

"Ports St Cast en vue" port d'armor

Newsletter

Demat!

The 2017 season has been very successful, and the marina team has been kept on its collective toes from May till late September. Saint Cast is proving very popular with rally organizers and we have been looking into more ways to ensure that rally participants enjoy their stay with us. As in past years, we have been analyzing the results of the annual questionnaire that is given to all visitors, and once again the response has been very good. We will be acting where necessary on the suggestions and comments contained in the questionnaire, and all changes made will be announced in the Spring Newsletter. Thank you to all those who took part.





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Marina notes



The exhibition opened this year in the marina office showing pictures of the dolphins to be seen along our coast has proved such a success that is being made a permanent feature.





Saint Brieuc-Le Légué marina:

The Côtes d'Armor C.C.I also manages the marina and ship repair facility in the port of Saint Brieuc-Le Légué, situated a few miles along the coast west of Saint Cast in the bay of Saint Brieuc. The marina is wellknown for its overwintering facilities, but less so as a good place to spend a quiet evening exploring the area around the marina and the town of Saint Brieuc.

The environment

Flora and fauna

As part of the continuing programme to ensure that the marina habitat is in good shape, a further inspection of the waters in the administrative area of the marina was undertaken.

The results show that since the last survey the grasses have increased in density and are even more healthy, proof that our environmental policy is working.

The eel grasses which cover the seabed surrounding the marina are internationally recognized as an outstanding habitat, not only for important ecological, economic and marine heritage reasons but also for their function as a reservoir of bio-diversity, providing a safe area for reproduction and subsequently a nursery for many species of marine life.



Latest news

APPB Seminar

The marinas of Saint Cast and Le Légué (the other marina managed by the CCI) are members of the Association of Brittany Marinas (APPB). Representatives from both marinas were present at a recent seminar organized by the APPB on the subject of how to improve the facilities and the welcome expected by our overseas visitors, in particular those from the U.K.

The seminar was attended by members from marinas around the Brittany coast as well as U.K. organizations and individual sailors. No doubt you will notice the implementation of our recommendations during future calls in Brittany next season.

Static fishing gear and small craft safety

One of the most common hazards when entering or leaving a marina, especially at night, is that of unmarked or poorly marked static fishing gear, notably lobster pots and traps.

The Cruising Association is sponsoring a petition to urge DEFRA to recognize the dangers and to improve the way that static fishing gear is marked for the safety of all small craft. The current, voluntary, arrangements are clearly not adequate.

This is obviously not solely a U.K. problem. The C.C.I., as concessionaires of both the Saint Cast and Le Légué marinas, is collaborating with the Cruising Association by providing information on the problem along the French Channel coast. Discussions are ongoing with the French maritime authorities, and we will monitor the situation and report progress in our Spring Newsletter. More information in our Spring 2018 Newsletter.



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Infrastructure

The technical and overwintering zone situated to the east of the marina will be available to visitors in time for next season. Many marine related companies will be on hand to cater for visitors' needs.



Visitors

As mentioned earlier in this Newsletter, Saint Cast is proving popular with rally organizers. This year we were delighted to welcome, among others, The Royal Yacht Squadron, the Capstan Flotilla, The Royal Torbay Y.C., the Royal Southern Y.C., the Westerley Owners' Association, The Royal Channel Islands Y.C. and many more.



Dominique Delamotte, and his team look forward to welcoming you to Saint-Cast Le Guildo during the 2017 season.



