



## Bob Eatwell



A BIG WELCOME TO YOU ALL to the second edition of our new-style Newsletter where you will find news from the wide community of harbour users, as well as of visitors, events, our Harbour film and those who appreciate the activities and visual aspects of the Harbour from the shore.

There is news about servicing of the moorings and increasing capacity with new shoal moorings. A special item explains the establishment of the Trust as a charity and our achieved aim of safeguarding the Harbour in perpetuity for you – and for the community.

Bob Eatwell – Chairman: QHT

## Introducing... Phil Shaw

MEET PHIL SHAW - who we have employed as your point of contact for Queenborough Harbour.



Phil has a strong maritime background, joining the Royal Navy at age 16 and serving for 14 years as a Missile Operator. His career with the Senior Service saw him serving aboard such vessels as HMS Hermes, HMS Endurance and the Royal Yacht Britannia, visiting countless countries from Iceland to the Antarctic. He later served with the Merchant Fleet undertaking various duties, including cable laying in the Indian Ocean, dredging off the East Coast and working aboard tugs.

Phil is hugely qualified for the role, with RYA L2 Powerboat, Sea Survival, Marine Firefighting and Radio Operator certificates, among others, under his belt. His new role includes the following duties and services:

- \* Providing a trot boat service to visitors and mooring holders  
NB This is a free service to mooring holders - times listed on page 3
- \* Inspections of moorings
- \* Collection of visitor fees
- \* Maintenance and upkeep of trot boat
- \* Maintenance of moorings
- \* Maintenance of Town Quay and scrubbing-off berth
- \* Provide a lookout and security of moorings
- \* Offer advice to mooring holders and visitors regarding navigation
- \* Provide a 24/7 phone service for advice and bookings

We're sure you will join us in wishing Phil all the very best in his new position.

## Have You Heard?

**MAINTENANCE:** This is the first year that the Harbour will have ever met recognised best industry practice for servicing moorings. In order to satisfy this they are inspected and maintained every 12 months. As a result, some buoys have had new top plates and risers, and the concrete lighter has new risers. We still have two trots north of the All Tide Landing to maintain and we will change the buoys on the deep risers that have a habit of looking as though they are sinking on high tides. The old buoys will be re-used for the new shoal moorings that have short risers.

**WEATHERCAM:** The Isle of Sheppey Sailing Club (IOSSC) based at Cheyne Rock hosts a fantastic live weather information service, complete with tides, live AIS info, shipping forecasts and pressure charts. This vital service is free of charge, and already attracts over 40,000 users per month. Access is via the following URL - try it on your phone next time you're afloat!

[www.iossc.org.uk/weather/index.php](http://www.iossc.org.uk/weather/index.php)

## Motorboat Focus

JOHN – Motor boat "Chay"



"July is the month when the occasional bass or skate, if you're lucky, are about. I usually fish at the top of the tide when they come in close inshore, using traditional rod and line. Just lately, I've been doing some essential maintenance ashore – flexible coupling gave up – but hope to be enjoying the current high pressure very shortly."

## Queenborough Yacht Club

DAVE PRICE - Commodore QYC

"Nine boats of the Fisher Owners' Association gathered recently in the harbour to wait for the tide prior to a Rally at Limehouse and were joined by one of our members. Another is currently sailing around Britain. I'm in between boats, at present, exploring the inland waterways, something I have been meaning to do for a long time.

The Club is open from 4 pm till late on Friday, same times on Saturdays. Good value food is served on both evenings. On Sundays, we open at lunchtime. The Club is looking forward to working with all parties concerning the future development of the Harbour."

Contact Dave on: 07836 245286.



QUEENBOROUGH HARBOUR TRUST CIC is the full title of the Trust. CIC stands for Community Interest Company. This means that the Trust is registered with Companies House as a charity where its assets are protected for the community and can only be transferred to another charity in the event of the Trust ceasing to operate. The Trustees have therefore, fulfilled our original aim to safeguard Queenborough Harbour in perpetuity for you – for the community.



## Even Keel Project



Tim Bell is a well-known Island resident and has been the face of dinghy sailing on the Isle of Sheppey for many years. He is also a robust campaigner on equality of access for all to sailing.

Tim started his sailing career as a teenager with Sheppey Yacht Club, based at Crundell's Wharf in the early Sixties, before it separated into the Isle of Sheppey Sailing Club and Queenborough Yacht Club later that decade. Tim favoured small-boat sailing, especially the cutting edge dinghies of the time such as 505s, the Enterprise and Tim's favourite, the Albacore, being light yet robust.

Tim is involved with the running of the Even Keel project. The project provides specialist modern, sleek and fast

20 foot sailing boats adapted so that individuals, regardless of physical incapacity, can compete on equal terms. The vessels have been kept on the moorings at Queenborough Harbour courtesy of QHT. The project has found much success and is a favoured project of our MP.

Tim is thoroughly committed to this project - "You would understand their sense of achievement and enjoyment if you could see the looks on the faces of the people who take part. The carers can access the scheme too", he said. "Queenborough has a great deal going for it. I am really pleased to see the developments taking place in the harbour. I wish Queenborough Harbour Trust all the very best."



## Brightlingsea



The Trust models its operations on those of a Trust Port, in our case, on Brightlingsea Harbour, pictured.

