



MARINA MATES



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A MARINA and MUCH MORE

That's the tagline to advertise Hartlepool Marina, which has arisen from the ruins of the old docks to the splendour that it is today, the jewel in Hartlepool's crown. There's a lot to see and do in and around the marina from an evening stroll, or cycle ride to Thundercat riding and Paddle boarding.

It's also home to the award winning Historic Quay a re-creation of an 18th century seaport and also home to **HMS TRINCOMALEE**, Britain's oldest floating warship which is now fully restored to its former glory.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Hartlepool Marina is 20 years old this year! The current Management would like to thank past, current, and future berth holders and visitors to the marina and we look forward to the next 20 years. Please forward ideas to the Lock Office to mark this event which will be sometime in August – closing date for ideas will be the end of July.

Now the summer is here we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our berth holders a fantastic sailing season with lots of time out on the water, be it sailing, fishing, racing, cruising or just having fun. Those extra eager to get wet should have a go at some of the water activities on offer.

Hartlepool Business Awards 2011

Fantastic news!! - Hartlepool Marina Ltd won first place in the Tourism & Leisure category at the 2011 Hartlepool Business Awards held on Thursday 19th May at the Borough Hall on the Headland. This is a huge accolade for the team and all associated with the marina. Well Done! At time of writing an entry is being prepared for the North East England Tourism Awards 2011. We are keen to support tourism in our town which has a spend in the marina, hopefully resulting in growth in berth holders and more importantly retention of our existing Berth Holders.

Website

Our new website is due to go live very soon! Why not check it out? www.hartlepool-marina.com We hope you find it useful and informative. Ideas for the website are welcomed. If you would like to advertise your services on our website please contact the Lock Office

Boat Jumble

Hartlepool Marina in conjunction with HMS Trincomalee Trust and Hartlepool Borough Council are holding a Boat Jumble and Auction. This is the first of many Boat jumbles that will be held regularly in Hartlepool. The event timetable will be displayed on www.hartlepoolmaritimeexperience.com website. Flyers are available in the Lock Office. Should you want to attend, check the website for the timetable, the event starts at 11am at the Hartlepool Maritime Experience Car Park with lots of activities on the water such as Thundercat Rides, Paddle Boarding, Hovercraft experience, Parade of Sail and much more.

We are leaving a section of dock wall free for any customers wishing to bring and display their boats for sale and charging a reduced brokerage fee for vessels sold. Note any vessel wanting to take part need to contact in advance of the event. Hartlepool Marina is also offering free visitor berth overnight for those who are participating. If you want to bring used equipment to sell please contact HMS Trincomalee Trust on 01429 223193 and they can send you out an info pack. If you have a boat for sale and the FOC overnight berth and selling opportunity is of interest please contact Shaun on 07951 562 570 or 01429 865 744

CCLL -Chernobyl Children's Life Line

We are thrilled once again to announce a repeat visit from The Chernobyl Children's Lifeline. This Summer 24 boys and girls from Belarus will take part in on water activities put on by Hartlepool Marina Ltd & West View Project before visiting the Maritime Experience. The aim of the CCLL 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.

Further information or to find out how you can help the Chernobyl Child Life Line Email: info@ccllteesside.org.uk

Sponsorship

Jason Bleasdale a local Stand Up Jet Skier is sponsored by Hartlepool Marina, you may have seen him training or perhaps practising his back flips recently at the marina. Jason has accelerated into the international competing world of Stand up Jet Skiing consisting of flat water freestyle and free ride surf events. He has recently travelled to destinations such as Daytona Beach USA and Portrush in Ireland with the sport. Jason Kicked Off the 2011 Season with a 1st place at the British championships. The Hartlepool Jet skier then went on to compete in the pro UK freestyle championship and came 2nd only to former world champion Ant Burgess. This is a flying start to his target of winning the British Championship Series. His brother Darren Bleasdale is following in his footsteps providing quite an element of competition between the brothers Darren is progressing rapidly and already competing, ranking 4th in his category at the first round of the UK freestyle.

Tall Ships

In 2011 Sailing North East will again be entering Black Diamond of Durham in the Tall Ships Races. Black Diamond took 3rd place in class (Race 1) and second place in class (Race 2) during the 2010 Tall Ships Races. She also won the 2010 special communications prize. We wish her every success. We have sponsored one of her crew members to take part in one of the legs and wish him a safe and enjoyable experience.

