishing harbour and as such, dogs are not allowed on the quays or beach. Everywhere else is fine.

## **SUMMARY OF CONTACTS**

**Harbour Master:** *Micky Bacon*, mobile 07944 372289, office 01736 732544, radio coms *Channel 12*.

**Ass HM:** *Bill Johnson*, mobile 07704 621271, radio coms *Channel 12*.

### **Festival logistics:**

*Gail Angove*, mobile 07990 528757, email ladygail34@outlook.com.

*Vikki Hills*, mobile 07887 726207, email info@barnardresearch.com

**Boats:** *Dan Hills*, 07880 712946 and *Rob McDowell*, 07957 381783

**Local VHF Radio Coms:** Channel 77

**Sail Event Officer:** *Mike Winiberg*

**Sea Cadets:** Channel 77