We had our first audit by an independent Appointed Person, the CEO of Brightlingsea Harbour, in February and came out with flying colours. New best practices are being introduced which apply to all harbours, and QHT is updating our practices to be ready for this change.

Additionally, the Department of Transport has told us and Swale Borough Council that they are fully satisfied with our safety processes and procedures.

QHT would like to express their sincere thanks to Brightlingsea Trustees and staff for their expert help and guidance.

<http://brightlingseaharbour.org/>

## Special Thanks...

...go to Queenborough's fishermen and mooring holders who have let us use their tenders when *Sheppey I* has been out of action for short periods.

## Shoal Moorings

Queenborough Fisheries Trust has donated £8,000 towards the cost of new shoal moorings for the 2014 season. We need to cater for a wider selection of vessels with affordable moorings for those boats that can take the mud.

## YouTube

On YouTube you may like to see the film PETER SILK has produced for the Trust on the subject of the Harbour. We first used this on our stand at the London Boat Show and Peter received many compliments from visitors to the stand.

Contact Peter for details at: [undercoverfilms@hotmail.uk](mailto:undercoverfilms@hotmail.uk)

## Harbour Office

TEMPORARY HARBOUR LOOKOUT: The Trustees thank the many of you who have supported the Trust over the temporary structure on Crundell's Wharf.

The lookout is only a temporary facility to help with the development and safety of the harbour. We will be looking at how best to proceed with the plan for a permanent facility to benefit harbour users and the community.

## Community News



THE BLESSING OF THE WATERS, shown in our picture took place on 14 July in glorious sunshine. The service was conducted by Rev Peter Shaw of the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen and our Rev Sue Martin. The service was well attended by craft from the Rowing Club, Pilots, the fishing community, motor and sailing boats and an enormous Svitzer tug, as well as the large congregation ashore.



SEEN HERE MOORED AT THE TOWN QUAY: ROY and DAVE aboard *Arum*, and CHRIS on *Dannyboy II*. All three had just returned to the creek after the Blessing of the Waters.



## Queenborough Rowing Club

QUEENBOROUGH ROWING CLUB'S SECRETARY CAROLINE would like to tell you that rowing times are 10:15 on Sunday mornings and (during the summer months) at 18:15 on Wednesdays. You would be very welcome to join us. Members were pleased to be able to join the craft afloat at the Blessing of the Waters and have just hosted their popular and well-attended Regatta. Two crews are currently in training for the River Race in September.



Please contact us at: [queenrowclub@yahoo.com](mailto:queenrowclub@yahoo.com) or on Facebook: Queenborough Rowing Club.

(If you have a few minutes to spare, it is well worth taking a short walk along the road from Aesica's main gate, where, opposite the Social Club, Rowing Club members have established a delightful garden in front of their entrance. Ed.)

## Visitors From Holland

SIEM AND MARIJKE sailed in last week aboard their ketch, v/d Stadt Falco "High Noon". On holiday in the UK from their home port of Volendam, they visited the East Coast en route to London and St Katherine's. So far this year, the Trust has welcomed to the harbour sailing and motor boats from Holland, France, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and the USA.



## IOSSC Dart 18 World Champions

Sheppey sailors JESS DAY and DAN NORMAN achieved a stunning first place at the recent Dart 18 World Championships held at Carnac in France. This is the second time Dan has won this prestigious title.



Both are IOSSC members and formed part of a fleet of 11 boats attending from the club, the second highest turnout at the event.

A huge "Well Done" to them both!

## A Town View

DAVID and POPPY the West Highland White terrier, setting off for a walk along the Town Quay and on to the sea wall beyond Crundell's Wharf.



"I head this way most days," said David, "and much enjoy the activities on the Quay and the views, especially the sunsets over the Harbour".

## All Tide Landing Board

In talking to PETER MARCHINGTON, Swale Borough Council's member of the All Tide Landing Board, we said on behalf of the harbour users, how much we appreciate the work that is done to keep the ATL operational. The ATL Board monitors and instigates work on the ATL. Peter said repairs have been made to the walkway and handrails but each year more work is required to keep the ATL in service. The money for the upkeep of the ATL is from fees collected from boats moored to it overnight and access on to the ATL through the turnstile.

AESICA: Crundell's Wharf is Aesica's land and they own the bed of the Swale that the All Tide Landing walkway sits on – all the way down to the ATL hammerhead. Aesica provides an excellent service to harbour users by allowing parking on Crundell's Wharf and accommodating the ATL. The Trust is grateful for the support that Aesica has given to the work the Trust is doing for Queenborough Harbour and recognises the great value to Queenborough that Aesica gives by allowing public access on to Crundell's Wharf.

## RNLI

COXSWAIN ROBIN CASTLE AND THE CREWS of our lifeboats "George and Ivy Swanson" and "Eleanor" send their greetings. They would like to tell you that your Sea Safety Officer is John Barry who can be contacted on 07852176247 or [office@whitsea.co.uk](mailto:office@whitsea.co.uk) A reminder from the Crew: please remember to wear your lifejacket at all times when going afloat.

<http://www.sheernesslifeboats.org.uk/>



## Trot Boat Times

Summer Service

08:00 - 10:00 & 16:00 - 22:00 Friday and Monday  
10:00 - 22:00 Saturday and Sunday

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