

4 Feb 25

## **AISTC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### **Introduction**

1. I took over responsibilities for AISTC Chairman in Oct 24 from Maj Jon Rider. Jon did an excellent job for nearly 4 years, and I intend to build on that. One of the first changes I will make is the production of this report to inform the committee.

### **Encroachment**

2. One of my first tasks is to refresh the 'encroachment' that the Club has with Thorney Station to use the site. Currently only Glebe House is on the encroachment. The new encroachment will see the moorings and tender park detailed as currently there is no written acknowledgement of our right to have the moorings.

### **Moorings**

3. The Club owns 27 moorings of which 22 have been booked for the 2025 season.

4. The moorings maintenance contract is in its last year of a 4-year contract. It is recommended that the £15k contract is renewed in Dec 25 for a further 4 years.

### **Manning**

5. AISTC loses its two Bdr PIDs in Mar 25. They will not be renewed, It is recommended that the committee uses its soft influence to encourage Gunner units to provide TEE soldiers for the Mar – Nov attachment.

### **Participation**

6. There were 72 Gunners of the 504 courses places delivered and 232 of the 740 multi activity events in 2024. This represents 25% of the total output of AISTC delivered to Gunners.

7. Ex UBIQUE BOOMERANG is an HQRA project that delivers operational decompression for those returning for Op ORBITAL and Op SCORPUS. There were 2 events in 2024 with 3 events planned for 2025.

8. The RAYC regatta 2024 was poorly attended with only 5 Gunners taking part in the sailing week and a further 8 taking part in the regatta. In previous years we have had 70 personnel on the water. The intent for 2025 is to have a course for beginners 14-17 Jul with an inter-unit regatta for all on Friday 18 Jul. Bombardier III will be required as the committee boat.

9. AISTC is set to host the Corps Colonels' Command Group conference 25 Jun 25.

### **Summary**

10. I intend to re-establish the links to the RAYC, formalise the Club's footprint on Thorney Island and build Gunner participation in sailing.

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