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Autumn has been & 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 Friday the 23rd
December**

and re-opening at

**09:00 on Wednesday the
4th 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.

We do ask that you do not let any body else through the gates unless you know them personally! If they are fellow boaters, they will not mind you asking politely their boat name.





*“Oh the
peace and
quiet of
Pyrford
Marina even
on a winters day”*



Mooring Tariffs

Would you like to freeze your mooring fee for 2012?

If your answer is yes, then we can help. To give you the chance to get the Christmas bills out of the way first, we are offering, during the month of January 2012, that you may pay your annual mooring bill early and avoid any potential price increase from 1st April 2012. So, for example, if your mooring period begins on 1st April 2012, you can pay for your annual 2012/13 contract in January 2012 at the 2011 prices.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact the marina office as soon as possible and we will happily put together the

paperwork. This offer is only available to those currently on the **Annual in Advance** tariff. If you are currently not on the annual in advance tariff, and you would like to save money by paying in advance, please contact the marina office on **(01932 340739)** or pyrfordmarina@tingdene.net.

You may switch to the annual in advance tariff at any time not just when a new payment is due. We hope that this will help all our customers in these challenging financial times; and we thank you for your continued business. Full details of all other tariffs will be announced next spring.

London Boat Show January 2012

As we continue to grow our boat sales side of the business, Tingdene boat sales are pleased to announce the appointment of another two new boat agencies, Rodman and Beneteau to go along side Sea Otter.

Rodman are no newcomers to boating with over 30 years experience constructing both pleasure and commercial ships. Rodman offer 3 different pleasure craft ranges, the Spirit, Fisher & Muse from 31' to 74' www.rodman.es. We have a single engined Rodman Spirit 31 lying at the Racecourse Marina Windsor just perfect for inland waterways and salt water cruising and we would be delighted to show you over this craft. Please contact us on 01753 851717 or email boatsales@tingdene.net for further details.

The Beneteau adventure began more than 120 years ago and today Beneteau offer 30 different powerboat models divided into 4 ranges. www.beneteau.com We will have a Beneteau Antares 7.80 and 8.80 for viewing in January at the Thames & Kennet Marina so please do call Jo or Fred on 01189 477770 for further details.

We are delighted to be representing both Beneteau & Rodman and are very much looking forward to working closely with both manufactures to promote their brands.

Don't forget the **London Boat Show on the 6th – 15th January 2012** the best way to start the season, come and see us on **stand number H168**

Marina Expansion Progress

For those of you that are not aware, the works have started on the marina expansion. The perimeter roadway is usable, although this is not complete at present, as we would like to put the final surface on when the works have been completed.

The sheet piles that form the bank of the new expansion are currently being driven in, and we are beginning to see some 'shape'.

We will be relocating the diesel and pump out facilities shortly. Therefore, we need to empty the diesel tank. Once this is empty, there will be a period of us not being able to dispense diesel, until the facilities are moved, and the tank replenished.

Therefore, if you are in urgent need for diesel, then we suggest you fill up before our stocks run out!

Similarly, when the elsan and pump out stations are moved, these will not be available until they are finally plumbed in! If you are in need of a pump out on your craft, now is the time to do it.

Of course, by the time you read this newsletter, the facilities may have moved, and may already be ready to be used!

During the expansion, we have tried to minimise the amount of disruption caused. There may be very few occasions where you will be asked to wait before approaching your craft. Please understand that this is for health & safety reasons, and to enable the construction team to stop what they are doing before you continue.

Thank you for your patience.

Pyrford Get Together July 2012



This year's family fun day was a huge success, and now is the time to remind all of berth holders of the date to put in your diary's.

Please do not forget to place in your new 2012 diary the
Saturday 14th July 2012

The format will be slightly different due to the marina expansion, so there will not be as many games put on next year.

However, we do still plan on holding the annual 'Water Race'!

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.

We are not sure of a theme for the fancy dress as yet, but there is plenty of time for you to provide your ideas, not only for the fancy dress, but also the music genre and food.

Who would want to miss this annual event!



Guildford Boat Gathering

We have been informed that next year's Guildford Boat Gathering is being held over the weekend of 9th and 10th July 2012. This is the week before our own Pyrford Get Together. You will probably receive invitations to this with your National Trust Licence Renewal forms.

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.