

August Bank Holiday RWYC Cruise in Company and Sadler Owners Association Rally

by Geoff Hilditch

The cold and fresh Northerly wind on Saturday made us decide to abandon the plan to sail to Holyhead on the first leg of a trip around the island and to settle for a leisurely day and night at Llanddwyn Island. Four Royal Welsh boats and a non-member Sadler crossed the bar shortly after 0900 and anchored between Pilot's and Mermaid's coves.



The day was spent doing jobs on board, walking on the island and socializing, with some crews enjoying a barbeque on the beach in the evening.

The wind had moderated and the promised sun, sort of appeared on Sunday morning along with four more RWYC boats.

Some of us decided to move round to Pen Y Parc to anchor for lunch, with some opting to stay put at Llanddwyn and play “hunt the lost anchor” (Sadler 29 Iona had lost hers on Saturday). Dave and Dawn on Christolyn came to the rescue and lent her skipper their kedge. Steve Taylor located the lost anchor and enlisted another boat to help to recover it on Sunday. Well done and thanks to them all from Terry on Iona.

I volunteered to go up Iona's mast at Pen Y Parc on Sunday afternoon to provide entertainment for the others and to try to sort out a problem with the furling gear! Thanks to Mark Walker for manning the safety line.



Aslan, Promises, Contessina, Dawn Waters & Iona returned into the Straits on Sunday evening. Danny Jo remained at Pen Y Parc while Blue Note, Christolyn and Okavango stayed at Llanddwyn before sailing down to Porth Dinllaen on Monday where they remained until Wednesday.

There was wall to wall sunshine on Monday morning but little or no wind. Mark Walker was up with the lark and left Pen Y Parc at 0625 to meet up with Aslan and Iona, who had spent Sunday night on moorings at Felinheli. The three boats motored up to Lighthouse Cove, just around the corner from Trwyn Du lighthouse, where they anchored for the day. They returned to moorings at Menai Bridge for the night after motoring back up the Straits against the tide.



The three solo skippers went ashore to the Australia Arms for the first pints of the trip, in a pub anyway! surely a record for a cruise in company. Refreshed, they returned aboard their boats for late dinners.

Tuesday morning dawned flat calm and sunny and we had a lovely sail back to Caernarfon in a S/SSW breeze gusting 10 to 16 knots.

So, a bit of a disjointed cruise in company, as different boats ended up doing different things but, nevertheless, all very enjoyable after what has been a weird and largely frustrating year.

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