

-Marchwood Rally Y.C. Report 12th August 2006

Five G.C.C.C. boats braved strong north westerly winds gusting to 30 knots and a very lumpy Southampton Water to attend the rally at Marchwood Y.C. . These robust seafaring folk were joined by five crews who attended in four-wheeled land yachts!

The pontoon berths were exposed to the strong wind and therefore rafting up on the weather side was not an attractive proposition. So most member boats chose the lee side despite knowing they would touch the mud at low water on one of the biggest Spring tides of the year.

Our visit coincided with a Cruising Association rally whose leader very kindly proposed a toast to G.C.C.C. after their meal.

Twenty five members and crew (plus Lottie the very well behaved dog) enjoyed an excellent hot buffet style meal which offered a choice of minted lamb, chicken espanole and seafood lasagne served with vegetables and potatoes. For dessert a choice of Chocolate Fudge Brownie, Fruit Strudel and Strawberry Romanoff (yummy!) was served by the friendly staff.

Thus fortified, Maurice responded to the C.A.'s toast by toasting their members.

Overall an excellent event despite the weather!

Boats attending by sea and earning Greenhorn Trophy points
Siara, Flying Delta, Symphony, Cracker, Ice Cold.

Land yachts attending and earning absolutely nothing at all!
Senitoa, Kamelya, Andromeda, Island Sula, Classic Venture