

MOA Solent Branch

Lymington Rally

22nd to 25th August 2025

The August Bank Holiday saw 12 boats on the Dan Bran Pontoon at Lymington with members coming from Poole in the west, Portsmouth in the East and several in between.

Yachts: Windsong – Riamara – Safina – Shadow – Lady J – Thundermoon – Sebby – Babooshka – Libra of Lorne – Royal Sapphire – Magic Mood – Team Spirit

Everyone helped each other moor with boats coming in on the Friday and Saturday. Members enjoyed the lively Lymington Market, went for walks around the beautiful coastline or watched busy traffic of crafts of all shapes and sizes going up and down the river. On Saturday evening, 25 sailors with 2 members arriving by car and 2 dogs came together for a pontoon party. New Forest produce with Beer from the Local Pig Brewery and Cocktails such as the New Forest Pony (with a kick of rum) and Forest Picnic (a fruity Pim's like punch) was served.

On Sunday morning every boat fielded a team for the coveted Boules competition. While some teams had a quick practice, everyone (including some 4-legged members) enjoyed a cone of Vanilla pod ice-cream from New Forest Ice-cream Company. Thundermoon came out victorious after an exciting knockout competition.

The action then moved to the Lymington Town Sailing Club for lunch where a BBQ was supplied from the local Sway butchers. Everyone was enjoying socialising so much an impromptu BYO pontoon party was arranged for the evening.

With the beautiful weather holding all weekend many crews participated in the Dixon Challenge on the way home on Monday. This may be the most contested challenge of the season! Thanks go to everyone who attended and joined in making it such an enjoyable and fun weekend.

Lesley and Jon Bell (co-ordinators)



Spread for Saturday pontoon party



Saturday pontoon party



Boule competition and ice-creams for everyone!



*Victorious David and Fiona
(Thundermoon) receiving the Solent
Branch boule trophy*



After the boule competition



Barbeque at Lymington Town SC



Fleet on Ban Bran pontoon



*Sunday - impromptu BYO
pontoon party*