

Guilford Boat Yards

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2014 - 2015 Rates

With our customer referral discount program save up to \$2 /ft.

We offer a 2% discount on standard and trailer storage paid in full by haulout or boat arrival. We require a Certificate of Insurance; please ask your insurance agent to send us the Certificate.

Faulkners OPEN HOUSE

Saturday Sept. 6 10am-3pm private vessels are welcome. Water taxi service available or small boats can land on the beach north of the basin. Ferry trips offered Sept. 2, 3, & 4 and 6th – email info@faulknerslight.org for reservations.

Guilford Town Marina

The Guilford Town Marina will be closing in October for the season for dredging. Severe shoaling in the channel and marina caused by TS SANDY will mean dredging (paid by FEMA funds) may start as early as October 15, 2014. We will let you know when we get a firm closing date from the Marina Commission.

Summer Maintenance

We have painted the docks and plan to spread 22 tons of gravel to prepare for winter storage. Two large “dead” boats have been removed since last

fall and more are scheduled for removal. We have been mowing and trimming through the yard. Please help us keep the yard clean by using the recycle bin by the store and the trash cans in the yard.



New Products

Mercury introduced new 75, 90 and 115 HP Four Stroke outboards – the lightest 4 stroke with amazing power. We test ran an Alumacraft Voyageur with the 115HP and had no problems talking while running at 4000 RPM.

Alumacraft Best Catch Rebate Program runs until Sept. 30, 2014 and offers a rebate on 2014 & 2015 boat and motor packages. Call for details. Alumacraft has two new colors - Galaxy Blue and Sonic Red and will now offer them on the Escape series boats in addition to the larger boats. The new Alumacraft rail system has been a big hit with our customers. We are now stocking Alumacraft clamps and the Cannon Rod Holders.

Service

We have a new inspection camera for looking where we can't get our eyes and have replaced several shop tools.

WEB site

We are working on an update of our web site and plan to make it mobile friendly. If you have any suggestions or a photo you would like to share please let us know.

Mercury Outboards and EZ Loader trailers

Check out our prices! If you plan to repower your boat ask us about the discounts on Mercury outboards. We will be glad to help you decide which 2-stroke or 4-stroke engine is right for your boat. EZ Loader trailers from 800# capacity and up can replace your older trailer to make boating more enjoyable. Let us help find the best trailer match for your boat.

Computer Upgrades

We have replaced one of the office computers and will replace a second one this fall. The first year of scan tags in the store worked well and we continue to add items to the system.

Piloting and Charting

USCG Auxiliary Guilford will teach Piloting & Charting courses Thursday Sept. 25 & Oct. 2 & 9, 2014 in Madison, Mondays Oct. 20, 27 & Nov. 3 in Hamden and Tuesdays Nov. 18, 25 & Dec. 2, at Guilford Community Center. Learn the basics of coastal navigation so you can find your way even if the GPS fails. Call

458-8068 to register or on line at www.guilfordparkrec.com. Contact Madison Beach and Recreation to register.

Boat Rentals

We plan to replace the Triumph 190 Bay in our rental fleet this fall. The 2008 190 Bay will be available for sale after October 15. Meanwhile - need a smaller boat for tubing? Is your boat in for repairs? Just want to try a 17' or 19' to see if you like it? Available for rent 7 days a week; boat rental \$ can be credited toward the purchase of a new boat.

Environmental Changes

Power washing of any kind is not allowed. All sanding of bottom paint **must** be done with a vacuum sander and all debris scraped from the boat bottom, OB and I/O must be collected, double bagged and brought to the shop. We have two Fein vacuum sanders available to rent at \$15.00 per ½ day plus discs; call to reserve them.

Gasoline Storage

Boat US and the U.S. Coast Guard recommend built in fuel tanks be stored 95% full with stabilizer added. Portable fuel tanks and the built in fuel tanks on small outboards should be emptied after the engine has been winterized. We encourage all boaters to use a fuel treatment year round to prevent varnish and gum and to keep your fuel fresh. Fuel stabilizer & treatment are in stock in the store.

