



# MARINA MATES



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Hi Fellow Mates

Summer has not been too bad this year but there is still some good sailing weather to come, (I promise). We have recorded a record number of lock operations, in fact it is now almost a full time station. However if the radio is not answered immediately we are probably on a toilet break. Let's make the winter a record, take an extra jumper and some good offshore kit, (which incidentally we sell), and get sailing.

We would welcome Ideas for cruise in company, fishing competitions, seamanship days, and social evenings. Contact the lock office and we will produce posters and support the event.

We had a meeting with Mike Craddy who chairs the berth holders association some weeks ago and we have met all of the requests. Some of note included new trolleys, and a suggestion box in the lock office - please take advantage of this facility as it is an ideal way to flag up further improvements.

Next month we are due our BMF inspection to assess our anchor rating (same as star ratings in hotels). It covers numerous issues such as waste management, health and safety, environmental issues and many many more. Please help by managing your waste. We constantly have to remove discarded oil, batteries, large sections of timber, old flares etc. If you have domestic waste, please use the proper facilities and if in doubt ask.

The Tall ships will soon be with us. Entries opened 2 weeks ago and we already have 28 ships registered. Apart from being a finish line in the race from Kristiansund, we may be a race start in a feeder race to Amsterdam for the festival of the sea. Shortly we will be looking for liaison officers, so if you want to be involved contact the lock office. A planned presentation will take place soon about the role of liaison officers, so watch out for notices.

Ray Swales marina operative is now the proud owner of his own vessel which he plans to restore and get sailing soon. It is interesting to note that Ray now makes the seventh staff member who are boat owner's. Talk about a busman's holiday. Come on Janet and Angela what are you waiting for?

Good sailing and let's get to sea this winter.

### **Marina management**

## **BOAT SPOTTING CLUB**

I am pleased to announce that the Hartlepool section of the 'Boat Spotting Club' has now doubled its membership, but rumours have it that Harry may be retiring from the Marina (but I feel sure that his interest in Boat Spotting will continue) if this is so, he will be a great loss.

Gary is still heavily involved and takes a very keen interest in any vessels that are on passage from or to the marina and in the many harbours that he visits, if you have a problem or just want a chat about sailing, he's the man! I think that Gary is now onto at least his third photo album from ports and marinas in the UK and of the various vessels in them. The club has also taken to recording naff boat names seen at various ports and marinas around the country to link to their photo portfolios. A sample of them are as follows: **Kostalot (Jersey), Loadsamoney(Cowes), Men Behaving Badly(Lymington), Ear to Absurdity(Beulieu), Nikkers(Bembridge), It'stoowindy(Jersey), Bla Bla Bla(Guernsey), ltl de us(Newcastle), Sweet Cheeks(Hartlepool) Thiswayup(Bridlington) Last Toy(Oban) Shy Tot (Amble) & Cheers Dad (Whitby)** If you have seen a boat with a naff sounding or unusual name or you want to join this exclusive club please let Gary or Harry know.

## **WHERE HAVE ALL THE TROLLEYS GONE?**

It has come to the attention of the Marina that a number of our trolleys have mysteriously disappeared. From starting out with 40 we are now down to a sorrowful dozen or so. To make sure that the remaining few do not follow in their wheel tracks please note the following:

1. After using a trolley please make sure that it is returned to one of the trolley parks which are situated on both the North and South pontoon entrances.
2. If a trolley is accidentally submerged in the dark deep waters of the marina, please inform the lock office immediately, also the approximate position of it. This way we can endeavour to retrieve it with a little help from the Hartlepool divers.

## **SEAMANSHIP & NAVIGATION CLASSES**

Do you make coastal/ offshore passages by sail/motor or have a general interest in the sea and things nautical?

Are you interested in finding out more about navigation, GPS, meteorology, pilotage, collision avoidance rules, passage planning and general seamanship?

If you answered YES to both questions then contact, Tutor Dave Williams on 01642 722452 for a chat or you can E Mail him on

[davidwilliamsafrin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidwilliamsafrin@yahoo.co.uk) (VHF/DSC courses also available)

A ventriloquist is getting fewer and fewer bookings so he decides to change career and become a medium. His first customer is a recently widowed lady who says she wants to contact her dead husband and asks how much it will cost. The medium replies: '£25, £50 or £75.' 'What do I get for £25?' she asks. 'You get to speak to your husband,' he replies. 'What do I get for £50?' 'You speak to your husband and he speaks to you.' 'And what do I get for £75?' she enquires. 'You both get to speak to each other while I drink a glass of water.'

