

Cruise to the Royal Victoria Y.C. Fishbourne

Thursday 14th. September 2023

A beautiful day with little or no wind in the morning and a flat calm Solent.

Perfect for the motor boats but not so good for the sailors.

Seven boats made the trip, Ethel, Barbie, Tarna of Poole, Don Quixote, Brainwave, Seas the Day and Tyrrick with thirty-one members. It was good to welcome John and Cara (Don Quixote) on their first cruise with us.

Barbie was there long before anyone else, she is obviously a dry boat as there must have been a hope that the bar was open early !

Tyrrick and Brainwave had a brief encounter shortly after leaving Yarmouth, usually boats don't see each other as timings vary so much.



The Waverly passed by heading west, a lovely sight on the calm water.

Mooring was quite straight forwards with Don Quixote able to raft on Ethel.



After pre-prandial drinks, some on Brainwave and Seas the Day, the rest in glorious sunshine on the spacious lawn, we moved indoors for lunch. A little table re-arrangement and service got under way with the usual jovial conversations and great fellowship.

Sadly, tidal constraints brought what had been a delightful afternoon to a close.

On the up-side a light breeze developed which enabled sails to be set on the return.

Tyrrick missed the tidal gate to her drying berth by a matter of minutes despite the Skipper going over the side into the gelatinous and odoriferous mud of Harold Hayles' creek to try to push her the last few feet. His sandals will never be the same again! (Tyrrick finally made it to her berth at just after 2200hrs.)

Here's to the next cruise! Hopefully a ferry trip to Hurst Castle and lunch at the Gun; a sally to Lymington and a lunch with a speaker, (any suggestions), at the Club.

Does anyone fancy another quick dash at short notice...maybe to Gins Farm ?
let me know.

David