

Ribble Estuary -Seafield Road Mooring

The Ribble Cruising Club mooring at Seafield Road was reinstated on Sunday September 2nd 2018. The mooring which was laid approx 7 years ago had parted last year. As in the past we thank Preston Marina for their assistance.

The buoy (ex RNLI), 15 metres of 19 mm chain and a 1.25 tonne concrete sinker were donated. RCC members John Gallagher, Rick Grimshaw , Robert Marsh, David Miller and Mike O'Donnell provided the labour and boats – at times a challenging task of handling the almost 1½ ton assembly in 4 knots on a falling tide, risking life and limb and not without some, repairable, collateral damage.



We were all delighted when within a week the mooring was put to good use by giving a safe refuge to a member's fin keel yacht. His engine failure meant he would otherwise have dried out in the river. The yacht in question had a draft of 1.8 meters. Coincidentally this happened on the year's highest/lowest spring tide of 10.07 mtrs, this tide would have generated the maximum speed on the flood, and happily it did not move – a good test.



Boats should not be left unattended on this buoy, as it is a very exposed location. The bed of the river is very uneven and the depth varies but is approximately 1 +/- .5 meters below datum. Its sole purpose is to provide a temporary facility for yachts waiting for the tide to get to the creeks and marinas up river. We hope it will make the river a safer and more user friendly environment.