

CMBHA Newsletter August 2017

As I write this on a sunny Saturday morning of a bank holiday, I realise that I should be doing something else. Later, I'll check out the Quay Day in Conwy and then get to the marina to take some friends out on the boat – High Water is about 14:40.

The races for the **Conwy River Festival** were cancelled this year because too few boats had entered the races. It's been running every year since 1993, so cancelling was a big decision. The future of the festival will be reviewed in the autumn, so please send any comments to info@cmbha.net and I'll take them to the meeting.

End of Season Dinner. This will be at Conwy Golf Club on Saturday 14th October. The dress code is black tie and it starts at 7:30pm. The food is usually excellent and we've booked the same entertainment as last year because everyone thought they were great. Each CMBHA member can buy up to 6 tickets at the special price of £35. Non-member tickets cost £40 each. Tickets are available from the Mulberry Stores in Conwy Marina and from the CMBHA web site. Or you can reserve tickets by messaging Kate Kenwright – she can be found through our Facebook Group Conwy Mariners <https://www.facebook.com/groups/153158554758121/>

British Heart Foundation – Restart a Heart event on 16th October. This is a Monday so we might run this event on the Sunday as well, for people who just stay at the marina over the weekend. The main emphasis will be showing you how to use CPR - Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a lifesaving technique useful in many emergencies, including heart attack or near drowning, in which someone's breathing or heartbeat has stopped. We also hope to show you how to use a defibrillator similar to the ones at the marinas.

We already have one person able to deliver the course, but we would appreciate additional help to spread the load. If you are able to help deliver training in CPR, please send an email to info@cmbha.net. I'll put a form on our web site for people to sign up to register to receive training, but in the meantime, you might want to email info@cmbha.net with your contact details, number of people attending and whether you'd prefer the Sunday or Monday.

Conwy Harbour Advisory Committee – I attended a recent meeting: information about the committee and its minutes can be found at <http://modgoveng.conwy.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=206>

Meeting with Quay Marinas – on 17th August the following were discussed:

Security Cameras - All cameras were serviced recently and fitted with new lenses. Further upgrades are being investigated to improve their operation in low light. Cameras on the pontoons are not a practical consideration because of berth holders' privacy issues.

CMBHA Lift-out package – applications are trickling in this year. It was agreed that the present package has run its course, take up has been low and of course the package was late being introduced and must not now be attractive enough to members. QM will look at alternative periods which would be attractive to both parties. CMBHA requested that the package when decided was a metre price only without add-ons other than towing.

WiFi and Internet – CMBHA had carried out a recent survey of reception around the marina and found that most areas have a reasonable signal strength. Areas which were found to have poorer reception will be rechecked before the survey is published on our web site. Quay Marinas restated their position during the meeting that “wifi provision is for low level activity only i.e. emails, internet browsing and social media. It will not support streaming and downloading large files. Air Angel who took over and upgraded the system recently ... can provide an uprated service to individual berth holders for a charge.” QM were asked to provide details and costs for this service. It’s worth remembering that the marina has a 100Mbps broadband connection, but when this is shared simultaneously with 50 or more berth-holders (and families), each share can drop below 2Mbps.

The issue of having to insert a password every time of login on was discussed and QM agreed to discuss this with their provider with a view to getting the system to remember passwords.

Not included in the meeting - If you are a heavy user of broadband, it is well worth considering providing your own wifi network on your boat. This can be done through a box that connects to the internet through the 4G cellular network. These are available from high street retailers and marine specialists, with prices for the boxes starting under £100 and then monthly fees from £10, depending on how much data you want to use. Some boats in the marina already have this installed.

Our web camera at Conwy Marina is acting up again and not responded to my low-tech attempt at fixing it. Livetech have been asked to sort it out.

And finally – I suggest that you look at <http://www.visitllandudno.org.uk/events> to see what’s on this weekend.