

Marina Mail

The Newsletter of PRESTON MARINA.



In 2015 Preston Marina will be celebrating 25 years of operation and during the year we will be staging a few small events to mark our silver anniversary year.

It was on April 11th 1990 that "The Boathouse" chandlery and coffee shop, along with the pontoon berths and boatyard were formally opened.

The marina quickly became a popular feature in the town, not only for local boat owners but, along with the rest of the now re-developed Riversway Docklands, the people of Preston who enjoy a stroll along the quayside and perhaps a coffee or an ice cream.

A Very Brief Timeline of Preston Marina;

1981 - The Port of Preston closes

1983 - "Aquaganza", a 3 day maritime festival held on the docks, co-organised by future Preston Marina operators, and the owner of the former Isle Of Man passenger ship TSS Manxman which came to the docks in 1982 as an attraction, to demonstrate the leisure potential of the former docklands.

1986 - Preston Marine Services Ltd. is estab-

lished by Chris Miller, along with family members and a sailing friend. Under licence from Preston Borough Council the experimental "Preston Yacht Haven" is opened in the dock basin with 6 swinging moorings, the derelict "No.3" shed warehouse (now Victoria Mansions) and the Miller family touring caravan for an office to "test the waters" as to whether a facility for small boat owners based in Preston might work.

1990 - Preston Marina opens with 125 fully serviced pontoon berths, boatyard, brokerage "The Boathouse" chandlery and coffee shop.

1992 - Preston celebrates a "Guild" year, held every 20 years - and the new marina is at the heart of festivities. The marina buys an old wooden fishing boat and converts it into a passenger boat "Preston Puffin" which for the next 15 years operates dock and river cruises as well as "Pirate Parties" for the kids.

...and the rest, as they say is history....with the marina welcoming many hundreds of visiting boats over the years, providing the backdrop to maritime festivals and another Preston Guild in 2012 and selling many thousand cups of coffees and ice creams, and we look forward to doing it all again in the future...

The first of our anniversary events will take place on the evening of **Wednesday 28th January** when Chris Miller will present a 1 hour illustrated talk in the "Beach Hut" coffee shop recalling "A History of Preston Marina".

Drawing from his own perspective, the talk offers a fascinating insight into his family's long business connections with Preston Docks which started before they were even built back in 1892, as well as highlighting Preston's historic links with the sea.

The talk is completely free and all are welcome but space is limited so please contact the marina office to reserve your place.

On Saturday April 11th we will be holding some sort of celebration to mark our entry into the next quarter-century.

Details of this celebration are yet to be confirmed.

So, we are very much looking forward to our 25th anniversary in 2015, and given that 1986 saw the actual founding of our Company in the first place, 2016 will be our 30th birthday!

General Notice Board

Rubbish!!

As from January 2015 legislation is changing. The Environment Agency require public and private collectors of waste to separate recyclable and non recyclable waste prior to its collection from their premises. As you may recall from previous correspondence, we met with earlier recycling requirements, as our waste collector sorted and separated our waste at their depot.

Unfortunately the new regulation means we will need to separate our waste here at the Marina. To this end we will have an additional recycling skip outside the Marina building. Berth holders can place mixed recyclables in this skip, such as cardboard (flattened), paper, plastics (to include bottles, packaging, polystyrene and plastic bags) and tin cans (must be clean, dirty cans need to go within a separate skip.) Glass products are not to go within the recycled rubbish, non recyclable waste.) Glass products are not to go within the recycled rubbish, small volumes to go in with the general non-recycled waste and they will be separated at our collectors depot, large volumes to be disposed of offsite, for example at the local Council refuse point in dedicated glass skips.

In an attempt to keep increasing costs down we have reduced the size of our general waste receptacles and respectfully ask that you do use the recycling skip in order to ensure we do have sufficient capacity for our waste storage.

Also just a polite reminder that the bins are for compactable, general household waste only.

Need more storage space??

Announcing another new facility for Preston Marina berth-holders—we now have some indoor locked storage units available, useful for keeping that stuff we all accumulate off the boat where space is always especially precious.

The units are available for rental now.



Full details from the marina office.

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.

Subject to the forecast the water may need to be shut off during our short Christmas break from the evening of the 24th December to the 28th December, so it would be a good idea to fill up beforehand if required.

Insurance

We have learned recently that some insurance policies available to boat owners do not include wreck removal and pollution clean-up cover in the event of a sinking. It is an essential requirement for all boats moored at Preston Marina to have this cover in place.

If for whatever reason you are unsure about your insurance in this respect or are unable to provide appropriate cover with your existing arrangements then our insurance broker, Euro-marine Ltd, have a basic 3rd party policy available which provides all the cover required for berthing your boat at Preston Marina. It is a low-cost policy but it does require us to conduct a basic visual inspection of a boat's through-hull fittings for which there is a small arrangement and admin fee.

We should like to ask all berth-holders to check that their insurance arrangements to ensure they are sufficiently covered.

London Boat Show Tickets

We have a very small supply of London Boat Show tickets available for **£10 each**, which, depending on who you are and what day you go can represent quite a saving—and certainly avoids queues at the door. The show runs from 9-18th Jan.

Tickets are available from the marina office, limited supply.



Getting afloat for the first time?



A Viking 26 cruiser, part of the new range of boats available from Preston Marina in 2015.

We are often asked to give advice on how to get started in boating - a question which of course can have many potential answers, but we believe that from 2015 we may have put together some complete package solutions to help people enjoy their own new boats from Preston Marina.

In co-operation with locally based Royal Yachting Association (RYA) training partners we will be introducing a "Basic Boating Course" which is aimed at giving new boat owners the basic knowledge and skills required to be able to enjoy the waterways around Preston, including the River Ribble and onwards to the connecting canal network.

We will also have complete packages on a selection of new boats ranging from compact sports Rigid Inflatable Boats (R.I.B.s) to luxury cabin cruisers from Viking. Our first stock of these new boats are scheduled to arrive at Preston Marina in early 2015, after being exhibited at the London Boat Show.

More information is available from Preston Marina on 01772 733595, or www.prestonmarina.co.uk

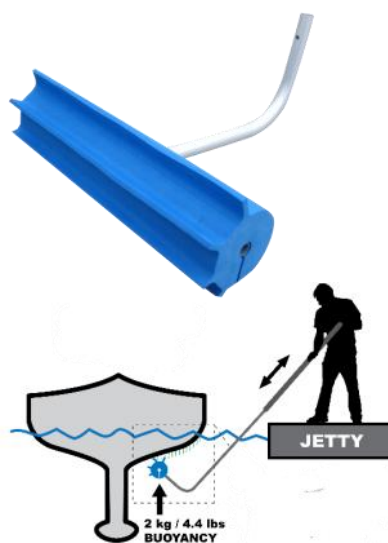
Scrubbis™

We have a genuinely nifty new gadget in stock in the chandlery, which we would love to tell you about...

The **SCRUBBIS** is a clever hull scrubber which is designed to help you keep the bottom of your boat clear of growth while still afloat.

The specially shaped head of the SCRUBBIS has 2kgs of buoyancy which helps apply upwards pressure against the hull, while the telescopic handle extends up to 3.2m to reach under most keels.

Used regularly (say once a month - especially in late Summer) you could significantly reduce the build up of barnacles and maintain the performance of your boat.



Don't forget... Preston Marina berth-holders get a 10% discount on most shop purchases!

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