

OK so I signed up to Cruise no 2, my first with Cattewater CC, now I'm committed, especially as I have keen as mustard Paul Mac along to help me.

We all met at muster point at 10.30 as arranged, not much wind so a gentle motor sail set in, with mother duck and all her ducklings following. After a few miles myself and Paul decided to head out a few degrees in the search of wind, which amazingly we found, out came the Genoa, off went the engine, and albeit slowly we sailed the rest of the journey with the excitement of 6/8 dolphins, dancing about the bows and lifting us on our way towards Fowey.

We arrived at Fowey, a pontoon had been booked, and the boats already berthed, were standing ready to catch our lines, always a welcome sight, extra hands.

A meal ashore was eagerly anticipated, and we were not disappointed. The Lugger had been booked, so we ate, drank, and made merry, going for a night cap, or two in some people's cases ☺ at the Gallant Sailing Club.

Sunday dawned and my helping hand namely Paul who doesn't like to sit still for too long, suggested a trip to Mevagissey, those that wanted to jumped on Tamarisk and off we headed, leaving others to play with dinghies and new outboards, or take a stroll up hill and down dale.

We motored across St Austell bay, went into Mevagissey, it's small in there, did a quick U turn, and headed out again. Maybe one day with more experience I will return and stay a night.

We drifted and lunched, freshly cut sandwiches, homemade cakes, a nice bottle of red, then headed back along the coast in the general direction of Fowey avoiding what we decided was a fish farm, up to a mile off shore and probably about half a mile wide, marked with yellow buoys at each corner.

Once past this obstacle, we headed into a beautiful little bay called Polkerris. Paul suggested anchoring, and after a discussion, down went the anchor, on went the kettle, tea and cake anyone ????

We tried desperately hard to sail back, but with the eta at Fowey getting later and later, on went the engine, with lovely people waiting on the pontoon to catch our lines again.

A free evening saw myself and Paul eating on board and relaxing as the sun set, while others headed ashore for showers and a meal.

Monday saw us all up and leaving by 9.30

A gentle motor again, but if there's no wind what else can we do!!

I Would like to say a big thank you to Alan Eves for organising the cruise, a big thank you to the rest of the cruise boats for making me feel welcome and helping with berthing etc.

And an extra special thank you to my sailing buddy, whose energy abounds and at the tender age he is let's nothing stand in his way. Amazing !!!!