

STORRAR MARINE Newsletter

November 2008

What a month it's been, wake up in the morning to nothing but doom & gloom spewing forth from the radio, only light relief first thing was listening to all the gossip bout Mandy & Ozzie. My they must have thick skins or perhaps they are just thick, yes boys, once you have resigned (fat chance of that) you can both spend a tax free holiday on my yacht (bit smaller than the one you are used to!) & I will tell you some home truths about how the other half live!

It's been a hectic season for us, but now as it starts to slow down a big thanks to all our staff and great to see Ritchie our ace rigger back, He was dragged back from Turkey AGAIN to sort out another new build supermarket in Milton Keynes & as we go to print it's off to Otley to hang some wires once again for the same group. No rest for the wicked, he has just finished installing safety wires on the RVI roof. Rumour has it he **was** seen up a mast in Royal Quays marina the other day installing a weather station! Phil, maker of fine morning coffee, sometimes a little late (should be exactly at 10am) is telling me that he is enjoying his Friday night RYA Day Skipper Course at the RNYC, hope they teach him how to navigate a car without using his TOM TOM. Neal returned from his sailing champs loved up, but still managed to help Ritchie down at Milton Keynes before scurrying back upstairs to the sail-loft. Andrew our 'old' Saturday lad & the creative one (he puts the ramblings of an old man into something that almost makes sense via this newsletter). Cheers to Norma & Anne without them I would be tearing my hair out & a warm welcome to our new Saturday 'boy' Martin. Thank goodness Andy is now a dad (more about that later) as his concentration was certainly lagging in early October, cos when I asked him if I could sneak off late November to go sailing for a week or two it was a 'yes no problem, have as much time as you like' Andy, am I really that bad to work alongside?

PUBLIC APOLOGY

Your editor, he of advancing years, thinning hair, love of real ale, fast cars & women, committed a cardinal sin in last month's newsletter by misspelling the surname of his number one machinist & cover maker Norma!



Even though the October issue was proof read probably a dozen times by Andy, Jenny & yours truly the mistake was not spotted nor mentioned until the 'day of the QE2' Rob who sees himself as a young version of Lord Snowdon or is it David Bailey thought that a pic of Norma with her latest creation & with the back drop of the QE 2 would provide a superb subject & picture for such a prestige newsletter as ours! Sadly Norma seen here scurrying up the pontoon of Royal Quays B pontoon, had other ideas, as I tried to snap her she grabbed the spray hood, upped sticks, hid her face & scurried away muttering, 'If your photos are as good as your spelling heaven help me'. Sorry, I should know after twenty years of super sewing that's its McGreevy **NOT** McGreery.

On a serious note, we as a company are extremely proud of Norma, her sewing skills and all our other sailloft staff. If you are after a new spray hood, canopy, sails, maybe upholstery, give us a call. We have a wealth of experience & I will do my utmost to spell your name right when the invoice is being raised! **PS**, according to a rumour apparently going round we buy in completed sails; sorry that's wrong, they are all made in house!

FIRST BLOOD IN THE WINTER SERIES

First blood in the St Peters winter series went to Tonka (emerging dark horse of the series?) followed by Mr Bigg. The series got off to an exciting start on Sunday the 26th of October with a forecast of strong winds not deterring the intrepid sports boat sailors racing on the river. Sophie, sailed by grandpa Pete, threw away a big lead when daughter Jane decided to abandon ship. Buddy, helmed by the 'old man of the sea' Colin, decided to go ashore at the TA centre for some rest & recreation. Wild Reiver & Thunderbirds retired to Friars Goose, rumour has it, for a well earned pint or was it just for some shore leave? As for 'Join the Club' the Marine Stores very own boat, well the new kid on the boat our Saturday boy Martin (first time on the Sigma 8) decided that it would look better on his CV if



he had some war wounds. The hands in the pic are his & he was wearing gloves!

As for Join the Club's finishing position? Let's just say that Andy was seen at the Metal Works with a battered & bruised staunchion & yes Andy we



WILL repair the sails for the next race (was it just two rips in the genoa?!) which incidentally kicks off at 11.30am prompt Sunday the 9th of November. Get there for 11am. Miss this one at your peril!

