



# Marina Mail

The Newsletter of PRESTON MARINA.

## Highlights of 2010



M.V. River Carrier entering the dock (left) and being offloaded in the lock by the 1,000 ton crane. Photos; Judy Hill & Kevin Edwards.

2010 has seen some of the most interesting river activity for many years. The fact that Mother Nature has seen fit to re-open the old direct navigation channel out to sea makes getting in and out of the marina much easier than it has been for the past 25 years; all the time we have been operating the Marina.

This certainly helped the job of getting the largest vessel to navigate the river since the Manxman left in 1990 into the dock. The 190' / 1400 ton "River Carrier" visited in September to offload a 175 ton electrical transformer for the nearby Howick National Grid station.

The job required us to virtually clear our boatyard so that a 1,000 ton crane could be brought in to do the lift.



We were also visited this Summer by "The Little Brig Sailing Trust", who brought their two mini square-riggers into the Marina for the annual Riversway Festival in July.



As they approached the marina from the river, observers had to do a double-take, as these boats, at only 42' in length created the optical illusion of clipper ships ten times their size appearing to be much further away.

*Left and above;*

*The Little Brig Trust ships TS "Bob Allen" and TS "Caroline Allen" in the river approaching Preston.*

*Photos; Paul Rogers*

*Far left - aerial photo of the old river channel at low tide, which now goes straight out to see again.*



# General Notice Board

## Check Your Lines....

As the storm season is now upon us please take the time to double check your mooring lines and re-enforce them if necessary to make sure your lines don't fail in a blow.

We always try to have a walk round and check lines in windy weather, but ultimately a boat's mooring lines are the berth-holder's responsibility, so please make sure yours are ok.

## Pontoon Washing

Over the winter, weather permitting, we will be engaged in cleaning the jetties, so customers are advised to take extra care on the jetties during this time.

As a general precaution in the winter months we would advise that if you do have to venture onto the jetties, please take extra care and wear appropriate footwear.

## Winter Water Supply

During the winter, we will have to occasionally turn the water supplies to the jetties and the boatyard off when there is a risk of freezing. Please be wary of this and keep tanks topped up when possible.

Alternatively there is a tap on the marina building near the toilet door that will be kept operational, so you will always have access to water.

The water supply will also be shut off during our short Christmas break from the evening of the 24th December to the 28th December.

# Your memories of Preston Docks wanted.

We are going to be working with a production company in 2011 with a view to producing a DVD documentary and possibly a book about the history of the Port of Preston.

We would love to hear from anyone who has any photos, films or good stories about the working days of the docks.

Contact [info@prestonmarina.co.uk](mailto:info@prestonmarina.co.uk) or 01772 733595

## Obligatory Nautical Joke....

A Navy man walks into a pub. Sitting himself down, he tells the landlord, "Quick, pour me a drink, before the trouble starts." The bartender pours a drink and watches as the man quickly downs it.

Putting the glass on the bar, the sailor says, "Give me another drink before the trouble starts."

The bartender pours another glass and the sailor drinks it as quickly as he had the first, before asking for another, again adding, "before the trouble starts."

After several rounds of this the bartender says, "Look sailor, you've been in here ten minutes and you keep talking about trouble starting. Just when is this 'trouble' going to start?" The sailor looks at the bartender and says,

"The trouble starts just as soon as you find out that I ain't got any money."

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# Top Ten Christmas Gift Ideas...

A selection of ideas that may help you find the perfect present for the boaty our outdoorsy types in your life...



**GENTS' FLEECE GLOVES**  
3M Thinsulate fleece. £2.99

**TRADITIONAL WOODEN TOY YACHT KIT** - Build it yourself, then go sailing! £20.00



**WATER BUOY** - As seen on "Dragon's Den".. never lose your keys overboard again. £9.99



**200 SKIPPERS' TIPS** - Brilliant and handy pocket book of yachtsmans' skills by Tom Cunliffe. £11.99



**COMPASS/BINOCULARS 7 x 50** — Waterproof, anti-fog nitrogen filled with built in bearing compass. £89.99

**COBRA HAND-HELD MARINE VHF** - With rechargeable batteries, water resistant, scan, dual watch. £49.99



**XM OFFSHORE SUIT** - High tech breathable yachting suit. Premium quality at a superb price. **LIMITED STOCK £179.99**

**"ESPANOLA: Edwardian Cutter"** - Fascinating book about the restoration of this beautiful Preston Marina based classic yacht, by her owner. £20.00



**WETLINE 260 ECO** — 3 person inflatable boat with solid transom. A proper boat which fits in the boot of the car. £299.99



**RAW TERRAIN WINTER BOOTS** - Everyone loves them...thick pile fleece interiors, waterproof PVC exterior, large tread sole. **From £21.99**

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