

Our sailing trip on Ploes 9 – 15 Sept 2017

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Saturday morning was busy sorting paperwork and victualling - getting the essential beers to keep a happy crew. The afternoon came with F3 winds, sailed to Tomb Bay, moored up in fading light. Having bought all that food and drink, we decided to eat in Tomb Bay restaurant.

Sunday, headed for Karacoran, some good sailing in a rising breeze for a couple of hours, but then it died – drat! Anchored for swimming and late lunch in secluded bay – well we thought.... a loud party boat decided to join us!

Monday started with an infestation of wasps and bitey things at the stern. We escaped quickly to have breakfast in peace. Set off for Kalkan, sadly very little wind so motoring for a few hours ☹ but wait, the wind kicks in early afternoon, and some exciting sailing (sog 6 knots) for a few hours - yipeee! So with a good wind, we decided to go on to Kas. Busy marina so lots of to-ing and fro-ing to avoid other 'boaty' activities. Finally moored ☺

Tuesday was a quiet, non- sailing day due to a crew member feeling sickly. Other crew busied themselves with various boat jobs and trying to keep cool in the sun. (good job we bought those beers). The next day, our crew member felt a bit better, so we left Kas for Fethiye Bay, with Kalkan as a very short stop option. We have wind, yah! but it is F4 on the nose throughout the day, so not a great deal of headway. Moored in Kalkan late afternoon.

Very light airs on Thursday, heading for Kapi Creek in Fethiye Bay, so motoring most of the day – boo hoo! Hey but we saw a pod of dolphins. Skipper missed the Kapi Creek entrance, ended up in Wall Bay briefly – easily rectified, and finally stern-to moored in Kapi Creek.

Friday brings a F3/4 wind, general pottering about in Fethiye Bay, anchored near Tersani Island, lunch, beers and swimming before setting off for Boynuz Bay for the night, sheltered spot, kingfishers and all. Disturbed them and other fellow boaty people with our old hall musical singing.

Saturday – no wind! motoring back to Fethiye marina for Saturday afternoon scrub (of Ploes) and general tidy up.