

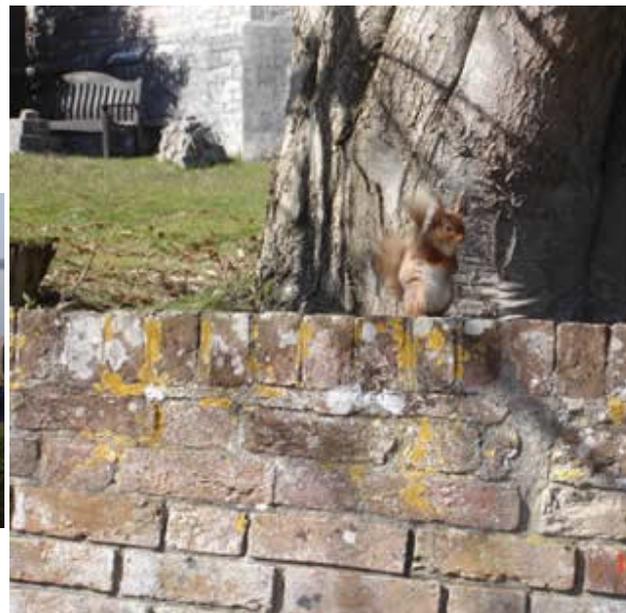
Poole Rally Report 3rd - 5th May

Saturday morning broke with fair winds and a tide in the right direction for a sail to Poole Harbour. A number of yachts made it to Hurst Point by 10am we were not one of them. Aruanda and Arctura were the first boats to arrive at an already popular anchorage by Brownsea Island. Pottery Pier was quite busy when we arrived, shortly followed by Freebooter but there was still plenty of room for 11 Moodys.



We gathered on the beach just after six for drinks & nibbles around the beach table and were there for almost two hours with plenty of drinking and talking before everyone headed back their boats for supper. Most had a good nights sleep whilst others felt the effects of the wind and the strong currents that run through the harbour. Two crew actually jumped ship on Sunday morning and caught the ferry to Poole from Brownsea Island because the anchorage had been a little too rough for one of them.

On Sunday morning we met on the beach by Pottery pier at 10:30am for a tour of the island.



Red squirrels were easily spotted & we were also fortunate to witness a wonderful courtship display by a peacock and though the peahens were not impressed we thought it amazing.



After walking the length of the island it was time for a rest in the café where we enjoyed tea & cake as we sat in the garden and watched the activity on the water.

We waved goodbye to Charles, Hazel and Dave on Rafiki as they made their escape out of the harbour heading back to the Solent. After our refreshments Tim and his merry crew decided to make their way back to the Solent along with Delfini (Peter) whilst those who were left went to explore the nature trail in the wildlife reserve on the island. We discovered that there were a number of keen birdwatchers amongst us and Richard in particular was determined to tick all the boxes on the 'birds to spot' list and John (Hexidor) managed to tick all the birds off on the list even though it was the wrong time of year for some of those birds to be there. Well done John! Tony, Eleanor & crew on Arctura spent approximately 7 hours ashore making the most of the natural beauty of the island.

We had such a lovely time that we didn't notice the drizzling rain as we walked around the trail and when we returned to our boats the weather had faired up.

Some decided to head back to the Solent in the evening making use of the Tides and fair winds.

It was a very relaxing weekend and the showers didn't dampen our spirits (we kept the lids tightly on the bottles!).

Many thanks to Kim & Joseph for coordinating this fun weekend.

Folly Supper & Bop - 10th May

"We Bopped Until We Flopped at The Folly"

Whoever organised the weather at the weekend certainly did a good job. OK there wasn't a lot of wind, but the sun shone and it was hot. So all but the masochists enjoyed being on the water.

Val and Geoff Lucas on Moonshadow had volunteered to help with the mooring lines etc and were there first to assist thirteen boats ranging in size from 31 to 44 foot long raft up successfully at the Folly Reach pontoon. Some had battled from as far afield as Portsmouth.