Duck Race

Plans are underway with TFM Radio to host a race in the marina with 5000 ducks (plastic ones of course) in order to raise money for cash for kids charity. More info coming soon

Slipway Club

With the warmer weather and lighter nights the Marina slipways have seen increased users enjoying being afloat. A number of respectful annual slipway users are keen to organise a Slipway club type community promoting safe fun on the water with regular meets cruises and perhaps some racing. If you're interested in joining the slipway club or require Slipway access please contact the Lock Office.

Our Marina ethos is boating for all and although we encourage all types of users and craft safety is always our main priority. We expect that you have consideration for other users and navigate in a safe and respectful manner whilst in the marina, lock and outer harbour.
Marina Management. Alan and Adam Henderson.

FACT

It is possible to sail two hundred miles into the Atlantic Ocean and still remain in fresh water, by sailing out from the mouth of the Amazon River, which disgorges over a million cubic feet of water a second into the sea. Ships far out at sea used to stock up with fresh water from this current – sometimes two hundred miles from land.

I AM 'YOUR' LIFEJACKET.

**When we are on the water. I will make you feel safe.
And when we are in the water. I will keep you alive.
I will stop you from panicking. I will keep you afloat.
Even in rough weather. Even if you are unconscious.
I will support and protect you until help arrives.
All this I will do for you if you do one thing for me.
PLEASE PUT ME ON!**

Some people feel that it's macho to go without, or 'why should I be dictated to by a Nanny State, I'm capable of making my own mind up.' It's a good weather forecast so I won't need one on etc. It's a bit like people that don't wear a seat belt in a car, everything is great until you are involved in an accident then they are the ones that usually die or are seriously injured.

DID YOU KNOW

The coldest place on earth is neither the North nor the South Pole, but Verkovank in Siberia, where a temperature of 100.5 degrees below zero has been registered. The North Pole is about 60.5 below, while the South Pole often reaches 70.5 below. North Dakota has also registered 70.5 below. (I'm positive that Hartlepool has been below that at times, especially when I've been working on my boat!) Waves do not actually travel, in spite of appearances. The water only moves up and down, it is the force that travels.

WISE WORDS

Virginity is like a bubble – one prick all gone.

War doesn't determine who is right, war determines who is left.

A man that drives like hell is bound to get there sooner rather than later.

A man that walks through an airport turnstile sideways is going to Bangkok.

Then there was the Sawmill worker that didn't know he'd lost two fingers until he said goodnight to the foreman.

Husband says to his wife, 'what would you do if I won the lottery?' She says, 'I'd take half, and then leave you.' 'Excellent'. He replies, 'I won £10.00 here's a fiver now pi** off!'

I was on the bus the other day when a guy got on with both his front pockets full of golf balls and sat next to a beautiful (you guessed it) blonde. The puzzled blonde kept looking at him and his bulging pockets. Finally after many such glances from her, he said, 'its golf balls'. Nevertheless, the blonde continued to look at him for a very long time, thinking deeply about what he had said. After several minutes, not being able to contain her curiosity any longer, she asked; 'Does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?'

Apparently it's no longer politically correct to direct a joke at any racial or ethnic minority, so here goes!

An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Latvian, a Turk, a German, a Yank, an Egyptian, A Jap, a Mexican, a Spaniard, a Russian, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Swede, a Finn, an Israeli, a Romanian, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Swiss, a Greek, a Singaporean, an Italian, a Norwegian, a Danish and an African went to a night club.

The bouncer said, 'Sorry, I can't let you in without a Thai.'

THE RECESSION HAS HIT EVERYBODY.....

Wives are having sex with their husbands because they can't afford batteries.

A stripper was killed when her audience showered her with loose change while she danced.

The other day I saw a polygamist with only one wife.

Angelina Jolie adopted a child from America.

A truckload of Britain's were caught sneaking into Poland

A picture is now only worth 200 words.

If the bank returns your cheque marked, 'Insufficient Funds,' you have to call them and ask if they meant you or them.

Parents in London have fired their nannies and learned their children's names.

I got a pre-declined credit card in the post.

I was so depressed last night thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, my pension funds, my savings etc. I called the Suicide Hotline. I got a call centre in Pakistan and when I told them that I was suicidal, they got all excited, and asked me if I could drive a truck!

AN IRISH FAMILY TRADITION

Paddy had long heard the stories of an amazing family tradition. It seems that his father, grandfather and great grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 18th birthday. On that special day, they'd each walked across the lake to the pub on the far side for their first legal drink.

So when Paddy's, 18th birthday came round he and his pal Mick, took a boat out to the middle of the lake, Paddy, stepped out of the boat and very nearly drowned! Mick just barely managed to pull him safely back into the boat.

