



Up The Creek



Social

The next meeting is at 20:00 on Monday 3rd November at Wivenhoe Sailing Club.

The committee elected at the AGM is as follows:

Chair and Company secretary: Keith Phillips

Secretary:- Anthony Vickers

Treasurer: Steve Watts

Membership & Communications:- Grahame Hill

Storage:- Rob Maloney

Moorings:- TBA

Social :- TBA

General: Bernie Hetherington, James Houghton, John Griffin, Andrew Blakeston, Simon Shreeve, Dave Hayes, Brian Sinclair, Paul Killick

There was discussion on current subscriptions and Shareholdings, it was agreed that the annual subscription would rise to £15 and that charges would also be increased to ensure that the storage and moorings remain viable considering the increasing costs. A proposal to change the policy on shareholdings was accepted and a prospectus will be issued to all members in due course outlining the forthcoming changes and reflecting the discussions held at the meeting.

A number of committee members have expressed the intention to change roles next year; it is important to take this opportunity to ensure a smooth transition. If you are interested in taking a role on the committee, please let Keith know and arrangements can be made to shadow the current postholder.

Cruise in Company

The forecast of inclement weather delayed the starts for the Colne barge and smack races. It was also a

bit of a deterrent for the usual spectator fleet. The weather also affected the trip to Bradwell for the airshow. Boats left on the Friday with the intention taking part, but the forecast showed gusts of 30 knots plus on Sunday. Plans were changed and some made their return trips early. In the event the wind had other ideas, arriving early and Saturday night was decidedly breezy. Sunday turned out to be a cracking sailing day.

Shed news

As we approach laying up time, space in the main area of the sheds will be required for winter storage. It is customary for tenders to be stored in the main shed over the summer for ease of access. However, to free up space, owners who wish to keep their tenders on site should move them outside or into the dinghy store. In preparation for hauling out, please ensure that trailers are serviced ahead of time to ensure smooth and safe recovery. Once recovered boats should remain movable if required.

Please be aware that boats which have not been used for some time and are not being actively worked on may be moved from their current location to maximise accessibility and storage opportunities for active users of the site.

Moorings

Please take the opportunity to service your moorings over the winter. Especially if remaining afloat. If you intend to replace mooring tackle it is a good idea to start early and let the sinkers bed in over the winter. A lot of wear occurs to mooring chain as the tide rises and falls. Consider removing the mooring buoys over the winter and replacing them with a rope riser and a small float, the chain stays on the mud, the small float helps to find it again in the spring.