

Guilford Boat Yards

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Boating Courses

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will give America's Boating Course on Tuesday July 7, and Thursday July 9, 2009 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM at Guilford Boat Yards. Course fee is \$65.00. Please call 453-5031 to register. Every resident who operates a boat in CT must have a Safe Boating Certificate. Earlier courses will be given at Guilford Park & Rec. 453-8068 and Madison Beach and Rec. 245-5623.

NEW Mooring Permit

All moorings in the waters of Guilford now require an annual permit. The form is available on line at www.ci.guilford.ct.us or at the Town Hall. Fee is \$25.00 GPS coordinates or location on the chart along with vessel information and mooring description is required.

PETTIT Paint REBATE

Pettit Paint Co. is offering an Economic Stimulus Package with a Mail-In Rebate of \$20.00 per gallon of antifouling paint until 5/31/2009. Limit is two. Rebate forms are available in the office.

NEW BOATS & OUTBOARDS

Special manufacturers programs still in effect: **Triumph** "Bail Out Bucks", **Alumaca** Instant Rebates, **Mercury 5 & Drive**, **Yamaha** Two Ways To Save and our in house **Mercury** Bonus Bucks. Great rewards if you buy now. Call us for details; most programs end March 31, 2009.

FREE Trailer Safety Check

We are offering a FREE 10 point boat trailer safety check until April 30, 2009. Have your trailer checked before the season starts. Call for an appointment.

Clean Marina

In December 2006 we signed the CT Clean Marina pledge, towards certifying our facility as a CT Clean Marina. To improve our environmental practices we have changed the way we handle paint, oil, and boat cleaning and we are asking our customers to help. We have placed covered garbage cans in the yard; please use the cans. We now **require** all sanding be done with a "dustless" sander. We have 3 sanders available for rent

by the hour. If you are scraping the bottom you **must** put down a drop cloth or tarp and collect all the paint chips, bag them, and bring to us.

On Line Store

We have added an on line boating store to our web site www.guilfordboat.com. So when we are closed you can visit our web site, click on the **On Line Boating Store** and search for boat accessories and electronics. To save shipping charges and pick up your items at the store just email your list to us at boatyard@cshore.com. Or give us a call and we will be glad to order your items. We also added **Mercury Parts Express** to our web site to give our Mercury and Mercruiser owners the ability to look up and order parts on line.

Service Shop

Congratulations to Anne Duhaime who achieved Mercury **Certified Service Manager**. Jim Duhaime achieved **Mercury Outboard Master Mechanic** last winter. Jim and Pete Hall passed Yamaha Fuel System School this winter.

Boat Rentals

We added a Triumph 190 Bay powered by a 115 HP Mercury OptiMax to our rental fleet last spring. We are considering adding a Triumph 1700 Skiff this spring.

Please call early to make your reservations; we expect a very busy rental season.

FREE Goodies

We have the 2009 **MERCURY fishing calendar** available in the store. Great boating pictures and the fish symbols show you the best fishing days each month. Our 2009 **Marine Discount Catalog** with great prices on boat supplies and electronics are also available in the store.

Ladder Safety

To keep everyone safe we now request that any ladder used in the Boat Yard have a legible safety label. Please lock up your ladder or take it home. Be sure you have a solid footing for your ladder when you use it and tie the ladder to your boat so it does not slide and leave you stranded. We have removed the old ladders without safety labels we found in the yard this winter.

Recycling

We will accept for recycling:
Batteries (12 volt)
Engine oil (no water or antifreeze)
Metal- aluminum, S.S. & steel
Clean glass food and drink containers
Clean corrugated cardboard
Clean #1 and #2 plastic bottles
Deposit Plastic bottles and aluminum cans

Guilford does not accept water bottles or beverage containers other than # 1 and #2 for recycling at this time.

Life Jackets

New Special Life Jacket

Requirements in CT went into effect in January 2007. From October 1 to May 31 all persons on board manually propelled vessels **must wear** a life jacket. Canoes, kayaks, dinghies, jon boats and rowboats are included. We have many life jackets from infant to fitted adult available for sale in the ships store.