

MOA Rally to Island Harbour 2026

Twelve boats attended the MOA Rally at the end of May bank holiday weekend.

Four boats arrived on Friday to explore the Isle of Wight, enjoy the sunshine and socialise on the Lawn, with the remaining arriving on the Saturday.

Saturday evening started with a welcome drinks party on the harbour lawn, followed by a BBQ. The congenial event was a good opportunity to meet up with members for whom this was their first rally, along with those 'old hands' at such events.

Sunday dawned warm and sunny and, with nothing arranged for the morning, members discovered the area with visits to, Newport other local destinations.

Sunday afternoon offered the annual MOA boules competition with drinks on the lawn. With nine boats entered, the round robin of games started off at a relaxed pace as members enjoyed the sun and socialising. After the first knockout round, the competition became more competitive with scores becoming ever closer. Well done to team MISTY MOON on winning this year's event and commiserations to SHADOW who were runner up for the third year in a row.



Sunday evening dinner was at the newly opened Cockle restaurant. The provided good hospitality and tasty meals were served to 22 MOA members.

Monday morning locking out signalled the departures for most of the boats, heading back to home ports or onward for further cruising. The weather for the weekend was on our side with sun and some breeze for sailing.

The following boats attended the weekend.

ARIEL SPIRIT - Martyn Reed, Sian Reed & John Robertson

CHAZEY LADY – Paul Thornley

EVENING SUNSHINE - Jen & Guy Standley

LIBRA OF LORNE - Sue & Ian Fellowes-Freeman

LUNA – Jacqui & Peter Jones

MISTY MOON - Hilary & Brian Masters

SHADOW – Helen & Simon Hunt

TEAM SPIRIT – Janis and Robbie Sargent

THUNDER MOON – Fiona and David Baddeley

VARUNA - Jack Hanson, John Wilkinson & Mani Clement

WESTWIND – Duncan Watkins, Heidi Ruge & Millie Watkins

WINDSONG – Lesley & Jon Bell

Many thanks to all the participants for joining us for the weekend and we hope to meet you at future rallies.

David & Fiona Baddeley (+Alfie the Labrador)

