

Yarmouth Rally

The Club's Rally to Yarmouth took place over the weekend of the 9th and 10th September. The weather forecast had predicted strong winds, especially on the Sunday afternoon.

Despite the forecast, the 10 boats registered for the rally all made it to Harold Hayles in Yarmouth. The last to arrive, as befits the Rally Organiser, was Taurus – accompanied by a heavy shower. Despite the conditions, Speedbird kindly helped with lines.

A brave effort was made to hold a pontoon party. Twenty plus gathered on a less than stable pontoon but after a while the threat of an impending thunderstorm forced all to seek the shelter aboard Sarinah. A very cosy Party with plenty of drinks and nibbles. At 1930 twenty two bodies made their way to the Royal Solent for an excellent meal with good company in their impressive clubhouse. The club responded well to ever increasing estimate of numbers attending.

Sunday morning started fine and sunny with a light breeze. All boats had planned to leave by 0800 to return to base before the strong winds, which were forecast to set in around 1500. By 1800 Chimet was showing gusts of 45 mph. Only Quickstep stayed a little longer to fit in a cooked breakfast. The force 2 jumped to a force 4 around 1000 and continued to strengthen thereafter. A good sail back.

The gathering storm

