



THE AQUEDUCT TEAM 2019

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AND THE WINNER IS...

Aqueduct Marina is immensely proud to announce that we have been awarded TYHA Inland Marina of the Year 2019, sponsored by Towergate Insurance. This prestigious award was given out at the 2019 Southampton Boat Show and is open to over 160 Gold Anchor accredited marinas split over four categories (UK Inland, UK coastal, International and Super-yacht).

This is the fourth time Aqueduct Marina has been selected for the award which is made all the more meaningful as it is voted for by berth holders and customers alike. We won't however be resting on our laurels. We plan to keep pushing the Marina forward over the next 12 months and beyond in order to make sure that we continue to offer our customers the best boating experiences and more time to enjoy those experiences.

Aqueduct Marina is extremely thrilled and honoured to be awarded Inland

Marina of the Year 2019, especially as this honour is selected by popular vote. This is the perfect way to cap off our 10th anniversary year and the award really belongs to our fantastic staff, who work tirelessly to make sure our customers get the best boating experience possible. Also, we would like to thank all those who voted, and we look forward to welcoming our existing, new and returning customers over the year ahead.

Jon White, General Manager of The Yacht Harbour Association, commented: "I wanted to share a huge congratulations to all the winners and runners up, as well as all marinas who received votes in the 2019 Towergate Marina of the Year competition. Marinas play a crucial role in enabling more people to get out on the water, so we are delighted to celebrate and reward the excellent work our marinas have achieved this year."



ESPERANCE, 2019 AQUEDUCT MARINA

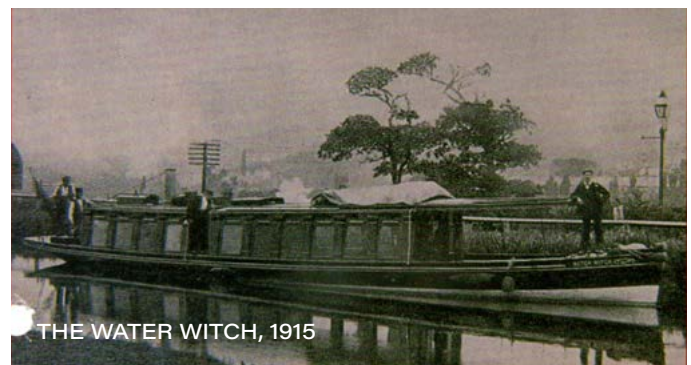
EMINENTLY REGATTABLE.

Regattable isn't a word we generally associate with canal boats, yet this is the perfect way in which a 1980's publication of *Waterways World* summed up the then newly launched boat *Esperance*. In the article, which focused on two new boats aimed at the "higher boating budgets", *Esperance* was described as "eminently regattable at Henley yet durable on narrow canals". So it's fair to say that *Nb Esperance*, which has just arrived on our brokerage, is anything but ordinary.

Built by Sager Marine in 1985, *Esperance* was somewhat of an experiment. The 'upmarket' narrowboat design was built as a demonstrator to attract a new type of customer to the canals. But due to the boat's complex curves, elaborate colonnade of pillars and time consuming construction, it proved too expensive build and only six narrowboats of this design were completed. Of these six *Esperance* is believed to be the only remaining example.

The elegant design wasn't completely of Sager Marine's making and in fact was predominately based on a far earlier boat. The boat in question was called 'Water Witch', a 1915 Leeds and Liverpool inspection launch designed to enhance the prestige of the canal proprietors and to ensure their staff were performing to their maximum ability.

The 'Water Witch' might have been the origins of *Esperance's* story but the boat has certainly had an interesting time since. In 1988 it was sold to the Frogmore Estate, Windsor, where it was enjoyed as a hospitality boat on the Thames. *Esperance* was then sold to a Nigel & Rose Cliff in Cheshire, Nigel & Rose used *Esperance* as a restaurant / Conference boat and we have in the files a superb leaflet from this time titled 'Elegant days on *Esperance*'... 'Luxury water travel and superb food for up to 12 persons'.



THE WATER WITCH, 1915

In 1997, after many years of entertaining, the boat was restored to being a family cruise boat. As part of the restoration the engine was upgraded to a 5 cylinder Beta (62hp), a bow thruster was installed along with hydraulic drive.

Now, in 2019, *Esperance* has undergone it's latest transformation receiving a large dose of TLC from it's current owners. With the 1997 fit-out in need of an upgrade the current owners decided to go the full hog and give a boat of this pedigree the attention it so rightly deserved. *Continued on page 3...*



Esperance has now been completely rewired (AC & DC), new oak flooring fitting throughout, Galley revamped including new appliances as well as a many other fine touches befitting a boat of this lineage.

