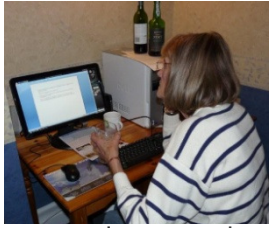


STORRAR MARINE Newsletter

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Had to leave work early last Tuesday, dental appointment. didn't go back to work (even though it's our late night closing) but retired hurt to a pre dinner glass of wine, lamb casserole, another glass & then the joys of a blank screen. As a 'certified' dysssslecsic & with Jenny a qualified dyslexia teacher 'watching over me' you would have thought that



putting a monthly newsletter together and using the spell check facility on the computer is a piece of cake. Even with her & Andy's pennyworth by the time it hits your screen or you have read a paper copy of the newsletter it has been proof read & corrected many times as well being 'sorted' at our Coast Road premises by young Andrew who plays with the page layout & retains (I think) his sense of humour as I chop & change the text. Conveniently this brings us to our April competition, the person who guesses nearest to the number of times the April edition of this news sheet was proof read & changed after leaving our house in Tynemouth by memory stick has the opportunity to purchase one of the new McMURDO GPS PLBs, **at ½ price**. Yes just £120.00 plus a free grab bag worth £16.95 In the case of a draw the correct answers will be placed in Andy's lucky hat & the winning entry picked. Funny no matter how many times the Newsletter is read & corrected there is always something that slops the net!

Our ECOVER ECO range of boat wash, cleaners and wax are selling well. Speaking of ECO please keep bringing in your old carrier bags!

EASTER, EGGS & OUR OPENING TIMES

Yes its that's time again, the order is in with the cash & carry & if we ain't already eaten them you can get your free creme egg* this forthcoming GOOD FRIDAY, open 10am till 4pm browse from 9-30 EASTER SATURDAY 8-30am till 5pm, SUNDAY sorry we are closed all day, gone fishin. EASTER MONDAY its 10am till 4pm, browse from 9-30. As well as our egg extravaganza we will have other tempting Easter weekend titbits to whet your whistle, including free splicing on any rope orders over seventy five pounds, 15% off all ECOVER products, selected anchors at less than ½ price, 25% off selected t-shirts, free woolly bear with every drysuit & special offers on a whole lot more. Rumour has it Andy will be wearing his funky chicken outfit to keep the kids amused! As for Rob, it will be that oh so familiar pained expression, looks as though he is laying an egg! Speaking of eggs, kids under 10 (& Phil) bring your hand painted hard boiled eggs in, the best in the judge's opinion (Rob, Andy, Andrew, Norma & Ann) will feature on our website, and win a prize! *while stocks last



NICE LITTLE NUMBER MAKES AN INSTANT HIT



In last month's newsletter we proudly mentioned that we had taken on the North East Agency for the Predator 165, well no sooner was the demonstrator 'moored' on our forecourt but we made our first sale. This Predator is destined for Royal Quays, as for our demonstrator it will be moored at St Peters for the first part of the season but we hope to be seen around other North East marinas during the year. Find out more by logging on to www.predatorboats.biz

IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE?

It's the start of the season and in case you hadn't noticed we are apparently in the middle of a recession. However if you have a few readies left we thought that we would bring your attention to a superb new product the McMURDO PLB. Here at the Marine Store anticipating its 'must have status' stock Kōntrōller Herr Andy has a load on order. ETA is early April so get into that Q! The



personal locator beacon is a compact, low cost epirob for marine use, as well as walking, skiing, cycling, canoeing etc. It is waterproof to 10 metres and comes with a five year warranty. Priced from £199.95. The pic shows just how compact the unit is!

TAKEN FOR GRANTED, bit like wor lass!

'I bought my lifejacket six years ago, I've never used it in anger maybe it needs a service' so said one of our regular customers as he plonked it onto the counter. I picked it up, it was a well known make, had a quick look & said to him, service no, puncture outfit yes! Lifejackets - DONT take them for granted, it's the start of the season, check them out! Yes money is tight but safety at sea is paramount. We stock a wide range of lifejackets, from a manual jkt, selling at £44.95 including crutch strap to the top of the range easily adjustable supremely comfortable, Spinlock deck vest priced at £199.95. This automatic jacket comes complete with harness thigh straps, light, spray visor & whistle. As one of our long time customers said; 'It makes wearing a jacket a pleasure not a chore'.



I ♥ MY AIS

In last year's June edition of our newsletter we featured RNYC member Malcolm Collins & his Twister class yacht Helix who was sailing single handed from Plymouth to the Azores in the Jester Azores challenge. Malcolm first had to sail from Blyth to Plymouth thru some very heavy traffic zones to get to the start. On his safe return from the Azores he put pen to paper after a little shove by me. Incidentally Malcolm raised almost £7500 for the Saint Oswald's Childrens Service by competing in this event. See our June 2008 newsletter for more info.

