

CHC Proposition October 2020 Pro's and Con's

Pro's

1. Access to main channel from both sides of the new Hammerhead
2. Members with D pontoon berths have option to stay on same terms as at present or move to the new fully serviced pontoons. (Rates TBA)
3. New 18 metre Hammerhead will be supplied and maintained by CHC (Leasing details TBA)
4. Existing 23 metre Hammerhead will form part of the new walk ashore pontoons
5. Existing Hammerhead link will be retained but will need a new Tread plate.
6. In the longer term there is Potential for 16 or 17 new finger berths and immediately 6 to 10 x 6 metre alongside berths
7. Reduction in number of ECSC craft needing to use the "North Channel" over previous options.
8. CHM is considering whether to remove the last pontoon at the North end of the new North/South run or to leave 10 metres on the inside of it to allow a safe place to lie alongside for a short period if needed.
9. Option to lease the first 11.5 metre pontoon at the South end of the new pontoons.
10. As there will be a swipe coded Gate either at the end of that pontoon, if its decided to take up the lease option, or at the beginning of the new walk ashore if not. ECSC to decide if users must be full members or associates adding revenue to the Club. (Recommend full Membership for ALL users including regular crew)
11. Little or unused boats can be berthed on the East side of either the angled pontoon or North to South pontoon of the new walk ashore pontoons adjacent to Centenary Room.
12. Opportunity to lift, inspect and replace/renew existing piles.

Cons:-

3. a) Lose 5 metres of Hammerhead
4. a) 3 pontoons need to be procured i.e. 1 x 23 metres, 1 x 12.8 metres & 1 x 13.8 metres (Second user may become available.) (Costs TBA)
6. a) Loss of 1 finger and 8 berths on existing Piles and 9 metre pontoons
7. a) 3 or 4 + little used boats will still need to access north channel
8. a) Great care will need to be taken entering and exiting North Channel. (Greatly reduced by chain ferry not being in use)
9. a) At £248 per metre run, i.e. both sides it would only give 1 x 11.5 metre, 1 x 5 metre and 1 x 4.5 metre berths so to recoup costs ECSC would have to charge £135 per metre. If all three berths were used or correspondingly greater if not.
10. a) Potentially a greater footfall through Club although as most of the boats in the river only go out occasionally this shouldn't amount to much.

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