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The friendliest, most welcoming, independent yacht marina on the East Coast

WELCOME!



from Jonathan Dyke and Mike Spear, Directors.

Our first issue of **Harbour Light** certainly seemed to get a universal 'thumbs up' from the 4,500 people who received it and all our partners here at Suffolk Yacht Harbour report very positive feedback from their clients. We trust you'll enjoy No 2 just as much.



**Suffolk Yacht Harbour
STAFF PROFILE NO 1**



JOHN NUNN Yard Foreman

John is now in his 19th year at Suffolk Yacht Harbour and is, for sure, one of its greatest assets.

Apart from being a superb craftsman (pictured above putting the finishing touches to a fabulous new teak deck on the Swan 44 Avista) he has the unflappable temperament which ensures the relentless smooth running of the yacht harbour, year after year.

He's had his own boat continuously from the age of ten and built this yachting



Monthly Senior while an apprentice shipwright at Whistocks, Woodbridge.

Other wooden boats followed including a Deben Cherub and a 'Z' 4-tonner before getting the racing bug with his Seamaster 925 Legacy (below) in which he won the Haven Series in 1980. He also crewed for Mike Spear on Mousstique and spent three years campaigning the S534 Morning All - sister ship to the legendary Morning Cloud.

Nowadays, John can be found cruising the East Coast with his wife on their Seamaster 29 Juniper.



Suffolk Yacht Harbour in February 2002 when the maximum number of craft were wintering ashore. Although it looks pretty well choc-a-block, a more organised approach with variable spacing will free up plenty of space to carry out the West Harbour enlargement programme.

Aerial photographs: Airviews

Creating space

The enlargement of the West Harbour, starting in July, will cost us precious hardstanding space - but we have a neat solution.

50 more big-boat berths

The redevelopment of the West Harbour is still set to begin this summer and, when complete, will provide fifty new big-boat berths.

The downside of this much needed expansion will be the loss of hardstanding space. And after studying the 'sardine can' appearance in the aerial photo, there does not appear to be an obvious solution.

But we've found one. If you wander around the site, there are many examples of smaller boats arranged with lots of space between them. This is because the Travel Lift is 20' wide and cannot put them any closer together.

Now we are taking delivery of a very clever Dutch Roodberg boat mover that can adjust its width to place boats in a row with minimum waste of space. This does not mean that you

won't have room to work on your topsides. We'll still be keeping a minimum separation between boats. But the overall layout will be more efficient.



Above: While the Travel Lift's 20' track width gives good spacing for big boats - it wastes space in the placement of smaller craft (right). Our new Roodberg boat shifter (above right) is fully adjustable and can put smaller boats closer together to maximise the reduced hardstanding at the West Harbour is completed.

New Berthing Master's Office

We are streamlining the 'processing' of visiting craft by re-locating Harbour Control



away from the Harbour Master's office in the main building out on to the marina in a new hut next to the fuel berth from where VHF contact and control will be run on Channel 80.

Visitors will come alongside the fuel berth where they will be allocated a berth and given a new 'Welcome Pack' - providing full details of the marina layout and details of all the on-site facilities.

excite geologists and has been regularly visited by scientists from around the world. Not a lot of people know that!

Still on an environmental note, Suffolk Yacht Harbour is pleased to work closely with English Nature and the Suffolk Wildlife Trust in preserving our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and helping to protect rare species located within it.



New Berthing Master's Office next to the fuel pontoon

Did you know we're an SSI?

To the uninitiated, that's an area of Special Scientific Interest.

Why? Well the answer lies in the soil. If you take a few steps along the footpath that runs behind the workshop, you'll notice a sandy outcrop over to



the left which is a great deal more interesting (if you are a geologist) than it may at first appear. It's actually the southern end of a seam which runs north and next sees the light of day at the Rocks on the River Deben.

Apparently the seam is rich in fossils and other things that



Falling as it does on the 'central' weekend of the country's Golden Jubilee celebrations, the 5th Port of Felixstowe Regatta promises to be better than ever.

We look forward to making our facilities available to all our old friends and - hopefully - making many new ones.

The Yankees are back!

Anyone who came to our sensational Regatta party last year is unlikely to have forgotten the music provided by the remarkable British Yankees Blues Band. The lads had flown over from the States specially - thanks to sponsorship provided by Suffolk Yacht Harbour, Rig Magic, and Quantum Parker & Kay.

Well the good news is the sponsors have dug deep once again and they are back for another unmissable pre-Regatta bash in the marquee right by the Lightship.

It's on Saturday 1st June from 7.30pm, admission to Regatta participants is FREE, and there will again be plenty of food and drink on sale.

Don't miss it!