MUM & BABY ABI DOING WELL

(not sure about Dad he's still puffing)

As avid readers of this extremely upmarket broad sheet will recall the staff of Storrar Marine Store have been counting down the days to director Andy becoming a dad. Baby Abi who entered this world on Wednesday the 8th was a few days early (due on the 13th) and very nearly caught her doting dad on the hop! Attending the Navimo trade show in Southampton on the 8th of October he got a lunch time phone call from partner Jill suggesting that he might like to spread his wings & get the earlier plane back North. Andy was convinced it was a case of 'Braxton - Hicks', after all his dad was a country GP & the young Burgess often held the forceps for his old man as a means of earning pocket money. Anyway, as he had almost seen all he wanted to see he caught the earlier plane & then being the conscientious person he is, decided to call in to work on his way home and check his e-mails. A second call however convinced him that perhaps it was not after all a practice run with partner Jill suggesting that perhaps he should turn the bloody computer off and get home forthwith! Little Abi was born that evening at 11 pm, weighed in at 6 lbs 6oz & according to my wife Jen who eventually managed a cuddle (was a long queue by the way) is gorgeous. Congrats to both Jill & Andy from all the Marine Store staff. By the way Andy don't forget your pledge, give it up.



BAH, HUMBUG OR NOT



Sorry, hate to mention it, but it's getting awfully close to Christmas! However to help make shopping a little more stress free Storrar Marine is going to stay open on a Tuesday night till eight during the months of November & December. Furthermore, we are once again offering our popular seasonal special; spend at least £50-00 & get a free voucher for your lunchtime sarnies. Valid at Panini's (just round the corner) or at Dene's Deli (on way back to town)' Sat November 29th sees the start up of our now famous mulled wine & mince pie extravaganza. On this & every Saturday during December, (but not the 27th) we will be serving a generous glass of our steamy brew & the opportunity to nibble one of Andy's pies, lucky you! We look forward to seeing you all but sorry kids the editor is NOT putting on his Santa's robes, police clearance has still not come thru!

Aunty Foulin's problem corner

Dear Aunty Foulin, I love boating but I hate spiders! Every time I turn up at our powerboat on a Friday night some pesky spider(s) has taken up residence in the corner of the aft canopy. I don't want to kill them but I am at my wits end!

Dear Tessa Tarantula,

It just so happens that we have taken delivery of some of Yachticom's Anti Spider Spray, it claims to drive spiders away & best of all prevents recolonisation. The spray comes in a handy to use 500ml container & would make a great stocking filler for the skipper who has everything, including spiders (joke).

Ps we also have taken stock of a great electronic fly & wasp zapper (we came across it when boating in Holland). Jenny who is scared stiff of wasps uses her zapper with great relish!

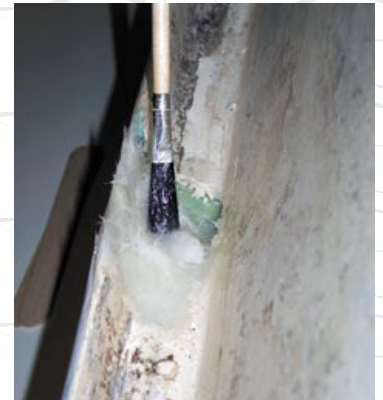
NEW WEST SYSTEM FILLERS



WEST SYSTEM 402 Milled Glass Fibre Blend
A high density blended filler consisting of loose chopped glass and other fillers, intended for small semi structural repairs, filling

voids, or small scale impact damage to glass fibre laminates. The finished repairs are incredibly strong, tough and resilient. When mixed with WEST

SYSTEM epoxy at a ratio of approximately 25% by weight, the result is a thick paste that can be carefully stippled into place with a brush and can be held in place with PVC tape or peel ply to give a smooth finish to the repair. Typical uses include deep void repair due to osmotic damage; damage to dinghy rudder and centre boards and hard edge impact damage on small sailboats.



WEST SYSTEM 409 Microsphere Blend

A pure white, hollow glass bubble based, low density filler designed for filling and fairing of fibreglass.



When the filler is mixed with WEST SYSTEM epoxy at a ratio of 10% to 25% by weight, it creates a smooth creamy paste for filling and fairing over glass fibre repairs. The cured

epoxy/filler is very easy to sand. Being white in colour the cured epoxy filler mix will be hidden easily behind paint or polyester gelcoat but must be protected by further coats of epoxy if used below the waterline.

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