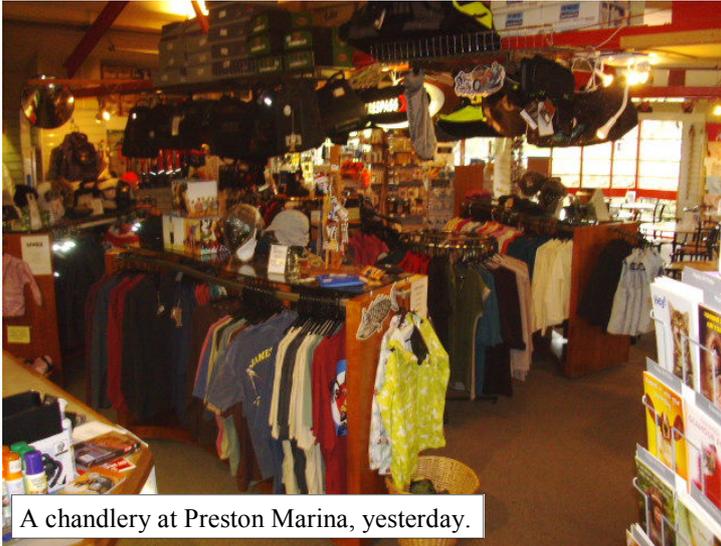


Marina Mail

The Newsletter of PRESTON MARINA.

Birthday Present for Berth-holders!



A chandlery at Preston Marina, yesterday.

2010 marks the **20th anniversary** of “The Boathouse” chandlery at Preston Marina, and so to celebrate we are going to offer berth-holders of Preston Marina a 10% discount off chandlery stock purchases for 12 months starting October 1st 2009. This is hopefully a welcome extension to our normal 3 month winter only discount offered to berth-holders, and comes at a time where every penny counts in the harsh economic climate we all face.

So now could be the perfect time to treat you or your boat to all those things we try to tempt you with on a daily basis...perhaps its time to finally paint those decks, or throw the old oilskins away and get yourself completely kitted up with a new offshore suit, or catch up on all your winter reading with some new books...and with Christmas not as far away as I would like to think, perhaps you could appear to be extra generous with your gifts this year...for once (yes, we do sell socks!)

Now of course, there are some rules...because as Al Murray says, “without rules where would we all be?...France!?”. Firstly the discount is only available to berth-holders with a minimum of a 1 month berthing agreement with Preston Marina and who are fully up-to-date with their payments. Secondly, it is only available to the berth-holder themselves...not their Aunt Mabel or some bloke they just met in the pub. Thirdly, it only applies to our marked price on items already in stock in the chandlery (although some special orders may be discounted at our discretion). Unfortunately there do need to be some exceptions to the discount scheme - specifically diesel and calor gas, already discounted items and coffee shop purchases. A full list of the discount conditions is available at the Chandlery till.

Festival "Best Yet!"



Dinghy Grand Prix at the Riversway Festival, yesterday

If you were not here during the weekend of 25 and 26th July, you missed probably the best Riversway Festival yet - with live music, dragon boat racing, dozens of visiting boats and of course the fireworks spectacular on the Saturday night.

On the Saturday we hosted our famous “Rubber Dinghy Grand Prix” with all comers racing head to head in yacht tenders powered by Parsun Outboards.

Well done to Preston City Council for organising the event, we are all looking forward to next year.

Lock Gate Operations from October '09



The lock entrance, yesterday

A change this year from previous years to the operation of the lock gates means that as of October 1st (as opposed to November 1st) until April 1st 2010 the lock gates need to be booked on a Monday to Friday, a minimum 24 hours in advance of the tide.

The gates can still operate on any daylight tide $-1/+2$ hrs Liverpool H.W. but the marina office must be given at least 24 hours notice during the working week, and please, as always, only book the locks if you actually intend to use them. If the locks are needed at weekends please ensure the request is made at least 24 hours in advance of the tide on the Friday.

To book the locks please contact the marina office between 10am - 3.30pm Mondays—Fridays on 01772 733595 (this timing co-ordinates with Preston City Council's Riversway office who operate the locks)



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MAGS IS BACK!

Has Winter taken its toll on your boat?

Has it got broken zips, ripped canvas—or is the upholstery looking a bit tired?

Contact 07786 782641 or see www.magstostitches.co.uk

RYA Training ON COURSE!



For a second Autumn / Winter running, we are delighted that RYA theory courses will be available at Preston Marina, in association with our training partners North Sail Training, and Seavoice Training.

The off-season is the perfect time to brush up on your skills and gain new qualifications, so take a look at these courses and book early as demand is always high.

GMDSS SRC VHF Radio (1 Day Course) (Sea Voice Training)

Pending

Diesel Engine Course (1 Day Course)

Oct 17th

Day Skipper Shore Based (North Sail) 3 weekends from

Nov 7th

Coastal/Yachtmaster Shorebased (North Sail) 3 weekends from

Feb 13th

See www.northsailtraining.co.uk and www.seavoice-training.co.uk



Fingal's Cafe



Good grief! Chris Miller actually managed to go sailing this year!

This glamorous photo was taken off Staffa, off the coast of Mull.

The famous Fingal's Cave can be seen in the background (that's the large opening on the right—the one not having baked beans shovelled into it!).

We are always looking for photos from our berth-holder's cruises—we love to know where you all get to...

New Gate Code

Its that time again when we have changed the pontoon gate code. The old code will still work for a few weeks.

The new code will be sent to all berthholders with their Autumn correspondence.

Jack's Handy Hints!

“Getting rid of stains on gelcoat....”

“By the end of the season a lot of boats will have yellow staining on the gelcoat—especially around the waterline on white gelcoat.

The best stuff to get rid of it is an Oxalic Acid based product, such as FSR. Just brush it on, leave it 10 mins and hose it off...brilliant stuff! Works on all sorts of stains and could not be simpler. I promise..its really good stuff

Now then, where's me spanners gone...oi! Benny...come 'ere....”



Obligatory Nautical Joke...

After the boat was pulled into the dock, a stunningly beautiful woman disembarked with a parrot on her shoulder.

“Where did you get that?” asked one of the dock hands.

“Met her online,” replied the parrot

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