I called my son in Sydney Australia on 22<sup>nd</sup> December and said to him, 'I hate to ruin your day, but me and your mam are getting a divorce, 42 years of misery is more than enough.' 'Dad, what are you talking about?' my son screams back. 'We're sick to death of each other, and I'm sick of talking about it, so call your sister in Brisbane and tell her what's happening', I replied and hung up. My frantic son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. 'Like heck they're getting divorced,' she shouts. 'I'll take care of this. She calls me straight away and screams at me, 'You are NOT getting divorced! Don't do anything until I get there. I'm calling my brother back and we'll both be there soon. Until then don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?' and hangs up. I put the phone down and turned to our lass and said, 'They'll both be here for Xmas and paying their own airfares'.

Mother superior called all the nuns together and said to them, 'I must tell you all something. We have a case of gonorrhoea in the convent.' 'Thank God.' said an elderly nun at the back. 'I'm so tired of chardonnay.'

## **THIS IS NOT A STORY BUT A TRUE INCIDENT!**

A Geordie man walks into a bank in Newcastle and asks for a loan as he is going on a business trip to Australia for two weeks and needs to borrow £5,000. The loan officer tells him the bank will need some form of security for the loan. So the canny Geordie lad hands over the keys and all the documents of his new Ferrari parked on the street in front of the bank. He produces the Log Book and everything checks out. The loan officer agrees to accept the car as collateral against the loan.

The bank's Manager and its officers all enjoy a good laugh at the rough looking Geordie for using a £120,000 Ferrari as collateral against a £5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then drives the Ferrari in to the bank's underground garage and parks it up. Two weeks later the Geordie returns, repays the £5,000 and the interest which comes to £15.41. The loan officer says, 'Sir we are very happy to have your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely. But we are puzzled. While you were away we checked you out and found out that you are a multi millionaire. What puzzles us is, why you would bother to borrow £5,000?' the Geordie replies, 'where else in

Newcastle can I park my car for two weeks for only £15.41 and expect it to be there when I get back.'

**Ah the mind of the Geordie ... This is why we survive!**

## **ALTERNATIVE MEDICAL DICTIONARY**

<b>Artery.....</b>	<b>The study of paintings.</b>
<b>Bacteria.....</b>	<b>Back door to cafeteria.</b>
<b>Barium.....</b>	<b>What doctors do when patients die.</b>
<b>Benign.....</b>	<b>What you be, after you be eight.</b>
<b>Caesarean Section.....</b>	<b>A neighbourhood in Rome.</b>
<b>Catscan.....</b>	<b>Searching for Kitty.</b>
<b>Cauterize.....</b>	<b>Made eye contact with her..</b>
<b>Colic.....</b>	<b>A sheep dog.</b>
<b>Coma.....</b>	<b>A punctuation mark.</b>
<b>Dilate.....</b>	<b>To live long..</b>
<b>Enema.....</b>	<b>Not a friend.</b>
<b>Fester.....</b>	<b>Quicker than someone else.</b>
<b>Fibula.....</b>	<b>A small lie.</b>
<b>Impotent.....</b>	<b>Distinguished, well known.</b>
<b>Labour Pain.....</b>	<b>Getting hurt at work.</b>
<b>Medical Staff.....</b>	<b>A Doctor's cane.</b>
<b>Morbid.....</b>	<b>A higher offer.</b>
<b>Nitrates.....</b>	<b>Cheaper than day rates.</b>
<b>Node.....</b>	<b>I knew it.</b>
<b>Outpatient.....</b>	<b>A person who has fainted.</b>
<b>Pelvis.....</b>	<b>Second cousin to Elvis.</b>
<b>Post Operative.....</b>	<b>A letter carrier.</b>
<b>Recovery Room.....</b>	<b>Place to do upholstery.</b>
<b>Rectum.....</b>	<b>Nearly killed him.</b>
<b>Secretion.....</b>	<b>Hiding something.</b>
<b>Seizure.....</b>	<b>Roman emperor.</b>
<b>Tablet.....</b>	<b>A small table.</b>
<b>Terminal Illness.....</b>	<b>Getting sick at the airport.</b>
<b>Tumour.....</b>	<b>One plus one more.</b>
<b>Urine.....</b>	<b>Opposite of you're out.</b>

A Polish immigrant went to the DMV for a drivers licence; of course he was required to take a sight test. The optician showed him a card with the letters – **C Z W I X N O S T A C Z** on it and asked, 'can you read this?' 'Read it?' the polish guy replied, 'I know him.'

