

LSC powerboats weekend

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Arguably the most sought after event on the LSC calendar is the Powerboaters Anglesey Weekend. Now in its 25th year in Anglesey. This year was certainly fun.....

Let me start by saying that its almost unheard of to get 3 consecutive days out (in previous years this may have had something to do with the aforementioned hangovers), but that's exactly what we got, after watching the weather reports all week, all doom and gloom, we were blessed with sunshine and blue skies

We arrived on Friday afternoon and in true petrol head fashion drove right past the hotel to put the boats in the water at ABC Marine. A lap of Puffin Island and a straight run back to the Thomas Telford's Suspension bridge.

Buoyed by Friday's success the aim for Saturday was a run over to Conwy with a slight detour around Puffin Island All started out well and we even managed to do some seal spotting at the far side of puffin Island. The water then got progressively choppy but we did actually make it to Conwy (even if you squinted really hard you still couldn't see the castle but we passed the harbour buoys and that's a success in anyone's book) but rather than stay a while and potentially risk larger waters on the way back, we chose discretion over valour and headed right back while the going was good.

The going then got worse...

Now depending on who is telling the story, you might hear tall tales about the perfect storm or that Neptune opened the flood gates to vent his full fury on the small splash of water where the Irish sea meets the Menai Straits. But really it was just a swell of 9ft with a westerly wind on an outgoing tide .The journey back was a real test of boat and driver and everyone took a hammering (I only wish I could share with you the full comedy effect of everyone easing themselves into a comfy chair at the bar later that evening).

Sunday was more of a gentle cruise with the time honoured pilgrimage to the swellies, where you could almost lean out of the boat and thrust the full length of your arm in to a mini whirlpool without getting wet.



I almost forgot about the gaffer tape! This only gives a small insight into the pounding that we took on the Saturday and no-one's really sure who was driving when this happened but a foot long gash somehow appeared on the side of Phantom Menace, he says me but I blame Nigel! So what do we do on the Sunday? Have a day off? Take a back seat in someone else's boat? Nope! We covered the hole in masking tape; and I do have to admit that it looked like a really good job and lasted right up to the point of having to slow to 5 knots by Caernarfon

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