

MRSC Cruiser Section

Newsletter March

2018

Our first newsletter of 2018.

Although it is quiet on the water quite a lot has been going on at the club.

Moorings

Mooring Maintenance

The teams have finished the winter inspections and necessary repairs.

Thanks go to all those who have helped this year, including those who have helped with the many jobs ashore and those who completed the in the freezing weather.

Bill Strachan and Paul Lincoln while doing the inspection and repairs on the club's 'North Central' mooring trot had more than chain to contend with this year:



Four wooden posts had emerged from the mud (probably old withies).

Bill managed to remove them by attaching ropes through holes he had drilled and then with the help of the Chris Lund's barge team, extracting them using the barge's winch.

David Jones, who's mooring the posts were under, was

well pleased.

Link-lines and Mooring Strops

Please remember that mooring holders should refit 2 weeks before lift-in, the strops, linklines and other mooring tackle for their mooring.

Please note that in the case of the West moorings, where the floating link-lines are removed in the winter by the mooring holder, that if you have changed mooring or have given up the mooring, you need to pass the link-line to the new mooring holder.

The link-lines are provided by the club and should stay on their original mooring as they vary in length according to the trot and riser spacings.

The strops are provided by and belong to the mooring holder and if they don't wish to keep them, they may be able to reach an arrangement with the new mooring holder.

A diagram of the 2018 mooring allocations is on the cruiser notice board.

The strops and link-lines are essential for the West moorings and each set must be fitted. If the boat is not on the mooring for a while or even part of a day the strops/link-line keep the boats in their proper place and prevent the other boats from drifting around in different directions.

The set up of the strops/link-line and the strop lengths are shown in the Cruiser Manual, a copy of which can be read on and download from the club's website.

In the case of the East fore and aft moorings the sinking link-lines remain on during the winter and so it is only the owner's strops that need to be refitted. Although it is currently



optional whether or not to have a link-line, we recommend their use as it similarly keeps the fore and aft risers from drifting too far apart.

Last summer we had a problem with a stern and fore riser of two vacant adjoining moorings getting twisted around each other. I understand that some owners have decided not to use a link-line as they have had problems with catching it on their keel or prop. If you wish to consider using a link-line any fouling can be avoided by attaching the link-line

lower down on the chain risers.

If any mooring tackle that should have been removed was still on the mooring when the inspections/repairs were carried out, it may well have been removed by the teams to enable their work to be carried out. Where this has happened the strops and/or link-line will normally be hung up in the Salt House.

However, for next winter, please would everybody remove their gear within 2 weeks of liftout as, if not removed, it makes extra and difficult work for the teams.

Lift In

We are close to lift in – April 14th.

All cruiser members who have put their name down to be lifted will have received the safety instructions for the day, please read and ask any questions now, not on the day.

It's a mid-range tide with a high at 11.30am, so it's an early start.

You will be getting a time table when we have finalised everything here's a guide to lift in:

Friday 13th – Boats to be cleared from Quay

Saturday 14th.

07.30 – 08.00 Crane arrives

08.30 – Sufficient water to start lift

08.50 – 1 Meter of water at Quay

11.30 – 2.2 meters of water at Quay

13.55 – 1 meter of water at Quay

We have seen a significant cost increase for the hire of the crane and tractors this year, we are going to try to hold the price at the same as last year £35.00 with a second £35 as contingency as normal.

Please check your boat before lift in day, once the work starts you will not be allowed in the car park

Tender Park

Not only has the tender park sorted and cleared of all the unloved tenders it has been resurfaced to make access to your tender easier, a good job done by Tim.

If a space is required you need to send in a request and a space will be allocated, the plan of the area is on the cruiser notice board.

Please do not simply dump your tender in an empty space, it will find its way back to the sin bin.

Black Shed

The saga with the ladders is almost over, many have already gone, and the rest will be offered for sale at the up and coming boat jumble.

We are still receiving donated goods, most of these are going directly to the waste bin, so to save time why not bin donate any unwanted items to the tip.

Cruiser Trailers

Trailers currently on the marsh have been identified.

We are going to be tough on trailers in the future an inspection will take place after lift in and any not meeting standard will be highlighted for repair. A second inspection will take place in September to ensure work has been carried out.

Corrosion – Any trailer with deep corrosion on any load bearing part must be strengthened.

Hitch – The hitch must be maintained and meet safety standards all hitches must be capable of locking in some way or they will not be moved by the tractors.



Keel Guides – For keep boats the positioning of the keel must be marked and stops placed.

Types and wheels- will be inspected for wear and damage.

Emsworth Cruising Association

I was invited to a meeting at the Emsworth Cruising Association a few weeks ago, an invitation has been extended to club members who want to be a little more adventurous and take part in some longer rallies.

These tend to be week long events visiting a number of harbours in Europe.

Merry Christmas Everyone

Plans have started for the Cruiser Christmas party; the date is booked, and the first menu is ready.

December 15th is the date to place in your diary and the menu looks a little like this although we may make some changes:

Starter

Homemade Soup (v) eg: Tomato & basil, Potato & Leek, Roasted Butternut Squash & Lentil, Stilton & Broccoli
(others available if preferred!)

Red Onion, Pepper & Goats Cheese Puff Pastry Tartelette (v)

Smoked Salmon with Prawns & Horseradish Cream

Smooth Chicken Liver Pate with chutney & toasted French bread

Crispy Smoked Bacon & Avocado Salad

Fishcake flavoured with lemon & dill served with watercress and light mustard mayo

Charcutier sharing board with cured meats, olives, cheese, artichokes & sun blushed tomatoes

Selection of fresh artisan bread & butter

Main

Serrano wrapped Chicken stuffed with gruyere & spinach

Roasted Pork Fillet with apple chutney & sage cream sauce

Beef Bourguignon

Chorizo Chicken with caramelised red onion, olives & pimento

Salmon Fillet in a green peppercorn sauce

Stilton, Walnut & Butternut Tart (v)

Mushroom Wellington (v)

Stuffed Baked Aubergine with Halloumi, Lentils & Vine Tomatoes (v)

Dessert

Apple Tart Chocolate Roulade Fresh Fruit Pavlova Lemon & Lime Cheesecake Chocolate Mousse Tart au

Citron or

Cheeseboard served with biscuits, grapes & chutney

More news on this nearer the time when we will reveal the full menu and plan for the evening.

A big thanks to Lee for starting early with the organisation.

Trivia

This can't possibly happen at our club.....



"Look's like Dave's found out about the Commodore and his wife."

The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.

Sailing - The fine art of slowly going nowhere at great expense while being cold, wet and miserable.



"Hello Boy! What's that you've got there?"

Last but not least...