Malcolm's comments are published in full & as a 'thank you' for using them we will be making a donation to St Oswald's, if you want to contribute to such a worthwhile cause please feel free to contact us & we will point you in the right direction. Below is Malcolm's account of using his AIS. The Comar transponder purchased from the MARINE STORE before the event can be seen alongside his Chart Plotter.

"I Love My AIS" Well that's what I told Rob on my return from the Jester Azores Challenge but as "I've made more mistakes than you've had hot dinners" I was inaccurate in my "Love" statement. More precisely I should of said "I have an extreme fondness and warm affection for my AIS". After being alone in the Ocean I'll reserve the love for my family and friends. AIS transponder linked into my GPS plotter, what a fantastic aid to staying alive and reducing stress. I fitted the Comar CSB200 class B transponder to Helix, my Twister and sailed from Blyth to Plymouth then to the Azores single handed and back to Northern Spain, almost 4000 miles (lota head winds).

Even pottering about the coast it's wonderful to see a ship on the screen well before it appears in front or behind you. The great thing is that you will know its name, speed, direction, how close it's going to pass and when. I found it invaluable especially passing close to harbours, where I could monitor ships leaving or going in across my track. Crossing the Humber estuary where we passed 14 anchored ships, some ships moving very slowly and loads more. Thames estuary was similar with heavy traffic and passing Dover. When I was a little confused as to the intention of a vessel (most of the time) on or close to a collision course I radioed them using their name and asked if they had seen me. They always said they had but I had my doubts in the ocean. It was great to be able to radio vessels by their name in the Atlantic (just for an excuse to talk to someone) and ask if they had an up to date weather forecast.

Vessels over 300 tonnes must be fitted with an AIS transponder a good lookout is still essential as smaller vessels and fishing boats normally don't show up on the screen. Verdict; Value for money, ease to use and to install, a safety aid to your boat and reduces stress levels: Marks out of 10? A good and affectionate 12+

Quote from my log *"I zoomed well out on my plotter while passing the English Channel Entrance, Traffic Separation Zone. My screen was like a swarm of triangular wasps and I knew the name, speed and direction of all of them!"*



Aunty Foulin's problem corner

Dear Aunty Foulin,

I love being out on the water, even on the North East Coast: be it fishin, sailing or motor boating but, & it's a big BUT, I just cannot help feeling a little bit under the weather whenever it gets a little lumpy! I don't like taking prescription motion sickness tablets, any suggestions?



Dear Pukey Pauline,

What you need to do is get yourself along to see those 'Oh so nice' folk at the Marine Store (especially that nice young one called Phil, he really is hot stuff now he has stopped speaking with a squeaky voice & got rid of that facial growth) Incidentally I used to fancy Andy but sadly he is now spoken for. But I digress, ask to see the RELIEF BAND, looks like a watch, it is a drug free treatment for sea and travel sickness, no drug like side effects, you can even feel it working. In stock and priced at £110.95. Alison Redshaw emailed us after purchasing one;

"I sail aboard Tara a Mc, wester Rowan Crown with my husband Eddie Redshaw. Our yacht is moored at Amble Marina Northumberland. I am very pleased with my purchase of a seasickness relief watch from your chandlery shop. After placing and setting the watch in the correct position on my wrist, for the first time i was able to enjoy my sailing without the symptoms of seasickness which have plagued me and spoiled my enjoyment of sailing for years. Regards Alison" The SEABAND priced at £8.95 also helps to prevent seasickness, it is applied to the acupressure point on both wrists. It certainly many years ago helped my young daughter's overcome car sickness. Also stocked are Ginger root tablets at £5.95. Some of our regular customers swear by them, Rob Storrar swears all the time but I think that's due to something else perhaps a grammar school education/failure or a mis-spent youth!

IT'S GOING TO BE A HOT SPRING & SUMMER (never mind autumn & winter)



Yes we all know what a disappointing summer it's been

for the last few years but I guarantee you this coming one will be different. **WEBASTO** is the name, **WARMTH** is the product, **WE** are the dealers, and yes the Marine Store is your new North East sales, installation & service centre for this superb range of boat heating systems. By the time this news hits the street our engineer will have attended &, we hope, passed (with flying colours*) an intensive installation, service & fault finding course with Webasto. Whether you have a yacht, powerboat or perhaps a canal boat down Cheshire way we have a system for you. To discover more about this superb range of heating systems visit www.webasto-marine.com and then ring or email for a quote. **Ps** In the not too distant future we hope to have a heater on display, pumping out a load of hot air (just like the editor).

* Yes he did pass with flying colour. Well done Mr Whitehouse!

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