

Channel Sailing Club

Guidelines for Skippers handling Onboard Activities

Note: This information is generally for the benefit of boat Skippers, however it is also useful for all Club members so that they know what to expect.

- Ascertain all crew experience levels before the event ideally at the event briefing on the Tuesday night before. If there are new members who have a Mentor, then also talk to the Mentor.
- Also ascertain what each crew member is hoping to get out of the event in terms of skills and experience.
- Plan & prepare possible activities for the crew before the event taking into account their experience levels. For example many activities out on the boat will involve putting classroom theory into practice.
- When all the crew is assembled on board hold an event briefing and discussion session (probably after the safety briefing). Make sure all crew members have an idea of each others skills and experience. Also discuss items such as dietary requirements, spending levels/eating ashore, sea sickness and smoking (if relevant).
- When there are sufficient crew members, look to partner up one experienced person with one in-experienced person.
- On longer cruises allocate roles and responsibilities on a daily basis for crew members. This should encompass both sailing and 'domestic' activities. This should ensure the crew each do a variety of activities.
- Make sure crew are not being 'typecast' in terms of their abilities and needs. This is particularly important with a mixed gender crew. Don't allow individuals to only do one thing (even if they want to), whether it be galley slave or winch grinder.
- For the benefit of the crew as a whole try to keep with the main body of the other boats on the Rally or Cruise so that maximum learning & socializing can be done.
- At the end of the event offer to record the event details in the crews' RYA logbooks.