

Chichester Rally

15th/16th April 2017

Attendees: 5 boats, 21 members for dinner

Saturday 15th April

GCCC members converged on Chichester sailing club through the afternoon on Saturday 15th April after a pleasant, but light, afternoon's sailing, all hoping to get there for the coveted free-flow through the dock. There were no incidents reported.

Members converged on the sailing club (after some confusion about how to access the clubhouse!) for 7pm for dinner where a very pleasant evening was had by all. We were joined by some members of the RAF Yacht Club – some deliberately, some less so - who were also hosting a rally at Chichester that weekend.

We were also joined for the evening meal by a recent ex Rear Commodore and his wife who were in the area for a family Easter weekend and came along to catch up with old friends, and then some of us retired to Cadh'Ruadh for an after dinner drink and further catch-up.



Sunday 16th April

When morning came around, we met for a late mornings group walk to Dell Quay for coffee and to exercise Wispa before a day's sailing, before returning to the marina to book our slots through the lock when tide permitted. Cadh'Ruadh was the first out of the lock just after noon, followed by Shibumi and Vikla at just after 12:30.

Wind and weather were not favourable coming out of Chichester, with most of us facing straight into the wind and having to rely on motors for at least some of the journey. Some members managed to get some sail up coming up to the bar and making long SW beats and tacking back when the sea got lumpy. Others just headed straight into the wind under motor.

