



Pathfinder Broads Cruise Prayer Letter

THANK YOU... for taking the time to read our prayer letter and praying for us for Easter Cruise this year!

8th – 15th April 2023

Things to know...

Yachts: Our home for the week! We will eat, sleep, sail, play games and pray on the yachts. There are 12 yachts and 4 cruisers in total, accommodating 93 pathfinders and leaders.

Squadrons: This year, there will be 3 squadrons: Black, Blue, and Red, with 4 boats in each. We expect to see friendly competition between the squadrons throughout the week!

Logs 'n' Shanties: Each evening we will gather in a local church, village hall or riverbank to retell stories from the day (logs) and sing silly songs together (shanties). This is followed by some worship, a talk from the Bible, and a time of reflection and response.

Incredibles: Senior leaders who oversee the general running of the cruise! This includes the spiritual programme, catering, sail training, boat maintenance, health and safety, and lots more behind-the-scenes hard work!



What is Broads Cruise?

A week-long Christian sailing holiday during the Easter holiday, aimed at children aged from 11-17 years. Throughout the week, we journey through various winding rivers, under bridges and beautiful open broads – which are perfect for beginners learning to sail! We eat, sleep, pray and sail in the luxury of traditional Broads yachts for the week. It is part of numerous Ventures holidays run by CPAS (www.cpas.org.uk).

Mission

The aim of the Broads Cruise is to teach secondary-school aged children (Pathfinders) about the Good News of Jesus and have fun sailing too! We invite youth who don't believe in God, who are seeking God, or have a personal relationship with God to come and seek the truth in a safe and friendly environment.

Leaders

All the leaders love and know Jesus and have experienced His goodness in their lives. They are passionate about sharing the Good News with young people, in an open and friendly environment. In encouraging Pathfinders in their own faith journey, it is also inspiring for the leaders to see God working in the next generation.



*"When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;"*

Isaiah 43:2

For more information see: www.broadscruise.org.uk

You are – He is...

The BIG Plan!

Saturday

- Arrive at Martham at 13:30.
- Mooring at West Somerton by 17:00
- Logs & Shanties – West Somerton Village Hall

Sunday

- Church service on Sunday afternoon at Upton Church
- Mooring at Whelptons Boatyard by 13:00
- Logs & Shanties – Upton Village Hall

Monday

- Mooring at Wroxham Yacht Club by 17:00
- Logs & Shanties – Wroxham Yacht Club

Tuesday

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Wednesday

- Mooring at Paddy's Lane
- Logs & Shanties – Barton Turf Adventure Centre

Thursday

- Mooring at Hunters Yard by 16:30
- Logs & Shanties – on the bank
- Pirate dress up day!
- Passage race

Friday

- Mooring at Martham Boatyard by 16:00
- Logs & Shanties – Martham Church
- Activities: Dingy race, Leading Seaman Assessment

Saturday

- Pack up & home-time!



Saturday – “You are special”

Sunday Morning – He is Risen

Sunday Evening – You are a child, He is a father

Galatians 4/ Romans 8:16

Nobody gets left behind or forgotten in God's family. There is a place where you fit.

Monday – You are thirsty, He is water

John 4/ John 7:37/ Psalm 107:9

We may feel incomplete, but He is the missing piece!

Tuesday – You is smart, you is kind, you is important (the Help), He is encourager, empowerer, facilitator

1 Samuel 16:7/ Judges 6/ Joshua 1:5/ Matthew 16:17

Wednesday – You are in trouble, He is Saviour

Luke 19 (Zacchaeus)/ Luke 15 (the parable of the lost son)

Thursday – You are shining like a star, He is light

Daniel 12:3/ Philipians 2:14/ John 8:12

Exploring our role and mission!

Friday – You are I am not, He is I am

Exodus 3:4-15

Moses at the burning bush & Moses as the prince of Egypt

Discussion Groups

After the evening talk, these are small group meetings where Pathfinders engage with the content from the evening talk, ask any questions, share their own experiences, and connect more with their peers.

Yacht Prayers

After breakfast, before the busy day begins – a chance to read and reflect on God's word with others on your yacht – using UCCF Uncover John Books.

Please Pray:

For the Incredibles... as they plan and prepare the route, allocating people to boats, first aid kits, sail training, etc.

Please pray that they would seek God's guidance in all their decisions, for wisdom, and that they would enjoy serving in this way.

For Jenny... as she sorts, orders, and organises food for the week.

Please pray that God would strengthen her and equip her.

For the Chaplains and leaders involved with the spiritual programme, preparing talks, writing material for Yacht Prayers and Discussion Groups.

Pray that God would speak through them, and they would be sensitive to promptings of the Holy Spirit.

For the Leaders ... as they prepare spiritually and physically for the cruise, especially those stepping into new roles.

Pray for strength, peace over any anxieties, and a willingness to serve.

For the Pathfinders!

Please pray for Pathfinders to be open and willing to hearing and receiving God's word/ love into their lives. Pray especially for first timers, that they would settle in well and make fruitful friendships throughout the week.

For the Worship Leaders & PA Team – as they plan and prepare the songbook and other practicalities.

Pray that God remains at the centre of their work, and that it would all run smoothly throughout the week.

For Logs 'n' Shanties, for Mikie and Rosie as they prepare for leading each evening.

Pray for creative ideas, energy, inclusiveness, and fun!

For Discussion Group Leaders, that they would seek God's guidance as they prepare for more in-depth chats about Jesus and Christianity each evening.

Pray for wisdom and the confidence to deliver God's word. Also, that they would lean on God to guide the conversations and equip them in responding to difficult questions.

For the Boatyard staff and their boats, as they ready the fleet.

Pray for good relationships and they will trust us to look after their yachts nicely.



For everyone who supports the Cruise.

Pray a thank you for their faithfulness in serving the cruise.

Pray that we put Jesus at the centre of the cruise, and teach the gospel as was intended, with clarity, so that Pathfinders will understand His goodness and character. Please also pray for safety, that we would look after one another and other river users.

After the Cruise ...

Pray for Pathfinders – that they would continue to walk with God and grow in their faith.

Pray for boldness and courage in telling our family, friends, colleagues about how we have seen God working on Cruise.

Pray for energy and strength for those returning to work/ school/ exams. That they would feel refreshed and restored going back into their everyday routines.



Ephesians 3: 17-19

“I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all fullness of God”.