



North East Maritime Trust

Newsletter and Update

September-2020

Update. You will be aware of the current Covid19 situation which has had a dramatic effect on the everyday working of NEMT over many months, including restrictions imposed by government which we have to adhere to.

However, now that some restrictions are being relaxed somewhat we can continue to invite our core membership as before and some public access by invitation only to the workshops. Workshop ventilation and access will be continued by opening the roller shutter door in the main workshop and main door into the boatshed.

We have hand washing facilities, gloves and disposable masks, and soon NEMT logo washable facemasks will be available for just a few pounds. Keeping a safe distance is the priority and we hope everyone will adhere to government 2.0 metre social distancing wherever possible.

This extra care is for everyone but especially for people of more senior years and with certain medical conditions.

Heritage Open Days

NEMT will offer visits to the general public during South Shields Heritage Open Days, but only on Friday 18th, Saturday 19th, and Sunday 20th September between 09.30 and 15.00 each day. Covid 19 restrictions are included in the terms and conditions of entry, therefore all visitor names and contact details will be required and a one way system to keep people separate will be implemented.

The open days will include both workshops and slipway when safe to do so.

Despite Covid19, work has continued well with new wheels for the Bedford lifeboat carriage which has been reported on our www.nemaritimetrust.co.uk website.

Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=111016344030969>

Or [@NEMTnews](https://twitter.com/NEMTnews) on Twitter

NEMT needs your support, especially now!

Membership has taken a dramatic fall due to lack of public access and members forgetting to pay their fees, which is understandable.

But please keep NEMT going by maintaining your membership, it is so important.

We will be introducing a more simplified twice a year January or June membership. You will still only pay £15 annually either in January or June each year as appropriate. Payment can be made by Direct Debit or standing order as before to make it easier for you to keep up to date.

All current and previous members can simply reply to apply:

nemaritime2020@gmail.com

Derek and Graham have been hard at work making and repairing where necessary the wooden wheel components. Fitting them all together has been quite challenging but also very successful as can be seen here



Old



New

Nearly done



Big Clean Up

It's now necessary to do a clean up to re-open on 18-19 and 20th September for our first Heritage Open Days for quite some time. Any members who wish to volunteer will be much appreciated and rewarded with copious cups of tea and biscuits! But to be safe numbers will be limited to a maximum of two or three, initially. To make contact please E-mail: nemaritime2020@gmail.com

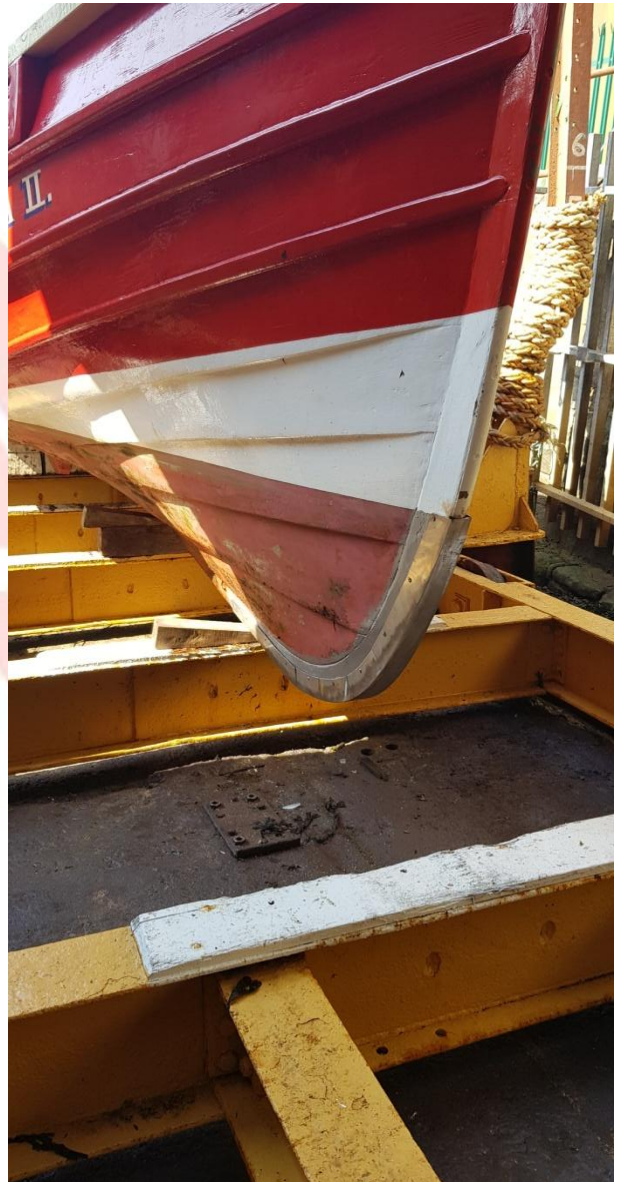
Sailings

Regular trips on Royal Diadem11 and Peggy over July and August have been enjoyed by our members, another reason to keep your membership up to date!

However, RD11 is in the boat shed for a bit of TLC, with engine, fuel tank and a new stainless steel stem rubbing strake getting some special attention.



Another day at the office, ah well
it doesn't get much better than this!



New rubbing strake



A lovely day sailing on Saturday 8th August, wind N Westerly about F4 on a rising tide with slight swell. We even managed to do some fishing for mackerel and caught some too. It is our intention to have regular sailings mostly at weekends but obviously depending on weather conditions.

Keep an eye on our new Facebook and Twitter pages for updates.

Bedford Lifeboat

Stan and Alan are making good progress on the Bedford with painting, repairs to essential areas including an oak beam shelf near the stern, which was previously removed.

As you can see, she's looking good.



Ian Robinson

Finally it is with regret that we have to pay respect and condolences to the family of our member Mr Ian Robinson who passed away at the beginning of August.

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