

# Notes from Hi Ya Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

The meeting was attended by 16 of our volunteers.

## Boat Issues

- Solar panels are due to be replaced in September, or possibly October when there are fewer bookings.
- A hygiene inspection is coming up; we hope to retain our 5 star rating. It will be by appointment rather than a random visit. Sauces have been taken off the boat and are kept in the cabin fridge between trips. Use-by dates should be checked.
- The galley cool box will not be re-connected; use of ice packs will continue.
- The deadman will be repaired after the solar panels have been fitted. Until this is done, it would be good practice to remind the helm to switch off the ignition when moored. The battery isolator switch was removed when fitting the new motor. Ortomarine have been asked to reinstate both items as a matter of urgency.

## Storage

The shed contents will be transferred to the new container then the shed will be demolished. The base will be checked before a new shed is erected. Contents of the grey containers will be moved into the new shed. The new container has been tidied, and the old racking is ok to reuse. Gazebo materials are in boxes stacked on the floor.

## Training

Manoeuvre of the month is rope handling, with emphasis on the stern line which should always be put away coiled and free from knots. View the videos for [Tip 1](#) and [Tip 5](#). Crews are encouraged to practise over the winter months. Use only the recommended knots when mooring.

There have been a couple of practical training sessions but formal training will commence at the start of next season which is required for NCBA accreditation. Reassessment is due in 2028.

## Bookings

Bookings have slowed as we approach the end of the season. Emails will be sent to care home groups about carol trips. Santa trips will be advertised.

## Crewing

While most trips are fully crewed some crew are still needed during September.

## Festivals

SaltFest: A new manning list has been issued. Volunteers are encouraged to promote the sale of Duck Race tickets, especially on trips. Meet at the yard on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> at the earlier time of 2.00pm to load the boat.

## Environment

- No major activities planned, but Wanderer availability to be checked.
- Some gardening will take place at the yard on Sunday mornings.

## AOB

- The removal of the container has exposed the hole in the wall but the existing barrier is fairly secure.
- Duck race: helpers needed to place barrier, transport ducks and wade in the river.
- A policy for choosing charitable trips is needed. Trustees to decide criteria. Any donations for this purpose, such as the Waitrose scheme, should be ring fenced.
- Crew can sign up to receive CRT notifications – see Paul for details.
- Reducing clutter on the boat: remove personal items after trips; bulky objects such as the window removing tool can be kept in the cabin; introduce a lost property box.
- The food hygiene folder should stay on the boat.
- Spurious online messages to create an NCBA account can be ignored.