

Bembridge Rally Report

A total of eight MOA Solent boats sailed to Bembridge in fine sunny weather for the weekend of 26th – 28th June - Gentle Whisper, Ishima, Arcadia, Stargazer, Chazey Lady and Pax arriving on Friday while Moody Blue and Solar Eclipse joined the group on Saturday. Dave and Toni on Arcadia and Paul and Heather on Stargazer were attending their first MOA rally, so it was great to see some new faces!

On Friday evening most of us already at Bembridge met up for a very convivial evening with excellent pizza from the Duver Café washed down by a few drinks and lots of chatting. Some of us ended up on Arcadia for a night-cap before returning to our own boats – many thanks to Dave and Toni for their hospitality!

On Saturday a group of us walked over the causeway, through the village and to the Crab & Lobster Pub for some lunch, before a very pleasant walk back along the beach to the marina.

In the evening, we all got together for a BBQ and more socialising, the remaining two boats having arrived during the day.

Although a little breezy the following morning, all boats managed to get away with no problems.

My thanks to Bembridge Marina for looking after us so well, and all those members attending for making the weekend such a success.

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