Confused, Paddy went to see his grandmother. 'Grandma,' he asked, 'It's my 18th birthday today so why can't I walk across the lake like my father, his father and his father before him?' Granny looked deeply into Paddy's troubled brown eyes and said, 'because your father, your grandfather and your great grandfather were all born in January when the lake is frozen, and you were born in August, ye fecking eedjut!'

100 people from Hartlepool were asked if they thought Britain should change its currency. 98% said no, they were happy with the Giro.

Paddy bursts into the Benefits office. I've been ringing 08001730 for two days now without an answer. The girl replies, 'those are opening hours stupid.'

SAY GOODBYE TO VARNISH

Varnish was a great wood protector in its day and also enhanced the wood that it went onto. All well and good inside out of the weather and the elements, but outside one nick in it, or too much sun (chance would be a fine thing) and it started to peel, turn black and look awful! It may last a couple of seasons before it has to be removed and the whole process started over again, stripping the old varnish off, sanding down etc a really time consuming job that no one looks forward to doing.

Well for the past ten or twelve years I have used a fantastic product called, '**NORDAC TIMBER PROTECTION.**' This is a '**Microporous Alkyd Resin with transparent light-fast pigmentation.**' It gives protection of hardwood and softwood timber, based on a flexible resin with light-fast pigments. For interior and exterior use, microporous properties of the dried film allow permeation of water vapour prolonging the life of the coating. It comes in a matt or a full gloss finish, it is touch dry in about four hours giving a firm dry coat in eight hours and can be over coated overnight and doesn't peel.

The wood must be stripped back to bare wood then a stain can be put on if required, three coats are recommended for maximum exterior durability and protection especially on exposed elevations. I find this a fantastic product and have used this coating material on two boats; the first one was 'KES' which lasted over eight years. The only wood that had to be recoated was the main mast due to frapping halyards abrading the Nordac Clear Gloss finish, and even that lasted over five years (but preparation is the key to success) I have now used it inside and out on my latest boat 'BELINDA' and am just as pleased with the results.

Another plus is that it isn't expensive, in fact I think that it's cheaper than varnish, the only place that I know it can be purchased in our area is a shop on Norton Road near Stockton called '**DACRYLATE PAINTS Ltd**' **Tel No 01642 616429**

CABIN HEATING

Everyone at some time wishes that they had some form of heating on their boat, even if it's just to dry wet clothes after mooring up for the night. I know that I did, in KES I had a Taylor's paraffin heater which was fantastic but at times a sod to light. But a simple solution to avoid flare-ups was to use a Tilley torch which was two cups filled with a wick material. Soaked in meths and clipped to the burner it delivered enough heat to preheat the burner every time. When the flame on the wick died it was time to ignite the burner without a flare up, and the heat is a dry heat with hardly any condensation.

Another great method that I had used on earlier boats was the clay plant pot. A heavy clay plant pot that can be put upside down on a cooker ring to serve as a radiant heater, as the pot heats up it radiates heat from the stove into the surrounding air. The pot retains heat for quite some time even when the stove is turned off so handle with care. (Don't try to use plastic plant pots, they don't work)!

SPEED versus COMFORT

Sailing for comfort on passages rather than sailing for speed (unless you're racing of course) is easier on the boat and on the crew. In practice this approach means that you reduce sail as needed to maintain an acceptable speed with an acceptable level of boat motion. Also it's wise to wait to increase sail until you're sure a drop in wind speed is for real and not ephemeral (temporary). Although some passages may take a little longer, this approach to passage making means that you sleep better are more relaxed, changing sails less often and generally much less tired at the end of the passage and enjoying it more.

SAFETY LINES

Install an eyebolt or through bolted pad eye immediately outside the companionway so that you can hook on with your safety line before leaving the cabin and the other off coming crew member can go safely below before unhooking their safety line. Having your safety line attached on the centreline of the cockpit will also help to keep you in the boat in the event of a knockdown.

Install one or more through bolted pad eyes or eyebolts close to the steering position for the helmsman's use. Always look to windward to check oncoming seas before moving your safety line from one point to another – for example, from the companionway eyebolt to a jack line.

Experts tell us that the best way to make a perfect cup of tea is to agitate the bag. So every morning I shout, 'Two sugars, fat arse!'

An elderly couple, who were both widowed, had been going out with each other for a long time.