Of the 33 crew, many spent the afternoon sunbathing and poring over a fiendish quiz. Maybe not fiendish enough as Colin Newman on At Last won it. He did admit though that Ann had done most (all?) of the thinking.

It was still delightfully warm for drinkies and nibbles on the pontoon before ferrying over to The Folly Inn where tables had been reserved. There it was hectic as ever, but with the help of strategically placed moles in the queue everybody got fed. After that, memories are blurred, but there was talk of silly antics involving frenzied bopping at great heights with head banging on ceilings. We'll have to take their word for it.

Seemingly no permanent harm was done and all survived to greet a beautiful dawn on Sunday. Cajoled by our Racing Officer Sally Brearley, keen skippers, and maybe some reluctant crews, departed at 10 am for a Dixon Race. The host boat felt it incumbent upon them to ensure the laggards got away orderly and so enjoyed bacon butties on Ragman's Trumpet whilst waiting.

So, something for everybody to do as they wished. May the season continue in such good fellowship.

Peter and Lesley Williams; Dulcibella.

Chichester Mid-week Rally 18th June

Where did flaming June go, not to Bosham, strong SW winds were forecast. We all made the anchorage at East Head for Tuesday night, although only one other boat was in the anchorage it was a disturbed night especially on the ebb tide, the strong Easterly wind pushed the boats up their anchor chains which set them shearing across the river. After breakfast three boats, Tim Fryer on Aruanda with two guests Martin and Susan, together the Tony and Eleanor Redshaw on Arctura joined us Halyards on a buoy in Itchenor Reach outside the Harbour Master's Office.

At midweek we took the ferry across to the Bosham shore and had an enjoyable walk to Bosham. A bonus to the visit was that Tony Redshaw was born here and continued to visit his parents throughout the years. So we had our own tour guides for the village and an interesting local history lesson.

Bosham (pronounced 'Bozzom') has a rich history, Bosham sits on the first deep water channel in Chichester Harbour and has served as a trading village for inland towns for centuries

We enjoyed a convivial lunch at the 'Anchor Bleu' watching the ebbing tide from the balcony as the flooded shore side road slowly uncovered eventually we were forced inside by a chilly wind. Debate included the solving of Quadratic equations and running a restaurant. Although the foreshore road floods and pictures are everywhere of cars stranded on the flooded road, cars continue to get stranded.

After lunch we visited the Church which has an unusual construction and has many interesting memorials. King Canute's daughter's remains are interred, as are several sailors including families reflecting the ever-present dangers associated with the sea. We then walked to the yacht club and walked along the centuries old wharf then crossed the creek via the low tide footpath and bridge and back along the shore footpath to get the ferry back.

We identified a nearby Roman Villa at Fishbourn from a tourist mp near to and within walking distance from Bosham, which will be a target for our next midweek visit to Chichester. It is one of the largest, and has the most complete mosaic floors found in a Roman Villa

We then had an evening on board Halyards discussing homebound options, Gales were forecast overnight, with rough or very rough seas. We all opted to return on the Thursday, Aruana left early against the tide, whilst Arctura and ourselves left after high tide to catch the tide back to the Solent. A lumpy ride back and all got back safely.

Note our next midweek event, which will be to Bembridge on Wednesday 3rd July to suit the children's holidays. Please let me know if you are interested.

Midweek coordinator

Allan Howlett

SEA VIEW YACHT CLUB LUNCH PARTY - 12th JULY 2008

At 1045 on Saturday 12th July 2008, Galatea slipped her Gosport Premier Marina mooring and headed out of Portsmouth harbour towards Seaview Isle of Wight in readiness to be the host yacht for the MOA Sea View Yacht Club lunch party. For a change the wind and tide were in a fair direction and as a consequence Galatea took a mere 45 minutes to sail the short hop in a SW F3-4 breeze. A suitable visitor's mooring ball was identified, secured and the club notified of the MOA imminent arrival. While waiting for the rally participants to muster there was plenty to see as the club was holding a Seaview One Design Dinghy Sailing Championships and the Seaview Mermaids were out in full force racing around the cans flying their brightly colored spinnakers. Once all the Moody yachts were safely at their moorings a call ashore was made and within minutes few, two nanny boats were standing off ready to take crews ashore - a bit too quickly for some!



