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Autumn is here & Winter is Coming

It is the time of year to remind you all about winterisation of your craft, and also preparing your craft if you intend to cruise over the christmas period.

The ice and snow hit Pyrford in late December last year and lasted right through until mid February this year. With such a sharp cold spell, it was inevitable that there would be some craft with burst pipes, etc.

If you have not done so already, do not forget to winterise your craft. It is simple to do, and could save you time and money in the long run if you drain your systems down. Don't forget to drain your gas paloma type heaters if you have them fitted.

Please **do not** rely on shoreline electricity connections to keep your craft warm, as at this time of year we do suffer from power cuts.

If you are going to use heaters on your craft, then please consider sealed types. I.e. 'Tube Heaters' as these will not cause a fire if the heater falls over for any reason.

We would also like to remind all berth holders and their visitors that the wooden piers are extremely slippery at this time of year, so please be careful when visiting your craft.

More details on winterisation later in the newsletter.

Marina Office, Chandlery, and Gate access

The marina office and chandlery will be closing for business at

**17:00 on Thursday the
23rd December**

and re-opening at

**10:00 on Monday the
3rd January**

There will be no staff available during the closure period for chandlery, diesel, gas, or coal.

Please also be aware, that the pump-out machine will have the extraction hose removed to safeguard against frost damage.

The security gates will be closed to the public, although of course all berth holders will have access by security code.

Please do not climb over the fence or gates!

The part time security guard may call the police!



*“Oh the
peace and
quiet of
Pyrford*

*Marina even
on a winters day”*



17.5% VAT Mooring Tariffs

We have had a good take up of the advance purchase of moorings at the current 17.5% vat rate. With the average saving of around £71.22

For those that are thinking about taking up the offer, then you must speak with Steve at the marina office before 18th December.

Those moorers that are on Seasonal Monthly contracts may wish to purchase a 3 month contract covering Jan-Mar 2011.

The advance mooring invoices must be paid and banked before 22nd December, so the last payment date is 19th December.

Any invoices that have not been paid as of 19th December will be credited back off of your account. If you have taken this offer, then new mooring contracts would also have been sent to you.

Please ensure that you sign BOTH copies of the agreement and return these to the marina office. You will be sent your copy by return.

All berth holders **MUST** have a signed agreement in place for any mooring period.

Thank you for your co-operation.

London & Birmingham Boat Shows 2011

The London Boat show will be held from 7th - 16th January at ExCel in London. Tingdene Marinas Ltd and Tingdene Boat Sales Ltd will be exhibiting and would be pleased to see you at Stand F32.

We will also be exhibiting at the Birmingham Boat & Caravan Show at the NEC from 22-27th February. We will be showing the Atlanta 24 GRP river cruiser.

I am glad to say that Boat Sales has continued steadily throughout this year. We have again seen a spread of different boats, both coming onto the market and selling. Values have maintained well if the boat was in good condition. This has tended to be regardless of their length. Our brokerage list has also remained full, with boats lying both here in the marina as well as out on the River Wey & Thames.

We are now preparing for exhibiting at the 2011 Boat Shows (dates above). To add to our current internet we have just put all of our boat listings onto a new "Yachtworld" web site. This means that we now advertise on at least four web sites that also interlink with each other.

www.tingdeneboatsales.net is just one good way to find us. With our full page adverts in the Canal Boat press, as well as our brokerage lists being continually updated and distributed, we are always working to get full coverage of all the boats currently for sale.

If you are thinking of selling your boat either now or in the future, then I will be delighted to talk through our full range of services and charges.

Contact me via peter@tingdene.net or 01932 343275
I look forward to seeing you, Kindest regards, Peter



Marina Expansion Plans

We have some exciting news that we would like to pass on.

Tingdene Marinas Ltd has applied for planning permission to expand the marina on the North Side. This is the area where the hard standing craft are. We expect a response from the planning council in mid December.

The expansion will create approximately 40 additional berths for varying lengths of craft.

If the planning permission is granted, the works will start early in the new year.

Disruption will be kept to a minimum for all current berth holders as a roadway will be built around the perimeter where the hardstanding craft are currently located to the existing roadway on the Eastern side of the marina.

The actual 'basin' will then be sheet piled, and the banks built up.

There will not be heavy lorries trundling in and out of the marina with any spoil, but obviously there will be deliveries.

Once the basin is complete, it will take approximately 2 weeks to fill the new basin, with the entrance being cut through next to the rear of the dry dock.

The new berths will have a finger berth with Electricity and Water at each berth.

If you wish to put your name down for one of these new berths, or would like more information, then please see Steve in the office.

Office & Chandlery Changes

You may have noticed that we have moved Peter into the marina office at present.

