



Last lunch of 2025 : The Royal Victoria Yacht Club

Wednesday, 26th. November

Much to the chagrin of many a skipper the day was flat calm and the only boat still to be available was “Seize the Day”!

However, twenty-eight of us made it and enjoyed the lunch.



The club was staffed by volunteers apart from the lone chef.

Diana Bedford, Rear Commodore House, was barmaid, barista, cashier and waitress all rolled into one. If anyone could be described as the ultimate multitasker, it was Diana.

Because of the staff shortages there were inevitable delays, but the food was hot and tasty and I for one thoroughly enjoyed my Wagu beef burger and at least one-and-a-half crumbles (thank you Eileen!)

Eventually after a thoroughly enjoyable final lunch of 2025, I managed to persuade Diana to accept our thanks to her and her colleagues for making us welcome despite the absence of their staff.

I was also very happy to be stepping down after five years and to have the pleasure of handing over to Brian, Maxine and Catherine. As you can see from the photo, Brian is enthralled by the prospect !!!



Cheer up! It's only for three lunches, not three years, and Maxine and Catherine will do all the work!!

Happy sailing to you all whether under sail or power. Eileen and I can now sit back and forget to beat the deadlines, or even to turn up!

David