



We hope you enjoy this newsletter. If you would like to contact Hamble Marine Surveys our contact details can be found on the final page of this newsletter. Wishing all our customers a Happy New Year and prosperous 2015.

Have you ever thought about chartering your vessel? What to consider and what is involved.

Whether you are looking for additional income, a new career or simply to offset some of the running and maintenance costs of your vessel, have you ever considered chartering or commercially operating your yacht or motorboat.

The MCA have clear guidelines in a document called MGN280 to cover what is expected and required of the vessel and her operator if that vessel is to be commercially operated. The guidelines are commonly referred to as the 'Code'.

In most cases the requirements fall into two categories covering safety equipment carried and the preparation of the vessel

itself. The equipment required is a straightforward shopping list of items that should be carried and in many cases these will already be carried on the vessel such as binoculars, a boat hook, buckets etc. Some specialized equipment will be required such as an ISO Liferaft and SOLAS B grab bag, storm jib and a Category C First Aid kit.

In terms of vessel preparation most vessels meet 90% of the requirements, but small modification may be required such as non-slip tape on deck hatches, deck padeyes and upgrading engine hosing.

To comply with the MCA

requirements a Coding survey is required which will formally check that all necessary equipment and modification have been carried out to the satisfaction of the MCA. In many cases where the 'Code' is new to you, a Pre-Coding Consultancy can be arranged so providing a 'Work List' that will outline all that needs to be done or supplied to meet the 'Code'.

Hamble Marine Surveys are MCA Code inspectors and are also able to provide consultancy if required to make the whole process clear and as cost effective as possible.

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Do you need new safety equipment?

Hamble Marine Surveys are dealers for Ocean Safety equipment. We can provide a 10% discount on all orders over £500.

Contact us for a brochure or advice on what safety equipment you may require. See also the Ocean Safety website at www.oceansafety.com



MCA Coding continued...

If you do wish to 'Code' your vessel contact Hamble Marine Surveys for an initial consultation. Several forms need to be filled in including an application for Coding (SCV1).

The cost of Coding is based on vessel length. Currently the fees are £48 per m LOA plus VAT including a £75 Certificate Fee and a £40 Stability Assessment Fee.

Hull Moisture Levels

During the Winter period and with the Spring approaching with your vessel ashore, you may be wishing to understand your hull's current moisture levels. We are happy to attend at your vessel ashore to measure the hull moisture levels removing a number of areas of antifouling and providing the current hull moisture levels in a short one page report.

This information could prove very useful as part of your on-going management of the hull moisture levels in a preventative approach to future osmosis.

Do contact us for advice and a quote.

Dates for your Diary

London Boat Show: 9-18th January 2015

Seaworks: 6-18th June 2015

Round the Island Race: 27th June 2015

Cowes Week: 8-15th

Southampton Boat Show: 11-20th September 2015

Some interesting Images



Fouling noted on the stern gear of a vessel lifted for a survey. Fouling such as this can result in damage to the cutlass bearing, shaft or even the P-Bracket. The use of a rope cutter can reduce the likelihood of fouling such as this.



Classic dezincification noted on a propeller. The pink colour is where the Zinc in the alloy has been removed due to corrosion leaving a Copper rich alloy. A Copper rich alloy is brittle and weak. When this propeller was struck with a hammer it shattered like glass!



Crack found in the body of a seacock valve.



Hairline crack found on rigging during a survey. Very faint and difficult to see, but significant.

Start of Season Checklist

- ✓ De-winterize your water and heads systems
- ✓ Check and service all seacocks and check hose connections including jubilee clips.
- ✓ Lubricate all deck hardware and service winches.
- ✓ Check all running and standing rigging, snap shackles and knots at halyard ends.
- ✓ Clean and service sails and canvas covers.
- ✓ Clean and lubricate the shaft seal, check the cutlass bearing and polish the stern gear.
- ✓ Replace wasted anodes, check the securing studs of hull anodes and the wire bonding.
- ✓ Check the keel bolts and nuts, clean and smear with Vaseline.
- ✓ Update and corrections of charts and plotter cartography, new 2015 Almanac.
- ✓ Antifouling and topsides polishing.
- ✓ Engine Service & De-winterizing.
- ✓ Use of dehumidification and heating whilst ashore can prevent condensation and damp.
- ✓ Teak cleaning, deck cleaning and cleaning out lockers and chain locker.
- ✓ Lower ground tackle from locker for inspection and cleaning.

Pre-Sale Surveys

If you are considering selling your yacht or motorboat and wish to understand her current market value, Hamble Marine Surveys have access to trade databases for most vessels bought and sold worldwide. The Yachtworld database gives an assessment of the actual price a vessel is sold for which allows a very accurate valuation to be provided.

In addition to a valuation a Pre-Sale Survey also provides a snap shot of the vessel's condition, which is presented in a pdf and bound report that can be used as a valuable sales tool. Pre-Sale surveys are becoming more popular in an effort to make the sale and purchase process smoother and more transparent. A number of brokers are recommending that Pre-Sale Surveys be commissioned

Advice can be provided on the presentation of a vessel to be sold including advice of maintenance, contractors local to the vessel and upgrade work that can make the vessel more attractive for sale.

If you are considering selling your vessel do please contact us and we will be happy to arrange a Pre-Sale survey and Valuation or simply to provide some free advice.



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