

Cowes Rally

Shepards Marina, Saturday 24th to Monday 26th August 2024

The Solent Branch were back at Cowes for a rally over the August Bank holiday weekend. Ten yachts joined the rally: Binkertoo, Galatea, Indigo, Magic Mood, Melos II, Moana, Moment, Safina, Shadow and Solar Eclipse. We had yachts attending from Poole and Chichester so good representation from the area. With the unsettled conditions some sailed to Cowes on Friday with the majority arriving Saturday afternoon. Heavy and prolonged showers in the morning persisted into the afternoon but the day gradually brightened.

On Saturday evening we met for a drink in the Island Sailing Club before dinner in the restaurant. As always we enjoyed good food and were well care for by the club staff. Our thanks to the Island Sailing Club for making us welcome.

We had a slow start on Sunday morning though some did get up to see the power boats going out for their Round the Island Race. At lunch time we met up in Northwood Park for a picnic and some games of Golf Croquet. With the occasional need to shelter under trees as showers came through, all part of a traditional bank holiday weekend.

On Sunday evening we met up for a social with wine and food with many joining in the fancy dress theme of 'Garish Short'. We were also joined by some new members from East Cowes who had just join. The breeze was still fresh but thankfully the rain held off for the evening. Our thanks to those who attend the rally and a big thank you for the card and champaign to celebrate mine and Karen's 39th Wedding Anniversary.

An anniversary we shall always remember, we hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

Andy Billowes



Flying the flag



Rafted in the North basin at Shepards



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Nice shirts everyone, rally social