

MEDINA MARINERS

Winter 2016 newsletter

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Welcome to the Medina Mariners Association winter newsletter 2016.

We would like to send Christmas greetings to all MMA members, with hopes for a great boating year in 2017.

More than 40 members enjoyed the MMA laying up supper at The Breeze, Island Harbour, at the end of October and we hope to arrange more get-togethers next year.

Adrian Wilkins

MMA suffered a sad loss in November with the death of hard-working committee member Adrian Wilkins. A former commodore of East Cowes Sailing Club, Adrian represented the MMA on both the Cowes Harbour and Newport Harbour users' advisory groups and his experience, common sense and hard work will be much missed.

Adrian's role on the Cowes and Newport harbour users' groups will be taken by MMA committee member Peter Jackson. A former Cowes harbour commissioner, Peter is an experienced sailor and has good knowledge of the Medina. MMA chairman Ray Redrup continues until April as the other MMA rep in Cowes and Newport.

No increase in MMA subs and dinghy park fees for 2017

Renewal notices will soon be going out for MMA subs and dinghy park spaces for 2017.

Good news is there will be no increase for 2017.

Subs remain at £13 p.a. and £32 for a dinghy space.

It would be a big help to MMA membership officer Colin Caldicott and his helpers if you could also send in a photo of your boat in the dinghy park, clearly labelled with its dinghy park space number, ie A34, B13 etc. This will help us identify that the correct boats are in their allocated spaces. Send with your membership renewal or mail

membership@medinamariners.org (clearly marked with your name and dinghy plot number)



A survey undertaken by committee member Peter Jackson and his wife, Gill, showed of the 182 dinghies parked at the MMA site, 161 (88%) appeared to be some sort of tender to boats moored on the river. Others include scows and Mirror dinghies used by members for the Wednesday

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What's happening on the river

MMA chairman Ray Redrup reports that IW Council plans for the **Newport Harbour** end of the river are going ahead, with old moorings and private pontoons being replaced by long pontoons, similar to the Cowes Harbour moorings. Good news is the Council will remove the old pontoons and does not intend to charge berth holders for this.

A recent meeting of the **Cowes Harbour** advisory committee was told dredging of the eastern (small ships) channel has been postponed until winter 2017/18, because of "unresolved issues" between the government's Home and Communities Agency (HCA) and new marine developer Camper and Nicholson.

Red Funnel has given a commitment to provide a new slipway at East Cowes slipway (opposite the café) before the slipway at Red Funnel yard is removed as part of development plans.

Work/discussion over the water taxi service for 2017 is continuing.

(Our thanks to MMA committee member Peter Jackson for providing this information.)

River water quality

There is concern at continuing pollution of the Medina river. Peter Jackson has spoken to Estuaries Officer Sue Hawley, who asks any MMA members noticing pollution to report it to Environment Agency hotline, on 0800 807060. You could also send photos to Alex Minns at the IW Council (Newport harbour) email alex.minns@iow.gov or chc@cowes.co.uk (Cowes Harbour) if you spot pollution.

Medina Mariners AGM 2017

A provisional date has been set for the 2017 AGM.

We are planning to hold this on Wednesday, May 10, at the East Cowes Sailing Club, which was a popular venue this year.

You will receive official notice of meeting and more information about this closer to the date.