

Docklines Brewer Yacht Yard at Mystic

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Winter Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

8:00am to 4:30pm

Saturday

9:00am to 1:00pm

Spring is just around the corner

Unfortunately the ground hog has seen his shadow so according to him we have 6 more weeks of winter! We can only hope the ground hog is wrong and that spring will soon be upon us.

Even though it is only the beginning of February there's no reason why we cannot start thinking of spring and getting your boat ready for a fantastic summer.

Living in New England we know that the weather can turn on us in an instant; be cold and snowy one day and in the 50's the next so we decided to send out the Spring Work Order

Requests early this year. Why? Well, there is no time like the present to get started on the work that can be done before the boat is launched, so when you're ready to go in, your boat is too.

Please make sure to fill out the request and send it back to us even if you are only having us launch the boat. This is the only way to get put on the launch calendar to get your boat in.

The third page of the request is for your reference and there is no need to send it back to us. It lists our services and prices and has a spot to write your approximate launch

date as a reminder to yourself.

We understand that circumstances change so if you need to change your launch date just give us a call!

Winter Labor Rates!

Call us to discuss our special winter labor rates!

We will be offering special labor rates during the months of February and March.

Please call for a quote on any project you've been putting off.

Give us a call at 860.263.2293

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The second slip installment is due on February 15th and as always, the final slip installment is due on March 15th.

Please remember that the slip must be paid for IN FULL and all bills must be current before the boat can be launched and occupy the slip.

We do understand that the economy has affected just about everyone so if you need to make alternate

arrangements to pay your bills please feel free to call or stop by the office and speak to Ned.

If you would like to set up automatic payments on your credit card to help out it can be easily arranged. You just need to fill out a Credit Card Authorization form found on our website at

www.brewermystic.com in the member forms area and get it back to us and we will take care of the rest. If you

like, we can email you before a payment is put on the card so please make sure we have a current email address.

Shrink-Wrap Recycling

Once again we will be recycling the shrink wrap from the boats. The following are the instructions we would ask you to follow if you are uncovering your boat.

Please **REMOVE** all **doors, zippers, vents, rope, ribbon strapping (belly bands) and other non-shrink wrap materials** from the wrap. You may be able to reuse the doors and vents for use next year.

Try to keep the shrink wrap **as clean as possible** – gravel and sand make the recycling process more difficult; excessive dirt may make the shrink wrap unmarketable for recycling.

To maximize the amount of shrink wrap that will fit in the dumpster, it would help if you roll the shrink wrap into a bundle up to 5 feet long, much like rolling up a sleeping

bag, and tie the bundle with a strip of shrink wrap. Again, please try to keep the shrink wrap as clean as possible

Leave the bundled shrink wrap under your boat and the guys in the yard will pick it up for disposal

Thank you for helping us with this recycling program

Dustless Sanders are FREE to use!

Just call ahead to reserve one!

Bottom Painting and Dustless Sanders

Please remember that when stripping, sanding and painting the bottom of your boat you **MUST** use a ground tarp and a dustless (vacuum) sander.

Here at the Yard we have two dustless (vacuum) sanders available for your

use at NO rental cost.

The only thing you will have to pay for is any sandpaper you might use during the process. Make sure you call in advance to reserve one and it will be ready for you when you get here.

Please DO NOT move the stands when

painting the bottom of your boat!

When the time comes to launch your boat leave us some of your left over bottom paint and a brush and we will take care of any poppet (stand) and block marks you may have.

Fuel Discounts

Fuel discounts will be offered again this year with your Brewer Preferred Customer Card. Fuel must be paid for at time of purchase and cannot be charged to your account.

We accept cash, all major credit cards, Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover and checks from Brewer Yacht Yard at Mystic customers only.

Since the Fuel Dock staff does not know everyone here at the marina you must present your Preferred Customer Card to receive the discount. Without the card the discount will not be given.

Preparing for summer...

The preseason is a great time to take care of any problems you might have found last season or when you were putting the boat away for winter. Some common areas that often get overlooked are:

*Winches *Steering Gear
*Windlass *Blocks
*Running Rigging
*Lifelines *Grounding Systems *Fire Extinguishers (make sure they are up to date!)*Shore Power Cables *Water Hoses *Bilge Pumps *Hand Pumps

Now is a great time to address any leaks you might have discovered on your boat. Wherever water gets into your boat it can cause numerous problems such as stains, mildew, rotting of wood surfaces of your cabin and delamination and rot of cored areas of your deck and hull. The re-bedding of chain plates, stanchions, hardware, deck fittings and ports now will save you more involved and costly repairs in the future.

Running rigging usually has a life span of 5 to 10 years.

Smooth lines will run over sheaves and through blocks easier with less friction than fuzzy ones. Clean lines are much stronger making them safer and lend a nice appearance to your boat.

Winches should be taken apart, cleaned and lubed at least every other year although it is recommended they be done every year to add to their performance, reliability and safety. It is also a good time to repair or replace any cracked blocks or broken sheaves.



“Routine maintenance adds to the performance, reliability and safety of your boat

Being a Clean Marina

Here at Brewer Yacht Yard at Mystic is now a designated Connecticut Clean Marina. We received our certification at the Hartford Boat Show on January 29, 2010.

This has been an ongoing effort for several years. This in and of itself has not been a simple task. Some of the things involved are Storm water discharge permits, pressure wash water waste management, hazardous waste management, manifests and recycling all play a roll in the process. This has involved a lot of work but we expect to receive the designation by summertime.

We have invested both time and money into making this happen. We are proud of the way we care for our Marina and we hope and expect that you will also embrace these efforts.

Conservation is something we all must practice and there are many ways we can do it around the yard. For example, please dispose of trash and recyclables in the proper dumpsters. The green ones are for trash and there are dumpsters marked for cardboard and bottles and cans. Waste Oil should also be disposed of properly, not in the trash dumpsters but in the Waste Oil recycling bin. Please feel free to ask if you are not sure where something should

be disposed of.

Please don't leave your air conditioners on if you are not going to be on the boat. If you are leaving after the weekend and will not be back until Friday please feel free to give us a call and we will put your air conditioner on before you arrive at no charge. Don't forget to turn off the lights!

Water is another precious commodity so please do not leave the water running if you don't have to.

Working all together we can become a “Clean Marina” in more ways than one!

Important Notes...

Connecticut Sales Tax:

We are required by the State of Connecticut to charge Sales Tax on the following items: slip rental, materials and freight. Winter storage and labor are non taxable. There is a 1.5% Environmental Surcharge on *ALL* bills.

Liability Insurance:

Proof of Hull and Liability Insurance is required for all vessels, year round at Brewer Yacht Yard at Mystic. Please be sure we have a copy of your current, non-expired insurance. We need a new copy each year when your insurance expires. Brewer

Yacht Yard at Mystic shall not be held liable for uninsured vessels at the marina and is in no way underwriting any vessel by this requirement.

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Miscellaneous

If you have misplaced your contracts, spring work orders or rules you can download them on the web at:

www.brewermystic.com

just go to the Member's form section and you will find everything you need.

Don't forget that parking is at a premium during

launching so please either leave your keys in the car or in the office. Remember; don't park in front of the dumpsters!

We all love our pets, so please remember to pick up after them and keep them on a leash at all times. Also, please be aware of your neighbors

and make sure your pets are quiet. Please do not bring your pets into the bathrooms, pool area or poppet area.

Preferred Customer Cards can be picked up in the office during regular office hours starting in May.