

# THANK YOU!

Well, the sun shone, the sky was blue (the water was green), and a warm breeze for fluttering flags was blowing all creating the (almost) perfect setting for our Boat & Leisure Show, on the weekend of May 14/15.

The show was a great success for us, and demonstrated that Preston Marina is the ideal venue for events of this nature, and who knows, one day we may not all have to travel "down south" to attend major boat shows—there could be one on our own doorstep...well, we can dream!

We at Preston Marina would like to say a big thank you to our berth holders for your co-operation and support for the weekend. We received many nice comments during the event itself and since, and that really means a lot to us. We realise that when we do things like this, it gets a tad chaotic, but we honestly believe that doing events like this raises the profile of Preston Marina, which is good for all of us.

A highlight of the show was our Rubber Dinghy Grand Prix, and again, thanks to all of you who took part in that. It's a great spectacle, and makes our show just that little bit different to the others.

Don't forget folks, June 25 & 26 is the Sea Britain Maritime Festival, so join us for more fun and frivoloty then.









## Hip Hip Huzar!!

Have a look at our new baby!!

At our Boat Show, we unveiled the prototype of an all new 30 foot Ocean going sailing yacht, the Huzar 30. We went out to Poland in February, and tested it ourselves in the Baltic, with a wind-chill of minus 20 degrees in Force 6-7 winds...great fun!

Reviewed in Practical Boat Owner in the June 2005 Issue, this boat really is something special from the usual mass production boats of similar size. Each Huzar is hand built and the quality really is second to none. The boat was designed and built to have the greatest stability and strength yet seen in this size band, and she goes way beyond the performance and safety requirements for Category A, Ocean usage, in fact her test figures read more like those of a 40 footer!

Best of all, she comes in at an incredible price, with a fully equipped and ready to go boat coming in at a significant chunk less than the big names' boats of similar size - none of which are built or perform to this standard...no really!

The production model will debut at the Southampton Show, 2005, but our prototype will be available for testing this summer, at first here in Preston, and then later up in Scotland.

If you fancy a peek at the prototype, then just let us know and we would be happy to show you round.





### Obligatory Nautical Joke....

From the dock the woman watched as the salty old tugboat captain skillfully docked his boat. She was impressed that such an old man would still be doing such a tough job.

She decided to wait until the captain disembarked. As he did, she asked him," Captain, what is your secret to leading such a long and productive life?"

"Well," he said. "I would have to say it's because I smoke three packs of cigarettes a day, drink a case of whisky every week, eat a lot of fatty foods and I never exercise.

Wow, that's amazing," the woman said. "exactly how old are you?" He answered, "Thirty-one"

## Have a "Thank You Brew!

Cut this out, take it to the Boathouse Coffee Shop before the end of June 2005, and you can have 1 FREE Cup of Tea or Coffee to thank you for your support of the "Preston Boat & Leisure Show". Simple as that!

1 voucher per purchase, 1 Free brew per voucher. Expires June 30th.

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#### Preston Marina in the movies....

A new independent feature film, called "Chicken Tikka Masala", which is playing across UK film festivals at the moment, is set in Preston, and features the marina in one of its scenes.

It was filmed here last summer, and the story is a comedy which follows an Indian family who are arranging their son's marriage, despite the fact that he already has a boyfriend—shock horror(!), or something like that...the truth is I have not seen the film, as its meant to be rubbish, but hey, I had this corner of the newsletter to fill with something.

On a slightly cooler note, Preston resident, Kenny Baker, currently on the big screen again inside the dustbin that is R2D2 in "Star Wars" was interviewed down here last month for some TV features about the film series.

I don't know, what with boat shows and now the movie industry knocking on Preston Marina's door what next ???...a Grand Prix? Where is Bernie Ecclestone's phone number!

