

Roach Mooring Holders Association (RMHA) Update January 2019

Here is an update to Mooring Holders on RMHA. The Association was formed in 2012 with the objective to provide moorings in Paglesham Reach that are adequately maintained, at a time when future ownership of the boatyard was uncertain. At the start, RMHA was building on the relationship that John Langrick had previously established with the yard over several years. Since that time RMHA has negotiated leases with two successive yard owners for a dinghy park and access facilities, along with river bed where 23 moorings have been established. These moorings are lifted and maintained annually.

Due to uncertainty about the future of the yard lease, RMHA also took on a Crown lease of some river bed upstream of Paglesham Reach, and placed 4 moorings here. This assured some foothold on the Roach. Having established a good relationship with the current boatyard owners, Maclean Marine, the up-river area was no longer needed so the lease was relinquished in 2017. However, we have shown that alternative arrangements are possible should the situation change in future, so the project was well worthwhile.

RMHA pay a total of £9,200 per annum to Maclean Marine for the yard and riverbed lease. The mooring maintenance cost for 2018 was £3,500. RMHA own the mooring anchors and chain, and hold some spares in stock. Income from moorings in 2018 was £13,636. The moderate margin over costs is needed to ensure we can fund mooring equipment going forward, and to provide a contingency fund necessary for an enterprise with this turnover. The bank balance at the end of 2018 season was £3,543.

RMHA is a not-for-profit association run by a committee of volunteers. Our particular thanks to Mike Green who recently stepped down as Chairman, having been in post since the start. Ken Wickham and John Langrick, as Treasurer and Moorings Manager respectively, continue to put in a great deal of work for the Association. Clem Freeman joined as Secretary in 2017, and also Steve Noble. After a break while away sailing, I have re-joined the committee.

Thanks to the 23 mooring holders who have paid the deposit to secure a mooring for this year. As usual the maintenance fee will be requested when the moorings are inspected by our contractor. Don't forget to check your mooring lines are in good condition before using them! We wish you pleasant winds and smooth water for 2019 season!

Richard Bessey

RMHA Chair