

December 2022

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Springwood Haven Marina



Merry Christmas!

Moorers Newsletter

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ABC LEISURE GROUP LTD

Welcome Aboard Dan Lewis

Dan Lewis joined ABC Leisure Group as our Group Operations Manager in November from MDL Marinas who operate a group of 20 coastal and inland marinas across the South Coast and the Thames. He has spent the last 15 years of his career in the Marina, Travel and Leisure sectors including marina management, cruise holiday operations and heading up bespoke accommodation and high-volume bar operations at some of the UK and Europe's largest festivals and events. These include Glastonbury, Boomtown, and Formula 1 British Grand Prix.

“ I am really excited to be able to join the team at ABC Leisure Group and working towards enhancing the customer experience for all that visit and operate within our Marinas. I look forward to meeting as many of our customers as possible while I visit all our individual sites and for us all to have a happy and enjoyable 2023 boating season. ”

Marina Investments

Despite the uncertain economic outlook ABC are continuing to invest in the marinas with new electrical systems at Nantwich and the jetty replacement at Gayton.

Marina Wi-Fi

ABC are in the process of upgrading the free WiFi provision across the marinas. Unfortunately, there is a severe shortage of equipment which is dramatically slowing the roll out so we'll keep you informed as to when yours will be updated.

Moorers Parking

As a reminder all moorings include a single parking space per boat, and that all property should be stored onboard or in storage containers provided by the Company.

Welcome to our new moorers

We would like to welcome the moorers at Nantwich Canal Centre and Uplands Marina to ABC Leisure Group.

Uplands Marina is located directly opposite Anderton Marina in Cheshire with Nantwich Canal Centre being on the edge of the town of Nantwich. Both sites have had the electrical systems upgraded with new bollards, and Nantwich is having some cosmetic works carried out.

Moorers of all sites can benefit from the reciprocal moorings arrangement giving free moorings at any ABC marina (subject to availability).



Uplands Marina



**Careers
With ABC**

ABC Leisure Group provide many job opportunities across various areas of the business from boat building and engineering to office based roles. If you want a change of career, keep an eye on our vacancies.

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Change Of Scenery?

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There are limited mooring vacancies across the company if you fancy a change of cruising scenery.

You can find the details on our website. Don't forget that as a moorer with ABC Leisure Group you can stay in any of our marinas for two weeks per year for free - we would recommend that you **call ahead to arrange** as it is subject to space.

Our Marinas



Storage

We ask that all of your belongings are stored on board your boat or in a company provided storage container which is available to hire for £3.10 per week.

Please contact your marina manager if you would like one.



Social Media - Connect With Us

Check out our facebook page for **ABC Leisure Group** and **ABC Boat Hire**. Follow us for updates on the latest news and events. You can also find us on Twitter, Instagram and TikTok.

Prepare For Winter

Winter is now upon us and as the days draw in and the weather turns colder, we wanted to let you know we are here to help if you need us. We can offer a full winter health check to ensure your boat is ready. Contact your local Marina if you would like more information.

A few useful hints and tips to ensure that your pride and joy is in the best possible place for the colder winter months ahead.

- Make sure your insurance is up to date and that you are familiar with the terms and conditions within your policy in relation to winter storage. It is a good idea to check what is (and isn't) covered within your policy too, wherever you keep your boat this winter.
- Winterise your engine and take the opportunity to service the engine, gearbox, and stern gear. It is a good idea to look at all the other mechanical systems such as the tiller to avoid any potential issues in the summer. If you need any help and advice, speak to your Marina Team, we would be happy to help.
- Make sure your boat is secure. If your boat is on a berth, ensure you have secure fenders and lines, and consider rubber snubbers on mooring lines to minimise the impact of the winter weather.
- Check and test electrical systems. Spraying electrics with WD40 will help prevent corrosion and removing batteries or connecting them to a charging system is also worth doing, as it will prevent them from becoming heavily discharged.
- Protect the cabin from condensation and moisture build up by opening cupboard doors and lifting seat bases. Consider using a dehumidifier and/or heater through the winter to help keep the cabin dry and prevent mildew growth.
- Remove and store what you can. Soft furnishings should all be cleaned appropriately and stored indoors over winter. This process will also enable you to pinpoint any repairs which need to be carried out before the new season. Safely store any expensive equipment which may get damaged. You must also remove and or disconnect gas bottles.
- Drain the fresh water and holding tanks. Draining and cleaning the freshwater systems and leaving the taps open will prevent fittings potentially being damaged by freezing conditions.
- Perform routine checks when your boat is in place for the winter. You will need to check your boat cover and the dehumidifier and/or heater (if you are using one). Our Marina Team will of course carry out routine boat checks but please let us know if you need us to check anything for you.
- Stay social, stay connected and remember to follow us on social media. This is a great way to see what is happening in the Marinas over the winter months. If you need anything our teams are always on hand to help.



