

# CamBoaters News Issue 3 : May 2004

## TO ALL CONCERNED

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Sally, Nathan and Bosun the Bulldog (nb Glenelga) for sponsoring this month's newsletter ☺ Anyone wanting to sponsor a future newsletter and maybe you would like to advertise a product or service in these columns? Contact me on details below.

Also thanks to everyone who has respected the un-enforced 48-hour no return policy on Jesus Green and Jubilee Gardens. There seems to be an abundance of room for holiday boats to moor.

## Thelma and Louise?

Well folks, just a little reminder about security... Anyone hear the story about the two young lovers who ran away from Peterborough? Apparently they had the audacity to hijack a boat from Bunglingford Marina in Huntingdon. On the run and the heat on hot their tail or should I say not on their tale as the case was. They ventured toward the liberated banks of the Cam. After being welcomed with open arms they promptly sought a position at the Fort St. George, where they struck up several friendships.

Within days of being in the City, and probably as a result of a desperate attempt to penetrate the cream of the community, they proceeded to change the name and transform the appearance of the poor boat. Was this an attempt to convert it?

Well, had it not been for a chance promenade by the daughter of the unknowing parents who owned the vessel, the terrified boat might have been permanently violated and lost to proper navigation. Luckily the authorities were quickly notified, the young boat has since been reunited with the rightful owners, but the perpetrators are still on the run.

Do make sure you bolt your windows, lock your doors, baton down the hatches and be alert. Britain needs Lerts!!!

## FYI

### 31<sup>st</sup> Beer Festival

Jesus Green Mon 24<sup>th</sup> - Sat 29<sup>th</sup> May

### Strawberry Fair

Midsummer Common Sat 5<sup>th</sup> June

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Arrive 20<sup>th</sup> June - Leaves 28<sup>th</sup> June

## River Moorings.

Some of you may be aware of the Cam Conservators intended Mooring Policy. They have commendably developed this policy on behalf of the City Council without the assistance of any of the principle stakeholders, i.e., you. There will be some time in the future when this document is in the public domain. I still feel we should have some type of input at this preliminary stage, please read it and let me know what you think. The document is posted below or now on display at the Fort St. George CamBoaters Community Notice board. Please get back to me before the 26<sup>th</sup> of May with any objections, because if they hear nothing by the 27<sup>th</sup> they will assume you are happy with it.

## Oil Slick

There have been several reports and sightings of oil/diesel slicks on the River Cam. As you can well appreciate the local wildlife aren't in favour of it, local authorities are offended by it and the local residents would be more than happy to use it against you in the Mooring Policy time bomb!

Please dispose of any toxins sensibly and should you have an accidental spill in the river, oil absorbent materials are

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recommended. Spill Kits are available from marinas and other chandlery-type outlets.

Pollution prevention guidelines can be found on the Environment Agency website or brief notes are available on the Fort St. George CamBoaters Noticeboard.

Useful contacts:

Oil Bank Helpline: Freephone 0800 663 366  
EA Emergency Hotline 0800 80 70 60

## The Water point

As a result of our combined efforts, the CamBoaters committee have successfully encouraged the City Council to address the issues that have mired our experiences at the water point. This letter and all relevant correspondences received so far, are attached or posted on the CamBoaters Noticeboard in the Fort St. George.

It has certainly reinforced my belief that with the necessary support and a bit of perseverance, one can assist the City Council with the improvement of facilities and maybe even policy!

## Logo competition

Finally we have a few entries, please select from the choices below:

1.



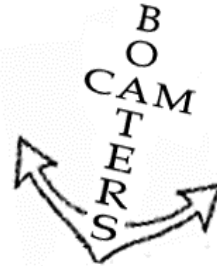
2.



3.



4.



(Unfortunately all other entries were too sophisticated, complex or expensive to reproduce for our limited budget, for which we apologise! Closing date for entries is 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2004.)

The lucky winner will be announced at the CamBoaters BARBEQUE GATHERING on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at the T Junction on Midsummer Common (opposite Goldie Boathouse) 7:00pm – close. Ask for details if you can't figure it out. Bring your Grog and Tucker. Free fire for the Barbee, Music and the Cleanup crew will be laid on.

## Census

The census is of boats moored on the River Cam on behalf of the CamBoaters committee. This is purely to ascertain the number of live-aboard boats, the total number of occupants on the river and any views or opinions you care to voice or issues you may care to raise. The information will go no further and will be

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used for nothing else but keeping your committee up to date.

1. Name.....
2. Name of boat.....
3. Number of people living on boat?  
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4. Would you be prepared to pay a mooring fee?.....
5. How much do you think is fair?.....
6. What facilities would you expect?.....
7. What issues would you like to raise?.....

Use additional paper if necessary and return to me, contact details below. Response can also be sent by text or email.

## **RULES OF THE RIVER**

Normal rules of navigation generally apply on the Cam, but be aware that at certain points navigation changes sides of the river. There are clear signs to indicate where this happens. There is a speed limit of 11kph between Bottisham and Baits Bite locks and 8kph between Baits Bite lock and the Mill Pool. It is expressly not permitted to use any water scooter, jet ski, wave runner, water bike or sea doo. © Conservators of the River Cam 2004

Do you have any stories, poems or ditties you would like to share with us? If so please forward them to me, details below.

I still welcome any more ideas of how the CamBoaters committee can be

formed and how the needs of live-aboards can be addressed.

Be safe on the water.

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