

MOA Rally to Island Harbour 2024

Seventeen boats signed up for a MOA Rally at end of May bank holiday weekend.

Some boats arrived before the weekend to explore the Isle of Wight, enjoy the sunshine and the morning boat jumble, with the remaining arriving later on the Saturday.

Saturday evening started with a welcome drinks party on the harbour lawn, followed by a BBQ. The congenial event was a good opportunity to meet up with members for whom this was their first rally, along with those 'old hands' at such events.

Sunday dawned warm and sunny and, with nothing arranged for the morning, members discovered the area with visits to Osbourne House, Newport and Wooton amongst others.

Sunday afternoon offered the annual MOA boules competition accompanied by afternoon tea and cakes. With twelve boats entered, the round robin of games started off at a relaxed pace as members enjoyed the sun and socialising. After the first knockout round, the competition became more competitive with scores becoming ever closer. Well done to team WINDSONG on winning this year's event.



Sunday evening dinner was at the Folly Inn, this involved a pleasant 15 minute walk along the River Medina. The provided good hospitality and tasty meals were served to 36 MOA members.

Monday morning locking out signalled the departures for most of the boats, heading back to home ports or onward for further cruising. The weather for the weekend was on our side with sun and reasonable breeze for sailing.

Boats attending the weekend came from as far as Poole and Chichester.

BALOO – Jacky and Simon Robinson

BIG BUBBLE - Lorraine Paul & Elliott

BINKERTOOS - Glynis & Ben Tremouth

BLUE MAJIC – Lorraine and Ian Bevington

C-MOON – Helen & Simon Hunt

ISHMA - Andrea Watson & Bill Levett

HUNKY DORY – Kathleen and Roger Davis

KANALOA - Alyson & Edwin Creyke-Nabney

MAGIC MOOD - Jennifer & David Shepperd

MOANA – Jane & Giles Tewkesbury

PIPKIN - Ted Maley & Iain Cooper

SEBBY – Teresa and David Kennard

TEAM SPIRIT – Janis and Robbie Sargent

THUNDER MOON – Fiona and David Baddeley

WESTWIND - Christine Margo & Ian Campbell

WINDSONG – Lesley & Jon Bell

ZINGARA of LARGS - Sarah and Anthony Joint

Many thanks to all the participants for joining us for the weekend and we hope to meet you at future rallies.

David & Fiona Baddeley (+Alfie the Labrador)