

“Round the Back of the Island” Cruise in Company and Bembridge Rally 2022.

On Saturday 6th August six yachts gathered North of Black Rock outside Yarmouth and Andy Billowes our Vice captain announced the start of the cruise in company at 0900.

Initially the wind was a favourable northeasterly that took the fleet around the Needles and beyond Freshwater Bay but by Atherfield Point on the south side of the island the wind had died. Most of the yachts then resorted to the iron topsail until they found the Southeasterly sea breeze that improved the further East sailed to Foreland, and the last leg to Bembridge. However, both Twilight and Galatea did manage to sail all the way to Bembridge and were given a loud round of applause at the BBQ for their achievement.



Galatea under sail



Twilight under sail

Another five yachts sailed directly to Bembridge giving us a total of 36 sailors and 3 dogs at the rally. In the evening, everyone gathered for pre-BBQ drinks and nibbles hosted by Simon and Sarah and then took it in turns to cook their own food on the two BBQs provided.



Bembridge BBQ