

## **Bradwell Cruise 8th, 9th, 10th September 2018**

12 boats in total joined the cruise to Bradwell, it was great to see a few new members joining in. As Bradwell was extremely busy, unfortunately we had to turn boats away, so it always pays to book early. Everyone met on the LV87 Friday evening for the pre-cruise briefing: some joined in with EAST'S celebrations and enjoyed the shanty evening.



Saturday started off quietly with most boats slipping their lines before 7am to catch the flood down to the Blackwater. Once we passed Walton the breeze picked up and the passage turned into a lively beat down the Waller, wind over tide more or less guarantees a lumpy sail and this was no exception. Despite this, many managed to enter the photo competition the result of which can be seen at the end of this report. Once we reached Bradwell attention changed to dressing the boats to join in with Bradwell cruising club's "Last Night at the Proms" celebration, a charitable event in aid of the RNLI. There was a choice of evening entertainment, we enjoyed the customary welcome drinks party hosted by the cruise leaders John & Lyn Traub (yacht Kristina), where Debbie Sharples won the best action shot photo taken earlier of

Kristina battling the waves, chosen by Mike Perkins our Commodore.

The party then split with some venturing to the Greenman and the remainder headed for the "Last Night of the Proms" event. The evening consisted of a live group, BBQ and charity auction and raffle. HPYC members did well in the raffle winning at least four prizes. All in all Bradwell Cruising Club raised £3000 during the evening.

Sunday saw five boats returning, by all accounts they experienced a cracking sail



back home whilst the remaining crews had a lazy morning preparing for the Wibbler micro-brewery tour. The Wibblers tour proved to be a great success as we were given an excellent guide, build your own burger lunch and a chance to sample beers such as Hop-Timistic, Summer Time, Golden Cobblers, and S.O.S. We then finished off the day with a well-earned rest, prior to an evening at the Greenman.

Monday proved to be a very lazy sail back until we reached Walton then the wind picked up to take us back home.

Many thanks to *Moondance*, *Attitude*, *Orca 2*, *Capella*, *Flapjacq*, *Halcyon*, *Pippin*, *Tamissa*, *Michaila*, *Hunters Moon* and *Zanzibar* all who joined *Kristina* for a very enjoyable club cruise.

John & Lyn Traub  
Yacht *Kristina*



Conrad & Alison aboard 'Capella'



Boats dressed overall at Bradwell



"Moondance"