

# ACBOC

## Summer Newsletter 2018

The winter and spring has been very busy at the creek and in the sheds. Hence a long gap since the last newsletter.

### **IMPORTANT**

It is important that dinghy owners realise that the land at the top of the ford at the creek has nothing to do with ACBOC. Anyone that leaves a dinghy there does so at their own risk. NO dinghies should sit on the saltings, as this can cause damage. When a high “spring” tide comes in, dinghies are sometimes carried up onto the saltings. Owners have no rights whatsoever to leave boats here, and they should not block the roadway at the ford. ACBOC has no jurisdiction over this area. Dinghies can be kept at the sheds for a minimal cost of £40 per year, but the owner is responsible for their vessel, and should have it insured.

ACBOC takes no responsibility for damage that occurs to boats at the creek. All boat owners MUST take responsibility for security of boats AND MOORINGS.

### **ALSO VERY IMPORTANT**

Whilst owners that rent moorings from Colchester Borough Council via ACBOC are responsible for the condition and suitability of their ground tackle, it is advised that sensible precautions are taken when working in the mud.

The mud in the creek is much deeper now than in the past, and it is easy to get stuck. Members are advised that they should not work alone.

The slip clearing has been postponed so far this season since ACBOC is waiting to receive concrete guidelines regarding permitted actions to clear the slurry from the slip. There have already been canoeists and small boat owners that have struggled to launch at the slip due to the conditions there, and it is hoped that we will soon have the authority to make some improvements, using pumped water to sluice down the slipway for the benefit of all.

The early meet up on April 28th was transformed into a sheds working party to tidy up the inside and outside of the sheds. With 14 attendees, a serious amount of work was done and one of the middle sheds was completely cleared allowing rubbish, scrap metal and useful items to be separated out. The bacon rolls that were supplied were soon demolished too. The middle shed, although not yet furnished with lights and electric outlets, is now a useful workspace for boat renovation jobs. The scrap metal pile grew much larger and so a collector was booked out to collect. Result, another empty space.

Dave Hayes has been working on lighting and power supply. The main shed and the top shed are all now supplied, and the next phase is to get the power connected to the new work area shown, and also to the West shed. The cables are in, and the boxes and lights will be next.

Some boats that have changed hands have been moved. Others are still waiting for their future to be decided. We have 1 boat that has a lien upon it and will be disposed of after 4th September, if the owner doesn't pay his storage dues, any profits from this will offset the monies owed.

The launch of wintered boats began and Paul and the tractor have been busy, and bit by bit the space at the sheds is reappearing. It needs some reorganising before boats come out in the winter this year so that the best use of the space available can be made.

Boats have been out and about in a particularly pleasant springtime despite a nippy Northerly wind that reminds you that it is still early.

## **Calendar**

The CALENDAR has two up and coming events that will need confirmation from skippers as both dinner and berths will need to be booked.

14th July Tollesbury

11th August Heybridge

Please make sure Dave Hayes knows you are coming to either of these events, and books you in.

## **GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)**

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Many thanks

All for now Brenda