

OGA55 - 16th to 19th August 2018

This time all the same fun and games but not based in a marina - it will be more like our usual gaffer events where we gather informally in scenic locations. So NOT Cowes, but upstream in the River Medina where the Folly Inn have offered us use of their many pontoons at low rates. There will be room for as many as 200 boats. No electric or water but use of the facilities ashore, and for smaller boats and dinghies there will be facilities including bunk rooms at the UKSA near Cowes.

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Areas will organise for their members to get to the Isle of Wight, with or without their boats for Thursday 16th Aug. OGA funds are to be made available for subsidising transport to the Isle of Wight, accommodation at the UKSA, places on chartered gaffers, water taxis between the Folly Inn and pontoons and the UKSA, and for running the racing.

Some members will already be in the vicinity after either joining in a small gaffers cruise or a Trailer Section Raid in the preceding days or arriving early after cruising there from home ports. NB There will be gaffers to sail even if you don't bring your own!

Provisional programme as follows:

Thurs 16th Aug HW 04.00 and 16.30

Arrivals: Informal welcome party at the Folly Inn with barbeque running

Friday 17th Aug

Daytime water activities based at the Folly: river sailing for juniors and adults in smaller boats.

Those attending with bigger boats (or without boats) will have the use of UKSA dinghies.

Sculling, rubber flubber sailing and other river regatta events.

Excursions to Osborne House or the Needles; bikes to hire and explore.

Supper at UKSA with use of swimming pool and sailing simulator

Race briefing for Saturday

Saturday 18th Aug LW 10.45 HW 18.00

Race Day for larger boats with crew places offered to the dinghy/trailer section/small gaffer members and those attending without boats. Trip boat places for spectators.

Dinner together in evening - perhaps with a fancy dress theme and prize giving.

Sunday 19th Aug HW 06.25 and 19.20 Departure day

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