

MOA Rally to Yarmouth 2021

At the third attempt, we managed to host an MOA Rally to Yarmouth on the weekend of 17th/ 19th September. Our first attempt was in September 2019, which was cancelled due to a strong wind forecast. In 2020, Covid cancelled the Rally.

But in 2021, 7 yachts arrived on the Friday, joined by another 5 on Saturday. Time Out, was unable to attend due to illness, but we were joined by Joanna a Yarmouth resident. The weather was calm and sunny, and most boats arrived under sail, with a following tide from the East Solent.

On Saturday a Treasure Hunt Quiz was set, to encourage members to explore Yarmouth; most crews had been many times, but the historic nature of Yarmouth was a mystery. For instance, "Who had a 'pirate's head' put on a statue of Louis XIV?". Some of the answers were available on the Mosaic at the entrance to the castle.



The Pimms & Nibbles pontoon party was followed by dinner at The Bugle – the Royal Solent had a wedding! The Bugle put on a fine meal, with some staffing difficulties. We helped by indicating our preferences during the day – particularly the very large Sea Bream, which had been caught off the pier on the Thursday evening!



The prize for the quiz went to Sue and Ian Fellowes-Freeman, who got all the answers correct. Well done!

On Sunday some made an early start to get some tidal help going East, others left after a quiet morning. Sea Octave had an easy return to Poole.

A gentle weekend in balmy weather, enjoyed by all.

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