#### **Motorboat & Cruising Group Events for 2026**

2026 promises to be an exciting year for yacht club members, with a packed calendar of cruising events designed to appeal to all levels of experience. From leisurely weekend getaways to extended coastal explorations, the upcoming season offers camaraderie, adventure, and the chance to discover new harbours and scenic anchorages.

Why bother with next year now? Well the reality is so many of our Club Boat Owners ring fence their cruising dates a long way in advance and then miss out on club events! So get your 2026 diaries out now.......

## Annual Spring Shakedown Cruise – 10th to 12th April 2026. Ring Fence Now.

Kick off the cruising season with the traditional Spring Shakedown Cruise to Dartmouth. This event is ideal for dusting off your sails and power trim controls after winter, checking equipment, and enjoying the company of fellow club members whether you own a yacht or motor cruiser. Expect a relaxed itinerary with social hospitality gatherings onboard and ashore. 10% discount off reserved Inner Town Quay berthing.

### Channel Crossing to Guernsey and possibly beyond...

We already have expressions of interest for this cruise in company to St Peter Port. A weather window is set from the 21<sup>st</sup> May to the 5<sup>th</sup> June. What does this mean? Simply ring fence these dates. Nearer the date will look at the weather and decide the exact dates but likely to be over a 7 to 10 day period with opportunities for cruising to Sark and Alderney under the careful guidance of the more experienced. So stay tuned.....

#### Midsummer Solstice Beach BBQ - Sunday 21st June 2026

Mark the longest day of the year with a special midsummer Beach BBQ. This event often features a communal beach landing (weather permitting) to celebrate the solstice. Bring your own portable BBQ. Music and Beach Volley Ball competition provided.

#### Summer Coastal Adventure – July/August dates to be confirmed

The highlight of the cruising season, this 7-to-10-day long adventure exploring some of the finest ports of call in the Solent. A perfect way to build experience and enjoy the full beauty of the region. The highlight being a party at the Folley Inn on the River Medina where the ladies dance on the tables after dinner!

Let me know your interest before we finalise our 2026 Calendar and do not forget to join me on the dance floor with your non-member friends at our 2025 End of Season Party on the 31<sup>st</sup> October – we still have a few tickets left here:

https://rtyc.org/event/motorboat-cruising-end-of-season-party/

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