

The Egret

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The Emsworth Yacht Harbour Newsletter



The Green Blue

In line with the British Marine Federation initiative and together with Chichester Harbour Conservancy Emsworth Yacht Harbour is becoming a 'Greener Marina'

We will be providing each of you with an on board recycling bag, into which it is expected you will recycle like you do at home any boat waste. All residents and visiting boats to Chi Harbour will also receive these bags.

We will also be providing friends. We hope we have been able to provide service with value and where we may have not succeeded first time we have solved and fixed any issues.

It was said on my arrival to allow me to settle in before you throw your worst at me. After a year I guess I have settled but you have yet to throw. It has been a pleasure to meet with our bertholders and regular visitors and whilst I still may have to occasionally check the boat name against faces I have made many

In this issue of Egret we will be dealing with the forth

Outboards and Outdrives Watch

A recent spate of targeted theft has hit the South Coast this year.

Apparently a team of engineering thieves have been stealing the bottom half of outboard motors and outdrives. Christchurch was first to be hit and recently Northney Marina had many items removed over one night. We have had two such items disappear in November with a Rib and Motorsailer as victims.

Bill of Home Marine will only be too happy to advise on what precautions can be taken. Some of you indeed remove the temptation altogether. One suggestion is to make sure the motors or legs are lowered fully so there is less room for it to be removed.

If concerned, please call and we can suggest how best to be protected.



2007 did you miss the season

Not to be remembered for very much the 2007 season will go down as one that was dominated by events and happening beyond our control.

2007 was a poor season without any global warming heat wave, plenty of additional water in the rivers and fields and what glorious weather we enjoyed was during weekdays. We noted many of our summer visitors were from within Chi Harbour and the Solent, with many sailors without option other than to explore marinas locally. Many remarked on how convenient EYH is to the town itself well within walking distance, a rare feature.

Other events saw the demise of the tax derogation on Red Diesel with a little relief that changes will not take effect until end of October 2008. For most of us in EYH this will have little effect however we hope the knock on implications for the marine industry will not be too damaging.

We wish you all a safe, sunny and surfing winds season next year.

Emsworth Maritime and Historical Trust and the Chichester District Archaeological Society are joining together to study the old oyster beds on the Emsworth foreshore.

Half of Emsworth made their living from fishing, oyster dredging or boatbuilding at the end of the 19th century. But both the industry and the poor Dean of Winchester died after a bout of poisoning in 1902.

The Chichester Dig aims to look at how the industry was so successful and to find out why it was fragile and collapsed so rapidly.



Winter Dredging Operation

Dredging is planned to start late January and continue into April. This will certainly mean disruption to the beginning of the sailing season and depending on the early weather may mean a rush back into the water again. We will have some ability to launch a few boats prior to Easter so if you have family guests booked for sailing, call the Harbour Office early.



The dredging platform and long reach excavator will be assembled on the Crane Quay, the hopper barges will arrive and then the dredge will commence from the entrance, digging their way into D-line, A-line then C-Line and finish with the Tarquin area.

Boats will be moved from the dredging area and the fingers will be removed. Whilst dredging is in operation the pontoon will be off limits.

The Harbour team is very capable of moving your boats, but if you wish to leave any spare mooring lines it will assist us in securing. If you have the opportunity to move your own boat, just ask in the Harbour Office for deadline date and new location.

Safety

On entering or leaving the marina be extra vigilant, a hopper barge is slow but low and hard to see over the sea wall, 80' long 15' wide with limited manoeuvres they don't scratch.



Boat Movements

Whilst boat swapping and finger removals are in preparation, the

Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate all launch wishes, the last area to be dredged will be in front of the Crane Quay and Tarquin area. It will be impossible to re-launch on last minute weather driven decisions, we are working to a very tight schedule and April working dates are being planned now. Please let us know your plans even if you are not in a hurry to launch.

Berth Allocation

There will be some instances of boats being assigned a different berth to previously. This is to allow us to make best use of the berths we have available. If you do have a particular berth location change then again best to inform us early, so we may be able to arrange swaps for the satisfaction of most of you.



Replacing Fingers

Some of our older fingers are due to be replaced and maintenance work will be carried out on others. Whilst none can be described as the most stable finger design, some you know have a particularly nasty one. If you feel your finger should be on our maintenance list please let us know.

Water Supply Maintenance

We are now required to make some changes to our water supply system. Hose pipes will NO LONGER be provided to the walkways. You will be required to supply your own. This is to

Spring Launching

ensure hoses are not left on the standpipes to comply with regulations. We will have some available to purchase or lend after



Neil's Spiel

Hazardous Waste Care

Hazardous waste receptacles will also be provided near the Crane Quay for all your dirty waste. Items to be placed in these include batteries, oil and waste antifouling materials.

Other changes to our habits involve removal of antifouling. You will be required to clean up any chippings once you have finished. This is best done as you clean off with a simple collection sheet, which can be placed into the hazardous bin. Wet paint and equipment should be placed on the provided drying rack, and not tipped in the bins. Offenders are very easily identified by simple paint and time matching.

We will also be building a wash down run off collection system so toxins are filtered before flowing back into the marina.

I Know Boats

Since the last edition funnily you have all been on your best behaviour.

Autumn phone call “ I would like to take my boat out please”. ‘ Actually Sir we have already lifted it for you’. “ I would like to take it out of the harbour, why is it on the hardstand ?”



Another was by one marine expert who should know better the difference between a large Taiwanese motor-yacht's deck drains and

House Keeping

With the clean up of the workshop area and the soon to be provided recycle bins, we need to remind a few of you that the space under your boat whilst it is on the hard-standing is not a general tip.

Trailers and Dinghies

We have a collection of old trailers, dinghy trolleys and other parts that should be mobile but are no longer. We have identified many, but we have some that do not have labels or names on. We will be disposing of these if not identified by the spring.



Also due to be removed are old dinghies, masts and other boat parts which add to the clutter.

If you suspect you do actually own any items not identified , then please shout soon.

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The Directors' bit

The workshop area has been cleaned up with the removal of the Blue Wagon, and a new tin box for the tractor. Further improvements will see the fenced compound used for secure storage of small craft and trailers. We are also pleased to announce, the roll-out of the Green Blue initiative for recycling and collection of waste.

We wish all of you a far better boating season this coming year.

Harbour Hamster

EYH was visited by that well known and intrepid motoring celebrity Richard 'Hamster' Hammond.

Filming a segment for a program on the worlds tallest building explaining engineering achievements, he was here to tri-out a safer way to sail than using a pick up truck to drive to France.

If anyone can point out the link between the 101 in Taipei and sailing on a trimaran, then they win a free mince pie—see below.

Progressing Well

Roy Cummings is progressing very well after repairs to his ankle, he should be back with a smile in the new year.

Winter Warmers— 17th—21st December

In keeping with tradition once again we will be filling the Harbour Office with festive fruity aromas.

We are pleased to welcome you to join us in the Harbour Office for Christmas greetings and Winter Warmers of mulled wine and mince pies.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