Once ashore the group proceeded to the lower bar of Sea View Yacht Club for a first round of pre lunch drinks and introductions. It was nice to meet and welcome MOA Solent Branch new members Andy, Kim, Amy & Katy and to Nigel & Karen who reported that it was their first outing to a Moody rally.

During drinks, the house manager Colin Butler invited the party to move to the bridge deck and the rather smart club lounge where our dressed tables had been strategically placed in order to take full advantage of the Solent views. A choice of buffet hot/cold food was selected from the club's self service dining facility before the fourteen association members sat down for

lunch - the food not only looked good but tasted delicious and represented extremely good value for money. Many favorable comments were received on this note.

After lunch, a stroll around Seaview in company was called for and the group headed into Seaview village on the look out for a suitable ice cream parlor. This also gave Richard an ideal opportunity to take some photographs with his new SLR camera of Seaview's quaint streets, Victorian buildings and stunning Solent views. After ice creams it was a slow walk back to the club and for the return transfer to the owner's yachts.

At around 1640 Galatea slipped the visitor's mooring and headed back out into the Solent for a westward sail towards the Hamble and an overnight at Swanwick. In sum, a cracking day out was had by all and a milestone for the author of this report - it was his 30th year sailing at Sea View Yacht Club and the first year he had not taken part in keelboat sailing competition - the protest flag has been firmly confined to Davy Jones's locker!

O'Connor

Mike & Jeanne

Galatea of Chichester

Newtown Creek

18th October

Co-ordinators: Richard & Joy Beeson



With a forecast of sun, and a little wind and the springs two days past, 7 boats turned up at Newtown creek. Dreamcatcher 2 was there on Friday, the rest of us made the passage on Saturday morning. Time Out left at 5.30am to catch the last of the ebb and was moored and enjoying cooked breakfast at 8.15am. Second Affair left Oxford at 7.30am and made the pub just 30 minutes after the rest of us - having headed the spring tide from the Hamble and made a world record dinghy inflation. The rest of us had a pleasant run up to the Quay by dinghy and a stroll to the New Inn at Shalfleet in broad sunshine, where tables had been booked in increasing numbers during the week. The beer was

found to be in good order and the food excellent and 19 sat down for lunch at 1.30pm. Having been given some duff info on the last time of departure by some locals, we returned at 3.30pm to the quay to find the tide was showing no sign of receding and hence we returned to our boats with the invitation of a nibble and drinks reception on Time Out at 6.00pm.

At 6.00pm the evening session commenced with Indigo's crew being ferried across, and the general banter and bonhomie continued. Despite the disappointment of Jane from Indigo the party broke up at 8.30pm allowing crews to dinghy back to their boats and recover. The late evening bop, on Ocean Strider was sadly cancelled due to minimal attendance.

Sunday morning saw Time Out attempting to slip out at 7.40am. Sadly this was optimistic as the putty was discovered and a 'dignified' brew was called for so as to allow Ocean Strider and our friendly news hound from Braveheart - Andy Raysbrook to take pictures! - Andy travelling all the way up in his dinghy.!! Just to make sure he had seen it right. After the photo shoot a smooth escape was effected and we made Haslar in c2 hours, thanks to the flood.

An excellent weekend, thanks to Steve & Annemarie for thinking of it, and coming along as guests on Time Out to witness the fun and games and to my wife Joy who coordinated the Inn etc.

Richard & Joy Beeson