

Notes from Hi Ya Meeting 1st July 2026

The meeting was attended by 16 of our volunteers.

Boat Issues

- There has been a lot of positive feedback about the new motor. However, the recent hot weather has made demands on the (water) cooling system; the pump is noisy at first when working hard but this is normal and should resolve itself as temperatures/revs are reduced.
- A number of trips have been cancelled because of the hot weather. The final decision always rests with the skipper, in consultation with the client and crew. Andy is also available if there is any uncertainty. The boat's windows are removable if necessary and should be stored in the cabin.
- The deadman circuit has yet to be reconnected.
- New solar panels are to be fitted; John Gidman will be contacted again to arrange fitting.

Container

Several firms have been contacted to remove the old containers but without success. Possibly try local scrap dealers. The green container is empty; materials from the grey container are to go in the shed. Some sorting is needed in the new container. Boxes will be sourced for festival materials.

Training

With recertification of crew coming up there has been a rethink in the training process. It will now be based around a course document written by topic with links to specific videos and other materials. The aim is to make the process less onerous while keeping standards consistent and consistently high, and will be supplemented by hands-on experience on trips and training cruises. Group tutorial sessions might also be arranged. This avoids the need to run a full two and a half day course.

Roger Tapping

At the request of his family, Roger's ashes were scattered at the yard.

Bookings

- The Pamela May charity bin at Waitrose has started and will last for the next three months. All are encouraged to participate in the scheme by putting tokens into the PM bin which will determine the level of donation. Donations received from the scheme will be used to provide free trips for deserving causes.
- Two free trips have been arranged for the Challengers in memory of Eunice Williams. A donor is providing fish and chips.
- There is a Hanbury trip at the end of August.
- Fish and chips seem to be less popular during the hot weather.
- Cancelled trips have mainly been postponed although one was refunded.
- Thanks to Geoff and Carolyn for their support on trips and courier duties.

Crewing

July rota is filling up but there are still some vacancies. Please see Dropox / email and let Jim know if you can help.

Festival

Next festival is SaltFest. Duck race is on 6th September at 4.00pm and tickets are available from Margaret. A double pitch has been booked. A new table is to be sourced.

Environment

We have the go-ahead to proceed in partnership with CRT. A small team will tidy the PM reserve and clear the pathways.

AOB

- Trip photos should be sent to Emma for inclusion on Facebook. Always ask customers' permission first.
- Anna's chip shop has requested return of the salt and vinegar set for refilling.
- Check whether the motor whining issue is on the maintenance agenda. Check with Automarine about changes in operating parameters.