



STORRAR MARINE Newsletter



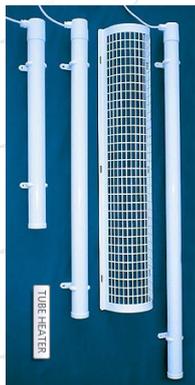
December 2008

Got the November newsletter out on time, just! Then straight into final preparations for Adrian Flanagan's talk at South Tyneside college. Told by Andy on the 6th that all the posters & flyers had the wrong spelling of Adrian's surname, O joy thanks pal! How to ruin a glorious, wet, damp Thursday, how come the first batch of posters had the correct spelling but not the second? Never mind Eddie & his bank have just dropped the base rate by 1.5% will it make any difference to our bank rate? Pigs might fly. Completely away from boats on the weekend of the 8th walking in the Lake District with Jen & friends, stayed at the Church House a dog friendly pub in Torver near Coniston, real ales, open log fire & excellent food. Strongly recommended. Friday the 14th saw Adrian give his excellent talk, with your support we raised almost £4000 for the RNLI. Grateful thanks to Adrian & Louise, our staff, wives, partners & of course co sponsors the Polar Front crowd for all the effort you put into making the evening such a success. Weekend of the 22/23 put some long hours in, a vain attempt to 'clear my desk! Failed Miserably' Out to our boat in Graciosa on the 27th, for **another** holiday, hopefully by the time you read this I will be horizontal, may be the alcohol, may be just chilled, but hopefully not from the cold, just don't mention colds or flu!

WINTER HEATERS

Available from the Marine Store are a range of safe efficient heaters, perfect for keeping your assets safe from frost, mildew etc. These low power 240V tube heaters create air circulation in enclosed spaces helping prevent condensation, dampness, mould and mildew as well as frost.

- 2' (80W) - £27.95
- 3' (135W) - £31.95
- 4' (180W) - £38.45



SHRINKING WORLD

In the October newsletter I did say it was a small world, looking up & seeing a Sunderland Yacht club member & his yacht La Lobo www.el-lobo.co.uk moored twenty metres away from our boat in Calero marina Lanzarote. However earlier in the year I featured a North Shields couple Jonny & Kate Harrison

www.freewebs.com/jksailing setting sail to take up new jobs in Australia. Well today I got an email & pic from them and this is what they said; "We are in Puerto Mogan ... we arrived here by a chance encounter....We were anchored off Las Palmas Gran Canaria and someone offered us the use of their hire car for the day, so we drove down to Puerto Rico and then thought we would hunt for some charts someone had told us were good and stocked at the local chandlery near Mogan. We found the marina but couldn't see the chandlers so I wondered over to a chap angle grinding a hull and asked him if he knew where it was.... "Are you stupid, the guy is an asshole!" was the reply! He then noticed the Storrar Marine T-shirt I was sporting that day and asked whether I knew you. It turned out to be Constantine!!" (guy who used to look after our yacht).

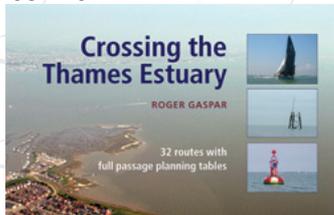
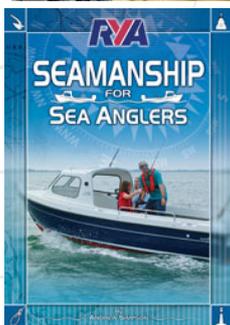
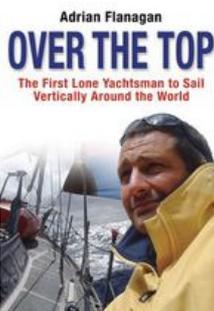
"We sailed down the next day to Puerto Rico and enroute ripped a batten pocket on the main so rang Constantine who had given us his number to ask the best place to get it repaired. We said we were hoping to go to Mogan and anchor off. He told us he would fix the main and did we want a berth in the marina. The marina was supposed to be full, but Constantine knew of a private berth (directly opposite your old berth as it happens) and swung it with the marina (using a tale of broken engines etc) that we could use the berth!" "So, here we are moored two boats down from Constantine - who sends his best wishes by the way, as does his wife who worked in your sailloft! It's a small world isn't it!

We are doing some last minute preparations here and hoping to head off at the end of the week for the Caribbean, we may stop at the Cape Verdes on the way weather dependent! Attached a picture of our provisioning, it really did all fit in a Renault Clio we hired and then subsequently into the boat (although I'm not sure we'll ever find any of it ever again!)."