**Canal &
River Trust**

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Stoppages

Please check out the Canal & River Trust website for any stoppages or restrictions before you start cruising.

www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/notices



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Helping to keep our waterways alive

The canals and rivers of Great Britain provide an almost endless amount of history spanning hundreds of years and not only that, an enormous amount of joy for boaters, holiday makers, walkers, fishing enthusiasts, cyclists and many more, so without our canals, life just wouldn't be the same.

The UK Government has yet to commit future funding to Canal & River Trust, which makes up a whole 25% of overall income and with just 4 years left out of the committed 15 years worth of grants, time is running out to plan long term projects without the funding secured.

Richard Parry

Chairman
Canal & River Trust

"It's really important we do long-term planning because we're caring for such vital old infrastructure.

We need to look years into the future to plan and prioritise, so having uncertainty about what government will contribute does cause us some difficulties.

Without that government funding we fear that canals would enter a cycle of decline, so they would deteriorate, they become less popular, they would generate less income, they'd cost us more and there's a lot of risk to communities from our waterways as well"

If you'd like to help our waterways stay alive, feel free to make a donation to the Canal & River Trust by going to their website below.

canalrivertrust.org.uk/donate



Photo: Canal & River Trust



Thinking Of Selling?

Visit us online
www.abcboatsales.com

2022 was a great year for Brokerage.

We experienced an unprecedented level of demand for second hand boat sales across our marinas, so if you're thinking about selling your boat, get in touch with us today.



Throughout the year we have continually seen a high interest and demand in the market for Boat Sales!

To discuss selling your boat with us, either pop into your Marina and speak to reception or use the contact details on the back page.



— Charlotte Ginger, Office Manager

Some of the benefits of selling with ABC

- ✓ Competitive commission rates
- ✓ Virtual tour of your boat online
- ✓ Modern website advertising your boat
- ✓ Your boat **advertised in 18 marinas**
- ✓ Fully staffed open 7 days a week
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Over
86

Boats sold
in the last
12 months

35%

Of our
boats are
currently
Under Offer

If you're thinking about selling your boat, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us to see how we can help you.

With our commission rates including VAT, we remain competitive without compromising on service.



Why The Rain Is Good..

Cast your eyes back to the long hot summer days with endless sun – and lots of restrictions across the canal network designed to preserve water. Although the summer was dry, the issue started the winter before, when rainfall was much lower than the average.

This resulted in the reservoirs not being full to capacity as we entered the boating season. Without significant rain this winter the problem could be compounded next season. For this reason, as I write this on a dull and wet Tuesday morning in Alvechurch I am happy it is raining, and has been raining for a few weeks. Long may it continue so we can look forward to fewer restrictions next year!



BLACKING

People often ask how frequently a boat should be blacked, and what product should be used. On the various fleet boats we operate they are taken out of the water and blacked every three years.

Some people opt to have it re-done every 12 – 18 months, where others will leave it 3 – 5 years. If you can afford to do it more often, there is no harm in doing so and your boat will benefit from it.

What sort of blacking do you need? Check out our article for more details.

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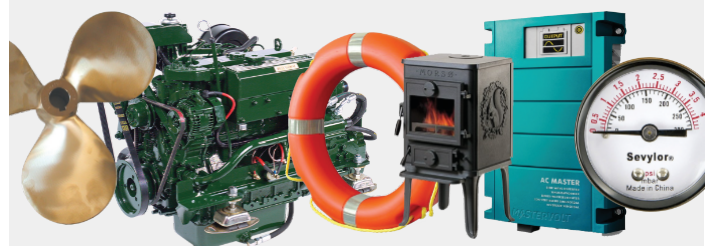
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