This refurb has now ensured that Esperance will continue to turn heads as it travels the 2000+ miles of UK inland waterways, with the next lucky owner at the helm.

If you are interested in owning this little piece of canal history then get in touch with our experienced brokerage team on 01270 525040

Year: 1985

Hull builder: Sager Marine

Berths: Four, Fixed double (2) and sofa (2)

Length: 57'

Price: £59,950



ESPERANCE, 2019 AQUEDUCT MARINA

THINKING OF SELLING YOUR BOAT?

ASSISTED VIEWINGS | FREE PRE SALE VALET
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BROKERAGE UPDATE

As the evening shadows grow longer, and we exchange our Panama hats and suntan lotion for warm woolly bobble hats, thick jumpers and cosy log fires, it is time to think about the 'B' word!!!! No not BREXIT not even 'Boris', I am referring to 'Blacking' and just as important 'Winterisation'! Yes, winter maintenance.

If you need any advice or, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call into the office for a chat.

Reflecting on the 2019 boating season, and the year for us in the brokerage/sales office, the high levels of activity are still evident, and we are looking for a busy period in the run up to the end of our trading year.

In October we sold 10 boats, with a further 6 vessels coming onto brokerage for sale. We have also had many enquiries from boat owners who are thinking of selling their pride and joy with us.

In early October we held an 'Open Boat Day' with Knights Narrow Boat Builders. Glenn Knight and his staff were on hand to show prospective new boat purchasers around their latest creation (which you may have seen on our brokerage jetty), and their workshops. The day was well attended with many very interested people, some new to boating and a few customers who are looking to upgrade and own a new boat.

If you would like to view the vessel yourself, please ask and we will be happy to show you around.

A TEAM FOR YOU



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Our re-brand earlier this year focussed on our core purpose of making "More Time for You" to enjoy your boat. We have been working hard on our core values of being "Dynamic, Aspirational and Engaging" to ensure this is more than just words.

This is an update on some Aqueduct Marina Team news and next month I'll prepare a more detailed update on roles and responsibilities.

Before I go any further, the first port of call for all enquiries is the reception desk in the main facilities building. From here we will ensure you get the correct information. Open 8am-5pm daily (9-4 on a Sunday), 01270 525040, info@aqueductmarina.co.uk or the online chat from our website www.aqueductmarina.co.uk.

Our Reception is currently manned by Sallie, who is providing maternity cover for Georgia. Sallie has recently moved to Nantwich as it is half way between Glasgow and Southampton. She has previously lived on a canal boat for a while, cruising much of the network, so she has very good knowledge of the canals. From the reception for more specialist and detailed enquiries, ask at Reception. We have a very strong, knowledgeable and skilled team to support you.

Did you know?

Georgia (Receptionist) had a baby girl Delilah Rose in September. Georgia has been in a couple of times and we can report that mother and daughter are both thriving!

Hollie has worked in the café for

seven years since her college days. She has been the café supervisor for the last three years but has decided it is time for a change and to see the world beyond Aqueduct Marina. We are very sad to see her leave, especially as she was one of the original Galley Girls, but we thank her for all her hard work and wish her every success for the next stage in her career. We hope to see her back here either as customer in the café, or should she decide that the world beyond Aqueduct Marina is overrated, we'd welcome her back!

Nick Beech (Brokerage) is getting married on November 16th to Verity. As I type this article he is away on his stag party. We hope he survives and has a great day with Verity and daughter Elise.

Jonny (Boat Painter) has recently moved off his boat. He has bought a house in Crewe for himself, his partner Jessica, daughter and their expanding family.

Scott (Fabricator) has also recently bought a larger house for his family of eight. Sensibly, with all six children at primary school or younger, they have purchased next door to a primary school!

Welcome to Chloe, who joined the café team a few weeks ago, front of house. She was recommended to us by her grandfather Gary, who works as a fabricator as part of the boat maintenance team.

Next time I'll update you on the wider teams the roles and skills we have and how it hopefully all fits together for you our canal boat customers' benefit.



SALLIE



GEORGIA AND DELILAH



HOLLIE



NICK



JOHNNY



SCOTT



CHLOE



GAZ



CLEAN AIR STRATEGY 2019

The Department for Transport is asking for evidence on air pollutant emissions from domestic vessels and inland waterways.

