

## B.B.Q and overnight stay at Beaulieu

9<sup>th</sup>. and 10<sup>th</sup>. June 2022



Three boats, Alchemist (Shaun Smith), Chiara (Martin and Gail Wannell) and three bottles of red were consumed between the four of us...

The b.b.q.s were set out beside some rather good gazebos with tables and chairs. As we were the only ones there we were able to spread out and could have used another b.b.q. but we wheeled the one of our choice close by.

The rain held off with just a few brief spatters and we were quite snug in our gazebo, washing down our feast with yet more red wine. I *think* we finished at about 2200.. I certainly slept well in my "tented r.i.b." until the geese woke me just before 0600.

It was a pleasant and surprisingly quiet venue with very good and spacious showers. The only drawback was the forty-minute trip up the river with little

guidance as to where the channel was once the piles were left behind, especially when Chiara and Alchemist had to avoid boats heading out to sea through the swinging moorings.

We were very lucky with the weather which was much better than forecast, although not a particularly June-like temperature as the jackets testify. Shaun saw gusts of over 30 knots as he tuned into the Beaulieu river and 28 knots over the deck on the beat back to Yarmouth so we were certainly not short of wind.

Bucklers Hard is a beautiful spot and so hopefully, next time, with gentler winds and a warmer evening we can tempt a larger group to join us for a great BBQ and evening.