Urged on by their friends, they decided it was finally time to get married. Before the wedding, they went out to dinner and had a long conversation regarding how their marriage might work. They discussed finances, living arrangements and so on. Finally, the old gentleman decided it was time to broach the subject of their physical relationship. "How do you feel about sex?" he asked, rather tentatively. "I would like it infrequently," she replied. The old gentleman sat quietly for a moment, adjusted his glasses, leaned over towards her and whispered - "Is that one word or two?"

A man calls 999 and says, 'I think my wife is dead.' The operator says, 'how do you know?' he says, 'the sex is the same but the ironing is building up!'

I've just had a letter back from 'Screwfix.' They said that they regretted to inform me that they're not actually a dating agency.....

A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time.....

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE LOCK OFFICE

Once again I am grateful to be asked to share with the Berth Holders some observations made in the lock office. As we head towards a new season of boating activities once again I would like firstly to make mention of Safety.

Radios: It is a great relief to see more and more of the vessels in the marina making better use of either fixed or hand held V.H.F. Radios, by calling marina control before leaving their berths, informing the lock office of their intentions and listening for instructions. This procedure really helps the lock control personnel organise safe locking out procedures for all vessels regardless of size or shape. The usual rule applies that the larger vessels should enter the lock first with the smallest vessels last. Proper control can only be achieved by all vessels monitoring their radios from their berths until they reach the outer piers.

Sadly a number of vessels are still using mobile phones to contact the lock control, this draws the control staff away from the radio and control panel to answer the telephone located away from the V.H.F. panel. Although this practice is better than having no radio comms at all you must understand that mobile phones have limitations in the maritime environment.

There are a number of vessels with no communication equipment at all and are a nightmare for the control staff, making it impossible to organise a safe lock. Several times recently vessels without communications have just jumped the queue and rushed into the lock spoiling the lock control officers' arrangements for a safe lock. More and more incidents of vessels rushing through Double Red Traffic Lights to get into the lock are occurring and this inevitably will end in a serious accident. When this happens the lock control officer will come down into the lock and request the offending vessel to leave the lock. He will not proceed with further movement until the vessel clears the lock. All these procedures apply equally to vessels locking in from the sea. Reasonably priced V.H.F. radios can be purchased from either Hal in the boat yard or HMS at Brenda Road Hartlepool or even the internet.

Safety: Walking on the pontoons appears to be simple and straight forward without much risk at all. But in a marine environment this cannot be taken for granted with the strong winds we have experienced of late it is very easy to be blown into the water. In the last couple of months a number of very experienced boatmen have fallen into the water and had very lucky escapes considering none of them were wearing life jackets. They were assisted with great difficulty out of the water, but had nobody been within earshot things may have been totally different. A female visitor to one of our vessels in a split second had missed

her footing and fell into the water, her host had great difficulty in pulling her from the water. Paramedics had to be called and it proved that she had sustained serious injuries to her knee which may require a metal plate being implanted into her knee. It doesn't matter whether you are experienced or not you really do need to wear a buoyancy aid whenever you are on the pontoons. Just the other day I witnessed children running up and down the pontoon yelling and screaming with joy but no life jackets on.

Security: Our main concern is keeping unauthorised people off the pontoons but this is made difficult by berth holders allowing unidentified people through the access gates. If you are confronted by a person whom you do not recognise requesting entry onto the pontoons, politely refuse them entry and refer them over to the lock office. If you observe a stranger on the pontoons radio or telephone the lock office. Lock office staff also patrol during the night.

Parking: Since Easter of 2010 the marina management put in place a system of parking permits. The marina was only allowed a small number of permits each costing £50 +Vat. This system, although limited, worked well in conjunction with the boat yard parking places covering the berth holders who had been unable to get a Mandale permit. The system began to fail very quickly as berth holders decided to hold onto their passes. This was a nightmare for the lock office staff and on several occasions the staff were subject to abuse. Eventually the system collapsed due to this continual abuse. A new system has been put into place and is working very well because berth holders are returning these passes on time. To date, nobody has been refused a pass. However two of our passes have been missing for a month. The type of person who takes and keeps the passes has no regard for other berth holders. When these persons are located they will be named and shamed and will never be provided with a marina pass in the future.

Qualification: Congratulations are offered to Ryan who recently qualified in his Yacht Masters examination. Ryan will be heavily involved in the Adventure and other water activities that Allan, Adam and Shaun have established to further promote the Hartlepool Marina to members of the public and not forgetting to mention our berth holders who are able to attract berth holders discounts for using the water activities.

