

# FLOTSAM MONTHLY

## We are getting through it.

### Membership renewal

Club membership renewals have been sent out, payable by March 31st.

### Problem children.

John Jones had 'visitors' on his boat, this has been reported to the police who will patrol the area. No further incidents have been observed. Please make sure ladders are secure and be mindful that cockpit covers are appealing to kids to hide in.

### Important dates

Dates are subject to change due to evolving Covid rules and regulations.

#### February

Fri 05th Friday Eat in 19:00 for 19:30

Sun 14th Warm Up 3 13:00

Sun 28th Warm Up 4 & 5 11:45

#### March

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Sun 07th L&R WORK PARTY 1 09:00

Sat 13th CLUB WORK PARTY 1 09:00

Sun 14th Warm Up 6 & 7 11:45

Sat 27th Fitting Out Supper 20:00

Sun 28th Warm Up 8 & 9 11:30

### Club roof update

The contractors for the new roof are ready to go but are waiting for a few dry days with light winds.

Hi, quiet month so far but just a warning we would like to relay. The club owned orange suits in the changing room are for safety boat crew only and even then they must be used in conjunction with a life jacket. They are **NOT** floatation suits, as one member found out nearly to his cost. Therefore they must not be used in a tender or sailing dinghy.

Dennis Haggerty and Tim Harris have been co-opted onto the executive committee and Alex Gore to the house committee. Dennis will continue to run the website.

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Gerry.

### Snippets of our early club history:

A group of keen yachtsmen, wishing to race, commenced doing so from Brandy Hole in 1936.

In 1949 they secured a piece of Land on the river frontage of 'Hullbridge on Crouch' Village and by moving up river from Brandy Hole so the club name came into being.

That first site is now the location of our race box.

The 1953 Regatta was held on August 29th and McDonald Hobley of television fame chose the Regatta Queen and presented the Regatta prizes. The Regatta boasted 8 races, a beauty contest, Greasy pole challenge and both swimming and diving competitions. A dance was held in the evening on the lawns of The Anchor Public House finishing at 11.30 pm.

In 1961 Facilities offered to members were Lockers for hire for storing gear at 5/- (Five shillings) per year.

Petrol was available from the garage - Next door to where the Simla Restaurant is now.

Dinghy storage was permissible at 3p per foot per annum.

In 1961 the annual membership was 15/- (fifteen shillings) or 75p in todays money.

From humble beginnings to where we are now.

Steve Harris.

