

OUT TO LUNCH – Great Salterns

After avoiding erratic jet skis at the entrance we explore a neglected landing place

When winding down in a nearby tavern after the weekly Yachtmaster classes at Portsmouth Outdoor Activities Centre I noticed a derelict quay nearby. Fine weather recently encouraged us to explore by sea, so entering Langstone we ventured up the Harbour, turning inshore just N of Salterns can buoy and heading for the only marker, leaving it well to stb'd while trying to find the channel.



Several times the echosounder shallowed alarmingly but eventually we reached the quay and moored alongside. On the North wall we found 3.4 metres, a metre less on the South, but wind direction will dictate which to choose for best shelter.



Not far away we could see Great Salterns Mansion, formerly a golf club HQ and now part of Harvester's chain of pubs which produce good food of predictable standard and price. But we were

spoilt for choice as just round the corner the modern Farmhouse Inn beckoned with its smart bar and restaurant. Decisions, decisions!



Verdict: A choice of hostelries accessible to the brave

Tides on the day: HW Portsmouth 1120 ht 4.7m

Disused quay with few ladders and mooring points

Great Salterns Mansion tel 02392 651051

Farmhouse Inn

tel 02392 650510

Postscript

We took a short cut back home, but be careful: sliding under Langstone Bridge needs accurate tidal calculation, nerve – and a slice of luck!

