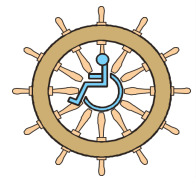


M.V.FREEDOM



Providing access to the sea for those people living with disability

VIDEO LINK <https://vimeo.com/382668237/d85850dac5>

Hello Everyone

This month I would like to show you further photos of the progress on our new boat, but at the same time share some important advice from the Police regarding **Covid 19 scammers**, hence this newsletter being earlier than usual. It's hardly believable that already scammers have managed to scoop £7million from 2378 unsuspecting members of the public. I hope that none of them are our friends, and I would like to try and help it stay that way. So if you would like some good tips from the police on how to protect yourself, that you may not have seen before please do read on over the page.

Every Good Wish,
Dirk Aldous
Chairman/Skipper



M.V. Freedom emerging from the mould

Well here she comes emerging from the mould at the shipyard in Essex. There is still lots of work to be done but it's exciting to see the real shape of the hull.



How you can protect yourself from Coronavirus-related scams:

There are some simple steps you can take that will protect you from the most common Coronavirus-related scams. Here's what need to do:-

1 - Watch out for scam messages

Your bank, or other official organisations, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you receive an email you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS): report@phishing.gov.uk

2 - Shopping online

If you're making a purchase from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, for example, by checking to see if others have used the site and what their experience was. If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, use a credit card if you have one, other payment providers may not provide the same protection.

3 - Unsolicited calls and browser pop-ups offering tech support

Never install any software, or grant remote access to your computer, as a result of a cold call. Remember, legitimate organisations would never contact you out of the blue to ask for financial details such as your PIN or full banking password.

You may not know:-

Contact tracers will only call you from the number 0300 013 5000. Anyone who does not wish to talk over the phone can request the NHS Test and Trace service to send an email or text instead, inviting you to log into the web-based service. All text or emails sent by NHS Test and Trace will ask people to sign into the contact tracing website and will provide you with a unique reference number.



Next steps for freedom.

The builders will now complete the fitting and framing of the inside of the hull and then move onto the twin fuel tanks and decking. Then it will be the twin engines, and the the wheelhouse! Delivery is still six months away but the time is going very quickly! Watch this space!!

For further information on:-

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Fundraising or
Joining the Friends of M.V.Freedom
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