

Storrar Marine Newsletter

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GALES, GALES & GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

Since coming back from my holiday in late February, landing at Newcastle airport with the wind gusting upwards of 60mph, the windy weather has dominated our lives. Today, Monday the 10th of March as I start to put pen to paper, the radio & television constantly remind us that 'gales batter the South Coast, driving conditions atrocious'. How come the North never gets a mention when we are the region suffering?

Claire our charming clothing guru started it all by announcing back in February that she and Mark of Polar Bear fame were expecting their first, now not to be outdone I am told that Andy, he of the worried look (well wouldn't you be if you worked along side me for all those years) & partner Jill are also expecting their first! Mind you we are not sure how Andy found the time what with the hours he puts in at work! Congrats to you from Jen me & all the staff. However anything they can do, we can do better with the recent arrival at the Storrar household of Millie. Purchased from the Newcastle Cat & Dog shelter, Claremont Rd, she is a young Collie part Lurcher, training is going well & like the author she responds well to titbits & being patted on the head!



INFLATABLE BOAT CLEANER

Some five years ago we purchased a rather sad but brand new RIB, sad as it had sat for almost two years, unloved, unused & getting very very dirty. At the time we carried in the Marine Store three brands of 'inflatable boat cleaner' tried to clean it, used each make, all to no avail. Yes we could shift a little of the muck but with a tremendous amount of elbow grease. In desperation we rang the builder of the rib; he said there was only one make to use; tried it, liked it. Shown below is a very tired elderly rib that I 'attacked', with **Inflatable Boat Cleaner**.



This 'patch' took five minutes to clean! Follow up on the cleaning with two coats of **Inflatable Finish** to seal & maintain your hard effort. The Cleaner costs £7.99, and the Inflatable Boat Finish £7.99

UNIQUE RANGE OF NAVIGATION LIGHTS

New to the Marine Store this month is a new range of LED navigation lights, Lopolight ApS manufactures a unique range of navigation lights based on the innovative use of LED technology. Compared to normal incandescent navigation lights, the Lopolight products are extremely tough, long lasting and consume significantly less power – all in a compact and elegant design. Lopolight navigation lights are constructed in strict accordance with IMO standards, and are approved by the Danish Maritime Authority.

Install & forget, you will never* need to service or replace your Lopolight. The lights always work* and therefore improve your safety at sea!



*MTBF is at least 50,000 hours or over 4,200 nights.

THREE WEEKS IN THE LIFE OF OUR RIGGER

Never seen in public, Richard Whitehouse our rigger turns out work to the highest of standards! In the run up to the Scotland/England Rugby match at Murrayfield, Ritchie as he is known was working nights with two other lads installing a wire 'tension grid' in the new Sainsbury supermarket next to the stadium in Edinburgh. The tension grid when completed is used by supermarket staff to hang point of sale promotional material. Once back from Scotland & caught up on his beauty sleep he was 'confined to barracks' for the next three days manufacturing replacement yacht rigging, then a quick dash to up to Kielder Forest to deliver some large (26mm wires) to support the Lewisburn bridge. Last Sunday he drove down to sunny Berkshire with young Paul to hang a diamond scull, two coxless fours and an eight above a private swimming pool and associated rest room complex. The eight and diamond scull were formerly Eton college boats. Tuesday the 25th of March (weather permitting) he is on the roof of the RVI installing safety wires followed later that week by some more yacht rigging. Early April sees him back at another new build Sainsbury's supermarket installing wire tension grid system. One of the benefits of 'all this industrial rigging' is that it enables us to buy our rigging components in bulk, we get better prices & you the customer get first class rigging at a lower price!



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EARTH RACE THE WORLDS COOLEST, GREENEST POWERBOAT!

With the Easter falling so early the sail loft has been working overtime to keep up with customers wanting sails & covers washed, checked & repaired & new sails & canopies manufactured. Just when we thought we were near the bottom of the pile we received a phone call on the Monday before Easter. 'Heard you make strong fabric assemblies, can you get us out of a fix?' Transpired that during sea trials of the **Earth Race** the operations manager had been thrown out of his bunk when the boat was travelling at speed. Injuries included four broken ribs, punctured lung & a broken ankle!

'Can you make up and ship to Valencia by early next week, some ultra strong lee cloths to stop us falling out of our bunks & by the way as it's for a good cause can you do it for **NOWT!**' Earthrace is due to start her attempt to break the world speed record at the end of this month from Valencia. She runs on 100% bio-diesel and entirely crewed by a truly international group of volunteers, trying to raise awareness of the use of renewable fuels, recycling, and the environment. You can watch the boats progress by visiting www.earthrace.net or alternatively check out these links:

<http://news.sky.com/skynews/article/0,,91221-1297421,00.html>

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/live/articles/news/news.html?in_article_id=503419&i



TYNE WINTER SERIES



Photo by Doug

Going into the final race of the Tyne Winter Series Thunderbirds sailed by the syndicate of Flying 15 sailors from Derwent Reservoir Sailing Club had a ½ point lead over our very own 'works' boat Join The Club this after eleven closely contested races. On Easter Sunday the last race was sailed in a tricky, very gusty Northerly wind blowing across the river, conditions being made worse by the blizzards. With only three regulars on board, Andy, Ali & Weed finished 3rd on handicap. Final results are as follows 1st Join The Club, 2nd Thunderbirds & 3rd Supero. **Join The Club** was powered by sails manufactured in our sail loft! Congrats to the crew and the sail loft team.

THE LEVITATOR

The Levitator was invented to solve the problem of cleaning boats where accessibility to the sides of the vessel is restricted. It can also be used as a conventional hand-tool for normal water-spraying usage. Made from all plastic components, the **Levitator** has an adjustable spray nozzle from just a trickle to a jet. It can be easily stored and measures only 11" x 4". The Levitator answers the question, 'How do I hose down the parts of the boat that can't be reached from the pontoon?' *Simply* attach to the end of a normal hose and when lowered over the side of the boat hovers in an upright position spraying water backwards in a controlled manner. Available at £29.95



Interior Facelift?

Not well publicised is the upholstery 'arm' of our sail loft. Some six years ago when we had almost completed my Channel 31 sailing yacht I needed the interior upholstered. The yacht was destined for sunny climates (as we tend to be busy in the summer/quieter in the winter) so upholstery had to be comfortable to sit or lie on in hot weather.



Microcare® was the fabric chosen, its very hard wearing, waterproof (no problem if you spill your wine) & breathable (great for sleeping on when its hot)

It's available in a wide choice of colours & patterns-ask in store to see the many different examples. Bring or e mail your dimensions for a quote.

Aunty Foulin's problem corner

Dear Aunty F,

This Easter weekend working in the boatyard with the snow & wind chill my feet & hands (never mind my head) got so cold & wet I gave up & went to the pub. Now not only am I behind with my boat preparation but my supper that night ended up in the dog!

Dear Freezin Famished Fred,

Here at the Marine Store we have the answer! Instead of undies for your birthday why don't you suggest that your well meaning relatives pop down to the Store. Seal Skinz waterproof but breathable socks, hats & gloves may help stop the dog getting fat & keep you warm & dry.

Do you have a boating related problem?

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