

Chichester Yacht Club Rally

A lovely sunny weekend with great wind made for a fun rally at Chichester. After negotiating the lock into Chi marina or rather the very narrow, shallow and congested approach channel everyone got in safely, with Liberté managing a little extra dredging of the channel. Four of the regular GCCC boats, Vinga, Harmony, Absolute and Liberté plus four boats for whom it was their first GCCC rally, One and All, Lippizaner, Troika and Image made it to Chichester. With four couples driving to Chichester and two stowaways, 23 people sat down to dinner in Chichester Yacht Club, then Absolute arrived showing some very odd nav lights to much waving from the club house. Chichester Yacht Club looked after us well and worth a return visit. Whilst many boats left early Sunday, three stayed, and Robert and Val arranged a walk which required a thirst quenching break at Del Quay. Sunday afternoon sport was standing in the sunshine on the lockside watching how not to enter the lock. I am sure much to the embarrassment of Lynsay Scott and his crew of Image, the GCCC welcoming party were on the lock to watch them; no mistakes there with a very slick entry. We had another sociable evening welcoming new members. The three remaining boats left on Monday morning and with no free flow it took some time to escape, you need to ask Darren and Janet why they missed the lock slot allocated to them, they had some feeble excuse of being aground in a marina with a lift keel boat! After a light wind start the wind picked up for a cracking beat back up the Solent, lets hope the rest of the season is like this!