

MARINA OF THE MONTH

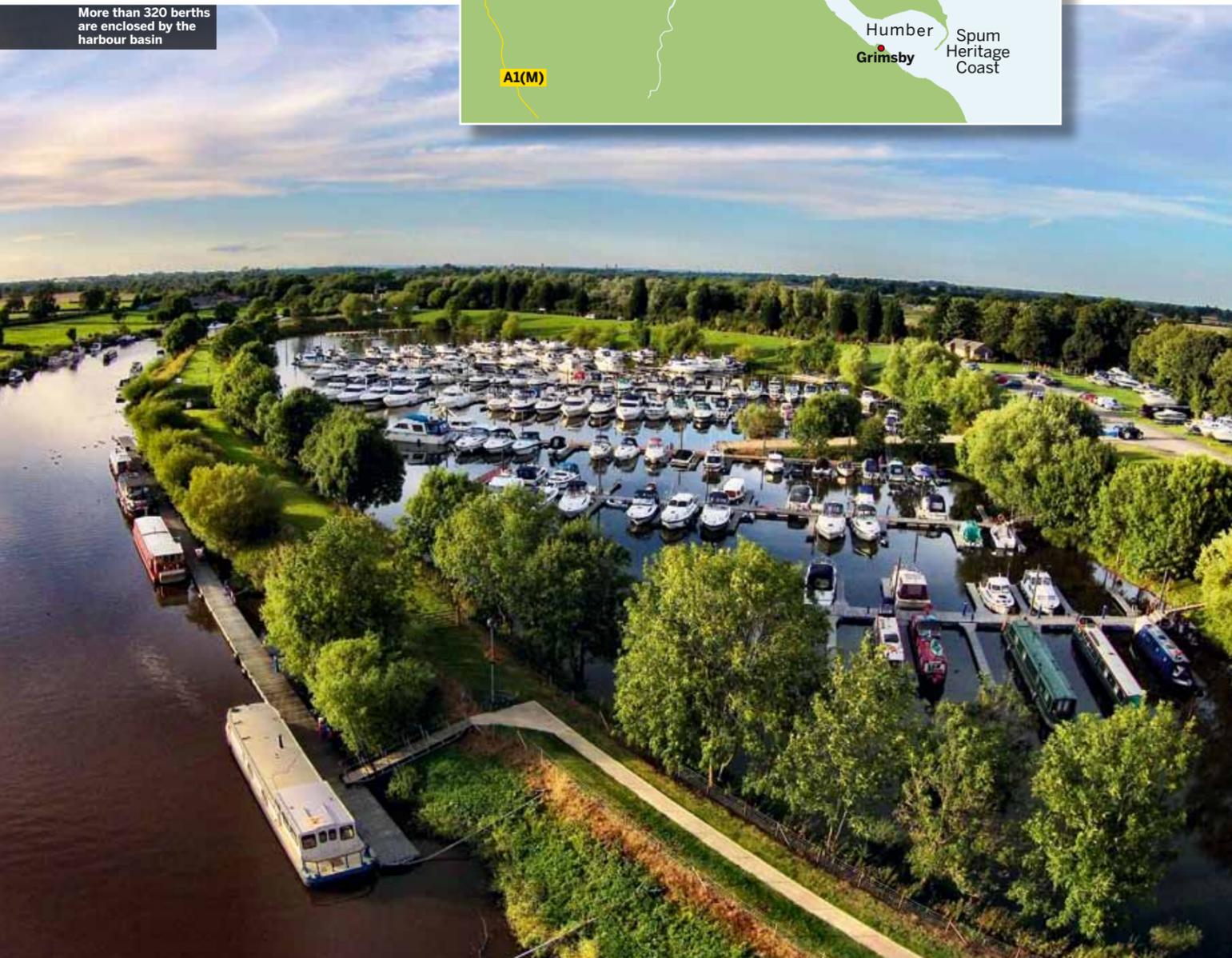
YORK MARINA

RIVER OUSE, UK

Historic York is just a short trip from this well-equipped marina which, thanks to £1.7m of recent upgrades, is firmly in the 21st century



More than 320 berths are enclosed by the harbour basin



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The Waterfront Café Bar serves food and drinks until late



All berths come with access to a 16A electrical bollard



The new shower block features underfloor heating

With a history that dates back to Roman times, York is one of the most popular cities in the UK and an essential stop-off for boat owners cruising the River Ouse. This family-owned marina is the largest in Yorkshire and has been looking after berth-holders and welcoming visiting boats as far back as the 1940s. Husband and wife team Phil and Pam Bleakley have been running operations since 2006, constantly carrying out upgrades, including a new £250,000 toilet and shower block with underfloor heating.

LOCATION

Situated in the upper reaches of the River Ouse, York Marina offers a multitude of inland and coastal cruising options, with a rural charm that belies its proximity to the city of York. The marina is just outside the A64 ring road in the village of Naburn, and three miles south of York Racecourse. Meanwhile, York train station, with its excellent connections to both London and Edinburgh, is just five miles away.

CRUISING AREA

Around 30 miles upstream of the Humber Estuary, York Marina is the perfect jumping-off point for the Selby Canal, the River Ure and the River Ouse itself.

Despite being more than 40 miles inland, the marina is accessible by boats measuring up to 150ft (45.7m) by 15ft (4.6m) with a maximum draught of 8'6" (2.2m). As well as narrowboats and river cruisers, York Marina is frequented by flybridges up to 45ft whose owners are drawn inland by these beautiful and varied waterways.

FACILITIES

All of the berths inside the marina basin come with access to fresh water, Wi-Fi and 16A electrical bollards. The coin-operated pump-out service means you can empty your tanks at any time of the day or night, while the fuel pontoon sells both petrol and diesel. Marine engineers are also situated on site for any servicing, repair or upgrades. Dry-stack storage is available for up to 150 boats via the on-site Wise boat lift, which can handle vessels weighing up to 16 tonnes. A shallow slipway provides access for launching trailer boats and the chandlery store has a good selection of spare parts and equipment.

Security measures include a berth-holders entrance that requires a key fob to access, and 24h CCTV monitoring. On-site food is available from the Waterfront Café Bar, which serves drinks until 11pm, while other shoreside amenities include hair driers in the new shower block and coin-operated laundry facilities.

BERTHING COSTS

York Marina basin has more than 320 berths measuring from 20ft (6.1m) up to 48ft (14.6m), all of which are fully accessible, even in times of flood. Additional riverside berths are provided for visiting boats and wider-beamed vessels. Weekly rates start at £11 per metre, while annual berths cost from £234 per metre; it would cost less than £3,300 per year to moor a Princess 45 here. The annual price includes a 5% early bird discount for those who pay in advance, 5% off fuel, and discounted lifting fees. [MBY](#)

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