

Cruise to Island Sailing Club, Tuesday 1st. July 2025

On a beautiful day thirty-three members in ten boats and a car made it to the Island Sailing Club, Cowes, for lunch.

We had favourable tides in both directions, which was just as well because the wind on the outward journey was very light. For some, motoring under sail, it was uncomfortable in the intense sun with temperatures reaching 30*C, whilst those of us under more power were glad of the speed generated wind. I believe that David Temple, single handed on "Second Wind", was the first to arrive. He had intended to have a coffee but for some reason opted for a cold drink in the club bar.

The return trip saw cooler conditions with an increased breeze and a cloudier sky.

Thanks are due to John Poyner's son-in-law, Gavin Watney, who ensured that all the largest boats had berths in the Yacht Haven, and the I.S.C. who were able to take the r.i.b.s and Seas the Day (Roger being a member).



We were seated at four tables in the main dining area with views out to the Solent but, although the doors were open, it was still very warm. Fans and menus were wafted with increasing vigour!

Service was prompt and efficient aided as usual by Eileen's colour coded personal menu cards.

Our next outing is the Summer B.B.Q. on the evening of Sunday, 17th August, at the wonderful Oyster Bed Gardens in Newtown Creek, thanks again to Camilla and Jonathan Read.

It is easily accessible by road, with a private carpark, and I will be there to ferry people ashore to the secluded jetty.

Those of you who made it last year will probably agree that it was the highlight of the season, so sign up quickly!

David.