

# Storrar Marine Newsletter

November 2007

Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October saw the start of the eagerly awaited Saint Peter's Marina 'winter series'. Sports boats from a variety of North East sailing clubs came to the line at 11am, the weather as so often this past year was unpredictable, the sun shone (more like an August day than late October) but sadly the breeze failed to materialise.



Thunderbirds, a Sigma Eight class sports boat, crewed almost entirely by Derwent Reservoir Sailing Club members were the winners on (due to a lack of wind) a shortened course, the 'new kids on the block' the 1720 Tonka, helmed by Andy Thwaite & his young pretenders finished second, third was the 1720 Corkanut. Both helped, the Marine Store would like to think, by the intensive race training we organised the other week! Last years series winner 'Join the Club' helmed by Tony Lewis & crewed by, amongst others, the Marine Store's very own Andy Burgess finished mid pack. Your author finished a little bit further down the fleet.

If you have put your yacht or powerboat away for the winter & are looking for a bit of action, exercise & then possibly a beer after, the next race is on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of November start time 10-30am. The beauty of this inland venue (apart from the demanding sailing) is that for spectators you can follow the racing by walking along the towpath, the sports boats are never that far away & afterwards we all meet in the Bascule for a beer & bicker! Incidentally the newly refurbished Bascule also serves an excellent Sunday lunch.

## An Evening with Rick Tomlinson

Rick Tomlinson (world renowned marine & wildlife photographer) is coming North on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November to give a slide presentation. For the first half of his presentation Rick will show and talk 'yachting'. After a comfort break he will be showing slides of his recent trip to high latitudes on board the 'super yacht' Adele plus dramatic scenery, wildlife and as always Rick's unassuming commentary. Tickets cost £8-00. The venue is the banqueting suite at the Newcastle Civic Centre, doors open at 6.30pm. There will be a licensed bar till 11pm. Proceeds from the evening will go to the RNLI & to help raise money we will be running a tombola & raffle (possibly an auction if we can come up with a suitable star prize) The evening is sponsored & run by the Marine Store & 'The Polar Front.' The capacity of the suite is six hundred so early booking is advised. Tickets are available from the Marine Store or Mark at the Polar Bear expedition yacht currently berthed at RQ's

**Ps** Rick will be available before, during the comfort break and after to sign copies of his fabulous book Shooting H<sub>2</sub>O and his 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary calendar, Ideal Xmas presents.



## Nitrile or Neoprene

So when was the last time you changed the diaphragm on your bilge pump? If like me sometimes it's a case of out of sight out of mind. However when the chips are down would you be confident that your manual bilge pump is up to it!



Case history...I had a customer in the chandlery the other day, brought in the split diaphragm from his bilge pump and asked for a replacement Whale AK9003 service kit which incidentally contains a neoprene diaphragm. I asked him (after sniffing the diaphragm) if he would take a kit containing a nitrile diaphragm explaining to him that whilst neoprene will last for years if used only for pumping water nitrile was the correct material to use if there was possibility of diesel in the bilge. During our conversation it turned out that three weeks ago he had a fuel line rupture & diesel had entered the bilge. The neoprene diaphragm had lasted two weeks!

If you are uncertain about the age of the diaphragm, change it. Most service kits are under or around the twenty pound mark and we carry a large selection in stock

**Ps** don't forget to note in your log book the date it was changed & the code no i.e. 'AK65214' or whatever for easy reference.



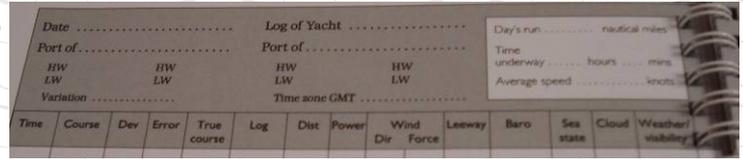
See page 2 for Stocking Filler Suggestions as well as Aunty Foulin's problem corner.

## Log books for Power & Sail.

Stumped for a Christmas present or perhaps a boating friend's wife asks you to suggest a gift for the guy who has everything? Log books are available from under £9-00 & are available for sail or power.

The Adlard Coles log book, available in either hardback or spiral bound is my favourite at £12-75.

They can provide you with a written record of engine hrs, fuel used etc, and have space for visitor & crew entries. Waypoint lists & most importantly when passage making give you the opportunity to record changes in sea state, weather etc. Ideal for noting spares, service kits, ref no's etc.



## Wintering your diesel.

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Diesel engine wintering:

Assuming you are taking your diesel engine boat out of commission this winter, we recommend that you pour in the correct amount of diesel additive (e.g. Grotamar71, winner of the 07 PBO additive tests, available from the Marine Store at £29-95) 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 at £9-95) & 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 £26-95. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. If this all sounds a little too technical or you're short of time, why not book our resident engineer to come and do it for you. Mikes direct line is 07775 727250.

## Aunty Foulin's problem corner

Dear Aunty F,

Please help me, I have had difficulty sleeping at night when staying on board our Princess powerboat, it happens only when the wind is blowing from a certain direction through the marina, this sets up an uncomfortable motion which ends up with the boat giving a sharp jerk, me wide awake and bolt upright. Sadly my husband never wakes & snores right thru, typical man!



Dear Jenny Jerk,

Regret I can not suggest a cure for your man's snoring but one of my good lady friends suggested a pillow over his face, which struck me as a rather over the top approach! However, re the jerking, it so happens that the day your letter reached me a rep had just called in with a new mooring rope assembly. The Miami mooring line is constructed from 16 plait polyester with a spliced loop & a built in high stretch rubber compensator. Why not buy him some for Xmas!

**Do you have a boating related problem?**

E-mail me, Aunty Foulin and I'll do my best to solve it: [auntyfoulin@storrarmarine.co.uk](mailto:auntyfoulin@storrarmarine.co.uk)

## Marine Store Talks

Anodes are they a waste of time? NOV 6<sup>th</sup> Sunderland YC, and at RNYC NOV 7<sup>th</sup>.

18<sup>th</sup> NOV Rick Tomlinson (see over)

5<sup>th</sup> December Using 'West Epoxy' at RNYC



## November's Suggested Stocking Fillers



### UNDER £10-00

PVC TAPE £1.60

SPINNY REPAIR TAPE £3.95

EASY LEARN FLIP CARDS £5.50 INC RULE OF THE ROAD

MUSTO WALLETS £7.00

TEAM MCLUBE £8.95

COCKPIT COMPANIONS £7.95 VHF, FIRST AID ETC.

### UNDER £20-00

TURBO FLAME £10.95

MUSTO BALACLAVAS £11.95

CALENDERS BY HARKEN & TOMLINSON FROM £12.95

JUNIOR GLOVES £13.50

GILL CREW CAPS £13.95

WHICHARD KNIFE £13.95

DENTANURSE £15.00

### UNDER £30-00

WATERPROOF SOCKS £25.00

MUSTO WASH BAG £20.00

HARKEN S/S RASH VESTS £22.00 L/S £24.00

LIGHT WEDGE £23.95

SAILING BOOTS FROM £29.95

Storrar Marine Store Vouchers available from **£5 TO £5000**

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