

YVSC BARTON RALLY JUNE 2009

Saturday

Sorry had a late start so will start from lunchtime onwards.

Set off from Oby at 12:30 and headed up the Bure thankfully with the tide and had a good sail single handed as far as Ant mouth where I stuck the keel in the putty and lowered the mast. I then motored up through Ludham Bridge and up towards Barton, after passing How hill I could see some rather large white sails in the distance passing through the trees. As I got closer found it was Brian & Graham on Ripple.

When we entered Barton Broad we found that there was a sailing cruiser-racing event-taking place.

Ripple, Chariot, Bella & Four Winds sailed for as short time but the thought of tea and cake soon drew us into paddy's lane when we all moored there were eight boats present.

In the early evening we headed up to Paul's for a barbeque and this turned out to be a very pleasant evening, Paul plied us with champagne whilst we cooked and socialised and the delicious puddings topped the evening of nicely!

The evening ended with a few rumbles of thunder a flash of lightning followed by a very nice Norfolk sunset.

We then walked back to our boats some turned in, but the usual suspects had a nightcap!

Sunday

It was a glorious start to the day when we awoke Bob had cut loose early and had not woke a single person so obviously had not started the engine (bob-bob-bob) we had a wander down the bank and a chat. Pat and Alan's friends visited us with their newly acquired yacht and showed an interest in the club and its activities.

Those remaining left mid morning, we watched them sail off the broad and sailed for a while before we went down to Neatishead and had a very nice roast lunch in the white horse.

The weather was so nice we spent the afternoon mud weighted on the broad before setting of back to Oby in the early evening.

Mark, Sharron & Bella June 2009