

Marina Mail

The Newsletter of PRESTON MARINA.



2016 - Year of the Dragon, RYA training ... and lots more!

The Lodge

Many berth-holders will have seen that over this Summer we have been completely renovating the large cabin in our boatyard. This cabin originally was the site office used when the "Ribble Link" to the Lancaster Canal was built, but since the Link was opened in 2002 the building has not had a proper use....until now.

We have given the cabin a total overhaul, and a new name....on **Saturday December 5th** "The Lodge" will have its official opening day.

The Lodge really is a fabulous resource for the whole Preston Marina community - we like to think of it as the marina's own "village hall". Surprisingly spacious inside and with its own parking, kitchen and toilets The Lodge can be put to a wide variety of potential uses but the role which it will be perhaps most used for is as a luxury classroom for another brand new venture for 2016...

Preston Marina will be offering a range of RYA training courses, both shore-based and on the water.



Preston Marina Training Centre

Although in previous years there have been occasional training courses at Preston Marina run by third-parties, this will be the first time that we will be operating the courses under our own name and as such hope to be able to offer courses more regularly, as well as a wider range of courses, all aimed at promoting safer and more enjoyable boating.

More information as it develops will be found on the website;

www.prestonmarinatraining.co.uk

Proposed course dates so far;

RYA DAY SKIPPER THEORY

Three options:

Night school – introduction day on Saturday 9th January 2016 then every **Monday evening 6.30pm – 9pm** for 15 weeks – finishes 25th April (week off for Easter Monday). 12 places available.

or

Three consecutive weekends – 23rd/24th January, 30th/31st January & 6th/7th February 2016
12 places available.

or

Day Skipper in 5 days – Mon 7th – Friday 11th March inclusive. 12 places available.

RYA COASTAL / YACHTMASTER™ THEORY

3 consecutive weekends – 20th/21st, 27th/28th Feb. & 5th/6th March
12 places available.

RYA VHF RADIO / DSC – Short Range Certificate (Course delivered by Seavoice Training)

Saturday 13th February 2016

1 day classroom course

12 places available – book with marina staff or Seavoice training directly.

RYA DIESEL ENGINE COURSE

Saturday 19th March 2016 - 1 day course
12 places available.

Associated training partner to be confirmed.

RYA FIRST AID

(Course delivered by Seavoice Training)
Sunday 20th March 2016 – 1 day classroom course. 12 places available



The Lodge Open Day Saturday December 5th

Come along to learn more about our new RYA Training Courses and meet the team.

SPECIAL DEALS ON THE DAY...



Come and see "Kia Ora"
our impressive
HUMBER Training
R.I.B.

Preston Marina has signed up to be part of the RYA's new **ACTIVE MARINA PROGRAMME**, designed to create a closer co-operation between marinas and the RYA to help owners get more out of life with their boats. Now, we at Preston Marina have always considered ourselves to be pretty active, having organised loads of events over the years aimed at making life afloat more interesting, and so we are delighted that the RYA will be bringing extra support to such events in the future.

Here are some of the things we will be doing to kick start the programme;

Saturday 16th January 2016

'Press The Red Button Event'

All boaters know it is a legal requirement to have your RYA VHF license but this event is a refresher course, in particular, how to use the emergency red button. Free event but places limited to 35 people – Location 'The Lodge'

Saturday 12th March 2016

'Ladies Day'

A gentle introduction to diesel engines, outboards and VHF radios. Prosecco on arrival – "Ascot" hats not compulsory but would be great as the RYA may come and photograph!

Free event to ladies – places limited. Location 'The Lodge'

Sunday 13th March 2016 (T.B.C.)

'First Aid and Defibrillator Refresher'

Just what it says in the title.

Free event to all – places limited.

ALL THESE EVENTS ARE FREE, BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL AS PLACES ARE LIMITED. BOOKINGS TAKEN ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS

Please book at the shop counter or e-mail; suzanne@prestonmarina.co.uk

Preston Marina to work with Ting Dene Marinas at London Boat Show



We are delighted to be working alongside the Ting Dene marina group at the 2016 London Boat Show (8th - 17th January, at EXCEL) to promote the range of VIKING inland cruisers for which we are dealers.

The show is the ideal way to come and see a range of these fabulous boats, built in the UK since 1972 and ideal for exploring the inland waters surrounding Preston Marina.

We always have excellent package deals available, making it easy for you to enjoy a lifestyle afloat, including a free 12 month mooring at Preston Marina to get you started.

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Enter The Dragons

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Dragon Boats have been racing at Preston Marina as part of special events for many years now - starting with the maritime festivals of the late 90's and more recently when the city hosted the Corporate Games during the 2012 Preston Guild Year since when there has been an annual charity regatta here ever since.

But there has never been an attempt to put together a permanent Preston based team...until now.

A non profit making club is in the making, thanks to the British Dragon Boat Racing Association (BDA), Amathus Dragon Boat Club and Preston Marina. The BDA have already supplied our Preston Club with their first boat and the paddles and buoyancy aids are kindly on loan from Amathus. Preston Marina is kick starting the funding for the training and providing the facilities required by the club.

The first mission is to find 2 or 3 volunteers to train for a BDA coaching qualification. This training will take place over the winter in time for the club to begin properly in the Spring. Amathus have kindly agreed to provide the coaching and the Preston Club will be funding it. Amathus are currently top of the British league and their coaching team took a team to the world championships in Canada this year – this really is a genuine opportunity for the right people.

Fund raising schemes are now underway for a second boat in order to be able to put on regular races within the marina.

If you would like a more exciting alternative to joining a gym for your New Year's resolution then this is the ideal opportunity.

Interested? - Contact the marina on 01772 733595 or info@prestonmarina.co.uk



New Trial Scheme Launched.

We are inviting our berth-holders to trial a new Wi-Fi network that has been installed in the marina and boatyard.

Included with this years Christmas card (which will be a little early this year - for this reason), berth-holders will find a voucher with a code which will give them 30 days free access to the new Wi-Fi network (the 30 day period will start after first log-in).

If, after the initial trial period berth-holders wish to continue using the network this will be available for a modest fee - details available from the marina office.

Please bear in mind that, while we have invested considerable time and money to provide the best system available, all Wi-Fi systems can be subject to disruption from time to time, and a marina network can never guarantee to offer each user performance comparable to a home network with its own dedicated phone line. Also, performance may be affected during times of high demand or bad weather.

Preston Marina - Open 7 Days Per Week.

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