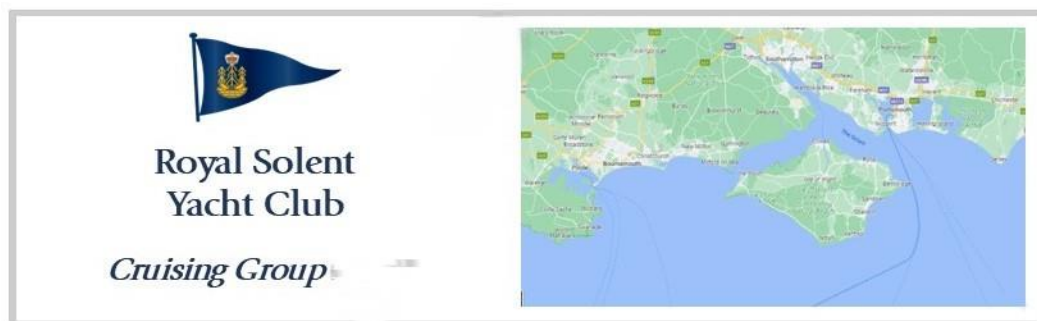




Lunch at Gin's Farm

Friday, 10th. October 2025

After the storms of last week this was like an early summer's day; light zephyrs, smooth seas, not too cold and with a strong flood tide to carry us East along a silky Solent. Not so exciting for the sailors!

Some 38 members and 8 boats made it across.



We cheated again in our little r.i.b. As we approached the Beaulieu shoal I eyed the ripples breaking on the gravel, killed the engine and raised the outboard as we watched the gravel slide under us on the tide. Two feet of water and then clear! Must have saved at least a litre of petrol!!

The youthful Bosun had been in post since spring but did a great job of getting everyone moored. I had forgotten that Ethel needed to be alongside the pontoon, which caused a slight problem, but all went well.

The lunch was very enjoyable and everyone had plenty of time to socialise between courses. Several people remarked upon how the noise level subsided when the main courses arrived!

Luckily this time no one had to rush for a ferry and we all cleared away by 1500hrs.

Another creep out over the shingle for us and a fair trip home for all.



Thanks to Catherine for some nice photos and to you all for making it another great trip!

David