

Notes from the Baltic CCI meeting 21.10.2016 in Vienna

Henrik noted, that the agenda was short, as no members had answered his call to make suggestions to the agenda. A short view of the idea for having the CCI's were given, and all agreed on the importance of a close contact between the Baltic countries.

Peer Bent told about Helcom, which is very important for the Baltic area. Helcom Maritime host a lot of meetings/seminars making it difficult to follow what is happening of importance for leisureboating. - To ensure that we get all the EBA-relevant information on our desk, it would be nice with an EBA expert to keep an eye on possible issues for the leisureboaters.

New rules are on the way for grey water.

On antifouling the battle continues between the three: invasive aliens/clean water/antifouling (safe sailing). Uwe mentioned that an institution, Fraunhofer, is working on antifouling via electricity instead of biocides. The leader of the project could be invited to come to Palma next spring to inform us of this.

All participants found it regrettable that lack of economy is making it impossible to make a study on the situation, including pollution of seabeds in harbours and land-areas, in the different countries, learning what is best practice in different matters, decided from knowledge.

Uwe was of the opinion, that we shall leave the making of legislation to the politicians, and just accept their decisions. Most sailors do things their own way, not looking much to legislation as there is very little control. - The rest of the participants find it an important EBA job to try to influence the politicians with arguments and suggestions from us, the legislation-users, before the politicians make their decisions.

Underwater noise is a new subject for Helcom we will also have to deal with in the coming time. It is noise from engines, propellers, sonar and other sources.

22.10.2016, Henrik Pedersen