Lock Office: You may or may not be aware of the new systems and procedures established by the management in conjunction with Colin our new Supervisor. These procedures have been put in place to help berth holders and members of staff.

H/ Divers: Hartlepool Divers are the only diving club allowed in the marina. The club is very active and use the marina as a training area. Over the last few years consultations between the marina management and the diving club have led to very safe diving practices, both from the diving clubs point of view and that of the berth holders who use the display area near the Wingfield Castle. Prior to each dive the dive master logs in with the lock office so that we are aware that divers are in the water and as such we can inform the vessels in the training area that we have divers in the area near the Wingfield Castle. On completion of their dive, the dive master informs the lock office that all divers are out of the water.

Well that's about all at the moment, if any berth holder wishes for any further information on any of the above mentioned points, please don't hesitate to pop up to the lock office where any of the lads will do their level best to assist you further.

Have a safe and enjoyable boating season
Ray.

Observation from Editor:

I was in the Lock office the other day and saw first hand the number of vessels that either never called up, completely ignored their radio, didn't have it turned on or didn't even actually have one, was staggering. This made it almost impossible for the Lock Keeper to direct vessels where he wanted them to tie up. Also just barging into the lock once they see the green light is on. Give the Lock Keeper a chance - listen to and use your radio, and wait for instructions from the office, it's for your safety and the safety of others. Also try not to; in fact don't manoeuvre in front of the Lock entrance as vessels are coming out of the Lock it is both silly and dangerous.

SAILORS

The sea is a dangerous place, and seafaring men have invented countless superstitions to keep them safe until they get back on dry land.

Having a woman on board, distracting the sailors is thought to bring terrible luck on a crew. (I know the feeling) however a naked woman is said to calm stormy seas, (explain that to your wife, oh she was only on board and naked in case we encountered a storm!) which explains the busty figureheads found on the front of some ships.

The most unlikely nautical superstition claims that bananas on board spell disaster. One theory dates back to the 17th century when slave ships sometimes travelled with a cargo of bananas. The fruit was known to release deadly methane gas into the hold, suffocating African slaves trapped inside.

Ten things we could all do well to learn from the Japanese in their time of trouble.

1. **THE CALM.** Not a single visual of chest-beating or wild grief. Sorrow itself has been elevated.
2. **THE DIGNITY.** Disciplined queues for water and food. Not a rough word or a crude gesture
3. **THE ABILITY.** The incredible architects, for instance. Buildings swayed but didn't fall.
4. **THE GRACE.** People bought only what they needed for the present, so everybody could get something.
5. **THE ORDER.** No looting in shops or homes, just understanding.
6. **THE SACRIFICE.** Fifty workers stayed back to pump sea water in the N- reactors. How will they ever be repaid?
7. **THE TENDERNESS.** Restaurants cut prices, the ATM was left alone and the strong cared for the weak.
8. **THE TRAINING.** The old and the young all knew exactly what to do, and did just that.
9. **THE MEDIA.** They showed magnificent restraint in their bulletins. No silly reporters just calm reportage.
10. **THE CONSCIENCE.** When the power went off in a supermarket, people put things back on the shelves and left quietly.

A young ventriloquist was doing his act one night in 'The Smallies' club. With his dummy on his knee, he was going through his usual dumb blonde jokes when a blonde woman stood up and started shouting. 'I've heard enough of your stupid blonde jokes. What makes you think you can stereotype women that way? What does the colour of a person's hair have to do with her worth as a human being? It's men like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in the community, because you and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes, but women in general and all in the name of humour!'

Embarrassed the ventriloquist began to apologise, until the blonde yelled out, 'You stay out of this mate! I'm talking to that little shit sat on your knee!'

The Grim Reaper came for me last night, but I managed to beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death....

I sat on the train this morning opposite a stunning Thai girl. I kept thinking to myself, please don't get an erection, please don't get an erection, but she did.



BOATS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR SALE

2010 saw the brokerage constantly struggling to match buyers to boats
Due to a shortage of both sail and power boats on the brokerage.

Its hard to believe but even during a recession the we are selling more boats than ever

We have a large amount of buyers looking for boats that we do not currently have
listed and urgently need more on sale now!.

The brokerage operates a 'No Sale No Fee' policy and only charges a commission
once the boat is sold.

Vessels are marketed on numerous websites and we have a large database of buyers
waiting for boats right now.

We take care of everything all we need is the listing of your boat.

**To put your boat on sale please contact Shaun in the Boat Sales Office
Alternatively go to www.hartlepool-marina.com follow the boat sales link.**

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