

As 2025 comes to an end members of the Motorboat & Cruising Group can look back proudly at their achievements on and off the water. Whether by sail or motor we have cruised together as members of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club looking for fun, opportunity and adventure !

Our traditional shakedown cruise to Dartmouth had Feelings of Déjà vu from 2024 as the prospect of a wet and windy passage to Dartmouth loomed on the horizon similar to last year. But the enthusiasm of the Motorboat and Cruising Group to cruise in company was strong enough to overcome this. We had 10 boats, comprising of 3 Motor Boats and 7 Yachts, including Whisper, Yolo, Southern Hey, Mojito, Quintet, Oyster, Jupiter, Far-a-Day, Amares and Piseas.

Never afraid to cruise beyond the horizon our next adventure was to make way South West in June. The two Motor cruisers, Whisper and Yolo left early on and arrived in Salcombe to be joined by 7 yachts, Amares, Juno, Quintet, Jupiter, Faraday, Mojito and Piseas. We organised this cruise along the lines of “Drop in / Drop Out” the further we progressed to Plymouth and Fowey before returning to Torquay via Dartmouth. This cruise worked well despite weather delays along the way. The more experienced sailors amongst us were able to guide and encourage those lacking confidence to explore new destinations.

The weather remained unsettled at times during the summer but our cruise to Teignmouth in July attracted a good level of interest. This port of call is often avoided due to its tricky entry and exit conditions at specific points of tide. But we had a 60ft double sided pontoon to accommodate 4 Motor Cruisers, Whisper, Yolo, Oyster and Cosmic Dancer plus 1 yacht, Quintet. Late Saturday afternoon a grand Garden BBQ ashore was organised that went into the night with rain, music, dancing and much fun and joviality, not forgetting Head Chef, Martin Godfrey, leading the way with his al-la-carte BBQ 'ed seafood specialities.

Our End of Season Celebration in October was a great way to bring members of the Motorboat & Cruising Group together at the Clubhouse to be entertained with live music and a good deal of dancing. It summed up the friendship between us and desire to enjoy ourselves whether on or off the water. And that is why we sail and motor together.....”



Hospitality on the Dartmouth Inner Town Quay



Relaxing in Plymouth



Teignmouth Harbour