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To: Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority –
28 January 2025

Subject: Update on new cabin RIB

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Summary: This paper updates members on the construction of the new cabin RIB and recommends a name for the new vessel

Recommendations:

The Authority is asked to **NOTE** the report and **AGREE** the name of the vessel as “Nemo”

Build update

Officers are receiving weekly progress reports from Ribcraft which include monitoring actual progress against that planned. At the time of writing, the cabin lamination has been completed and is now undergoing finishing prior to fit out. The hull lamination started in early January. In addition, the windows have been ordered and procurement of other items is ahead of schedule to enable rapid progress once the hull lamination is completed.

Naming of the vessel

The vessel is currently scheduled to be delivered on 29th May 2025, just after the May Authority meeting. However, the vessel will need a name in order to start progressing all of the relevant paperwork with MCA prior to that.

The vessel is due to be based in Brightlingsea, whilst working across the District. A consultation has taken place with staff with regards to the name of the vessel and the name “Nemo” has been suggested. The name has several connections to the work of KEIFCA, but especially to Brightlingsea.

HMS Nemo was a Royal Navy shore establishment located in Brightlingsea, Essex, during World War II. Established in June 1940, following the Dunkirk evacuation, it served as the flagship for the Brightlingsea Naval Base and played a crucial role in various naval operations along the Essex coast.

HMS Nemo focused on auxiliary patrol duties, safeguarding the coastline and estuaries as well as hosting minesweeping drifters and training landing craft. The base also supported naval air-sea rescue operations and managed estuary observation minefields.

Local shipyards were utilised to outfit and test numerous Motor Launches (MLs), Motor Torpedo Boats (MTBs), and Motor Gun Boats (MGBs). These shipyards also serviced and repaired similar craft from other bases and constructed new vessels.

HMS Nemo remained operational until the end of World War II, contributing significantly to the Royal Navy's coastal defence and training efforts. Today, the history and legacy of HMS Nemo are preserved and showcased at the Brightlingsea Museum, which features displays highlighting the town's vital role and importance to the war effort.

Therefore, the recommendation is to name the new vessel, "Nemo".

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