

ABC BOAT MANAGEMENT SHARED OWNERSHIP NEWSLETTER



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Merry Christmas

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your custom during 2010 and update you with some recent news.

Best Wishes for the Festive Period & New Year from

all at ABC Boat Management.



Owners Weekend 2011

We are delighted to inform you that we are planning an Owners Weekend (share sales and open day) Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th May 2011 at Alvechurch Marina. There will be a beer festival taking place at the CAMRA award winning pub The Weighbridge www.the-weighbridge.co.uk Friday 13th and Saturday 14th and entertainment will be provided by local morris dancers and a samba band.

The weekend will be a social event for existing owners and offer an opportunity for you to bring your boat along if you are local to the marina! There will also be a selection of craft and trade stalls and will provide a great opportunity for a get together of all co-owners. We will provide further information in the new year.



As a boat owner under ABC Boat Management we have negotiated the following special offers for you:

IWA Membership

Free annual membership for you and your family.
IWA Membership offers you:



The Inland
Waterways
Association

- Discounts and member offers
- IWA 'Waterways' Magazine, four times a year
- Regular information (magazines and newsletters) from your local IWA branch / region
- Lectures, events and social get-togethers
- Opportunities to support practical restoration work

To take advantage of this offer please contact admin@abcboatmanagement.com



Canal Boat Magazine Subscription

Get more out of the canals and your boating with *Canal Boat*, the magazine for everyone who loves the waterways. We're delighted to be able to offer ABC Boat Management customers a special subscription offer to *Canal Boat* that can save you up to 52%! A year's subscription is just £20 by Direct Debit, or £25 by credit/debit card. To take advantage of this offer contact admin@abcboatmanagement.com



Maia Launch & New Boat Eos

We have now sold all of the shares in our latest boat Maia. She is due for launch at Alvechurch Marina Sunday 6th March and the pre-delivery meeting is set for 16th January 2011. There will be a further new boat for 2011 'Eos' (£8,250 per share) which will be a 54ft 2/4 berth boat available Autumn 2011. We are holding an Open Day at Alvechurch Marina Sunday 23rd January between 11am till 2pm for this boat and other shares we have for sale.

Resale Shares Available

In addition to the new shares we have a number of resale shares available which allow you to get out on a boat that's available now see www.abcbatshare.com for more details. We are pleased to report that on average we are selling a resale share every month. We will also be marketing these shares at the Birmingham Boat & Caravan Show in February for further information see www.boatandcaravan.co.uk Our stand number is 1007.



Virtual Tours

Those of you with shares for sale or who have recently purchased a share will have noticed that we have now added virtual tours to our boat share website. This is a service that we are delighted to offer as part of our boat share sale package.

Droitwich Canals

If you that moor at Alvechurch or Worcester Marina you will have the benefit of a new cruising route for Spring 2011. The Droitwich Canals are due to be fully open late Spring and will offer boaters the opportunity to cruise a new route and the only short break ring in the country.

Winter Cruising



At this time of year it is important to remember the additional checks and precautions which are essential to ensure that the cold weather doesn't spoil your time on the boat. To prevent the consequences of freezing conditions it is essential that there is some level of heat in the boat at all times. Always plug into shore power when at the marina, and ensure the battery charger is switched on and there is sufficient credit on the meter. Always make sure that the spare gas bottles are full both when you take over and leave the boat, and that there is a reasonable amount in the 'active' bottle. Leave the heating on low if another owner is due on the boat within a day or so of your departure, otherwise it should be left at the frost setting. Above all, however, if you have any doubts or concerns, ask for advice from the marina staff.

Fuel Quality Directive

The EU Directive 2009/30/EC requires that, from 1st January 2011, all gas oil marketed for use in canal boats must contain no more than 10 milligrams of sulphur per kilogram of fuel (virtually 'sulphur free'). A concern is that some suppliers will provide 'road diesel' with a red marker dye. This type of fuel can contain up to 7% biodiesel or FAME (fatty acid methyl ester) which can cause detrimental side effects in storage and when used in boats. ABC Leisure will endeavour to obtain and supply fuel that does not contain FAME, this may be more expensive to purchase initially but will help avoid possible costly side effects to the boat fuel systems in the longer term. We will keep you informed once we have more information from our suppliers.

Discount card

Don't forget to use your Customer Discount Card when making purchases. Your card should be located in the card slot of your mooring permit holder. Please use your discount entitlement at all our shops for chandlery, giftware and confectionery. You can also claim 5% discount on fuel, gas, pump-out and other yard services.

You can also now obtain a discount when using www.webchandler.com by using discount code ABCBM5 when checking out. (Free postage on orders over £100.)

