

# Notes from Hi Ya Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026

The meeting was attended by 16 of our volunteers.

## Boat Issues

- The new Engiro motor has been fitted. It has different characteristics to the old one so crews will need to acclimatise. There is some whining at high speed, otherwise silent through the rev range. It is physically much larger and comes with additional pipework, so extra care should be taken in the motor compartment, such as when tightening the stern gland.
- In the course of fitting the motor, the deadman circuit has been disconnected. As a short term alternative, it is recommended that the ignition key be switched off and removed.
- We have been informed that the inverter can be left on when the boat is unattended although our normal practice is to switch it off. Procedure to be confirmed.
- Lift batteries are responding well to charging.
- New solar panels are to be fitted, although the old ones are still providing some useful power.

## Membership

There are now 37 members.

## Training

Formal training is about to restart. Boat handling standards on the website are being updated. A meeting to formulate a training plan will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. There is a need for more trainers. The value of regular practice to maintain skills was emphasised.

## Bookings

Bookings are coming in steadily although some trips have had to be cancelled. Publicity has not been sent to care homes but regular customers are still getting in touch. Skippers are reminded to contact customers a week in advance of the trip and check numbers, including wheelchairs, then liaise with Jim. Fish & Chip and Cream Tea trips are being advertised on Facebook. Fish & Chip prices have gone up but we are still getting a discount. Cream Tea trips are nearly fully booked.

## Crewing

Cancelled trips have made crewing very difficult and chaotic. However, the situation is secure through the next month. There is a shortage of skippers. Volunteers tend to respond to email requests rather than by looking at Dropbox. The practice of highlighting urgent trips in yellow will be reinstated. Requests from Dropbox to 'Join a Team' should be ignored.

## Festival

The boat was used as a venue for the Rik Mayall festival on Tuesday; the performance went well and there was some good feedback for the boat.

## Container

A skip is arriving today and helpers are needed after this meeting and on Sunday morning to sort items for disposal from the old containers. The task should be completed in two weeks.

## Environment

No progress due to the weather.

## AGM

Is on 16<sup>th</sup> June at Rotary House.

## AOB

- A filing cabinet has been donated but will need to be collected.
- Consumables stored at Emma's home will be transferred to the new container. More bottles of water are needed.
- Crew are encouraged to watch the video of Tying Up at the Yard, noting how the rear line is attached to the T-stud so as to avoid being wrapped around the prop shaft.