



September Cruise in Company.

Despite Dave's best efforts the weather gods played the trump card again and the wind was not going to play fair. The turnout was reduced as a consequence. However, some hardy souls refused to be beaten and decided to break out the wheeled tender for the indirect route to the Green Man.

AGM & Working party

The next meeting is the AGM at Wivenhoe Sailing Club on the 4th of November at 20:00.

AGM AGENDA (outline only)

1. Welcome by chairperson
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (2023)
4. Chairperson's report
5. Treasurer's Report and presentation of prepared financial statement.
6. Election of the Co-operative Board (Management Committee)
7. Appointment of Accountant
8. Plans and Priorities for 2024/ 2025
9. Dates of the 4 Co-operative General Meetings and next AGM

Thoughts from the chair

ACBOC is at a bit of a crossroads; fewer boats at the sheds are moving. We have been left with abandoned boats that we now need to dispose of. Others are paid for but have not been touched for years. The founder members are getting older and less able to do what they used to.

On the other hand, the West shed is full of active WOD owners and we manage to attract more boats than other clubs to our regular cruises in company as well good attendance at our monthly socials at WSC. We have also just started Shed Wednesday see below.

ACBOC is now 8 years old and the committee and volunteers work hard to keep it all going. We would like to see as many Share holder members, and Associate members as possible at our 2024 Annual General Meeting on the 4th November (8pm WSC) to help us the shape the future of the Cooperative.

There is a working party on the 2nd of November (10:00-16:00) in preparation for Winter. Clearing, tidying and gutter repairs, not forgetting the bacon rolls.

Shed news

Boats are slowly making their way back to the sheds for the winter. As well as booking the tractor, ensure your trailer is fit for the journey, ahead of time. Grease the bearings and check for corrosion. Strip the mast and get the supports ready. Make sure you have all you need to lower the mast on the hard including some willing helpers. If you are unsure of the process, ask for help from volunteers via WhatsApp.

Shed Wednesdays

13:30 to 15:30 ish. With less time on the water, we intend to meet up more often by encouraging people to come down on a Wednesday afternoon. Share stories, knowledge, skills or procrastinate over a brew. Hope to see you there.



The race for Puffin

Those that venture to the far shed will know that in a few weeks an influx of Wivenhoe One Designs will descend on Alresford. But there has been one WOD sitting sadly in the corner all year.

Puffin dates back to the early days of the WOD in the 1930s and has come to a stage in her life



where some TLC and refurbishment is well overdue. The boat is now owned by the Wivenhoe One Design Owners Association, an organisation mutually owned by all WOD owners, dedicated to ensuring that all remaining boats remain in Wivenhoe and continue to remain in sailing condition.

The class will be celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2025 (next year) and members are keen that Puffin will be sailing with her sisters next season. To make sure this happens lots of volunteer hours are needed, firstly stripping her back to bare wood and then helping Rob work his magic ready for a refit, paint and launch.

If you see somebody toiling away on Puffin, be sure to stop for a chat.

Every winter six or more WODs lay up in the Alresford sheds making a perfect location to keep these aging beauties in top shape for racing in the summer.

Peter Taylor (Dorothy WOD No.9)

Emma

Regular visitors to the shed will be aware of Emma, sitting quietly in the corner of the sheds. A few of the older members will have seen her sailing. She is currently for sale on Facebook marketplace (search 1870 gaff cutter). There is also a YouTube video with a bit of her history. Worth a look, see the link below. <https://youtu.be/BPftJFRCPs?si=0wm08o7CHFkZVicq>

Moorings



A timely reminder of how the creek mud is an excellent grinding paste. This chain was removed from a mooring in September.

Late October sees some of the biggest spring tides of the year. It is surprising how much extra strain is placed on moorings and the boat can actually lift sinkers out of the mud if the scope is too short for the tide. September's spring tides did just that to one mooring. The owner was contacted and made aware of the situation.

Outside Storage

After a year of perfect growing conditions, the boundaries of the yard had grown beyond the point at which secateurs and a quick hedge trim would keep them in line. With thanks to Dave B. and a little mechanical assistant all is becoming tame once more. Marvel at the results when you join in with the working party on the 2nd of November, or meet up for shed Wednesdays.



Other News

NORTH ESSEX BOAT JUMBLE & FISHING SHOW

Sunday 13th October 2024 9am – 2pm

Horsley Cross, CO11 2NU Entry - £5 per CAR.

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