

## Salcombe Rally, 9-10 September 2017

The last sailing rally of the season was to one of our favourite locations, Salcombe, on 9/10 September, ably organised by our Dartmouth Port Officer, Jacky Neild. As with Guernsey earlier in the year, the weather forecast was diabolical but not just for arriving but also for those intending to leave for Plymouth after the rally. In the event the three boats that braved the weather all had a spanking sail from Dartmouth, especially Flying Pig who braved some serious weather off Start Point. Being no weather for a pontoon party, we all used Maui 4's saloon to shut out the stormy autumnal weather, including the crew of Salsa berthed permanently in Salcombe, and the crew of Ellen Marvel, arriving by car from Plymouth. Saturday looked similarly wet and windy, but a large party walked and clambered out to Bolt Head without getting seriously wet and by all accounts enjoyed the walk.



Joined by the crew of Moody-Too, also having arrived by road, we were 14 for the cosy dinner at the Salcombe Yacht Club. SYC makes a very hospitable venue with excellent food and facilities. John Risdon, a local historian, regaled us with stories of past infamy particularly interesting for followers of Poldark. The subject was Smuggling in the South West!

Sunday morning, Maui 4 and Mari set out early for Dartmouth arriving an hour or so before the chasing storm. The heavens opened as we tried to get ashore. Flying Pig wisely stayed on to

enjoy more of Salcombe.

Our last meet of the year is at the Exeter Court Hotel on 21 October, with dinner and a speaker from Raymarine. The following day we have a guided tour of Powderham Castle and a Deer Park safari planned. Although well-supported there is still room for last minute bookings. Please contact Tony Wildig if you would still like to attend.

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