

# Notes from Hi Ya Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The meeting was attended by 25 of our volunteers.

## Membership

Russell and Tracey have kindly offered to become our Membership Secretaries, 15 volunteers have paid and submitted the membership form. You will be able to download the form from our website. Members will receive a free guidebook.

Lifetime membership will be honoured for existing life patrons.

## Solar Panels

Ortomarine have ordered replacement panels which will be fitted as soon as possible. Stock will be hopefully available by end of February.

## Training

Volunteers are reminded of the risk when mooring at the yard to tie up bow. Best practice is to throw front line to crew on bank. Please use the steps when at the waterpoint and not walk down the gunwales.

Some skippers have been boarding abled bodied passengers at the yard. This has been very successful and will be included in SOP.

Start up and Close Down procedures have changed. Please familiarise yourself with them when next on board.

All crew volunteers will need to attend a refresher. Paul will send email inviting you to join in one of the sessions.

Ian Williams, David Beauchamp, Andy Millwood, and James Cowlshaw will be helping with this.

NCBA have agreed that our volunteers can be assessed every year, this will save us having to do a 2-day training session every 5 years. It will also ensure that we continue with best practice. Paul suggested that we all keep records of trips that we go on and what boat handling procedures you do.

## Dropbox

Everything with the exception of the book sheet is being transferred from dropbox onto the website volunteer's page. This is password protected. The password is Pam3laMay2.

There have been some problems with Dropbox. This will be discussed at the next Steering Meeting.

## HiYa Notes

HiYa Notes and Steering Minutes will be uploaded to the website, and not sent out via email.

## Bookings, Trips & Crewing.

We have been very busy taking bookings. Cream Tea and Fish & Chips have been advertised on the website and Pamela May Facebook pages. A newsletter to our regular customers will be sent out later this month.

Thanks to everyone who has already offered to crew. Please let Jim know if you can volunteer for any trips.

### Easter

Steve is organising the rota for our first fundraising event Easter in Vines Park. He will be sending out emails asking for help. If you can help over this weekend, please let Steve know.

### Environment

Nest boxes at the Pamela May Reserve have been cleaned. There is lots of rubbish left by the rough sleeper. Margaret will contact Wychavon and CRT to get it removed.

David B will contact CRT about the build-up of silt.

### AOB

There was over £100 pounds in the donation box onboard PM2.

George Duffy will contact schools for nestboxes although this may be too late for this year.

Health Corridor. This is a work in progress.

We discussed putting a memorial plaque on board for Sandy.