

WINDERMERE MARINA VILLAGE

THE LAKE DISTRICTS PREMIER INLAND MARINA & HOLIDAY RESORT

mooring tips for winter

Autumn and winter can provide some fantastic boating weather on the lake but can also give rise to rapid changes in the lake level following periods of heavy rain or snow. Get your boat ready for changing conditions by making a few checks or changes to your mooring set up:

- Whether you are on a fixed or floating jetty, make sure your mooring lines and are in good condition and able to cope with strong winds and possibly long periods when you won't be visiting your boat to check on it. Also check your canopies are secure and water tight.
- On fixed jetties make sure your mooring lines are long (but not loose) to allow for changes in water level or try using a mooring weight or pulley system to allow the boat to rise and fall as the level changes.
- Be careful to use knots that can be undone if under tension.
- Always try and tie-off on the boats cleats rather than the jetty post.
- Leave enough slack in your shore-power cable to allow for the boat going up and down as the water level changes and take TV cables in for winter.
- Try and leave fenders at different heights so your boat is always protected whatever the water level



long spring-lines



pulley system



short mooring lines don't allow for water level changes



The pictures above show an example of long spring-lines, allowing the boat some movement if the water level changes, plus a pulley-system which allows the boat to rise and fall with any changes.

The other picture shows how not to leave your boat – the short mooring line gives the boat no room to move if the water level rises and knots that could be hard to free when under tension.

If you want any advice or help with setting up your mooring lines, please don't hesitate to ask and we will be pleased to pop down to your mooring and offer any assistance we can.