

Storror Marine Newsletter

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ARKWRIGHTS?

Not quite, but the Marine Store is open almost all hours,
and the till is almost as temperamental!

As we state in our free tide tables (while stocks last),
our Summer Opening hours begin on March 1st.

Monday 7.30am – 6pm **Tuesday** 7.30am – **8 pm** **Wednesday** 7.30am – 5pm
Thursday 7.30am – 6pm **Friday** 7.30am – 6pm **Saturday** 8.30am – 5pm

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE MARINE STORE'S NEW ARRIVAL!

On the steps of the Marine Store the eagerly awaited and overdue new babes made their first public appearance in the middle of February. Weighing in at a lightweight but healthy 17 kilos the new Mercury 4-stroke 2.5 and 3.5hp outboards have been given an enthusiastic welcome by proud Marine Store 'parents' Andy, Rob and staff. With recent European directives banning the import of small two strokes the babies are a welcome addition to the very successful Mercury 4-stroke family. Unlike some of the other breeds the Mercurys are water cooled (hence much quieter) and feature NEUTRAL so low speed, low emission running is possible. The 2.5 is only available with a short shaft length suitable for small dinghies and tenders. The 3.5 is available with both short and long shaft; the long shaft version is perfect as an auxiliary for small yachts, sports boats or craft that have a deeper transom. Both size engines feature a long tiller with twist grip throttle.

Prices start from £439-00.



Spit & Polish

At the Marine Store we stock a comprehensive range of products to keep your boat smart.

At this time of year its worth dedicating a weekend to thoroughly cleaning the topsides of the hull, decks and cabin. Do not use car products (i.e. automotive T Cut) if the colour is starting fade - elbow grease and a well known marine brand colour restorer; i.e. Meguiar's (two strengths available) will remove surface scratches and restore colour in most cases. Follow this with the best marine boat polish your wallet can stand, as it makes washing your boat down during the season so much easier, protects gelcoat from UV damage and keeps the resale value up! For subsequent cleaning use Meguiar's gel wash, as it avoids stripping off the wax protection. Note if you drop your cleaning or polishing cloth on the ground, discard it - never rinse or shake and continue.

Contamination like seagulls droppings should be removed from decks, spray hoods and covers as soon as possible, but avoid using pressure washers on teak decks and fabrics.

Special offer during March – purchase a pack of Meguiar's Colour Restorer, Premium Polish and Gel Wash and get a large stockinette polishing cloth (worth £6.99) FREE!

Antifouling - a few tips from the experts!

- ❖ Protect yourself. Always wear goggles and a overall when applying antifouling. Don't forget to add a dust mask to the list when rubbing down. NB Always rub down wet.
- ❖ Masking tape - paper masking tape will soften when wet and leaves a gluey, sticky mess if left on too long. Use 3M fine-line or remove paper type immediately after painting.
- ❖ Place your paint roller tray inside a poly bag then pour your antifouling in. When finished you can remove the bag and dump in a bin. Tray lives to see another day!
- ❖ Don't forget to mask off the speed and depth transducers - if coated they could give an incorrect reading. Also mask anodes. Don't forget to remove tape afterwards!
- ❖ Warm antifouling before use - take indoors the night before you intend to use. It improves the workability of your paint and saves on thinners!
- ❖ Don't leave all the good stuff at the bottom of the tin - correct mixing and thorough stirring is important.
- ❖ Cast iron keels are micro-porous and act like sponges. To get rid of surface rust, wire brush to bright metal and then apply 5 coats of Primocon, first coat thinned with Thinners No 3.
- ❖ Remember that film thickness is also a key factor in performance. Too little of the best product could still deliver below-par performance. Two coats on the entire hull and an additional coat on the waterline and leading edges will provide the ultimate performance.

Finally if you buy a 2.5 litre tin of International Cruiser Uno, Micron Extra or Interspeed you can carry away **free*** a box of goodies **worth £20-00**. Contents of the box include protective overalls, dust mask, masking tape etc.

Thanks to locally based International Paints for the above tips.
Need more info? Call in for a free International booklet and DVD

* while stocks last

Meet our staff!
This month – Mike Farmer

Sorting out the workshop on the ground floor is Mike Farmer and yes it does need a firm hand! Well known at both RNYC and Sunderland Yacht Club he was a welcome addition to the staff when he joined the Marine Store last autumn. Following on from a ten year period owning and running his own car accessory shop, Mike decided on a career change. He started working at Ovington boats, followed by a session at the Amble Boat Co. Now in charge of the mechanical/engineering side of our business Mike has already attended five Mercury Outboard courses and as expected passed them with flying colours. With his background in mechanical engineering and boat building plus attending an installer's course at Raymarine, he has become a valuable asset of our company! In his spare time he races his own yacht out of Sunderland and as if that's not enough is in the middle of restoring a seventies racing power boat with a huge old Merc engine.



