



Ribble Cruising Club

Harry Taylor RIP

9th February 2019

It is great sadness that we report the passing of Harry Taylor, on Tuesday 5th February, after a short illness. Harry, a member of RCC 'man and boy' was our dear friend, colleague and an absolute backbone of RCC. We were so happy to recognize this by awarding Harry Honorary Membership.

Young Harry was a very active cruiser sailor and racer, he followed all the 'Racing Fleets' of the day and crewed on most of the RCC Cruising and racing fleet enjoying the 'fast lane' to The Isle of Man. In 1975 he bought Fiddlers Green a lovely little, but capable, Ruffian 23. This served Harry and Margaret well until the 90's when they needed a bit more room for Katie and her paraphernalia. So along came Extra Stout in 1990. Both boats almost out of the same mould, lovely to sail, very seaworthy, and lovely shapes both underwater and on deck. Harry and Margaret were keen cruisers all over The Irish Sea and Scotland, we never knew where he would end up on their annual cruise, Inverary, Ramsey, where next ?

Harry however will be mostly remembered for his service to the Dock. The Club History records that Harry, with Pete Henery, Eric Sumner and John Ogden were the 1st to try mooring in Mud Bay. Since then Harry has been an active member of the Dock fraternity, being continually involved and active for over 50 years. Harry was there during the 1970's as RCC sought to be allowed to develop a safe haven down the Creek and Main Drain. He was seriously active on Dock Committee and the many working parties as it developed through the 90's to provide safe berthing for some 90 boats. Harry never sought to be an 'Officer', despite being asked, he was happy to serve RCC as a member of Dock Committee and Berthing Officer for as long as most of us can remember. His support to RCC was absolutely unstinting. In real life Harry worked for Preston Borough Council and was also very active as they moved from a Commercial Dock' to a marina in Preston Dock.

Harry will be sadly missed by those of us fortunate enough to be his friend and colleague. Harry's funeral will be at 2.30pm on Thursday 14th February at Lytham Park Crematorium, Regent Ave., Lytham St Annes FY8 4AB and afterwards refreshments at our clubhouse on Lytham Promenade, FY85LD.