

Harlow (Blackwater) Sailing Club



Welcome to this newsletter informing you of plans for replacing our jetty..

Background

The jetty was originally built in 1942 and underwent a major overhaul in 1983. Over the years a number of repairs have taken place that have maintained its integrity and allowed us to launch and recover vessels up to 3 tons.

The club has approximately 25 years remaining on a lease with Blackwater Marina for the use of the bay, moorings and jetty. The club has tried to exclude unused moorings from the lease and has tried to reduce the cost of this lease but has been unsuccessful. Therefore, it is vital we have a jetty that ensures we can continue to attract and retain our cruiser members.

Recently, it has become apparent that ongoing repairs are not adequate to maintain the integrity of the jetty structure and a weight limit of 2 tons has been introduced. Unless a replacement jetty is built the weight limit will need to reduce further and, as a result, the club will not remain viable.

Jetty Replacement

The Plan

Various options have been discussed and it was agreed at an EGM in November that a phased rebuild of the jetty should take place. The first phase will replace the jetty down to the flat section and restore the ability to launch and recover vessels up to 3 tons.

How Much?

Phase 1 rebuild will cost approximately £80,000*. Utilising the club reserves will leave a shortfall of £50,000 and approval to use the club premises as surety for a 5 to 10 year loan was given at the club AGM in January. However, an active fund raising drive is underway and it is our intention to reduce the amount of money that needs to be borrowed and to repay within 5 years. To achieve this aim we need your donations. If you can make a donation before the end of March then we can, if eligible, reclaim gift aid this year (see overleaf). **Please give generously and give our club a future**

When?

The jetty will be out of action during rebuilding. Therefore work is planned to start in November, after this years sailing season has finished, and is expected to be completed by February 2017.

* Several quotes have been obtained and the HBSC committee will ensure that appropriate checks are undertaken on our preferred contractor and that best value for money is obtained.



Artist's impression of new jetty!