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A teenage boy had just gotten his driver's license and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son: 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car...' The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it. After about six weeks his father said, 'Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your bible, but

I'm disappointed you haven't gotten your hair cut.' The boy said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair...and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.' To this his father replied, 'Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?'

### **REGULATION 34**

Did you know that voyage planning is required on all vessels that go to sea? "Going to sea" is defined as proceeding outside categorised waters. MCA guidance notes say, "For small vessels and pleasure craft, the degree of voyage planning will be dependent on the size of vessel, its crew and the length of the voyage. The MCA expects all mariners to make a careful assessment of any proposed voyage taking into account all dangers to navigation, weather forecasts, tidal predictions and any other relevant factors including the competence of the crew."

#### **Other elements mentioned in the guidance are:**

- Plot the intended track on the chart and indicate its true bearing.
- Mark on the chart radar- conspicuous objects which may be used in radar position fixing, any transit marks, clearing bearings or clearing ranges (radar), bearing lines and parallel index lines.
- Mark areas of danger.
- Consider volume of traffic likely to be encountered and safe speed (Collision regulations Rule 6.)
- Decide course alteration points and plot the expected effect of the tide.
- Note Times at critical points for tide heights and flows, i.e. tidal gates.
- Consider method and frequency of position fixing, ensuring as far as possible that different methods are used to check against error, e.g. cross-check with the echo sounder.
- Check the functioning and correct reading of navigational instruments.
- Consult port information.
- Make contingency plans, including ports of refuge, safe anchorage's, alterations to the plan in case of poor visibility.
- Consider pros and cons of daytime vs nighttime passing of danger points.
- Cross check crew decisions to detect and correct errors early.

### **PRODUCT RECOMMENDATION**

This is a product called "**Nordac Timber Protection**" and to my mind (and others that have tried it) is far superior to varnish, danish wood oil, or teak oil. Typical uses are for the protection of hardwood and softwood timber, based on a flexible resin with light-fast pigments. For interior and exterior use, at least three coats are required for maximum exterior durability especially in exposed elevations. Micro porous properties of the dried film allow permeation of water vapour, prolonging the life of the coating

It is not an expensive product, in fact price wise it is probably the same as varnish, and it can be in sheen or gloss. No scraping off when water gets under it or continuously giving it another coating, once done right the first time then it's on for years. The company that produces it is called, "**DACRYLATE PAINTS LIMITED**". The nearest stockist is in Stockton, at 44 Norton Road, Tel: 01642 616429.

## **HARTLEPOOL MARINA BERTH HOLDERS ASSOCIATION**

Hope the year has been a good one so far and all has gone well for you. I would like to remind you that Hartlepool Marina Berth Holders Association has a web site which can be accessed at [hmba.org.uk](http://hmba.org.uk) the site has good links to services, relevant marina information and most important of all, you can report any issues you may have. Committee members and their locations are listed so that you may be able to talk to us when we are onboard.

We have had a couple of good open meetings or "**social nights**" this year, with another planned for **October 10<sup>th</sup>** at the **Tees & Hartlepool Yacht Club**. **Tickets (£4.50) will include Pie & Peas supper and entertainment**. This will be publicised on our website and by poster around the marina, please watch out for this.

The cleaning responsibility for the shower and toilet facilities has been handed over to a berth holder, David Lodge. David has a commitment to keep these facilities up to a high standard but can not do this without our help. Please help David to help us by reporting to him or the marina management, any issues that arise, misuse or vandalism.

Thanks must go to Allan Henderson for the supply of the new trolleys and hope they alleviate the shortage which we have had of late. These trolleys are not cheap so please let's look after them, don't hoard or hang on to them, they are there for us all. Please return trolleys to the pontoon entrance area when you have finished with them, and don't abandon them on the pontoons where they may fall into the marina. Should you accidentally lose a trolley in to the marina, please advise the marina immediately, so they will be able to retrieve it.

On a security matter, if you see anyone on the pontoons looking suspicious please call the lock office and advise them. It may seem an obvious statement but there have been thefts from boats. The marina staff would rather you report "strangers" they will respond and get back to you.

