



Preliminary 2010 Cruising Plans

TO: PYC Membership
FROM: Cruise Committee

On November 20th we held a group discussion to gather input for the 2010 Cruising season. Some very good ideas came forth which we hope to implement next year, and we thought we would start by announcing some cruise dates so that vacation planning can start earlier:

- The “Summer Cruise” will be from July 17th to August 1st. Along with this two-week cruise, we hope to offer a one-week cruise starting at the same time, and ending on July 25th. The format of the Summer Cruise will change to a less structured, less formal, more laid-back cruise with 3 or 4 major Rendezvous interspersed around open days. Members can come and go as they wish. There will be NO Signup required, NO Cruise Gift, and therefore NO Cruise Fee. Rendezvous will likely range from BYO cocktail parties/cookouts, to a sit-down Lobster bake for which advance reservations will be required.
- A “Southern Cruise” to the Isle of Shoals, Boston, Cape Cod, and the Islands (maybe Newport) will depart on June 12th, and return the last week of June (TBD). There is interest to do an overnight sail on the return leg from Provincetown.
- A “Windjammer Days” Cruise to Boothbay from June 19th to the 23rd will be planned, perhaps incorporating the spring “Shakedown” Cruise on the 19th.
- The Mini-Cruise and Fall Cruise events will be planned as usual, as well as a repeat of the popular Family Weekend Cruise to Sebasco. More emphasis will be placed on “Family-Friendly” cruises to perhaps include several 3-day weekends.
- The “Cruise Race” will become a separate weekend event, not part of the Summer Cruise, likely involving two days of racing around a rendezvous destination (party?). Any boat may enter, but rules will require the towing of a dinghy on the designated waterline!

The key words for next years’ cruising activities will be “Rendezvous” and “Family-Friendly.” We hope this will increase interest and participation, learning, and family fun. Your input and feedback is welcome.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!