



Royal Solent Yacht Club
Cruising Group

Cruising Group Summer B.B.Q.
Newtown Spit
Sunday 25th June 2023

Fifteen of us braved what was supposed to be a strong wind by boat and car to Newtown.

A big thank you to Camilla Read for giving us access to the Long Jetty and car park which made the ferrying of those who came by car so much easier

O.K., the Solent was choppy, but the Cruisers have raced in worse, and it was not a problem for the small boats, *LAYLA* and *TYRRICK*, or for the Minchin Tribe who undertook a perilous voyage down the Creek in a small rub-a-dub ! (They were nearly faced with a long row back against the tide until Captain Bol got the engine running). Robin James made it, *single handed*, from Lymington in his Dufour 32, *CHAMPASAK*, but had to retire as his anchor would not hold outside of the creek.

To be sure the wind took the edge off the temperature and sandblasted bare legs, but the large steel firepit, loaned by Miles Peckham, had everyone gathered round for the inevitable charred sacrifice to Mid Summer. It was suggested that, once cooled, we could have used it for coracle races.

Jojo and Isabelle swam happily off the spit until a neighbouring fisherman caught a shark! (actually, a small Smoothound). Immediately Harry and Isabelle were sent off with rods to enhance our stores without success, apart from a small bass which Bol released.

After returning everyone to the Jetty, *TYRRICK* rushed back to Yarmouth and got on their mooring with about ten minutes to spare before the muddy creek became too shallow.

Despite the breeze everyone agreed that this had been the best and most sociable B.B.Q. so far.

Thanks to all who came for making it a great evening !
David



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