

East Coast Rally

By Tom Wallace

Bradwell Junk Rig Rally. July 6 and 7 2013.

Ten craft, including nine junk rigged boats, attended the Junk Rig Sailing and Rally Club meet on the Blackwater river. Twenty five souls attended, in total, including friends who came by road.

The weather conditions were good and several boats had arrived on the Friday so a good start was made at Saturday lunchtime on the terrace of the marina bar. In the afternoon most of us sailed from the creek.

The evening hours were filled by a bbq supper at the clubhouse of the Bradwell Quay Sailing Club and offered a good chance for all to talk and meet new members in the congenial way we have always done.

Sunday brought good sailing weather for the midday trip to Tollesbury on the north side of the river.

A good fresh breeze had developed by the time we arrived at Tollesbury Fleet. Two boats, Roger and Kathy Thomas' Warrior 40 *Emma Fay* and Andrew and Monica Varney's Salty Dog *Joletta* took swinging moorings there and hitched rides up Woodrolfe Creek to the marina. Tom Wallace had left his Virgo Voyager *Ram III* at Bradwell to reduce the space occupied in the basin. The food at lunch was excellent, as always, a danger to

those trying to get away from the creek before the water did. Phil and Sue Corridan's Snapdragon 24, *Drako* and also Bob Ager's Liberty 22, *Orlando* stayed till Monday. One boat only made it as far as the spit North West of Woodrolfe Creek entrance where shortage of o/board fuel and sea water gave those on board eight hours of relaxed socializing time to consider the birdlife on the saltings.

By the time the remaining personnel and craft arrived back at Bradwell, it was time to say cheerio over a jar. Some waited till Monday to leave for home.

Other junk rig craft to join the rally were:

Robin Blain's Swallow 20 *Gigi*

John Dinnin's Liberty 22 *Alouette*

Mike Hegarty's Coromandel 21 *Toa*

Martin Robert's Bolger 16 *Applecross*

Richard Bassett's *White Rabbit*

We thank Robin Blain, as always, for his organisation of yet another great junk rig meet and look forward to the next.

(Photographs herewith are selected from a pool of images provided by several members. They have not been attributed to the photographers.)



Bob Ager's Liberty 22, Orlando



Roger and Kathy Thomas' Warrior 40, Emma Fay



Martin Roberts' Applecross



A convivial lunch-time party