

Liverpool Sailing Club

2010 Tideway Sail

On what turned out to be the hottest day of the year so far, 22 people turned up to and a total of 10 boats set out on the trip to New Brighton beach, 7 sail & 3 power boats including the new safety boat, a record for the club in recent years. With only the slightest of breezes it was like sailing on a mill pond, while it was slow everybody managed to make steady progress.



The river itself was very quiet with only one Mersey ferry running, apart from that the only other craft we encountered were when we approached New Brighton with some Jet Ski's and speed boats where on the water, we spotted one seal swimming but it was scared off by one of the Jet Ski's.



As we reached New Brighton on the very last of the tide at around 13:00 the breeze seemed to die on us, so a couple of the dinghies required a tow to the beach for the last couple of hundred yards - then as soon as we sat down on the beach for dinner the breeze picked up ! Typical !



On the return leg the wind had shifted around to a westerly and held steady so it was a straight run back to the club with most of the dinghies goose winged most of the way back, the return leg took 90 minutes with the wayfarers averaging around 5 knots. We reached the slipway just as the tide was starting to cover the lowest section. Once the boats were put away some of the intrepid sailors enjoyed a quick BBQ while recounting their adventures.

My thanks to Howard & Paul for manning the safety boat.

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