

Aqua Adicta Newsletter 2009/2010

Well another year has gone by for Aqua Adicta. In spite of the recession 2009 was a good year, however it was quite unpredictable and unlike any other.



The early season was very slow which meant we got out and enjoyed the sunshine. The high season was as busy as ever and lots of late bookings kept us on our toes. The late season picked up in the middle of October and we ended up working late into November, in fact November was busier than September!

Bookings for 2010 are coming in strongly and it looks like we may have our busiest year yet. We are starting earlier than ever and are currently

planning for a large group who arrive on March 11th.

Bob & Eddie

I usually try and think of some amusing incidents from the last season to tell you about in the newsletter and I have to say I was a little pressed to think of anything which really stood out, however, the morning Julian headed out to find all of our boats capsized – including the power boat – is probably a day I wish we could forget! These capsizes were not due to weather but due to some drunk revellers on the beach overnight.

We righted the dinghies and bailed



out the water, no harm was done, however Bob the power boat was a different issue, he was too heavy to flip back and the engine was in the water.

The weather was awful and the sea really choppy so we cancelled our lessons and Julian headed off with a neighbour to the Guardia Civil to report the incident. That afternoon the sea had calmed down so Sam and Julian (with some assistance from some neighbours) managed to remove the engine and flip the boat back. They took the engine to the workshop at the Mar de Cristal Marina and the mechanic got to work immediately.

In the end Bob was back to work in four days and the insurance paid up for the repair, however he was sorely missed, as during his sick days as we had some large windsurfing groups and we had to manage without him.

Sam

For those who were with us last summer you will have met Sam, a

friend from our sailing club in the UK (Keyhaven Yacht Club). Sam is an experienced dinghy instructor who came out to work with us last summer as I had damaged my arm and had to take it easy. He was a huge help to us and we really appreciated his positive nature and practicality.

I am glad to say that Sam is going to join us again this summer... this means my duties will be in the office and kitchen! However, I will still get to teach a bit during the summer and much more outside high season, when as usual, Julian and I will be running the show.



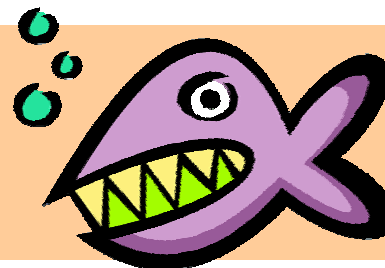
I didn't have a picture of Sam (and he would probably kill me if I used one, so here is a picture of Fireman Sam instead!)



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New for 2010

Things are pretty busy around here at the moment; with our season starting in less than two weeks we have a huge list of jobs still to finish; the winter is never long enough to get through them all. At the moment Julian is busy refitting the bathroom in the B&B area, so anyone coming to stay will have a very smart bathroom; though you would find it rather hard to believe if you could see the current building site!

I am sad to say that Bob (our power boat) will be retiring this year. He has served us well and we will be sad to see him go. The problem is not with his age or reliability, as he is a great boat; however it is with his nationality.



Since we are a Spanish business we have to operate with a Spanish registered boat. It would be too expensive to re-register Bob and therefore we have to sell him.

If anyone is interested he is a Morebas Standard 15 (4.5m in length) with a

30HP Yamaha engine. He is old and a bit scruffy but he is built like a tank and will probably out live the new boat we have bought! His engine is also old but (due to the incident above) it was rebuilt last summer and now it runs better than ever. We also had the steering column rebuilt the year before and a new control arm added, so Eddie the Engine is a bit like the bionic man with new parts all round. Bob and Eddie with trailer and cover are a bargain at 800 euros!

Los Gatitos

You may remember that we had adopted three feral kittens who turned up on our doorstep. Well they are now fully grown cats and have been with us for about a year and half. Pickle (the female) is now tame and loves to be stroked and purrs happily. The boys, Ginger and Cachauete (Peanut), are less sociable with humans. Cachauete loves people watching and is happy to come in and snooze in front of the fire during a cold day. He will also tap you on the leg to ask for food and



eat out your hand, but try and stroke him and he runs. Ginger is still very timid and thinks we humans are very scary. He is definitely a cats cat, he is adored by both Pickle and Cachauete who both vie for his attention. We really enjoy having them around, they are great to watch and certainly keep down the mouse, spider and cricket population.

Aqua Shoes

As many of you know we keep a good supply of Aqua Shoes which are really useful to protect your feet and provide grip while you are windsurfing, kayaking or sailing. I am currently trying to track down a supplier to restock for the coming season.



Since Elche is famous for its shoe factories I looked there and have found a company with some really great shoes, the problem is getting to talk to the right person so that you can buy 150 pairs! It's so hard to find someone to talk to, you'd think they weren't interested in selling. These

types of shoe don't generally come into the stores until June so we have to buy direct from the supplier or stock up the previous summer. Now I am searching on Ebay!

Facebook

If you would like to keep up-to-date with our activities throughout the year or just send us a message, why not find us on Facebook and become a Fan.



I have just set up an Aqua Adicta page on Facebook with some photos. I have also started up a couple of discussion threads one about restaurants in the area and the other regarding places to visit. So, if you would like to recommend (or not!) somewhere you went last time, why not share your experiences with others and learn from them too?

And Finally

Cachauete is now sitting on the windowsill asking for afternoon tea and Julian has just crawled out of the building site (bathroom) asking the same thing so I think my job in the kitchen is calling me... I do hope you can come out and see us this season...the sunshine is here!

Julian & Lesley

