

Report on Rally to Southsea Marina 10/11 August 2024

Great forecast and great week end, despite a moderate breeze

Five boats went, Mike in Kaikoura, Bob and Judy in Whisky Galore, Iain and Polly in Vivacious, Tom and Julia in WhoJata and Torsten and his wife in Tideline

Most boats left on the flood tide and headed East about 1100 arriving around 1300. Wind was moderate 5-6 on the bramble, so it was a bit choppy entering Langstone harbour. Vivacious, Whisky Galore and Kaikoura all left together. However, on entering Southsea marina, Mike and Iain took the wrong turning and went aground, for a short time and Bobs bow thruster overheated. All ok in the end though.

We relaxed in the Marina bar for a pint before exploring the area. Mike went in for a swim at Hailing Ferry.

About 6 pm it was time to have pre dinner drinks on Vivacious, followed by a great dinner at the Bombay Bay at the Marina.

Some of us had a whisky on Bobs boat after which we all had a quiet night asleep.

Tom was going to leave early, but was stopped by the fog. Some of us had a brunch breakfast at the Marina café followed by a refreshing swim at Hailing Ferry.

We all left as the tide was ebbing around 14.30 with a moderate Easterly wind (force 4), which proved a bit choppy off the West Winner bank. We negotiated the submarine barrier and the motor boats arrived in east Cowes around 1630.

In all a rememberable trip.

The next Rally is to Haslar Marina on the 24th /25th August.

Mike



Iain and Polly in Vivacious



Bobs Boat



Bobs and Mikes boat from the top of Vivacious



Dinner at Bombay Bay