

YVSC MAY BANK HOLIDAY CRUISE 2007

Over the course of the weekend there were 12 boats present.

Saturday We all started gathering on Hickling broad in the early afternoon, it was a grey day with a good steady breeze from the sea but remained dry and we had a lively sail, before sailing to Deep Go Dyke where we moored for the night.

Out came the barbeques which were as much about keeping warm as cooking, others cooked on boats but most people dined on the bank until it got really quite cold, Bob & Steve even had rugs on there laps.

Most went for a nightcap on Vagabond & Claire “warmth in numbers” David and Kate thanked us for warming their boat as we left for our cold craft.

Sunday We awoke after a cold night to a dry morning with a strong breeze; had breakfast then went for another sail on Hickling broad and had a procession of boats storming up and down the channel for an hour or so.

Then back to deep dyke go for lunch, David and Mark had to take to a dinghy and carry out a rescue operation for some holiday makers who had lost a lifebuoy from their yacht which had drifted into the reeds.

We then sailed down meadow dyke to Horsey in strong winds some drifted down on the jib other brave souls sailed down the dyke under full sail. We moored under extremely wild conditions with waves topped by white horses on the broad.

The committee meeting was held at 16:00 hrs on Vagabond, which sat very low in the water due to the amount of people on board, those not involved in the meeting went for a walk to the beach and saw a good number of seals.

Most had their evening meal on their boats, as the weather was poor, after which some went to the Nelson Head for a pint others just went for a stroll.

This was the weekend of the illegal rave at Horsey gap and it could be heard quite clearly on the moorings but thankfully the “music” if that’s what they call it stopped at 22:00.

Monday Was a wet morning nobody seemed keen to cast of apart from Brian and Graham on Ripple as they needed to be through Potter bridge at low water most wandered up and down socialising until about 11.30 they then made there way back to their moorings as the lunch meet at Dungeons corner was called off due to the inclement weather although some stopped on the way through Potter Heigham for fish and chips.

Ernie and Lucie on the Rhythm of Hamm though, still had to make their way back to the southern rivers!

Mark, Sharron & Bella May 2007