

# Guilford Boat Yards

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## Spring Newsletter 2011

### Boating Courses

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will give America 's Boating Course on Tuesday July 5, and Thursday July 7, 2011 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. Courses will be given at Guilford Park & Rec. 453-8068 and Madison Beach and Rec. 245-5623 in April, May and June.

### Proposed State Budget

The proposed state budget includes sales tax on winter storage, repairs, and brokerage commissions. Also the trade-in sales tax exemption would be removed. A new 3% luxury tax on boats over \$100,000.00 and a new 20 mil property tax on boats with no reduction in registration fees are included in the budget bills. We believe these changes will have a negative effect on jobs in the marine industry if passed. Please contact your Representative and Senator with your comments and check in with us for updates.

### New Boats & Outboards

Special manufacturers programs still in effect: Alumacraft aluminum boats, jon boats and fishing boats, Alumaca\$h, Instant Rebates, Mercury Outboards 5 & Drive program and Join the Yamaha Outboard Four Stroke Revolution. Great rewards if you buy now. Call us for details; Alumaca\$h and Yamaha programs end March 31, 2011; Mercury ends May 30. Triumph Boats resumed production; 2011 models are available.

### Boat Rentals

We have a new Triumph Boat 1700 Skiff powered by a 75 HP Mercury Outboard OptiMax replacing the Triumph 170CC / 50 HP Mercury outboard in our rental boat fleet. Please call early to make your reservations; we expect a very busy rental season.

## Clean Marina

Our new wash pad is ready to be installed for Fall powerwashing. All powerwash water must be collected and may not run into the ground. 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.

## WEB Site

We updated our web site. Take a look at the new photos. We have an on line boating store at [www.guilfordboat.com](http://www.guilfordboat.com). 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, check prices and pick up your items at the store just email your list to us at [boatyard@cshore.com](mailto: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 Outboard and Mercruiser owners the ability to look up and order repair parts on line.

## FREE Goodies

Our 2011 *Marine Discount Catalog* with great prices on boat supplies and electronics is available in the store.

## Fire Safety

Oily and thinner soaked rags can catch fire if placed in a closed container. Please do not put these rags in the trash cans in the yard. The rags should be put in a closed metal container for disposal.

## FREE Boat Trailer Safety Check

We are offering a FREE 10 point boat trailer safety check until April 30, 2011. Have your boat trailer checked before the season starts. Call for an appointment.

## 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 plastic bottles,**

**Deposit Plastic bottles and aluminum cans**

## **2011 CT Boaters Guide**

**The new 2001 CT Boater Guide is available in the Boat Yard store.**

## **PETTIT Paint REBATE**

**Pettit Paint Co. is offering a Bounce-Back Rebate with a Mail-In Rebate of up to \$20.00 per gallon of antifouling paint until 5/31/2011. Limit is two. Rebate forms are available in the office.**

## **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](http://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.**