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Just a very short editorial this month.

Having not been at all well over the Christmas period I was just idle and did not get on with anything (not even eating).

I hope all your boats withstood the Storms of the last few days. I have been told that a wooden boat has sunk in it's berth at the RNSA pontoon at Fleetlands. A reminder to us all to check our boats regularly.

Please note the plans for the pontoons (page 3&4). Hard coppies are on the notice board in the clubhouse. Also the new defibrillator is now mounted on the wall in the downstairs corridor. Terry Flinn will ask Kim to organise training so watch out for information on that.

So I will wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year.

Forthcoming Events





Piper, Haggis with all the trimmings + pud £20/head. List of names in club or contact Sally on 01329 233513

Clubhouse Pontoon Update

Following presentation given at the AGM, the following comments and the Committee's responses were raised over the proposed development.

Comment 1: "We should lengthen the existing outer pontoon, not shorten it."

o Planning regulations forbid any extension further out across the river.

o We are unable to extend Southwards (towards PME) as this would restrict the access to Scouts pontoon.

o We are unable to extend Northwards as this would restrict the access to Fairweather's moorings behind the Chandlery.

Comment 2: *"Retain current outer pontoon length and make provision for water access to inner pontoon solely from the South."*

o If bridge access was through the Patio area no dinghy launching facilities would be available.

o If the bridge access was retained through Locks Yard, with the access bridge running parallel with the sea wall, two 90deg bends would need to be added, this would make launching dinghies from Locks Yard very difficult and substantially increase the build costs.

o Scale drawings show that using the above access method results in a reduction of dinghy pontoon spaces, compared with the current proposal.

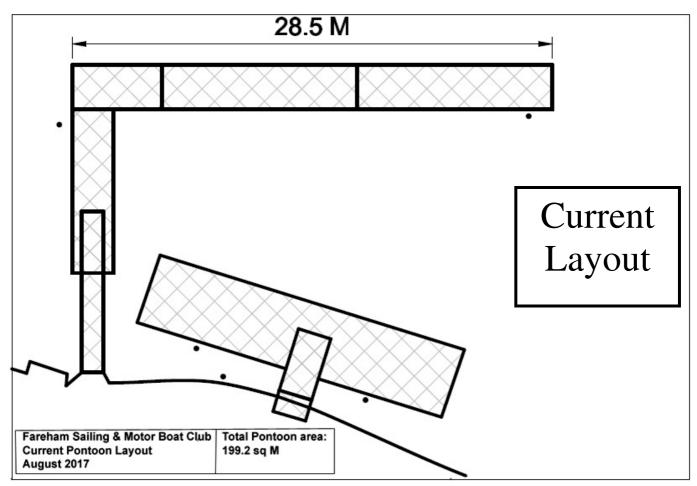
Comment 3: "Pontoon water access to the Northern inner pontoons will be very limited and suggest ¹/₂ length end pontoon is used"

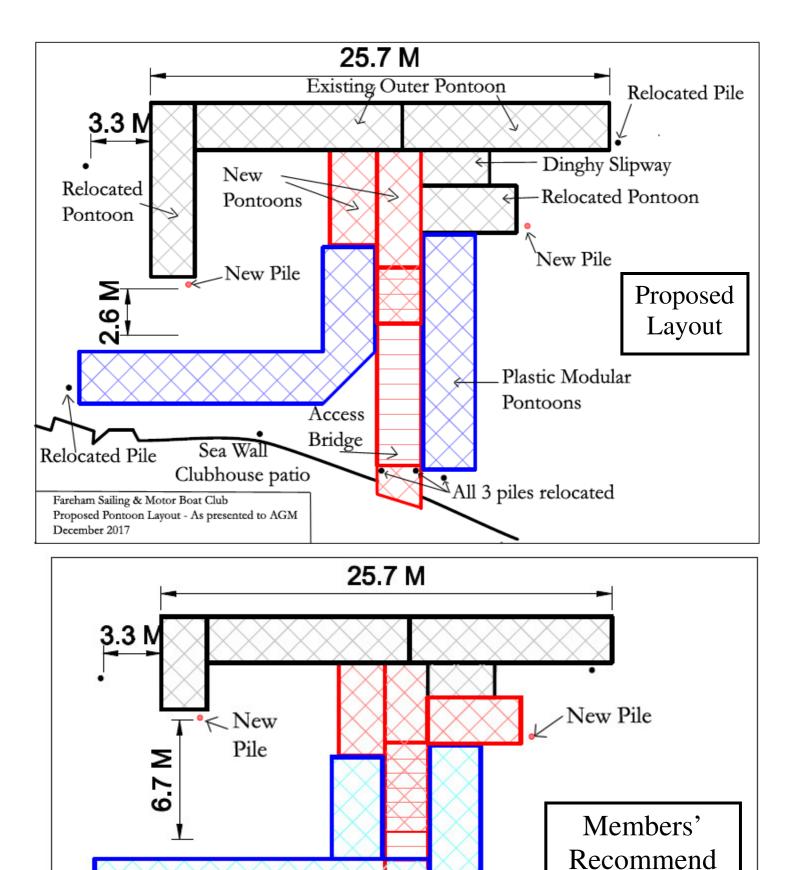
- o A viable solution to increasing access to Northern end of proposed modular pontoon layout.
- o This would result in a reduction of outer mooring space, compared with current proposal.
- o The extra cost would be in the order of $\pounds 4K$.

Comment 4: "Connecting the Northern and Southern Modular pontoons, under the access bridge would result in a reduction of piles required to support pontoon."

o Totally agree with this proposal.

The Management Committee are proposing to apply for Planning permission during January 2018. If any member has any constructive views or ideas on how to improve proposed layout, please submit these to Club Secretary. Amendments should be accompanied by a scale drawing to help MC evaluate suggestions. Deadline for comments: 3/1/18







Sea Wal

Relocated pile

Changes

CHRISTMAS JOLLY REPORT. Sally & Bob Brennan

Here is my short account of the Christmas Jolly. In all, 41 tickets were sold but, due to illness, only 37 people were able to be there. The evening was a great success and a special thanks to the social group for providing a veritable feast of lovely food. Dave Hurst played for us with a very jolly mixture of dance music. Of course it wouldn't have been a party without the Barmen, John Summer and Alan Labrum, keeping the liquid refreshments flowing all evening.

As this really was my final official function (**Oh Yeah?? Ed**) it was good to go out on a high. Lastly, a huge "thankyou" to Nicola, Jan and Laurie for coming to help Bob clear up the following morning.

See photos on next page.

Just a reminder that Dave will be entertaining us again on New Years Eve, when we have an American supper. For those members new to the club that means bring a plate (or dish) of food to share. I'm sure we will see many more faces that night.

I would like to add a word about the Children,s Christmas party which was held the week previously. It was the first time I had reason to attend, as this year our Great Granddaughter was able to come down.

Dee certainly made a huge effort to entertain the young ones and with Corky's food plus the helpers, I was amazed at the fantastic success of this party. It was great fun to watch their little faces, especially when Santa arrived bearing gifts for all. I would personally like to say "thankyou" to everyone who helped in any way.

So just to say we hope you had a good Christmas and to wish you and everyone a Happy New Year. I ask that you all support Sue and Corky as they take over from Bob and me.

Happy New Year !

Images of the Christmas Jolly