MUST HAVE NEW BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

Top of the pile must go to Adrian Flanagan's 'Over the Top' personally signed by the author. His record breaking voyage makes for fascinating reading. £16.99 Following closely is a brand new Imray publication, 'Crossing the Thames Estuary' by Rodger Gaspar If you are planning to go south next year this is one book you should not leave behind!



Last but no means least is an RYA publication 'Seamanship for Sea Anglers' written by Andrew Simpson which we were selling the other week at the North East Sea Angling & Boat Show. So popular was this book that we sold out on the first day! Now back in stock.

December late night shopping till 8PM (Tuesday Only)



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Winter Diesel Care

Assuming you are taking your diesel engined boat out of commission this winter, we recommend that you pour in the correct amount of diesel additive (e.g. GrotMar71, winner of the 07 PBO additive tests, available from the Marine Store) then fill your diesel tanks. This will reduce the amount of condensation which can build up in your tank and help avoid diesel bug from forming in the fuel. Turn off the water cooling stopcock, open the water trap and pour in water mixed 50:50 with antifreeze, run the engine & continue to pour the water/antifreeze mix into the water trap until the antifreeze mix starts coming out of the exhaust, this ensures that the antifreeze is distributed throughout the cooling system. Stop the engine, turn off the diesel tap, do not drain the fuel system but don't forget to close the water trap. Disconnect the starting circuit from the starting battery and consider taking the battery home & store in a warm place, likewise the domestic battery. Spray all exposed metal parts and electrical connections with Corrosion Guard (available from the Marine Store) & finally put an oily rag up the exhaust pipe & in the engine air intake. If you have access to shore power its worth putting a tube heater in the engine bay this will stop any moisture from freezing as it circulates warm air around the bay. These are also available from the Marine Store from £27-95. Whilst you're in the engine bay, take the time to check the condition & the security of the hose clips. Ensure that all hose connections below water level are double clipped. Check the condition of the water and fuel hoses also, if over two years or age unknown consider changing. If impeller is older than one year, check condition & consider changing. Finally the thermostat & the engine anode when were they last checked. It's much easier to replace consumables now while you are thinking about it than trying to remember during the rush of getting the boat on the water for the 1st warm weekend of spring. If you find anything which you feel could be a potential future problem, make a note of it in your logbook so that you can monitor it.

NON PINCH FUEL CAP

With the price of petrol still unstable & the duty on diesel changing, it was only a matter of time before a lockable fuel cap appeared on the market, once again we are market leaders in stocking new products, priced at £39.95 this cap will deter all but the most determined



thieves. The Fuelock is made of two parts, a fixing ring and Fuelock cap. The fixing ring screws into your fuel filler cap and is itself screwed to the deck using the existing retaining screws of your fuel filler cap. The Fuelock cap locks into the fixing ring concealing all retaining screws. Buy now and sleep easy.

Aunty Foulin's problem corner

Dear Aunty Foulin, Bah humbug. It's that time of year again. What do you buy the skipper who has everything? I dread Christmas shopping for him cos everything I buy, he has had, does not like, is the wrong colour or the wrong size!

Dear Deidre Dreadnought, Why not pop into the chandlery & pick up a copy of Adrian Flanagan's book 'Over the Top' Adrian is that guy who fulfilled a forty year ambition and single-handedly circumnavigated the world the hard way, vertically! We have personally autographed copies of his book on sale at £16.99, it's sure to become a collector's item & it certainly will put a smile on the grumpy old gits face.

WHATS IN A DATE

We get our new stocks of flares dated Dec 2012 this month, hopefully you will never have to use them in anger but if you ever have to Pains Wessex have tabled some do's & don'ts appertaining to them and here they are:

Do's

- Make sure your signals are always in date.
- Use in accordance with instructions.
- Always store in a container.
- Ensure your crew know where the signals are stored.
- As part of your safety briefing ensure your crew are familiar with how to operate your distress signals.
- Only use in an Emergency situation.
- Point signals outboard/downwind and away from your body as per instructions.
- Use red flares by day or night.
- Use orange smoke in daylight.
- Seek medical advice in the event of injury.

Don'ts

- Do not use after expiry date.
- Do not expose to extremes of temperature, humidity and damp.
- Do not dismantle.
- Do not use if damaged or dented.
- Do not store or place near sources of heat, or where children have access.
- Never fire distress signals if not in an emergency situation as vital rescue services will be falsely alerted.
- Do not use in confined spaces as signals are designed for outdoor use only.
- Do not point at people or property as some products eject projectile components or produce hot flames and dense smoke.
- If found do not touch and notify the Coast Guard, Fire Marshall or Police.



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