

Cruiser Lift In - Newsletter



April 2018

Most of the boats are now in the water.

The shrimpers used the slipway to launch and the dumper proved useful moving the boats round the car park and down the jetty, it was good to see boats starting to arrive on their moorings.

To launch the larger cruiser's is a much more complicated operation, it involves the hire of a crane, tractors and finally meeting all H&S regulations related to Lifting.

Anyone suffering from insomnia, I can recommend "HSE Safe Use of Lifting Equipment, Approved Code of Practice" it's a free download and only 72 pages long.

On April 14th we successfully launched 49 boats ranging from the smallest being a Boston Whaler to the largest a Westerly Fulmar.



Safe use of lifting equipment

Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998

Approved Code of Practice and guidance



This Approved Code of Practice (ACOP) provides guidance to help those that work with lifting equipment to provide a safe and sound working environment for people at work, to help employers and employees to understand their responsibilities and to help them to comply with the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER).

It sets out what you should do to comply with the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER).

LOLER applies to lifting equipment and tasks on the premises of the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER).

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This edition brings the document up to date with regulatory and other changes. The guidance on the use of lifting equipment is subject to the provisions of the Regulations and the use of the common sense.

The content and examples have been expanded to show that LOLER applies across many types of lifting equipment. New examples show the correct use of the equipment on a boat.

Weather

The day started misty with almost no wind, as the lifting progressed the mist turned to fog and as the boats were launched they soon disappeared from view.



This proved difficult for some of our newer cruiser owners who had to find their allocated mooring spot in difficult conditions, RIBs were available to help those who just got lost.

For others the fog gave the opportunity to practice their mooring technique without the whole club looking on.

As the day progressed the fog lifted, and we finished the lifting in

bright sunshine.

The wind was kind, as cruiser sailors we like a strong breeze but no wind for lift in is preferred.

How we spent your money

It's very difficult to budget for lifting as until the day when we start to lift we don't know for sure how many boats are going to be ready, the final list and order was finalised 10.00pm Friday night.

This year the cost of Crane and Tractors increase we also saw a big rise in insurance cost, as our wallets are close to our hearts the lift in team did its best to maintain the cost at lift-out levels.

Lifting included, towing the boat from car park to quay, craning onto water, a water towing service and water taxi plus feeding an unknown number of people.

Your £35 breaks down something like this:

Crane	42.77 %
Crane Insurance	5.31 %
Tractor Hire (2 Tractors)	27.57 %
Tractor Insurance	5.29%
Coffee and Tea	2.77 %
Food (Hot)	3.07 %
Tips	3.19 %
H&S	6.06 %
Sundries	3.57 %
Surplus to club	0.40 %

This year we needed to buy signs to comply with H&S if we can look after these items they should be useful for future years, we also purchased additional high vis as several were looking decidedly ragged and work gloves.

Statistics

We launched 49 boats.

First Boat Lifted at 8.19 am.

Final Boat lifted at 12.16 pm.

Average time per lift 4.83 minutes.

You ate:

- 120 bacon butties.
- 100 sausages in bap.
- Lost count in cups of tea and coffee but it was a lot.
- At least 5 packets of biscuits.



Accidents and Incidents

We had no accidents or incidents this year on land, but a few boats did find it difficult in navigating the channel when the water was low, our mud level has risen, and the channel shrunk.

Enjoy the Summer and fingers crossed for good weather.

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