

Upton Marina News

Winter 2011 Issue

Welcome to the latest Upton Marina News

Marina News

Upton Marina is pleased to announce that it is now a member of the Transeurope Marinas Group. This will give all Tingdene Loyalty Card holders at Upton a 50% reduction in mooring fees when visiting another Transeurope Marina. There are now 50 marinas in the group. Portishead Marina and Penarth Quays Marinas are part of this group. (There is a maximum 5 day stay limit). Please ask in the Marina office for a membership card enabling you to take advantage of this facility.

Gold Anchor Award



Once again Upton Marina is applying for the TYHA (The Yacht Harbour Association) Gold Anchor Award. We currently hold a 4 Gold Anchor status. As part of this application, TYHA have asked if all our marina berth-holders would complete the enclosed anonymous questionnaire and return it to the Marina Office. We would be grateful to you all for a really fast return of this questionnaire - as time is of the essence. We have enclosed a pre-labelled envelope in the hope that this will help.

The Gold Anchor awards scheme ranges from 1 - 5 gold anchors. Any award is a sure sign of a credible and quality marina with the number of anchors demonstrating the facilities and standard of service available to berth holders as well as compliance with statutory regulations!

DIARY DATES



The Marina is closed from 5.00pm on Friday 23rd December 2011 and re-opens at 9.00am on Wednesday 4th January 2012.

Don't forget to collect your new 2012 gate codes from the Marina Office.

Cruisers Bar & Restaurant



Midday roast lunches are now available on Saturdays and Sundays - £5.99.

On Christmas Eve at 7.30pm there will be an evening of Christmas Carols and Mince Pies

On Christmas Day the bar will open at 6.30pm (no food) - A Christmas menu is available during December - 2 for £25 - call 01684 594087

Boxing Day the bar will open at midday

New Years Eve the bar is open all day with a free buffet in the evening for all those who would like to join Colin and Jane to see in the New Year



A Merry Xmas to you all from the marina staff

Would you like to freeze your mooring fee 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 that, during the month of January 2012, you may pay your annual mooring bill early and avoid any potential price increase from 1st April 2012. This is regardless of when your mooring period begins. So, for example, if your mooring period begins on 1st June 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 necessary 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 (01684 594287) or uptonmarina@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.

Boat Sales



Despite the current economic climate brokerage boat sales are still continuing - albeit a bit slower than normal! If you are thinking of updating your boat, or have a friend or colleague who has a boat they would like to sell, please give me a call and I will send out a copy of our brokerage pack - or perhaps you/they would like to call into the sales office.

SKIP

Please be very careful with the items that you place in the skip. The company who empty the skip are now scrutinizing the contents and are being most particular. Do not put in oil or old oil filters (see below). We also have bottle banks for all coloured glass.

OIL AND FILTERS

When you service your engines can you please put old oil in the tank to the rear of the skip. Please ask a member of the Marina staff to open this for you.

Filters MUST be placed in the marked drum by the side of the skip.



BILGE WATER



All dirty bilge water must be put in the I.B.C. tank at the rear of the skip. Please do not empty dirty bilges into the Marina.



BW Winter Opening Hours



Don't forget that British Waterways are open Thursday to Monday 8.00am - 4.00pm by appointment only.
Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays



New Boat Sales

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 the Tingdene Marinas, Sea Otter and Rodman stands in the South Hall.

DUCKS



The ducks are a real problem leaving their "deposits" on the pontoons, and it is an uphill battle for the staff to keep the pontoons clean. Please take care and do not encourage them by feeding them.

Marine Performance



Please ensure you have booked your winterise for the protection of your boat from corrosion, deterioration and frost damage through the winter period.

We would strongly recommend winterising your engines and domestic systems, last year many people were caught out with the cold weather even with electric heaters! Mains electric supplies are not guaranteed as power cuts are not uncommon so heaters are beneficial but should not be relied upon.

Please contact Zoë Mitchell 01684 594540 or sales@marineperformance.co.uk to book your winterise or discuss in further detail.



NEW BOATS



BENETEAU ANTARES 880



RODMAN SPIRIT 31

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