

ACBOC
Autumn Newsletter 2019

A note from the Chair.

Well, another sailing season has passed as the nights draw in and arrangements are made for boats for the winter. As you can see from the newsletter this has been another busy and cooperative year with sociable sailing, maintenance and socials and the business side of running ACBOC. The management committee and volunteers have put in huge amounts of time to make the sheds and moorings run smoothly, affordably and cost effectively. Thanks to all of who have put the time in.

We have slightly adapted the membership application process to try to make things clearer. It is as follows:

1. Fill in membership application form with all your contact details.
2. Come to a Monday social meeting (first Monday of the month at Wivenhoe Sailing Club 8pm.
3. Discuss any requirements you have for storage or moorings with a committee member.
4. Committee discusses membership applications and requirements at its next meeting.
5. If capacity for moorings or storage are available the member will be given a full form and payment details

Activity report

Cruises this season:

After our first successful cruise to Tollesbury, we have ventured back to a favourite cruise to Heybridge basin. And the laying up cruise to Bradwell.

Both of these cruises have been in company with other clubs, and the laying up cruise was particularly good as we joined with the Wivenhoe and Rowhedge Yacht owners who invited ACBOC and Wivenhoe SC to join in their Tail End Race. All arriving at Bradwell in glorious weather and spirits, and a fine sociable meal at the Green Man. This year has been very good for the clubs meeting and joining together.



On the left there is Tony in Diamond, enjoying the perfect conditions to play in the estuary, before heading into Bradwell for the night.

Right we see the happy sailors relaxing after a hard days racing, or cruising or even just coast hopping in a dinghy. It takes all sorts, including 4 brave souls that came round by road, just for the company and the good food. The wind and rain arrived on the Sunday as boats waited for the tide to get back to moorings. Its been that sort of a year really.



As usual the end of the sailing season, and before the shed yard fills with wintering boats there is working party day. 17 Workers came to do a variety of jobs. The back breaking job of clearing ivy from walls, roofs and windows was attacked by a merry band with a variety of tools to help. Encroaching hedging was cut back to maximise boat parking, and the “Outhouse” on the North side has been cleared completely. The soggy corner inside the south shed has gone! Water access is now on the outside of the building, but more importantly water now reaches the “coffee lounge”. Shed doors have been reinforced and made weatherproof.

The revised health and safety and launch and recovery documents have now been posted on the noticeboard inside the sheds, and on the website.



Crystal being hauled out with due care and attention and many hands making light work.

Taking the photos was probably the lightest work! Tractor driver extraordinaire in the form of Paul had the boat tucked away on the south side of the sheds in no time all.

Shed clearing photos:



The outhouse, roofless and ready for rubbish and ivy removal. The metal roof was put with other metal waste that has built up at the front of the shed. Our third metal waste collection will take place in due course.

Right: Just part of the rubbish accumulated ready for sorting into bonfire and waste. At the time of writing there have been 3 sessions of fires and the pile is going down at last. There will probably be at least 2 more before we can see the concrete that lies beneath.



Technical discussions in the corner with our plumbers.

Tea, Coffee, Doughnuts, and Bacon
Butties for the workers.
Well deserved.
Very well deserved!



A tidy corner for the wood burner. It just needs fitting together, and venting outside.
This calls for a future magic wand day.

Brenda (ACBO Secretary)