

# Storarr Marine Newsletter

September 2007

Back in front of Jennie's computer Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of August and the central heating is on! Outside a glorious force five north easterly. Never mind, Jen & I struck lucky earlier this month. We sneaked off to Holland after work on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> flew down to Schipol then a short train journey to Amsterdam city centre. We met our friends at Amsterdam railway station, had a much needed beer close by, followed by a quick tour round the red light area, me getting strange looks as I staggered thru the alleys with our sailing holdalls containing enough clothing for two weeks. What's that expression, 'Hello Sailor.'

Peter & Anita's yacht was moored at Monnickendam a short bus ride from the centre. Friday morning saw us cycle round the 'city,' slightly bigger than Tynemouth but its got city status! Bike's provided free by the marina. We then followed this up with a glorious sail down to Enkhuizen, could not believe how many boats of all shapes and sizes on the IJsselmeer & yes the weather, absolutely fabulous!

On Saturday after a superb breakfast cooked by the skipper we sailed down to the lock complex that separates the two halves of the IJsselmeer. Loads of boats ahead of us but surprise surprise no waiting & no lock dues. Late afternoon we rafted up alongside an immaculate 45ft late seventies motor cruiser in the town of Stavoren. By six that evening there were eight boats outside us, later you could almost walk across & up the harbour so many boats tied up! Oops forgot, weather was so good I got sunburn.

Sunday came & no hassle, no problem the harbour emptied we cast off & yes another glorious sail up to Hoorn, Little bit of a drama that night as the anchor started to drag at two in the morning but no problem it got sorted, impressed with the electric windlass!

Monday morning we awoke to no sun, breakfast then set sail destination Monnickendam, the sun came out & so did the boats once again hundreds of them. As Nimrod draws 2mtrs it's an interesting experience sailing in the Islemeer rarely more than 2mtrs under the keel & for the last hour up the channel to the marina according to the depth sounder we were aground! Left our hosts at seven that evening & touched down Newcastle ten o'clock, back to reality.

Can thoroughly recommend Holland for both yachties & power boaters the weather did help but fabulous quaint villages & towns. So tidy no litter & the Dutch they made us so welcome. Ps if Nimrod is there next year can we come again?



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## Spare rib? No it's a new one.

Last week we delivered a new 5.2 mtr Valiant rib to the RNYC. This sleek but well built craft is powered by a 60hp four stroke Mercury outboard. She will make a welcome addition to the rescue boat/racing mark cover at the sailing club. Thanks to Mike Farmer our resident engineer who put the complete package together to his usual high standard. This incidentally is the fifth Valiant/Mercury package we have delivered to commercial organisation/clubs in the last twelve months. A further four have been sold for 'rest & recreation purposes'



If you are interested in a rib for business or pleasure this coming autumn or thinking of one for next year give us a ring & we will give you a spin in our demonstrator. Andy or Mike are your contacts if you want to talk technical. Incidentally speaking of Mike come early September we start our first Nanni re-engine. On this occasion he will be working along Eric Stephenson, former owner of Stephenson Marine

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### Race Training at the RNYC.

Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> September sees the first of the STORRAR MARINE STORE sponsored race training days. This intensive day's coaching featuring two top RYA coaches is open to all experienced sports boats sailors in the area.

Numbers will be limited to enable skippers & crew to benefit from (at times) one to one coaching, there will of course be video analysis, briefing and the evening award of the highly coveted Dick of the Day t shirt (s) to the skipper or crew (or both) who in the opinion of the coaches makes the biggest boat handling cock up on the day. For further info on the day's activity & to book your place contact [doug@webnet2000.net](mailto:doug@webnet2000.net)

If any local clubs are interested in a Storrar Marine Store sponsored race training day either this autumn or next year please contact your editor at [robbie@storrarmarine.co.uk](mailto:robbie@storrarmarine.co.uk)

### Evening Classes.

This autumn once again there will be a wide choice of evening classes to choose from, be it Competent Crew, Day Skipper, perhaps a one day vhf or radar course. Log onto [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk) for further details. Should you decide to study a particular subject this autumn, here at the Marine Store we have probably the best selection of books, navigational instruments & aids to learning (like flip cards and the ever popular light rule) in the North East. Should you find it hard to get to us, no worry we can mail order.

### Meet the other one!

Rob Storrar admits to being over 50 & very close to the big 60! Star sign Aquarius, and a valentine birthday boy to boot. Aquarians ruler is Uranus & their element is air (or should that be wind, Rob?) Aquarian energy is quirky, eccentric, fearless and independent. Certainly the first two are spot on, fearless you must be joking & independent not him, likes his home comforts too much! Asked to 'leave' the Newcastle Royal Grammar School at sixteen cos he failed all his exams, his ambition had always been to be a sail maker. Worked for Musto & Hyde sail makers in Essex then relocated to the North East in the early seventies & started his own sail making company. Some years later the opportunity arose to purchase a small chandlery business at the junction of the Coast Rd/Chillingham Road. The rest is history as they say.



Enjoys sailing, prefers dinghies but old age is, we are lead to believe, catching up with him so a bit of cruising when he can find the time, When in racing mode sometimes crews but prefers being on the helm cos he can bark orders. Other hobbies (apart from work) include drinking real ale and lusting after Lotus Seven cars. Despite all his faults he is still married to Jenny who tries to keep him on the straight and narrow!

### Aunty Foulin's problem corner

**Dear Aunty F,** I recently had my powerboat lifted for a scrub at the local marina & to my dismay found that the props were suffering from corrosion & that the anodes had not 'wasted away' but were covered with a hard white crust!

**Dear Worried from Whitley,** Sounds like you didn't check you had the correct anodes on your boat when you changed from freshwater use to salt. Magnesium anodes will not give you the protection your boat needs in saltwater & zinc is useless in fresh water! Here at the Marine Store we can keep your anodes crust free! As luck would have it this autumn we have arranged for an expert to give a talk at the RNYC Blyth & a second talk for those of you south of the Tyne at Sunderland Yacht Club. Special offers on anodes will be available on the night. E-mail us at [anodetalk@storrarmarine.co.uk](mailto:anodetalk@storrarmarine.co.uk) to receive further details.

**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)

### Ssssssssh its September, squillions of stupendous surplus stock including:

1 pr only **Musto Gortex** ocean boots (top of range) size 8 was £199-95 below cost at £99-95

1 only **Musto blouson** snug jkt black, size XXL was £99-95 a big snip at only £59-95

1 only **Musto blousons** snug jkt blue, size large was £99-95 snip at only £59-95

1 only **Musto no 1 Shore jkt** sail white, size large was £99-95 below cost at £39-95

1 only **Musto R T World** long sleeve t-shirt to clear at £9.95

September's offering(s) were so awful we have carried the prize forward, £50.00 of gift vouchers! e-mail your October suggestions to: [octobercomp@storrarmarine.co.uk](mailto:octobercomp@storrarmarine.co.uk)

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**\*Please note our change of opening hours\***

Don't forget that come the 1<sup>st</sup> of September we 'ease off', still the 7.30a.m start (except Sat which is 8-30a.m) but no late night opening on a Tuesday & a finish time of 5-30p.m on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Saturday & Wednesday it's still the same 5 o'clock.