AIS (Automatic Identification System)

Planning a cruise to Holland this year, perhaps off through the Bay of Biscay to the Canaries then on to the Caribbean? Prefer a trip to the Baltic, or just up to the Caledonian Canal? Radar is great but it isn't cheap! However, all those vessels over 300 tonnes seemingly milling around waiting to run you over must by law carry an AIS transmitter which transmits their details both to other ships and to smaller craft fitted with an AIS receiver. Imagine having the details of all ships within VHF range of you (which incidentally is wider than radar) clearly displayed either on a stand alone AIS unit or on your navigation or radar display! For instance, their course details can be displayed on a chart plotter so you can easily ascertain whether they are a danger, and you have ready access to the name of the vessel, its size, destination, speed, MMSI number, call sign, and what colour underpants the skipper is wearing...Having their call sign means that you can call them up directly by name, rather than 'ship on my starboard bow' and ask them of their intentions. You can see if they are steaming or at anchor, holding course or turning.

We stock AIS engines from £115.00 and splitters (so you can use your existing vhf aerial) from £121.00.

Call into the store for more details.

Anodes - just a waste of money?

If in doubt change it!

Remember as one of our punters found out:
 New bottom end including slipping/boatyard hoist – ££££s...

Anode for a Volvo sail drive **£14.45**

☛ **As a guide:**

Salt Water = **zinc or aluminium anodes**
 Brackish Water = **aluminium anodes**
 Fresh water = **magnesium anodes***.

TIPS

- ☛ If fitting a shaft anode choose one that has a built in core bar which holds the anode firmly to the shaft throughout the duration of its life. Use Loctite or similar to secure the nuts.
 - ☛ **Never ever** paint over anodes
- *magnesium anodes should never be fitted to wooden hulls as they can damage the timber.

Need more info? Call into the Marine Store and collect a free copy of MG Duff's excellent 30 page booklet 'Cathodic Protection Handbook and Product Guide'.

Situations Vacant

- ☛ We are looking for part time sewing machinists. Ability to sew to a high standard essential. Experience of sewing heavy fabrics not necessary as full training will be given. Ring Rob on contact number below.
- ☛ Could you help us run and develop our e-commerce site? We are looking for a talented, hard working individual. Successful applicant will also be required to help in the development and running of our busy chandlery. Good prospects for the right applicant. Please apply in own handwriting enclosing current CV.
- ☛ Great Circle Rigging (the rigging division of Storrar Marine) is looking for someone to help develop and run our growing industrial and marine rigging business. An engineering background, whilst not essential, would be an advantage. Excellent opportunity for future advancement within the group. Please apply in own handwriting enclosing current CV.

Clothing

- Gill Atlantic jacket**, M and XXL, good offshore jacket was £199-95 now down to **£69-95**
- Gill Crew Jacket**, Red, Large, RRP £69.95 – now only **£39.95**
- Henri Lloyd Team Jacket**, Grey, Small, RRP £100 – now only **£44.95**
- Musto Windproof Fleece Jacket**, Black, Small, RRP £90 – now only **£49.95**
- Gill i2 lite women's base layer leggings**, size 10, 14 & 16 RRP £20 – now down to **£7.95**
- Gill lace up dinghy boots**, size 39, was £34.95, now down to **£4.95**



MAD MARCH MAYHEM!

Hardware

- Perfection two pack paint** in various colours - Ivory, Sand, Cream, Caribbean Yellow, Bounty etc. Current price £36.00, priced to clear at **£7-95** per 750ml tin.
- 12 volt bilge pumps 500 & 600 GPH** to clear at **£8.25** and **£9.25** respectively
- Plastimo powerboat VHF antennas** were £32-00 to clear **£14-95**
- SP106 Epoxy 1 kilo pack** – Slight leakage on pack, RRP £22.95, down to **£16.95**
- SP Colloidal Silica 0.05kg** and **SP Glass bubbles 0.12kg**, spilt epoxy on lid, to clear at **£2.95** and **£5.95** respectively.