

# Lonely Anchorages Isles of Scilly Trip

## August 2013

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"Mark Mitchell skippered, Mike Tudor mate and 6 crew (Julia the 'often helm', Rupert the diver, Di the provisioner, Nick the story teller, Tim the reverser and Rob the newcomer) set sail on Happy Return at 09:10 from Penzance on 12<sup>th</sup> August to the Isles of Scilly. Four sails up with the large lug heading to The Cove at St Agnes. 13:00 passed the Wolf on starboard. Zig zag through the Fastnet race yachts and arrive at 19:12. Anchored, refreshment at The Turk's Head and back for Chorizo Surprise dinner.

On Tuesday, we learnt that England had won the 4<sup>th</sup> Test so went for a celebratory walk on Gugh after a full English breakfast. Set sail at 11:10 past St Mary's and the Eastern Isles, 14:00 Hard Lewis rocks. Picnic lunch on board, then tight navigation past Round Island with the tide pushing us sideways and on into St Helen's Pool. Met up with Peter May and Ges already anchored and flying the Scillies flag. Inflatable to Tresco when the party disintegrated (J & R to Cromwell's Castle; P to the Ruin; G swimming; N & M up the New Grimsby Road; D, T & R to Agapanthus Beach and the skipper just vanished!). The party re-integrated at the New Inn before heading back on board for Spaghetti Bolognese and G&T.

Wednesday. Smaller mizzen up in fresh breeze & blue skies. Scrambled eggs and toast a la Julia's kitchen. Transit south at 09:25, arriving near Hangman's Rock mooring at 11:04. Perfect navigation through the rocks. Fraggie Rock rendezvous, another Masterchef picnic lunch. Burgers for dinner at Fraggie Rock in the evening (squatter sent ahead at 6pm to reserve our 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 7pm queue).

Thursday. Mike's special full English breakfast. Depart 09:28 under motor to Samson anchoring on a sixpence of sandy bottom for a walk on the wild side. Early lunch & sail towards Watermill Bay for overnight anchorage and return journey next morning. As Mark had said earlier in the day "We must have a plan so we can change it", so he changed it! At 14:30 he announced we were heading home (good wind, sunny skies, rain and no wind predicted for the next morning). 6-7 knots all the way home reaching Penzance 'filling station' at 21:30. Refuel boat and crew in The Dock, sleep on board and tidy Happy Return in the morning. Perfect!!"