



The very first CCR is getting closer! We were in Lanzarote for a few days last week finalising the schedule of events there. It is looking very exciting and everyone in Lanzarote is looking forward to December when it all kicks off! The reception from Marina Rubicon will be great.

For those still looking, there are a few places on Cuba Libre and El Ocaso for anyone wanting a crewing spot. Both of

these are great boats and will provide a fantastic experience for that Atlantic crossing. If you are looking to do some more 'serious' sailing in your own boat in future years, then this would be a perfect opportunity to get some experience before taking the plunge on your own! See here for more details or get in touch with Mikaela to find out more.

## Next year: 2014

The interest for the CCR 2014 has been unprecedented. The first few entrants are now up on the website. Currently there are 3 boats fully entered for the CCR 2014 (a Privilege 435, Southerly 47 and a Sun Odyssey 42). Even if you are only thinking of joining us, then get in touch and we will provide whatever help and advice we can. To whet your appetite you will be able to follow the 2013 fleet this year as they arrive in Lanzarote and sail across to Antigua.



Baltic 2014? Don't forget that if you want to secure a place in the Baltic 4 Nations Rally to book up soon – places are limited. The Baltic is closer than you might imagine and this 2 week rally is designed for those who want to sail but do not have the time to do a long rally. It is also a good introduction to more adventurous sailing if you are planning a longer trip in the future. To dispel one myth we heard at the boat show – it is

NOT cold in the Baltic in the summer! But don't just take our word for it - <a href="here">here</a> is Chris Tibbs' recent Yachting Monthly article covering Baltic weather.

On Wednesday, John gave a talk to the Royal Victoria YC about sailing in the Baltic (an interesting evening for all, not just those considering the rally). If you would be interested in hearing about Baltic or Atlantic sailing in your yacht club over the winter months – then get in touch. John still has one or two dates available!

## 2014 Dates for your diary!

5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April: <u>Transatlantic Forum</u>

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April: Baltic Forum

1<sup>st</sup> July: Chiscos sailing to Baltic – all Baltic boats welcome to join

26<sup>th</sup> July – 9<sup>th</sup> August: <u>Baltic 4 Nations Rally 1</u> & Baltic 4 Nations Cup

16<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August: Baltic 4 Nations Rally 2

15<sup>th</sup> December: CCR 2014



We are always around for a chat, so if there's anything at all you would like to know about the rally (or us!) then please give us a call or email anytime. We'd be delighted to hear from you!

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