



Social

Please note the change of venue. The next meeting is at the Toby Carvery, Marine Parade W, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 1NW April 7th at the earlier time of 18:00. Please let Dave know if you are planning to attend. 07968 630727

The May gathering will be on the first Monday, May Day Bank Holiday, 5th May, at Wivenhoe as usual.

The talk from Trinity House was well attended and we were also joined by members from Wivenhoe and Wivenhoe & Rowhedge. There was lots of new and interesting information from the 500 year history of the organisation. Thank you to Anthony for organising.

Cruise in Company

The Season is starting to get much closer. This has been a long cold winter; a lot of the jobs have been delayed. Paint and varnishing delayed by the damp. Too cold for epoxy to cure. My self-imposed deadline for the beginning of April will see a number of jobs being completed on the water.

Soon to be published is the sailing and social calendar.

Shed news

The weather has been uninviting recently and the attendance on Wednesdays has been sparse. The idea behind shed Wednesdays is not just about working on the sheds but a way to socialise when not out on the water. From my experience more time is spent drinking coffee than working. Perhaps if you are planning to go it would be helpful to post on WhatsApp. It may even get the fire lit earlier.

Moorings

As the season draws nearer it is time to get the tide tables out. As well as the usual printed copies, Brightlingsea Harbour publishes an annual set on their website and app.

https://www.brightlingseaharbour.org/documents/485/0126_BRIGHTLINGSEA_2025_F1.pdf

Other News

26th February saw Bert Prior arriving on the Isle of Wight. Now under new ownership she has left the river. If you wish to reminisce perhaps this short film will suffice:- "A Voyage on the Working Thames." <https://youtu.be/zTCtOObS50?si=H5kz1pN-YPWFdEP2>

Rowhedge - temporary pontoon closure

The pontoon is being removed for maintenance from the 27th February until 31st March 2025. Therefore, the pontoon will not be available and will re-open on 1st April 2025. The navigation marker will also be out of service. Mooring on the Rowhedge Quay may also be restricted between these dates. For details of availability for mooring please contact the Rowhedge Water Bailiff on 07494 015105.

Boat Jumbles

Sunday 6th April 11:00 Blackwater Sailing Club, Basin Road, Goldhanger Road, Maldon, CM9 4SD

Sunday 13th April 9am – 3pm NORTH ESSEX BOAT SHOW & JUMBLE, Horsley Cross CO11 2NU

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