

From Frank Dunster – Hayling Island

When the engine on Hayling rescue suffered a major engine failure near the Itchenor Jetty in April, I thought that my rescue career spanning 40 years in various guises was finally over.

However, I was told by “friends” to have the engine problem properly sorted out while they would endeavour to raise the money involved. Thus Golden Arrow Marine did a thorough investigation and recommended a complete rebuild of my 6 cylinder Perkins Sabre diesel engine. This was considered a better and tidier proposition than obtaining a new engine.

Thus the engine was completely stripped down and rebuilt with all damaged or suspect parts discarded and the rebuilt engine was dyno-tested on Golden Arrows test facility.

One 94 year old lady donor told me in no uncertain terms that I was to make sure my newly rebuilt engine went back to a newly restored boat – new wine in old skins symbology – this I did. In doing this I am greatly thankful to Chris Bashall of the famous engineering dynasty who undertook all of the specialised restoration at various week-ends – over and above the call of duty.

Thus Hayling Rescue is now back in the water – ready for service – which is what life is all about!

I am extremely grateful to the “friends” Chris Driscoll, Stephen Sparrow, Nigel Roper and Robert McDonald for undertaking the co-ordination of raising the necessary funds – which as you can imagine was a very significant sum of money.

I am too, extremely grateful to the many people and organisations who contributed and I am shocked and deeply touched at the generosity shown. I would have liked to have written personally to all who contributed but many contributions were anonymous and I therefore give my heartfelt thanks to one and all.

Therefore, I will be able to give service and help to all Chichester Harbour users for the foreseeable future.

Thank you Frank

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