

Marina Mail

The Newsletter of PRESTON MARINA.



Looking ahead to 2017...



For 2017 we are looking forward to building on the momentum gained over the past 12 months since we became an RYA Active Marina and Training Centre

Our range of training courses have been very well received and we are very pleased that two of the marina team, Mollie and Steve, have recently become qualified instructors for RYA Powerboat Courses, which will mean that we will be able to offer more of the hugely popular Powerboat Level 2 (PB2) courses.

Using "Kia Ora" our fabulous Humber 5.5m R.I.B. the PB2 is the ideal way to begin your lifestyle afloat.

The course teaches the fundamentals of seamanship and boat handling, including high speed planing manoeuvres out on the River Ribble. The 2 day course is great fun, and successful candidates will gain an internationally recognised qualification and is the perfect entry to the world of boating.

Also in 2017 we are hoping to attempt something quite different (for Preston Marina that is)...

We are calling it ...

The Preston Marina Offshore Challenge.

The idea is to have a very informal offshore sail race on a "double-tide" day in the Spring - possibly early May. The race will be open to all sailing boats and their crews based in the Ribble and will start at Gut Buoy on the morning tide and be over a simple course that gets the fleet back in time for the evening tide. At this stage we are hoping to hear from anyone interested in participating with a view to having a meeting over the winter to discuss the format of the race.

On a similar theme we hope to organise a "Cruise In Company" in the Summer from the marina to an Irish Sea destination.

Over the weekend of 13/14th May, in co-operation with the newly formed Preston Keelboat Club (see overleaf), we will be participating in the RYA's "Push The Boat Out" scheme which is aimed at introducing newcomers to boating with an open weekend of sailing and powerboating.

Keep an eye on the website www.prestonmarina.co.uk or our Facebook page for updates about these and other events planned for 2017.

RYA Training this winter...

While we all wait for the Spring to come around why not brush up on your boating knowledge with some of our RYA training courses.

We run a wide range of courses, including...

RYA VHF / DSC Radio (SRC)
Sunday 29th January (£95 + £60)

RYA Diesel Engine
Sunday 12th March (£95)

RYA First Aid
Saturday 28th January £95
(In collaboration with SEA SAFETY)

RYA Day Skipper (Shore Based)
6th—10th Feb (Mon—Fri) £295

RYA Coastal Yacht Master (Shore Based)
3 full weekends from 18th Feb or
13th—17th March (Mon—Fri) £295

RYA Powerboat Level 2
2 day course - by arrangement. £250

SPRING REFRESHER COURSES

Already got your Day Skipper or Coastal Yachtmaster ticket, but fancy brushing up on your skills before the season starts?

Day Skipper - Sat April 8th
Coastal Yachtmaster - Sun April 9th

The full day is £45, or just join us for the afternoon session on chartwork for £25.

Note - these are not RYA courses and do not provide a qualification. They are offered purely as a refresher for those who are already qualified accordingly.



OCQUETEAU

To truly get the most from the challenging waters of our NW England coastline a seaworthy diesel powered motor boat is recommended.

The OCQUETEAU range is ideal - available through Preston Marina with a free 12 month mooring. Go to the website www.prestonmarina.co.uk to learn more - or see examples from the range at the London Boat Show - 6-15 January 2017.

Christmas

at PRESTON MARINA

Enjoy the festive season with us this year...

Christmas Get Together

Friday 16th December—The Lodge

At the time of going to print there are a few tickets left for our "Christmas Get Together" in "The Lodge". We welcome current berth-holders to come along and spend the evening with our marina team on Friday the 16th December at 7.30 pm. There will be a two course meal provided and fun, light hearted entertainment. **We don't have a bar so please bring your own liquid refreshment.** Why not come along and meet our gang off duty and get to know your neighbours? Tickets cost £10 per person and entry is by ticket only as space is limited.

Tickets £10 from the marina office.

"Cruise And Carols"

Sunday 18th December—The Beach Hut Coffee Shop

We welcome a small flotilla of visiting boats from the Ribble Cruising Club at Lytham into the marina, whose crews will then lead us in some festive songs in the coffee shop from around 3pm.

Is your boat ready for winter?

Make sure you pay a visit to check that your boat is properly winterised, and also that all mooring lines are in good condition and properly tied and all sails are secured (or preferably removed).

Welcome back Christine...



We are delighted to welcome Christine Wormleighton back to the marina team.

Christine kindly agreed to come

back after a marina career break of 8 1/2 years. Christine will be working part time and taking back the reigns of the marina berthing administration.

As some of you may re-call Christine is very keen that all payments are made on time and that all paperwork is completed and returned to the office including renewal forms and insurance details – we thank you in advance for supporting Christine and helping her job to run smoothly.

...Cheerio Jack.



Our first aid box is looking forward to a well earned rest as we say the fondest of farewells to Jack who is retiring at the end of December.

Jack has been a truly invaluable part of our technical team for 15 years, and his hard work, amazing resourcefulness and wonderful (eccentric!) humour will be deeply missed by all the staff and berth-holders alike.

We all send him our very best wishes, and trust that he will pop in from time to time to keep giving us all the benefit of his unique insights on the absurdities of life.

Going forward, our technical department is in excellent hands with Roger, John and Cliff, but it is not yet decided which one of them will take over the crucial role of official Lancashire dialect and cultural consultant from Jack.

Are you paying the best price for your gas, electric, phone or broadband bills at home?

Andy Cameron (husband of Sue at the marina) has a part time job working for Utility Warehouse and has genuinely saved friends, relatives and neighbours hundreds of pounds a year.



If you are interested in a little review please contact Andy on 07967 810055 or e-mail him andyc27@uwclub.net; he is not a pushy salesman but will take a look at your bills and if he can save you money he will let you know – why not give it a go it costs nothing and you may save pounds.

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Preston Keelboat Club



12 months ago we reported on the launch of a new Dragon Boat Club. We are delighted to say that the "Preston Dragons" has had a fabulous first year, with twice weekly training and race sessions being enjoyed by around 40 (and growing) paddlers.

Hot on the heels of the Dragons is the new **Preston Keelboat Club (PKC)**.

The 40 acre dock basin is ideal for the sailing and racing of boats such as Flying Fifteens and Squibs - and the PKC is aiming at building up a member owned fleet of such boats. A very cost-effective mooring package has been made available from the marina for club members.

It is also hoped that sailing lessons will be available. The club will be getting involved with the RYA's "Push The Boat Out" weekend on May 13/14th aimed at getting newcomers on the water.

More information;

www.prestonkeelboatclub.co.uk

www.prestondragons.org (Dragon Boat Club)

Chris Miller 1940 - 2016



It is with enormous sadness that we note the passing in September of our Company founder Chris Miller, after a short illness.

Chris will be remembered for his absolute commitment to delivering first class service to the boating community of Preston and the North West of England, with warm humour and generosity but most of all with dedication and sheer hard work - work that he loved.

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