

CMBHA Newsletter May 2016

The Rail Ale Festival is on at Caernarfon this weekend 20-22nd May. Our cruise to the event has been cancelled because of the weather forecast. Information about the event is available at <http://rail-ale.com/> . As well as a wide selection of beers and steam trains, the main location in Dinas will also have food and live music. If you want to travel by bus, it takes between 1 hour and 1 hour 20 minutes from Conwy, depending on your time of travel, changing in Bangor. You can plan your journey at [Traveline Cymru](#). Or persuade a non-drinker to do the driving!

Easter weekend cruise down the Straits

Catherine Dobson's recollections

Denise Black and Amanda Forrest in Sunya (Sadler 26), Eric and Jane Crowther in Liquid Asset and Roy Davies and I in Testa Rossa enjoyed a fresh and peaceful weekend in the Menai Straits, as part of the Conwy and Deganwy Berth Holders Association Cruise in Company.

We departed Conwy and Deganwy Marinas at 0700 on the morning of Saturday 30th April (just a little after the North Wales Cruising Club's group), enjoyed fast sailing in Red Wharf Bay with two reefs and half a genoa, then under foresail down the Straights to Beaumaris. We moored off the Gazelle to await Swellies HW Slack at 1545 and opted to stay overnight in Y Felinheli. Sunshine, cool westerly breeze, snow on the mountains, peaceful waterways and the best of North Wales' scenery. After a leisurely full breakfast on board Testa Rossa, overnight strong winds and rain fortunately having abated, we departed Y Felinheli for Swellies HW Slack at 1650. Then under genoa for a fast sail to Conwy via Midlake Swatch.

An enjoyable two day trip – as ever - and conditions are never to be underestimated!

An added note from Eric Crowther

As Port Dinorwic requires entry through a sea lock it was essential that crews readied the correct lines for a lock!! Lines have to be long enough to pass around the bollards of the lock and passed back to the crew member who holds on to it ready to take in the slack if the boat is being lifted or paid out if the boat is to be lowered. Short bow and stern lines as used in the marina are too short. You need 12 to 15 mtr lines to work properly.

It was funny to see short lines being passed up to the lock keeper who could only tie them to the bollard and then drop the water in the lock a metre – it was just like the boat hanging off the harbour wall joke when the tide goes out – but which boat was it?? What happens on tour stays on tour!!

Conwy Yacht Club is holding its 2016 Regatta on 25th and 26th June.

To some extent, this is a 'dry run' for the racing in the Conwy River Festival. See http://www.conwyachtclub.com/html/cyc_regatta.htm. The web site has an entry form if you'd like to take part. Enquiries can also be made to keith.munro@conwyachtclub.com if you'd like to take part. If you'd like to help e.g. by using your boat as a committee boat, contact Cris Miles on criswmiles@hotmail.co.uk. Cris is currently racing on the Scottish Islands Peak Race

and there is live tracking on <http://www.scottishislandspeaksrace.com/> . Another boat from Deganwy called 'Laura' is also racing.

The Conwy River Festival is on Sunday 17th July to 23rd July this year. See <http://conwyriverfestival.org/> for details.

Football Barbeque at Deganwy Marina. This is being organised by Quay Marinas for Saturday 11th June. More details and tickets (cost £5 pp) are available from your marina office. It starts at about 4pm and two matches are being broadcast - one including Wales and the other including England - bring your own booze!

The CMBHA Lift Out Package is gathering momentum with 6 booking requests already made.

Our FaceBook page – Conwy Mariners – is being used more and more for news and notifications. We also hope to get a Twitter account live soon for last minute notifications.

CPR Training

We are hoping to run some more sessions this summer. Please use our contact form to let us know if you are interested and which days or dates suit you. Also please let us know if you are able to help with the training. Our contact/feedback form is at <http://www.cmbha.net/feedback/>

In fact, we would like to know if you would like to help CMBHA in any way. Maybe recruiting new members, burning burgers, you have a skill that members might acquire, or something else.

And finally ... thank you for joining CMBHA or renewing your membership. We've events planned over the summer that we hope will enhance your time on the water; and we continue to have meetings with Quay Marinas to raise issues on your behalf.

Best regards,

Roger Millward

on behalf on your committee at CMBHA