They are particularly keen to hear from boat owners and operators, as well as marinas and navigation authorities. The objective is to understand more clearly the extent of emissions from vessels that do not currently fall within the scope of environmental regulations and to establish if government can do more to address emission issues.

The Government's Clean Air Strategy 2019 sets out the need to reduce emissions from all sources to improve air quality, including emissions from vessels.

The consultation is open until 11th January 2020: Domestic shipping air pollution: call for evidence

IWA will be responding with a submission and we would encourage members to respond individually too. If anyone has any comments or views, please contact Alison Smedley, IWA Policy & Campaigns Officer.

The Inland Waterways association and British Marine are appealing for as many boat owners and businesses as possible to respond.

[www.waterways.org.uk/news/view?id=411&x\[0\]=news/list](http://www.waterways.org.uk/news/view?id=411&x[0]=news/list)

www.britishmarine.co.uk/News/2019/August/How-air-quality-will-direct-the-future-of-our-industry-The-Governments-call-for-evidence



AQUEDUCT MARINA, AUTUMN 2019

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TOWPATH TALK TOP TEAM 2019

Voting is now open for the annual Towpath Top Team award

www.towpathtalk.co.uk/vote

There are some excellent nominations this year...

Crusader Community Boating

WITH its fully accessible wide beam boat based at Blisworth Marina, Crusader Community Boating specialises in boat trips for disabled people of any age as well as elderly people in care homes.

Friends of the River Nene

FORMED in 2014, Friends of the River Nene was started with the aim of improving facilities on the River Nene for all users, with membership open to anyone who shared a passion for the area.

Grantham Canal Society volunteers

It has been steadily working to restore and reclaim stretches of the canal with an ultimate ambition to re-join the River Trent in Nottingham

and have it fully restored and navigable for the enjoyment of all.

Waterways Chaplaincy – Martin and Fiona Buck

THE Waterways Chaplaincy team (north west) of Martin and Fiona Buck is nominated "for helping when others tend to look away".

We at Aqueduct Marina are biased towards our former moorers Martin and Fiona, Fiona also used to work weekends in our Brokerage. They have remained friends of the marina since.

We wish all the nominees the best of luck and thank you all for all the work you put into our canals.



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FEELING FROSTY?

It's that time of year, the nights are drawing in and we've already had a frosty morning.

Have you thought about protecting your boat from the winter weather yet?

We have two solutions....

One

Our engineering team can winterise your boat ready for the freezing temperatures from £125.00 Inc Vat

This includes the draining of the domestic water system and checking your engine and heating antifreeze levels. Should your antifreeze be insufficient we will report this to you and can then refill the system correctly under your instruction.

Two

Our marina team can place you on the Winter Check List which means we'll visit your boat every other week starting in November and top up your electric meter.

This means the batteries stay topped up over the winter and you can even place a small heater on board to keep the damp at bay.

The Winter Check List is a free of charge service, you'll only pay for the electric used to top up your meter.

To request either of these services please contact the marina reception via 01270 525 040 or info@aqueductmarina.co.uk

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH ANNOUNCED

Another two months have passed and the operations team have achieved a clean sweep in the latest employee of the month awards. This just highlights the great work these guys do, well done!



Will

September Winner
(Welder & Fabricator)



Alex

August Winner
(Yard Foreman)



UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 7th 2019 - Moorers' Christmas gathering
- December 31st - Aqueduct New Year's Eve party
- July 11th 2020 - Aqueduct Marina Boating Event

More events to be announced throughout the year, keep an eye on our social media feeds for more details.

OTHER NEWS...

Don't get caught out in the cold....It's now that time of the year when Canal & River Trust release their planned winter stoppages and you can check them online at www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/notices

Christmas opening hours - Ensuring we offer more time for you over the festive period.

Office and Chandlery

Monday 23rd December - 8am till 5pm
Tuesday 24th December - 8am till 12noon
Wednesday 25th December - Closed
Thursday 26th December - Closed
Friday 27th December - 9am till 4pm
Saturday 28th December - 9am till 4pm
Sunday 29th December - 9am till 4pm
Monday 30th December - 9am till 4pm
Tuesday 31st December - 9am till 12noon
Wednesday 1st January - Closed
Thursday 2nd January - 8am till 5pm

The Galley Café

Monday 23rd December - 9:30am till 4pm
Tuesday 24th December - 9:30am till 12noon
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NYE PARTY

AT
THE GALLEY CAFE

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Join The Galley Cafe team this new year's eve to celebrate 2019 and welcome 2020

Doors Open at 7pm till late, all welcome

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