

Organizing an EYC Cruise/Raft-Up

CRUISE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Schedule Cruises: dates and destinations
 - Develop and post posters and flyers for each event
 - Post Cruise details on EYC website, in weekly EYC e-mail Newsblast, and in monthly 'View from the Bridge' newsletter
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COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work with Cruise Committee to publicize and promote event
- Obtain names and contact information (email and cell phone #) of attendees via web-based sign-up system

For raft-ups: Arrange details and logistics

- Time and place for raft-up. Generally scheduled to begin at 1600 (4PM). Determine approximate latitude/longitude of anchorage.
- Recruit anchor boat prior to cruise --serves as meeting place for hors d'oeuvres and drinks
- Arrive by 1500 (3 p.m.) to select anchorage (or recruit someone to do this); arrive well before raft-up is scheduled to begin
- Monitor VHF channel 71 and your cell phone (provide your cell phone # to attendees prior to trip)

For related land-based activities:

- Marina: Arrange to have slips available
 - Restaurant: arrange for tables to be reserved
 - Appetizers on land prior to dinner: arrange for location/set-up
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CRUISE ATTENDEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

- Sign up for events as soon as possible. If your plans change or you cannot come, let the cruise coordinator know ASAP
- Please read EYC Cruising Protocol on page 2



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I. Cruise Schedules

Cruise details are posted on the EYC website, in the weekly EYC e-mail Newsblasts and in the View from the Bridge newsletter each month. Lat/Long will be posted to web site at least one week prior to cruise. Each cruise has a cruise coordinator, who arranges details and logistics.

If you want to be added to the Cruise Committee email list, please use the link on the cruising web page, or notify the cruise chair with your e-mail address at cruise@eastportyc.org.

Cruisers are flexible and dislike stormy weather or long beats to windward, so sometimes last-minute changes or cancellations do occur. Therefore, **please let the cruise coordinator know that you are coming. That way, we'll let you know if there is a change of plans. AND if *your* plans change, let the cruise coordinator know, so we don't look for you.**

Raft ups are BYOB so bring an appetizer/dish to share.

II. Rafting up

Depending on the expected weather and the number of boats participating, several rafts may be needed, or you might have to anchor separately. Therefore, it's a good idea to bring a dinghy.

1. When approaching a club raft or boat, look to the skipper, or designee, of this boat for directions as to which side of the raft to join. Slow down when approaching or joining a raft. Make sure all passengers keep their hands and feet in the boat while rafting up.
2. The boat joining the raft should place two large fenders on its side to protect both boats and prepare bow and stern lines made up with loops to pass to the host boat. Come abeam of the host boat and hand the bow and stern lines to the host crew. Always secure lines onto cleats or strong points - not handrails or other accessories.
3. Prepare and run two spring lines from the bow of one boat to the stern of the other (or utilize a midship cleat), to minimize fore and aft motion (creating an "X" shape) for optimum protection of both boats.
4. Before departing a raft, always advise the anchor boat. Your departure could alter the balance of the raft. If you leave from an inboard position, always back away assisting the crews on each side in passing their lines across your bow as you back down.

III. Land-based events

Please make your own arrangements if a marina is being visited. If a restaurant is being used, please tell the cruise coordinator you are coming. If you need to cancel, make sure the coordinator knows, so he can cancel your place and so we don't get a bad reputation from the restaurant.