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## COMMODORE'S JOTTINGS

Hi Everybody,

Very best wishes to you all for the forthcoming festive season. Sorry the greetings are a bit early, but our annual holiday starts tomorrow so we either have to be early or miss the last post before Christmas. Anyway whenever you read them, the sentiments are meant just as sincerely.

It was wonderful to see so many members at Southampton Boat Show, old ones, new ones and ones we joined up there and then. We were sorry we had to do proper work on the first weekend, as I expect we missed several members. Next year it looks like we should be able to manage the whole event, so do make sure you drop by the stand to see to us, it's really good to put faces to names.

The news on red diesel seems to be a bit sketchy, but the chatrooms on the Internet do seem to be a bit sad and resigned to the UK losing. The MEP remarks are particularly worrying making us wonder how much clout the Government case will have.

All the best for the New Year and we will be in touch again in a few months. If the winter goes as quickly as the rest of this year, spring is just around the corner!

Very best wishes for a happy, healthy and calm 2007,

Nichola and Ron

## ARE WE ADDRESSING YOU CORRECTLY?

Please let us know if any of your details contain any errors or need any changes. We sometimes get forgotten when members change address. Also some more **mobile phone numbers** would be welcomed as this could easily be the first line of contact when somebody spots you.

As promised, Nichola has produced the boat details sheet in boat name order. The members list is still by name. Do look to see if you have fellow owners in your area, one new member found one just up the road, but as one boat is in Hythe Marina and the other is on the Isle of Wight, without the owners' club they may never have known!

## 2007 Rally

We are having our first thoughts about what to do next year. There will be a rally to Guernsey, and we may take in Jersey, depending on interest.

Rather than have a formally arranged rally, we will specify a period when we will be in Guernsey and if others wish to join us that will be excellent, but berthing space will be your responsibility. We thought if we were there around the weekend of 7/8<sup>th</sup> July, you might be able to fit in a visit to St Peter Port as part of a longer holiday. We will still be happy to cross the Channel with anybody who wants to go in company. We can arrange some group activities, but obviously for those we would have to know numbers.

Please do consider joining us on the rally in 2007, details are in the next column. How about putting the dates in your new diary or on the calendar – we would love to have a really good turnout in 2007.

## Factory News

Geoff reports that the first 55' boat is just out the mould, and is due for launch in February 2007. The 62' sailing yacht hull has been transferred to the Hamble for fitting out, and the hull for the Dover pilot boat has been launched. Following a very good boat show, the Dublin based 74' Explorer Martello has been sold to Copenhagen based Mr Erikssen, and the 47' Nicarra has been purchased by Mr Watson who will be berthing her in the Med/Spain. Geoff has had enquiries regarding a potential 80' Explorer - we ask whether he could get it out the Yard and on the road to the water! Ken Freivoch is drawing up ideas for the interior.

But the best bit of news is that Aqua-Star is being nominated for the Motor Boat of the Year 2007 Awards, in the Custom Yacht category. The awards will be announced in the December issue of Motor Boats and Yachting and Motor Boats Monthly, with the nominations being published in January and the results in February. I'm sure we will all be willing the judges to choose in Geoff's favour, but, given the tales told of the larger companies and their lack of flexibility, he must stand a jolly good chance of claiming the award. And doesn't it make you feel good knowing your boat is being recognised as being custom built.

Good luck Geoff from us all!

## Hints, Tips and Info

Just one tip and a recommendation this month.

Some members may have seen in French supermarkets 1 litre plastic bottles of a fluid called Essense F. This is in fact dry cleaning fluid and is very useful to clear up after accidents both at home and on the boat. To ensure that the bottle is ready to be of immediate use I put an elastic band around it then tuck a small piece of J cloth under it, thus having a bit of lint free cloth instantly to hand. The fluid doesn't appear to go for the elastic.

Somewhat sceptically, the last time I was at the Lakeland shop I bought some toaster bags (2 for £5.95) on the recommendation of my mum. Ron and I could not see how they could work – how would the bread toast without being soggy, and why do the sandwich contents not end up in the bottom of the bag? The inaugural run was on standard ham and cheese sandwiches and was a great success. The bread was crisp, the cheese was melted and all was achieved in less time than it would take to toast two slices of bread, or heat up a gas grill. The advantage is that they take up much less space than a toasted sandwich maker, but you do need a toaster which will do crumpets and buns. We have tried many different flavours but haven't made chocolate sandwiches yet, as recommended in the recipe leaflet. Maybe over Christmas.....

### Lifejacket Recall

Remploy Ltd have brought to the attention of the MCA that some lifejackets that have been sold as the **England's Professional Lifejacket** manufactured between 6<sup>th</sup> October 1997 and 24<sup>th</sup> July 2006, all of which have a green outer cover, may have been assembled incorrectly, possibly leading to an inflation failure in the event of manual inflation. No matter of concern has been raised regarding automatic inflation. Lifejackets are being recalled for inspection and repair or replacement where appropriate. There is a long list of batch numbers – contact Nichola if you consider you may have a problem. She will check against the list and provide further instructions if required.

### New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Club. All joined at the Boat Show, so we really felt our presence had made a difference!

Mike & Val Clark	Strider of St Helier
John & Sheila Douglas	Saltire
Richard & Penny Merson	Sanjika
Kim Weaver	TBA
Philip & Jean Whitaker	Lynne IV of St Peter Port
Ted & Marjorie Whitaker	Moonspinner

Philip and Ted are related – they are brothers who live in Kinsale and would very much like to welcome us over to Ireland – perhaps a good venue for a rally?

### New berths in Weymouth

Plans are being negotiated for a Dean and Reddyhoff 650 boat marina at the Sailing Academy on the west of Portland Harbour. A 350 boat marina is also proposed at the entrance of Weymouth Harbour as part of the Pavilion redevelopment. Don't hold your breath but they'll be no excuse not to visit us, just make sure you've fuelled up first, there may be a queue!

## DON'T FORGET THE DISCOUNTS!!

Benefits to members are available from:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Offer</u>
Aqua-Star	Geoff	Spares & construction parts at cost + 10% to Club members
GJW Direct	Jo Griffiths 0151 236 6848	10% additional discount from boat insurance
Euronav	Mark Day 01705 373855	20% off chart systems
Reed's Bookshop	Roger Hunter 0181 941 7878	Discuss direct
Marine Electronic	Nicholas Heyes 01179 830770	Various
Marlin Marine	Alan Soper 01703 231306 27.	5% off Iveco engine sales
Toomer & Hayter	Vivien West 01202 515789	Discounts on upholstery
Vetus Southern	Richard Yates 01703 672277	10% off Vetus equipment
Halyard	James Grazebrook 01722 710922	7.5% off exhausts etc.
Greenham Marine	Andy Haynes 01590 671144	Call for prices on autopilots etc.
CJR	Mark Russell 01703 639366	Call for special prices on props/sterngear
Liquid Engineering	Gerry Yeatman 01794 884963	15% off diesel bug treatment
Galleyslave	Birgit Morris 01527 592089	10% off unbreakable glasses and dinnerware