

CMBHA Newsletter November 2016

We've just had the driest October for many years, but the end of season dinner was a great success.

Jane and Eric Crowther's completed their circumnavigation of the UK in the summer and their account, from Jane's perspective can be read on our web site at <http://www.cmbha.net/uk-circumnavigation-by-liquid-asset/>

Dates to pencil in your diary

- Our AGM and start of season event is likely to be 8th April 2017. This will be confirmed on our web site and in future newsletter.
- Conwy River Festival 2017 will take place from 19th to 26th August.

The Mulberry: I attended the 'meeting' there that had been arranged by Robinsons' and was assured that the management is aware of issues and working to resolve them. I was also assured that Robinsons would be more co-operative with CMBHA. CMBHA had a committee meeting at The Mulberry last Saturday and hope to have a minor event there over the winter.

At last Saturday's committee meeting items covered included:

- Events to hold over the winter – the first will be a walk at Conwy Nature Reserve (see below)
- Agreed to donate the £1659 raised by CMBHA to Ty Gobaith, which is a children's hospice. This was money raised by raffles and auctions at events. Many prizes had been donated, including boat lifts by Quay Marinas. It did not come from membership fees.
- Finance review – it was agreed that we can retain the £10 membership fee for 2017-18, as this will apply to members joining from 1st January. However, we will look at new membership models and fee structures in our January meeting and if appropriate, present recommendations to members at the AGM.
- We have asked Quay Marinas to provide a barbeque area at Conwy Marina – we have been told that the request will be passed on to head office, but that the cost will probably be too high.
- We will try to have someone to give a 'talk' at our AGM.
- Marketing, benefits of CMBHA membership and promotional items
- CMBHA at The All Wales Boat show – we will have a presence in the 'clubs' area. Watch out for more news on this.
- A mechanism for members to buy replacement burgees – this should be on our web site in time for next season.
- A few members have asked for guidance on the disposal of flares – this will be investigated and guidance put on our web site.

The next committee meeting is in January, so please email us at info@cmbha.net or use the contact form on our web site cmbha.net if you'd like to comment on any of these items or would like your committee to discuss something.

Nature reserve tour

Take a break from Christmas shopping on Saturday 10th December and enjoy a guided tour of the Conwy Nature Reserve; find out about native and over-wintering birds on the Conwy River Estuary. To make this into a good day's activity, why not walk or cycle from the marinas and bring along a picnic

lunch. Then, following all this exercise, we can call by the Liverpool Arms on Conwy quayside for some festive mulled wine. We aim to meet at the nature reserve at 1pm. The walk should be about a mile and a half. The RSPB Nature Reserve is off junction 18 of the A55. Directions are on the RSPB web site <http://www.wvhw.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/find-a-reserve/reserves-a-z/reserves-by-name/c/conwy/directions.aspx>

Please let us know asap if you can help the tour by helping to identify species etc. This will save us the cost of hiring a guide.

Please register your interest **BY WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER**. <http://www.cmbha.net/conwy-nature-reserve-guided-tour/>

For further information contact Catherine Dobson, C/O Testa Rossa at Conwy Marina – tel 07850 198455

Crab hunt : This has been postponed to spring 2017

Sydney Hobart Race <http://rolexsydneyhobart.com/> - Keith Munro has passed on information about some people participating this year.

Richard Stain, Carl Davies- local fisherman, Mike Curtis- Deganwy born and bred, James Mansell – member of CYC, Eric Zon, Ed Simmons, Andy Miles – nephew of Cris Miles and Bernie Atkins – from Sydney.

They have a boat called Samskara, a Beneteau 47.7 – here is a pic. You can track them on <http://www.rolexsydneyhobart.com/tracker/>

LPG Regulator Safety Recall
by [Austin Goudge](#)

The Boat Safety Scheme (BSS) is supporting Clesse Industries to make boaters aware of the immediate product recall on its **Clesse Novacomet branded BP1803 LPG regulators**. The date range has now been widened to include items manufactured between June 2006 and September 2015.

For full details on this recall, please see the BSS notice posted here.

And finally,

Your Committee would like to wish you a very happy festive season.

Best regards,

Roger Millward

Chairman, on behalf of the CMBHA Committee