



**Guidance on:
Junk Rig (JR) Rallies and Cruises,
Familiarisation Sails
Skippers Seeking Crew
Crew Seeking Berths**

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JRA AIM

The Aim of the JRA in the Constitution may be summarised as:

to encourage discussion of JR and to facilitate contact and communication between members.

SAILING SECRETARY

One of the ways in which the JRA pursues this Aim is to have a Sailing Secretary to encourage, facilitate and advise on:

- JR rallies and cruises
- JR familiarisation sails
- Placing crew with JR skippers
- Finding JR berths for potential crew

This is achieved by this Guidance and by responding to specific requests.

JRA SAILING SERVICES DIRECTORY

The Association web site includes a Directory, JRA Sailing Services, aka 'the Junkie Dating Agency'. This includes lists of members who are:

- willing to offer junk rig familiarisation sails, or
- seeking one or more regular crew members, or
- seeking to crew on a junk rig boat

Members are able to add their names to those lists by ticking the appropriate box on their membership profile. These lists includes sufficient detail to allow the individual to decide which skipper(s) or member(s) to contact directly.

Any resultant sailing arrangements are then a private matter between the individuals concerned. However, individuals benefitting from these arrangements will be encouraged by the Sailing Secretary to submit accounts of such sailing to the Webmaster and the JRA Magazine Editor for publication.

The mechanics of this Directory are inevitably the responsibility of the JRA Webmaster but they are to be coordinated and monitored by the Sailing Secretary. The Sailing Secretary will also respond to specific requests for any supplementary advice or assistance.

HOW TO ORGANISE A JUNK RIG (JR) RALLY OR CRUISE

A junk rig rally or cruise may be organised by a member or members of the JRA or by non members. It may be attended by members of the JRA and non members. It may include boats of members and or non members. It may take place anywhere in the world wherever two or more 'junkies' decide to get together with their boats.

The JRA and its Sailing Secretary will do all they can to encourage, advise and assist prospective junk rig rally or cruise organisers. There is no central plan or format laid down by the JRA. It is up to the organisers to make whatever arrangements suit them.

However, the following points may be helpful:

- Find and contact a few interested boats / owners
- Form an email group, with a nucleus of two or three local boats and people, and expand it by "networking", putting out tentacles, contacting anyone you know who has junk rig, or might just be interested in learning about it.
- advertise the idea in a few places (local sailing magazines, JRA website, JRA magazine): eg "A Junk Rig Rally. Owners of junk rigged boats and all sailors interested in junk rig are invited to discuss holding a junk rig rally. Open to anybody".
- Discuss amongst yourselves the "when, where, how" questions, and find a solution that suit most people best.
- Bear in mind that the weather might influence events, and choose some sheltered waters near to where there is already a nucleus of boats eg where there are short sails between sheltered anchorages, walks ashore, pubs and stores.
- Bear in mind that you may get a number of people without boats attending, and easy access by road/ferry, accommodation ashore and bringing boats to a wharf or pontoon might be important.
- As soon as you have a reasonably firm date and venue, inform the JRA (at least the Sailing Secretary, and ideally also the Webmaster and Magazine Editor). The JRA will publicise your junk rig rally by one or more of the following as appropriate: in our magazine, on our website, and by emailing or mailing all members.

- Keep things informal. As soon as you start arranging things that need to be paid for, such as hire of a room, or a meal for all, you start to give yourself a lot of work and responsibility.
- Arrange a programme by agreement. Do whatever it is that the majority of participants want to do, and keep it fluid, changing plans as circumstance change. Don't set a plan and timetable in stone.
- Convene, sail, meet for chat after.
- Send a report and photographs to the Sailing Secretary, Webmaster and Magazine Editor.

Don't be unduly influenced by what has worked for other rallies elsewhere, but the sort of planning listed above has worked for others. However, the main thing, and the only thing that really matters, is to get together and enjoy each other's company.

The following may be useful for the actual event:

- Consider whether you wish to include some disclaimer of legal liability, possibly as a header on a signing in sheet whilst convening.
- Take along a laptop, and run the JR presentation from the web site.
- Print and distribute the JRA flyer and membership application form showing non members what they could gain if they joined the JRA, and how to join.

Any junk rig rally would generally be self financing by those arranging and attending the event.

THIRD PARTY INDEMNITY INSURANCE

In some jurisdictions or circumstances it may be mandatory for skippers to have third party indemnity insurance. In other jurisdictions or circumstances it may not be mandatory.

The view of the Association expressed in paragraph 8.4 of our Constitution 2012 is that:

"Boat owners who participate in any junk rig rally or function shall be advised to carry third party indemnity insurance."

However, in jurisdictions or circumstances where third party indemnity insurance is not mandatory, some skippers may decide not to have such insurance or may be unable to arrange such insurance. The Association advises such skippers carrying passengers at any junk rig rally or function to brief their passengers accordingly and issue an appropriate disclaimer.

ASSOCIATION'S LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Paragraph 8.1 of the Association's Constitution 2012 states:

"The JRA will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury arising out of the use of any premises, vessels or any other facilities arranged or provided by the JRA either sustained by members, their guests or visitors or caused by the said members, guests or visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of them, the Officers, Committee or servants of the JRA."



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*Mahurangi,
NZ.*

*Bradwell,
UK.*

