

ECYD - Crew Bureau report 2023.

Winter maintenance period for the crew bureau was busy with over 30 emails requesting berths in the summer of the Baltic trip. The summer bookings looked promising. I had the usual struggle with CSSC advertising trying to get taster sails onto their new Nuticket system.

April training season was poor with no take up of radar course and seatime, boat handling or skipper development. There were a couple of taster weekends booked but much down in 2022. This is partly due to the ECYD lack of advertising on the CSSC website and the struggle that the crew bureau has had with trying to resolve this by coming in line with the way CSSC does business.

My thanks go to my regular skippers and volunteers, Brian Barnes, Steve McGarry, John Miller, Mary Reid and Richard Maxwell without whom I would never get any of this done. I hope that in 2024 I can persuade them to help out once again.

There were 3 seatimes booked for the baltic. This then became 2. Uptake was slow and we were not fully booked. I will not lie, we had issues with the seatime slots of our own making outside of the Crewing Bureau.

I had limited requests from skippers for extra crew. Thank you Nick Bowles and James Savage for asking for Crew. Of the 30 requests for berths I was only able to place 6 people into crews (seatime and delivery slots only.)

Nothing was planned from the Crew Bureau for September onwards as it was decided to do charters in the UK instead.

Since September and the announcements about the club plus dropping charter prices for previous slippers, I have had several emails from day skippers and developing skippers wanting time to develop skipper skills and looking for qualified CSSA skippers to help them. Anyone out there feel they can help these people out?

Facebook.

The crewing bureau also covers the facebook group as admin. This has grown from 100 to 140 members. Notices are placed on the site from the Website. There are limited posts during the season from members. It's great to see your sailing exploits in photographs and words so I thank those of you who posted their own experiences on Freyja.

I made the decision to make it a private group after person experience as admin on other facebook groups. That decision can now not be reversed.

2024 issues and Crewing Bureau help needed.

My big issue is advertising ECYD with CSSC. If anyone can help with that I would be most grateful.

I'd like to see more skippers who have long trip slots and short of crew contact and take 1 new extra person if possible.

If members want training, RYA courses and have needs for sailing please contact me. Let's see what we can sort out for next year with the yacht sec.

If you feel as a skipper you can teach others to sail please get in touch.

Crew Bureau.

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