

## OUT TO LUNCH – Dell Quay

*Balmy Autumn weather prompted us to turn the key in the ignition and cast off to sample a hostelry close to home.*

It has been many years since I came into Chichester Harbour from the Solent and considered where to moor. I do remember sailing a Contessa 32 one weekend that saw us end up at **Dell Quay** and dry out overnight - the boat, certainly not the crew!



So with covers rolled back to enjoy the sun we slipped on a calm October morning to repeat the visit, cutting across Stocker Lake towards Itchenor with the flood tide under us.

markers beyond Chichester Marina we picked our way up to the pier avoiding drifting dinghy



Squinting for dogleg racers only to find anglers filling the wall.



Our display of fenders and riding boards persuaded them to grudgingly reel in their lines and we moored up against wooden pillars where soundings showed 2.1 metres at HW. A

short floating pontoon now exists on the N side and a wooden walkway protrudes to the South but we decided to avoid both as access was uncertain.

Our target was the Crown and Anchor, a waterside pub with a reputation for good food but also haphazard service when crowded. Sadly that was our experience too: the grub was less than hot and took an age to arrive, a state of affairs all too common hereabouts. Yet the view was delightful, and a big Spring tide gave us plenty of time before heading for home.



*Verdict: A nice outing to charge the batteries!*  
Tides on the day: HW Chichester 1335 ht 5.0m  
Quay end has solid piles, exposed to the West,  
bottom is soft mud but firm shingle inshore  
Crown & Anchor tel 01243 781712