

Storrar Marine Newsletter

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Andy the TV star

Saturday & Sunday may be a day of rest for most folks but this past weekend saw a hive of activity for the Marine Store down at the headquarters of our local television company. The mission was a sculpture to be hung in the foyer of ITV North East using stainless steel cables and rigging components. After the false start before Christmas when the scaffold company forgot to turn up all went to plan last weekend. If you did not see the project featured on the telly Monday morning/ night here are some pictures, see how many famous North East landmarks you can spot! Note how boss man Andy managed to crawl into one of the pictures even though he was only the gofer!



RYA Courses

While this was all happening I was attending and passing (wonders never cease) the RYA Diesel Engine course at the South Shields Marine Centre. If you have like me wondered what makes those smelly, noisy engines tick etc, how to change an impeller or bleed a fuel line this is the course for you..

Eric Stephenson operating out of RQ's runs courses and also **Andy Miller** who has a Contessa at RNYC is a fully qualified instructor. Its worth signing up sooner rather than later as the course I was on was fully subscribed!

Contact details: Andy 07790711214, Eric 07775727250

As I am on the subject of RYA courses I hear through the grapevine that all being well (assuming he passes his exam) we in the North East will soon have an RYA **qualified radar instructor** offering to put you through the one day course. Prospective instructor **Derek Garner** has used radars all his working life as a commercial airline pilot. Rumour has it that they have four on the flight deck! In his 'spare' time he runs a 37 footer out of Royal Quays. Derek can be contacted on 07917 691950; once again make early contact as I am sure this course will be popular!

Tyne Winter Series Racing

If you want to see a bit of action on the river this Sunday come and watch the sports boats in action, 9-30 kick off. See me apply a rule(s) that is a decade out of use and then have to grovel to Caroline, see the 'scamp' perhaps sail him self down from third to twelfth within three hundred metres. Try and count how many fags Andy smokes during a race. Guess who has the worst hangover from the RNYC Burns Night Supper/ Derwent Sailing Club Dinner Dance, me perhaps or Pete L, maybe Pete K or Colin D - hope my skipper will be calm collected & raring to go this Sunday and not suffering from an excess of haggis!

Winter Gales!

Last but not least you hardy folk whose boats are still in the water have you checked out your mooring lines after the gales?

- Check for chafe
- Check also the condition of your fenders and their ropes
- Perhaps consider fitting 'shock absorbers' to your mooring lines.
- If you are not using your craft reduce windage by removing sails & cover/canopies.

This picture was taken during the recent gales. Better be safe than sorry – see our **splicing special** below!



Staff 'training'..

Poor old Rob this week has been running around like a headless chicken trying to keep the sail loft staff in work! Kirsty's still skiing in Austria, riggers freezing their butts off on the Echo building and where are Andy and Mike? Yup you've guessed it - on another centrally heated, start-work-sometime-&-finish-when-you-like course after having a roast meat & two veg plus sweet & biccies lunch. Seriously though, both Andy & Mike were up to their armpits in engine oil on yet another Mercury outboard course. After Andy convinced me/us to spend around three grand on a waterproof, drop from twenty foot, use as a football, all singing and dancing computer plus the appropriate software he thought that he and Mike had better learn to use it! So up to Grangetown to attend the Mercury Computer Diagnostic course. Rumour has it they both passed with flying colours!

End of January Specials!

Gill Offshore Gloves, keep your hands warm & dry (large sizes only) was £40-00 now **£24-95**.

Gill Ladies Base Layer Leggings, ideal under drysuit/foul weather gear (sizes 10, 14, 16) was £20-00 now **£9-95**.

Henri Lloyd Men's Base Layer Boxer Shorts, keep your valuables warm! (sizes M, L, XL) was £21-90 now **£9-95**

Free three strand splicing on all 14/16/18 & 20mm polyester mooring lines paid for before Valentines day.

One only **Wetline 265 inflatable airdeck dinghy** rec retail £759-95 selling at **£499-00**. Takes up to an 8hp engine, twist Andy's arm and he will do a super deal on an engine.