



Newsletter October 2025

Your Committee.

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CMBHA webcam We're very pleased to report that thanks to Mark Effingham, the CMBHA webcam has been updated and is back and running again.

<https://www.cmbha.net/members-area/24-hour-weather-video/>

Membership.

We currently have 157 members.

Members 'WhatsApp' Group. Membership of your dedicated 'WhatsApp' group continues to grow. At last count there were 134 members. The group provides a free, effective efficient and secure means of reaching out, communicating and gaining support from fellow members in our community. If you would like to join, send an email to clayton.dj@sky.com.

It is very pleasing to see helpful sharing of information such as battery troubleshooting, battery safety, tide times, best 5g phone network coverage in the marina (EE), instrument warning light interpretation, fire alarms, weather apps, sailing conditions, plus some really great photographs.

Suggestions are always welcome via the Whatsapp group, but please adhere to the rules, i.e. relevant, polite, etc. Further details available on <https://www.cmbha.net/whatsapp/>

Premier Marinas

The acquisition of Boatfolk by Premier Marinas has, understandably, been the subject of much speculation and discussion. Berth holders should have received a welcoming email on September 17th from Pete Bradshaw, Chief Executive of Premier Marinas. This acquisition has effectively doubled Premier's network to 22 marinas across the UK. It is considered to be positive news and clearly integration will take some time, however, marina management has assured us that more information will be shared with us as soon as it becomes available.

CMBHA Tee Shirts

We have set up a design of Tee shirt with a very limited range, to keep things simple.

You can now buy a CMBHA T-shirt and be ahead of the 2027 fashion. They cost £15 per T-shirt, they are available in Bright Blue, White and Athletic Grey in a wide range of sizes. We can extend the range if this is popular.

These are produced by a company called Teemill who will take your payment and deliver directly to you. CMBHA will receive a small commission from the sales. This will give your Association the opportunity to provide products without the risks associated with holding any stock.

Marina Fire Procedures

Following discussions with the marina management, the installation of fire alarm buttons near the end of each leg is considered a welcome improvement. CMBHA considered further explanation was required to integrate these into the emergency procedures and BoatFolk kindly provided further information, see Appendix 1. Several key points are:

- The alarms are intended to be operated by berth holders who have observed a fire on a boat or pontoon.
- The individual alarms are stand-alone, battery operated and do not activate alarms in the marina office, so it is important to contact the office as well.

Dredging

Are you happy with The Dredging Plan that has been circulated by Boatfolk? Are there specific pontoon legs that should have been dredged this winter? It would strengthen a request for action if more than one boat on a pontoon is affected. Please supply information to info@cmbha.net if you would like the issue raised.

Members' Handy Tips - Lithium Ion Batteries. Boat-owners are probably aware of some of the risks associated with lithium ion batteries. On a boat, a thermal runaway event can lead to a battery fire that is very difficult to extinguish without submerging it. This applies to ALL types of lithium-ion battery, including LFP batteries. Whilst the risk is relatively low, for boat leisure and starter batteries there is also the risk of an explosion, mainly due to the amount of hydrogen that can be present in the off-gas from a runaway battery. Lithium ion batteries are NOT a drop-in replacement for lead-acid batteries. Professional advice should be sought as a battery management system (BMS) is required that matches the chosen battery. Ventilation should be considered. Lead acid battery charging systems are not suitable for lithium ion batteries. At present there is no effective fire extinguisher for a lithium ion battery fire, despite what they say on the tin and despite a condition of many boat insurance policies.

Do you have any handy recommendations for fellow boaters? Please let us know and we will share them in future newsletters.

CMBHA End-of-Season Social Event. We are keen to arrange an event for CMBHA members. We are considering a buffet and drinks, with an opportunity for members to show/ present some slides from their sailing trips this year. It is important to us that the event provides what you'd like to experience. Please put forward your suggestions on what you'd like it to include, so that we can get cracking and get things organised.

Winter events

Would you like CMBHA to organise visits or sessions over the winter? Perhaps a visit to the lifeboat station at Llandudno, or the Coastguard Station at Holyhead, or to the local distillery? Or could we rope you into a marine knot tying evening at the Mulberry?

And finally, we could make a group booking for the pantomime at Venue Cymru in Llandudno - especially because this year it's Cinderella!

Best regards,
Roger Stokes
Chairman CMBHA
On behalf of your committee