

Aqua Adicta Newsletter 2008/2009

Spring is now with us so we are dusting off our watersports equipment and preparing ourselves for the new season.



We had another great year in 2008. In spite of the economic situation we were kept busy, so much so that during July and August we were fully booked 2 weeks in advance.

This made life easy for us as we weren't having to organise our schedule while we were bobbing about on the water, however it did mean that many people were disappointed as we couldn't fit them in. To ensure you get the activities you want this year, during school holidays, please book as far in advance as possible .

New Location

Relocating to Mar de Cristal was a fantastic decision. It is far more convenient for us to run from our house than it was from the rowing club. The location is easier to find and the beach and facilities in the local area are better.



We have reapplied for the beach licence and we will be opening for the season on March 23.

We still have a number of maintenance jobs and improvements to make before the season starts so we can't sit around with our feet up. Julian is currently making some

improvements to the changing area, including some changing cubicles and decking. I am updating our publicity for the new season and doing a lot of painting to protect all the new wood which Julian is putting in place.

Summary of 2008

Due to a very early Easter last year we had a busy early season. Things were quieter than usual during June, however July and August made up for the slack. Autumn was also quieter than other years which we assume



was down to the overall drop in visitors to the area due to the economic problems. All in all we had

a great year with no major problems.

Our sailing and windsurfing courses are becoming increasingly popular, so much so that we didn't have very much time to run kayak safaris. We are hoping to resolve this in 2009 as we have a friend who enjoys kayaking and knows the area well. We are planning that he will be able to help out during our busiest times.

New for 2009

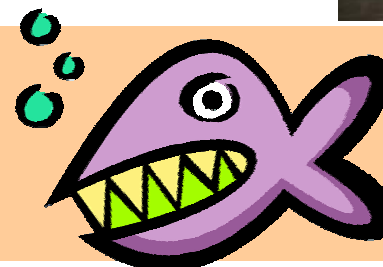
Apart from the improved changing facilities (mentioned above) we have also carried out a huge amount of work in our garden. This means anyone staying in our B&B will have a very attractive garden to relax in.



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Watersports La Manga

Apart from the usual winter overhaul of the watersports equipment, Baldrick is also going to receive some hard earned new sails.

Los Gatitos

We have some new and unexpected additions to the watersports team. Cacahuete, Jengibre and Pepinillos (Peanut, Ginger & Pickles)



A very small thin kitten appeared in the garden in September and being a bit of a soft touch I gave him some food. Unsurprisingly he kept coming back and soon took up residence. He then made friends with two other kittens who decided that they would much rather live with us than on the street so one then became three!!! We have just had a very interesting week trying to catch them to get them to the vet to

be sterilized. After three failed attempts we won in the end. We wondered if they would ever forgive us, but since we hold the food supply it didn't take long!

Tales of the High Seas

As with all jobs each day brings it's ups and downs. One week last year we had three events in quick succession which kept us on our toes.

First a stay gave way and a mast collapsed on one of our dinghies during a sailing lesson. This was not a major problem neither boat or crew were harmed and Bob our trusty safety boat came to the rescue. We recovered the boat and replaced the stay.



Two days later the new stay snapped and the mast collapsed again. Fortunately crew and boat were unharmed and yet again Bob came to the rescue. We returned to the boat

builder for another stay which I am glad to say has worked well ever since.

Two days later a couple were renting our boat, they were happily sailing up and down on the water when it became rather windy so they headed for the shore to reef the boat. When they headed out again they very quickly seemed to experience problems and Julian headed out in Bob to find out what the problem was. He ended up towing them back to the beach, the hull of the boat was inundated with water and they were rapidly sinking!

It turned out that when they returned to shore to reef the boat they ran into the bathing nets and when they pulled the boat free the bung (which keeps the water out of the hull) pulled out, just like a plug hole in the bath and water flowed in. Having worked out the source of the problem we fixed the bung with bathroom sealant so it couldn't get pulled out again!

Fortunately these were the only episodes like this all season. They say bad things come in threes!

Discounts for 2009

As we know many people will be counting the pennies in 2009 we have increased our discounts during low season. We have also increased the length of the low season so that more of you can benefit from these low

prices; see website for details. www.aqua-adicta.co.uk/pricelist/. We are watching the euro/pound exchange rate closely and like many people out here are keeping our fingers crossed that it will recover soon.



Tennis Club

For those of you budding tennis stars there is a great new facility in Mar de Cristal. A new Tennis Club opened last year, it is run by some of the coaches who used to work at La Manga Club. Most of them speak very good English so if you want to plan tennis and not pay La Manga Club prices it is a great option.

And Finally

We are both looking forward to the season and the heat of the summer. In spite of all the doom and gloom in the news the sun will be shining here in Spain so please come out and see us again this year!

Julian & Lesley

