



# Royal Cork Yacht Club

## Cruise in Company – Courtmacsherry

### 17 – 19 July 2020

#### Introduction

The Royal Cork Yacht Club Cruise in Company to Courtmacsherry is planned for 17 – 19 Jul 2020. This briefing document is for the use of RCYC members who intend to cruise to Courtmacsherry. Please read this document carefully and pay particular attention to sections on Safety, Communications. All times are UTC +1(Irish Summer Time)

#### Key Dates/Times

Event	Date	Time	Comment
For those who wish to initially cruise to Oysterhaven on 17 Jul 20 Depart RCYC	17 Jul 20	16:00 hrs	HW Cobh 16:01 hrs 3.9m.
ETA Oysterhaven (14 nm)	17 Jul 20	18:45 hrs (2:45hours @ 5 kts)	Wind and weather dependent
RCYC Raft up and Sundowner Picnic	17 Jul 20	19:00 – 23:00 hrs	Members encouraged to bring any musical instruments (Guitars Drums, Spoons Combs etc. to assist with any singing that may break out
For those who wish to cruise direct to Courtmacsherry on 18 Jul 20 Depart RCYC	18 Jul 20	09:00 hrs	HW Cobh 04:29 hrs 4m. and 16:54 hrs 4m
ETA Courtmacsherry (25 nm)	18 Jul 20	14:00 hrs 5 hours @ 5kts	Wind and weather dependent HW Courtmacsherry 16:35hrs 3.39m
For those departing Oysterhaven for Courtmacsherry on 18 Jul 20 Depart Oysterhaven	18 Jul 20	11:00 hrs	HW Cobh 04:29 hrs 4m. and 16:54 hrs 4m
ETA Courtmacsherry (14 nm)	18 Jul 20	13:45 Hours 2:45 hours @ 5kts	Wind and weather dependent HW Courtmacsherry 16:35hrs 3.39m

**“Stay Safe and Enjoy”**

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Dinner Lifeboat Inn	18 Jul 20	20:30 hrs	Advance Booking with Cruising Committee required
Depart Courtmacsherry	19 Jul 20	14:00 hrs	HW Cobh 05:19 hrs 4.1m. and 17:42 hrs 4.1m HW Courtmacsherry 04:58hrs 3.45m and 17.22hrs 3.59m
ETA Crosshaven (25 nm)	19 Jul 20	19:00 hrs 5 hours @ 5kts	Wind and weather dependent

## **Safety**

This cruise is being organised by the RCYC. The organisers will provide as much information as possible to participants prior to the commencement of the cruise. However, each boat skipper is individually responsible for their own safety and that of their crew. No responsibility rests with the organisers. Information is given in good faith and must be used with due regard to the norms of good seamanship likely weather and knowledge of the limitations of their own vessel, crew experience and equipment on board. Each vessel must be adequately insured and carry adequate safety equipment.

## **Covid 19**

Boat Skippers are individually responsible for their own safety and that of their crew to ensure that the [RCYC Covid 19 Guidelines](#) and social distancing protocols are followed as well as maintain details for contact tracing as required. It is also recommended that all persons taking part in the Cruise in Company who have a smart phone, download and use the [Irish Covid 19 Tracker Application](#).

## **Climate & Weather**

### **Forecasts**

Weather forecast will be assessed prior to departure and shared via the RCYC Cruisers What's App Group.

**SW Coast of Ireland** - Winds mainly from the southwest.

## **Ships Time**

All times are Irish time (UTC+1 also known as BST)

## **Route**

### **Cork to [Oysterhaven](#)**

The total journey is approximately 14 nm. Oysterhaven is a sea-inlet on the south coast of Ireland situated about ten miles southwest of the entrance to Cork Harbour and two miles east of the entrance to Kinsale Harbour, in Co. Cork. The natural harbour offers a picturesque and secluded anchorage but with few shore facilities.

The natural harbour offers complete protection from all conditions. The lower section of the harbour is somewhat exposed to stiff conditions from the south round to southeast, but in these conditions, shelter may be obtained by taking the vessel up 'Murray' Creek' situated in the northwest arm of the harbour, which will support vessels of up to two metres. Oysterhaven provides

straightforward access and may be entered in daylight in almost all conditions on any state of the tide.

**Please note** There is an unmarked and covered rock inside the harbour. This is easily avoided by taking a westerly route up through the harbour but should be noted from the outset.

More detailed information can be found on [eOceanic](#)

### **Sundowner Party BYOD and Picnic**

For the Sundowner Party and Picnic members boats will be moored/anchored in close proximity (in line with Covid 19 guidelines) and are encouraged to bring any musical instruments (Guitars Drums, Spoons Combs etc) to assist with any singing that may break out. Spot prizes will be awarded for those boats/crews who excel in this area as well as the best Food Envy Picnic Photograph Posted on the Cruisers Whats App Group

### **Oysterhaven/Cork [Courtmacsherry](#)**

From Cork approximately 25 nm from Oysterhaven approximately 14 nm. Vessels approaching from the east will pass the conspicuous Old Head of Kinsale. The Old Head has no off-lying dangers and in settled conditions presents little issue. However, races and overfalls form off the head at the extremity of the tides; to the southwest of the head in a west-going stream, and to the southeast of the head in an east-going stream. When overfalls are observed vessels should keep a mile off.

Courtmacsherry Harbour is located on the southwest coast of Ireland about twenty miles southwest of Cork Harbour, in Co. Cork. It is set in an inlet formed by the estuary of the Argideen River which enters Courtmacsherry Bay at its northwest corner. The haven offers an anchorage off a large village with the potential to come alongside a pontoon.

Situated up a well-sheltered river estuary and nestled behind a ridge, Courtmacsherry offers complete protection. The slight exception to this is in a westerly gale where a wind over tide can make it uncomfortable. Access requires attentive navigation. Although the bay features some off-putting central obstructions external access is easy as there is a wide, well-marked approach path that leads up to the harbour entrance. It is the entrance that needs special attention as it has a bar and is subject to strong tides. **Vessels carrying any draft will need to enter/exit with half a following tide and will be navigating whilst being carried in by a significant tidal flow.**

More detailed information can be found on [eOceanic](#)

### **Dinner in Courtmacsherry**

Dinner reservations have been made in the [Lifeboat Inn](#) for 8:30pm.

Unfortunately due to Covid 19 Restrictions space is limited, therefore, please confirm with the Cruising Committee (contact details below) ASAP and before Wed 15 July 20 if you would like to attend.

## Communications

Our main method of communication whilst at sea will be via VHF. Mobile phone coverage is good at the SW coast of Ireland and may also be used. The RCYC Cruisers What's App" Group will also be used to communicate information of relevance prior to departure as well as during the cruise

## Berthing

For those boats travelling to [Oysterhaven](#), it is intended to anchor or pick up a free mooring buoy for the evening

For [Courtmacsherry](#), there is a 36m long pontoon. The local authorities have been made aware of our intended visit and there should be ample space for use to tie up to the pontoon. The East end of the pontoon should be kept free for short stay vessels only.

## Facilities Ashore

Fresh water diesel/gas/power will not be readily accessible in Oysterhaven, therefore it is recommended that each boat ensures that they have sufficient supplies on board for the trip prior to departure. There are no facilities accessible ashore in Oysterhaven. In Courtmacsherry there is water and electricity available at the pontoon and toilets ashore. No showers are available although this may be possible by arrangement with the hotel. Also available are rubbish disposal.

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