

Cruise to Gin's Farm

Thursday 20th April 2023

A wild and windy day with gusts of over 25knots and waves 1.5 to 2m.

Eight boats and thirty-three members made it to Gin's Farm. *Chiara* arrived at about 1340 having had problems getting through the bridge and then fighting a very strong tide. Martyn and Kathy Collinson couldn't make it due to a positive test for Covid.

The Gin's Farm pontoons were clear so we were all alongside with only *Ethel* having to raft outboard of *Impi*. The only snag was caused by Gin's having booked a Wake at 1500hrs so we were asked if we could be seated rather earlier than we had booked.

By the time we came to leave, this picture belies the conditions we came across in! The wind had abated somewhat and with the tide running west with the wind, the seas had subsided enabling a much more pleasant run home. So much so that *Tyrrick*, the 5m RIB, was able to hit just over 27kt once clear of the river entrance!

Happy sailing!

David the damp Cruising Captain