To finish with, you may have heard that Navigation Point will remain a free car park. This was not achieved without a fight. The businesses on Navigation Point and the HMBA joined forces to represent all and succeeded in keeping the car park free of charges. The HMBA continues the partnership to discuss other issues which may affect our activities.

Hope to see you at our evening function in October. Take care.

Mike Craddy

Chairman HMBA.

An Australian guy is travelling around the Greek Islands. He walks into a bar and, by chance, is served by an Australian barmaid. As she takes his order, Fosters of course, she notices his accent. Over the course of the evening they get chatting. At the end of her shift he asks if she wants to come back to his place. Although she is attracted to him she says no. He then offers to pay her \$200 to sleep with him. As she is travelling around the world, and is short of funds, she agrees.

The next night the guy turns up again. Again he orders Fosters and, after showing her plenty of attention, asks if she will sleep with him again for \$200. She remembers the night before and is only too happy to agree. This goes on for five nights. On the sixth night the guy comes in again, orders Fosters but goes and sits in the corner. The barmaid thinks that if she pays him a bit more attention maybe she can shake some more cash out of him. So she goes over, sits next to him, and starts to chat.

She asks him where he's from in Australia... 'Melbourne', he tells her. 'Hey, so am I. What suburb?' she enquires. 'Glen Iris' he replies. 'That's amazing,' she says excitedly, 'so am I. What street?' 'Cameo Street' he replies. 'This is unbelievable...' she says, her voice quavering; 'What number?' 'Number 20', he replies. She is totally astonished. 'You are so NOT going to believe this,' she screams, 'but I'm from number 22! My parents still live there!' 'I know...' he says, 'Your Dad gave me \$1,000 to give to you'

## **HE WHO DRINKS AUSTRALIAN, THINKS AUSTRALIAN...**

### **CELIBACY**

Many aspects of human sexuality are very puzzling, take celibacy. This can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by environmental factors. While attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend, Tony and Julie listened to the instructor declare, 'It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other.' He addressed the men. 'Can you each name and describe your wife's favourite flower?' Tony leaned over, touched Julie's arm gently and whispered, 'Self-raising, isn't it?' Thus began Tony's life of celibacy.

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The body builder takes off his shirt and the blonde says, 'What a great chest you have!' He tells her, 'That's 100 lbs. of dynamite, Baby.'

He takes off his trousers and the blonde says, 'What massive calves you have!' The body builder tells her, 'That's 100 lbs. of dynamite, Baby.' He then removes his underwear and the blonde goes running out of the apartment screaming in

fear.

The body builder puts his clothes back on and chases after her.. He catches up to her and asks why she ran out of the apartment like that. The blonde replies, 'I was afraid to be around all that dynamite after I saw how short the fuse was!'

## **CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S DAY OUT AT THE MARINA**

Chernobyl Children's Life Line: was established to help children suffering from the after effects of the Chernobyl disaster and economic situation.

Their aim is to bring children from the very poor villages and the Contaminated areas of Belarus for recuperative holidays. It is estimated that a month in the UK eating uncontaminated food and breathing fresh air Boosts their immune system for up to two years. The children come for one Month and stay with local people as part of their family. The majority of children come from such poor backgrounds that they arrive with very few belongings.

Mick Fellows who is linked to the Chernobyl Children's Life Line approached Walk on Water at Hartlepool Marina suggesting it would be a fantastic experience for the youngsters if they were to try and walk on water.... Bearing in mind some of them will have never seen the water before.

The 24th July saw 23 kids from the CCLL group take to the water. The hour was fulfilled with many happy faces; which in turn was a powerful reward to the Walk on Water team. It was a fantastic programme to be involved in and for a very good cause.

After numerous turns in the balls and quite a funny game of charades (which was our only way to jump the language barrier) it was already time to leave.

The walk on water team were thanked very loudly in Belarusian and were kindly presented with a symbolic Belarusian Medallion and a flag.

All in all it was a great day and we look forward to a similar opportunity in the future.

Many thanks to Mick Fellows who was responsible for bringing the day together. Perhaps as a token of our appreciation we would like to offer him a go in a hamster ball himself.

If you would like to get involved in one way or another you can check out [www.ccllteesside.org.uk](http://www.ccllteesside.org.uk)

Watch this space to find out how Hartlepool Marina will be helping to raise £££ for Children in Need this year...!

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