No, we are not on a money saving campaign! We are merely increasing our capacity for you our customers.

We are currently redecorating the old Boat Sales Office and garage to become the new Marina Office and slightly larger Chandlery.

This will mean that our chandlery stock will be more appropriately displayed, we can hold more items of fast moving stock, and give the Marina office a much needed 'face lift'.

Once the Chandlery is completed, we will move the Marina Office (Steve, Mark & Matt), and then redecorate the old Marina Office into the new Boat Sales and Brokerage Office.

Peter will then have a redecorated office area, and visitor centre.

Please be patient with us during these works, and if you do require chandlery items, we DO still have stock. As usual, if we do not have it, we can get it usually next day.

We do hope to have coffee machines in both offices when completed. So why not pop in to see us when you are next at the marina.

Fun Day July 2011

Please do not forget to place in your new 2011 diary the **Saturday 16th July 2011**

You are all welcome to bring along your crew and guests for some fun and laughter, Fancy Dress, Live Music or Disco, and of course a hearty evening meal.

New Diesel Regulations from 1st Jan 2011

There has been much written in the press recently about the changes in the diesel that we will be supplied from the 1st January 2011. The ruling has been brought in by the European Government. Simply, the new diesel will be of a low sulphur content with a percentage of bio-diesel mixed in. Further information is available on the attached bulletin from the British Marine Federation.

Winterisation

As promised here is a simple guide to winterising your craft:-

- **DRAIN FRESH WATER** tank by opening your taps and letting the water drain overboard. When no more water comes out, turn the water pump off at the switch panel. Leave ALL taps on (especially the hot taps if you have a calorifier), including the shower, with the shower head placed in the shower tray or bath. Turning the stop cock off is NOT sufficient!
- **INBOARD RAW WATER** cooled engines should have the sea cock turned off, Anti-freeze fed into the raw water feed and fed around the engine until it leaves the exhaust. Check that the sealed cooling, if present, also has the required level of anti-freeze in the system.
- **OUTBOARD ENGINES** should be raised out of the water to enable the 'leg' to drain.
- **KEEL COOLED** engines should be checked for a coolant anti-freeze level of at least -20 degrees, and ensure that the coolant levels are topped up.
- **CENTRAL HEATING** systems should also be checked for a coolant anti-freeze level of at least -20 degrees, and ensure that the coolant levels are topped up.
- **BATTERY LEVELS** on all wet cells should be checked and topped up with distilled water unless these are of the 'sealed for life' type. Turn off battery isolators, and if you have an installed marine battery charger, this should be turned on to keep the batteries topped up.
- **VENTILATION** is essential to keep down damp. Leave open a couple of window hoppers for air flow which helps to stop mold growing. Do not block low level vents on doors etc.
- **INSTANT WATER HEATERS** should be drained using the drain plug, leave the plug OUT with a bowl under the outlet. Leave the thermostat control on maximum.
- **DIESEL HEATERS** with a frost stat. You should ensure that you have a FULL tank of diesel, and very good batteries. If you have access to electricity through a metered lead, and have a marine battery charger, connect to the shoreline so that batteries do not go flat. **DO NOT RELY ON MAINS ELECTRICITY TO KEEP YOUR BATTERIES TOPPED UP**
- **ELECTRIC HEATERS** should be used with caution. The recommended heater is a greenhouse 'Tube' heater. These are very low wattage and cannot cause fires. DO NOT USE THE FOLLOWING - Fan Heaters, Bar Heaters, Gas Heaters, or any heater that has exposed elements. If you do, you may find your insurance is invalid if they cause a fire! And another reminder **DO NOT RELY ON MAINS ELECTRICITY TO KEEP YOUR CRAFT FROM FREEZING**
- **SMOKE & CO ALARMS** should have the batteries REMOVED if you are not on the craft. During the winter months we do not want to visit craft with alarms going off due to flat batteries in alarm systems.
- **MOORING LINES & ROPES** should be used correctly! You should check all of your mooring lines for chaffing or wear. If worn, they should be replaced. Do Not use the whole 10 metres of line on a mooring tee to secure your craft. If we need to loosen your ropes due to water levels, wind, or snapped ropes etc, it takes a long time to undo all of the knots!

If you feel that you cannot do any of the above, then please give the marina a call and we would be happy to carry out any of the above for you.

Please do not leave this until the 'Last Minute'!

Note: This list is not exhaustive and in no way guarantees that frost damage may not occur.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

It has been a very busy year for us all, and we are looking forward to the Christmas break.

We would like to wish all of our customers a Merry Christmas and a very big wish for a Prosperous and happy New Year.

See you all in the New Year. Steve, Mark, Matthew, Peter, Dick, and Laura.