

Resources Report – James Palin

The last couple of years have been challenging on the boats – standing them for a period of time over the pandemic necessitated work on all the engines to get them all working most efficiently once again.

All the boats and trailers continue to be serviced to a good standard and we continue to undertake running repairs as required. There have been some boat tube repairs and trailer repairs this year to keep the fleet running. The engines are still running well, however the oldest engine we have is around 12 years old so we need to be prepared for increased costs in the event of us not replacing them. BUSKA also requires some major fuel tank replacement work over this coming winter (2022)

The cost of fuel and transportation has increased considerably, and we are sadly running low on people who are willing to tow the boats, which has caused problems with some logistics and put some events under threat. Anyone who is willing and able to help us with towing and temporary boat storage, would be welcomed with open arms.

The UKWA truck is also continuing to be a tremendous workhorse for the association and is being serviced and maintained to a good standard, but we may need to consider replacing this in the near future, due to age and its hard use.

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