



Spring Newsletter



2009

Calendar of Events

Marina opens: Fri, 1 May

Locks open: Fri, 15 May

Welcome BBQ & Pot Luck: Sat, 23 May
Prepare a favourite dish to share and enjoy some BBQ'd treats, compliments of the new owners.

T&R Fund Raiser: Sat, 20 June
Details not yet finalized, but you can be sure that this event will be a fun time for all!

Annual Corn Roast: Sat, 15 Aug
Come and enjoy some delicious local corn and a BBQ dinner.

Toast & Roast (T&R): Sat, 12 Sept
Last year's dinner/dance held in the "big white tent" was so popular we're going to do it all again! Theme & entertainment TBA. Food catered by Chemong Lodge.

* Please check the flyers that will be posted at the store and on the web site, prior to each event date for details.

Mechanical Repair Work

If you have not already done so, please contact AI to ensure any needed work is scheduled. He can also give you feedback on any items needing attention that were noticed during winterization. The Douro Marine telephone number is (705) 657-9245 from April to November (705) 657 8145 over winter.

Boat Cleaning/Detailing

Sarah & April Reynolds are pleased to offer their services to get your boat looking great for summer. You can reach them at (705) 872 2113 for a quote.

Fibreglass/Canvas/Graphics

We have arrangements with contractors who will come on-site to quote/work on your boat. In some cases they/you may need to take the boat to their site.

Please contact us for details

New Ownership - Business as Usual

As we advised in fall, the marina ownership is changing hands in early April (please see the welcome sheet on Page 2). We will be around to assist the new owners, as required, throughout 2009. There will be more familiar faces, as most of last year's summer staff, Al Cumming (Douro Marine), and subcontractors are returning. Together, with the Cowal family, we are confident that all your boating needs will continue to be provided for.

We would like to thank all of our customers for their patronage over the past seven years. We are sad to say goodbye to all the wonderful people associated with the business but also look forward to a semi-retirement lifestyle. We wish you all the best for the future!

Jane & Brian

Road Conditions

Access road conditions are usually 4WD until well into April. We will advise on the web site (weather page) when 2WD vehicles can safely negotiate the road and hill.

Launch Time

Houseboats with Pontoons: Sat, 9 May (weather permitting). Schedule will be posted.

All Others: From 1 May (weather permitting). We need owners to be present. From mid April you can book a date and time with the office. If you are not able to prepare your boat for launch we can provide this service if necessary - please contact AI for quote.

*Important Note: If you nominated an early launch date in your fall work order, you must launch in the first week of May (weather permitting). You will have been blocked at the front and will be holding up the launch of other boats if you are not ready.

Storage Building & Yard Facilities

The building will be opened up in April as early as weather permits - check website for the latest information. Limited work can be done inside and is subject to safety rules. Hydro and water are now available at the building. All boats (other than those at the rear) need to be launched in fairly specific order during the first week of May (weather permitting). We will prepare a schedule closer to that time.

Hydro and water are also now available in the yard near the dumpster bins. There is also a portable toilet near the nature trail entrance. Note that the water cannot be turned on until weather permits.

Shrink Wrap

Best to remove it early (as soon as the warmer weather starts - usually mid April) or risk mildew in your boat! You can arrange for us to do it by ringing AI directly (number above). Please note that this cost is additional to the shrink wrap installation work done in fall. Wrap can usually be used for a second year if properly removed (check with AI).

To reuse wrap: At stern, find the rope knot. Undo and cut upwards the minimum amount of wrap necessary to remove it from the boat by rolling it towards the bow. Leave ropes intact as far as possible. Bundle and tie in a clean state. Clearly label with your name and place it at the rear of the new building, behind the block pile. The wood frame must also be clearly marked with your name (and with reassembly marks if taken apart) and stored in the same place.

If the wrap is to be thrown out, it must be folded and placed near the dumpsters for pickup by the recycling contractor.

Please clean up around your site afterwards (ie pieces of rope, tape, etc).

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WELCOME BACK



Welcome back boaters to the 2009 season at Reach Harbour!

As the new owners of the marina, we would like to say that we are excited about taking on this new venture and look forward to meeting all of you. We are sure you will be sorry to see Brian and Jane leave but, beneficial to us all, they have agreed to assist throughout 2009 when needed.

As we move on in the future we plan for some changes to benefit your season's stay. Your input will always be welcome regarding issues, events and family functions. We also look forward to your patience and suggestions over the coming seasons. We are not new to the business world as Norm (father) and James (son) have owned and managed many successful ventures in the past and still do today. We look forward to helping you enjoy your summers at Reach Harbour.

My father, Norm, is a fun loving man who is very easy to get along with. Norm is well versed in business affairs and is very anxious to get started on this new adventure. My Stepmother, Sandy, is also looking forward to the new move from Bridgenorth. Sandy and Norm will both be living on site. My wife Debra, and I and our five month old baby, Madison, are also very excited about this new opportunity. We live in Ennismore, approx. twenty minutes away. We also believe that with input from you, together with our ideas, we can maintain the same quality of service as Brian and Jane have provided for you.

Looking forward to meeting you in the spring!

James, Debra and Madison
Norm and Sandy

Some Reminders

- * For those of you that paid the option 1 deposit, the balance of your payment is due May 1st.
 - * We regret that no boat will be launched unless account is current.
 - * All boaters must sign a new lease agreement before launch - we need your current boat insurance company name & policy number.
 - * Please ensure that we are advised of any changes to your contact information.
 - * We recommend that a spare key for your boat is kept in the RH office for emergencies.
- Thank you!

Boat Operator Cards - Time is Running Out!

RH will continue to provide supervision for online or written exams for pleasure craft operator cards through BOATsmart! (you can no longer do the online exam at your own home). All operators of motorized boats must have their card by 15 Sept 2009. Please visit the store for all your examination & study needs.

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