

Stourport Marina Newsletter

Winter 2010

Introduction

Welcome to the winter newsletter, as we approach the end of another season the weather has been better than the last two years, we hope you all had the chance to get out on your boats in some sunshine.

Marina Clubhouse



The good news is that we are in final negotiations with new tenants and as a result we hope the club will re-open in early 2011. The new tenants are proposing several exciting changes such as refurbishment, longer opening hours, and a greater emphasis towards the boaters' requirements. **Watch This Space!**

Free Showers

As soon as possible we shall be converting the showers to free of charge operation; there will then be no further need for you to bring a supply of 20p coins. We hope that you welcome this new measure.

Boat Sales & Chandlery

We are also making some changes to the location of the main marina office, which will soon be adjacent to the clubhouse. At the same time we shall be improving our chandlery to stock more items that you should find convenient. And finally we shall be enlarging our boat sales office and display area, to improve our brokerage and new boats sales facility.

Work in Progress

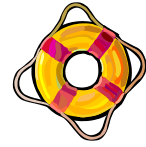
You will notice that the main walkways to Pontoons B/C & D/E have now been completely replanked and that the main walkway to Pontoon A is nearing completion.

The Willow trees overhanging the pontoons are to be coppiced to within 18". To prevent heavy leaf fall, to improve appearance and in the long term make them easier to manage.

Taps on pontoons

Could we please ask you to make sure all taps on the pontoons are turned off when not in use? Thank you.

Insure your Boat



You may be considering insurance for your boat. If you are not already insured with Haven Knox-Johnston may we remind you that they offer a 10% reduction in premium if you are moored within one of our marinas. We have also negotiated a further 5% discount with Haven Knox-Johnston for all Tingdene Marinas Loyalty Card holders.

If you would like to obtain a quote for insuring your boat, please contact Haven Knox-Johnston on 01732 223600.

Marina Main Gates

We had hoped by now to have completed the security automation of the main Marina gates. This has been delayed by availability of parts, but we hope to complete the work soon. When this work is complete the access code will be the same as the internal gates.

Winter is coming

Please remember to make arrangements to winterise your boat. Please do not rely

just on the electric supply and heaters, as the electricity supply cannot be guaranteed. Last year a number of boats suffered damage from freezing.

Mal Sargent



We are very pleased to confirm the appointment of Mal Sargent as Marina Manager. Mal is a welcome addition to our management team.

Dan Rawlings



We are also very pleased to welcome Dan Rawlings to the marina team. Dan has moved to Stourport from our nearby group marina, at Upton.

Solid Fuel Heating

Could we ask all boaters with solid fuel fires to consider others and only use smokeless fuel? Thank you.

Newsletter

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email in the future, please e-mail stourportmarina@tingdene.net

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Early VAT Payment



As you are probably aware, the VAT rate is due to increase in January 2011 to 20%. However, you are able to benefit from the existing VAT rate of 17.5% for all mooring invoices raised and paid before the end of 2010.

This applies regardless of how long the period is for, when it commences, or when it ends. The only stipulation is that the invoice must be raised, dated, *and paid in full* prior to the 31st of December 2010. (Although there is a maximum value ceiling of £100,000).

This means that all customers who pay annually in advance have the option to pay a longer period at the current tariff rate, and then benefit from the current VAT rate: as long as the account is settled in full. It does not matter if the period concerned does not commence on the 1st of January 2011, as long as the account is invoiced and settled in full before the 31st of December 2010.

For example, if your current annual mooring contract ends on 31st of March 2011, you have the opportunity to pay early for your new annual contract at the lower 17.5% VAT rate and at the 2010 price, as long as the invoice is raised and paid in full before the 31st of December 2010. You also have the option to

pay for longer periods at the same annual tariff and at the lower VAT rate.

However, we must point out as usual that no refunds can be made after such payments have been made. It is also important to remember that if you are paying annually in advance for the period commencing 1st of January 2011 that we receive payment before the 31st of December 2010, to avoid paying the higher monthly tariff and the higher VAT rate.

Please do not hesitate to contact the marina office on 01299 827082 or stourportmarina@tingdene.net for further details or clarification.

Please note that the marina office will close for business on the 23rd of December 2010 for the Christmas holidays, *so this will be the effective deadline for payment at the lower VAT rate.*

The Marina office will re-open at 10am on Monday 3rd January 2011.

Winter Hours

Opening hours are:

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri,

9.00am till 5.00pm

Tuesdays: closed

Sat & Sun: 9.00am - 4.00pm

And finally....

The staff at the Marina wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.