

Yarmouth BBQ, August 28th 2010

This was possibly the 25th Cruising section Yarmouth BBQ.

As usual, the wind was coming from where we wanted to go. Friday dawned grey, cool, windy and threatening rain. Some had already elected to forego supper in the Royal Solent, preferring to wait until Saturday when the forecast promised better weather and more appropriate winds.

Some of us decided to go for it on Friday, and a fetch in NW 15 gusting 22 knots turned out to be a cracking sail in a smooth sea.

Ten for supper at the RSYC on Friday had a lovely meal, and so to bed.

Saturday was sparkling and sunny with boats arriving at regular intervals throughout the day, led in by Dave and Suzanne no less, who had “creamed” everyone on the way up. Lesley was the last to be passed and blamed it on her slack luff but I reckon it was her weedy bottom! It made Dave very tired and he slept through the dog-watch.....



25 boats and approximately 60 people turned up for the BBQ. Paul and Karen Kite were awarded the “Richard Drew best BBQ food non-prize” for spectacularly colour coordinated kebabs, and as the sun set on a great day most of us ended up in the RSYC again for a nightcap or three. A lapse much regretted next morning as Richard and I left at 5 to catch the Hurst gate, into a 15 gusting 25 knot wind on the nose (of course), and boy was it rough, but that’s another story.

Points to note and lessons learned:

- Next year it will be earlier, mid afternoon I reckon, because it gets cold later.
- We need to petition Yarmouth Town Council to replace the missing 2 BBQs, they are down to one and rumour has it they don't intend to replace them for reasons of elf and safety. World's gone mad.
- Too much beer makes your head ache.



Here's to next year!
Pete.