

Report on Rally to Haslar Marina on 9/10th July 2022

What a great weekend out! Glorious weather and great company.

Three boats left East Cowes about 9.30 a.m, Mike in Kaikoura, Paul in Monty Don and Bob and Judy in Whisky Galore. Cruising along about 7 knots against a tide, we met up with Richard in Puffin, who had left earlier, at Haslar Marina. We were just in time for a pint and a snack at the Green light ship at the Marina, the “Mary Mouse II”.

After a couple of pints, we all ventured on to the Gosport Ferry to Portsmouth and went up the Spinnaker Tower. Great views of the Harbour and the two new aircraft carriers.

After a couple of hours, we went back to the boats and Paul and me had a swim at the back of the boats. We had predinner drinks on the back of Bobs boat and a really nice dinner outside on the bows of the Green lightship. Fish and Chips were excellent. This was followed by a night cap and putting the world to rights on Bobs boat. Later we found the lightship to be a sister ship of the old radio Caroline.

The next day we all left after a late breakfast and enjoyed a leisurely cruise back to East Cowes, some arriving much later than others.

The next Rally will be on 30th/31st July at Marchwood.

Mike Harvey



Paul in Monty Don catching Mackerel on the way to Haslar



Bob, Judy and Paul in Gosport



It's a long way down!



Great views from the top!



Enjoying dinner on the Lightship