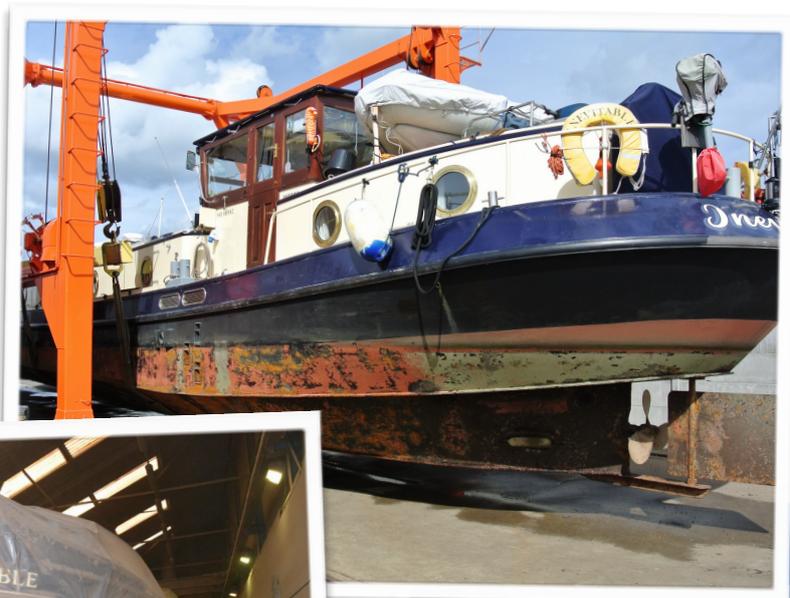


Our Experience

When the Inevitable happens go to Hooghiemstra



Inevitable

before during and after

Report

This year we decided that we needed to obtain the Community certificate (TRI WV) for our ship as she is now four years old and our intention for next year is to cruise in Belgium. We contacted SRF in Harlingen who made an appointment for us to take Inevitable for the 2nd September. As we knew we would have to come out of the water for a full Hull survey I had asked them to paint the underwater part of the hull. After being lifted out and being washed off Wychard Raadsveld and Klaas Koolhof advised us that there was a problem with the steel surface having Mill-Scale, which they advised would prevent any paint that they applied from adhering. They recommended we should have the Hull shot blasted before repainting but as they were unable to do the job recommended Hooghiemstra as the best company. Klass phoned Albert Beuker and obtained a quote for us. I emailed and Albert emailed me the quote and schedule of what would be done by return and we made the appointment to attend the yard at 9am on the 10th September. We arrived and were lifted out on to a trailer where we were able to stay on board overnight. As we understood we would have to be off the boat for two weeks we had made arrangements with the help of the VVV in Sneek to book in to a self catering apartment at Vakantieboerderij Broeresloot www.broeresloot.nl they were most helpful and were able to accommodate us and our small dog and even gave us a discount for the two week period.

I should add here that Albert had supplied three contacts for accommodation but they already had bookings for part of the time we required, In the event the Apartment has turned out as the ideal solution for us.

Our boat is our home and this is the first time that we have been away from her more than a few days since we moved on but everyone at Hooghiemstra has been most supportive. Arrangements were made to keep the boat supplied with power (we have a freezer full of food) and we have been able to visit to see the work underway if we wanted. This has been most assuring and two visits were made though really not needed as Albert emailed me pictures of the work underway at every stage. I must say that our experience with the company is such that I would have no hesitation in recommending anyone who needs work done like us to come to Hooghiemstra. They have been most helpful from the start, were able to do the work at very short notice. The work has been carried out to a very high standard on time and on budget, now we will be able to be on our way again back to SRF to complete the outstanding work there exactly two weeks after arriving. The experience of both these companies working together with each other and their customers (ourselves) has reinforced our view of the Netherlands as a Wonderful place to cruise with a boat like ours.

Dave and Carol Johnson Motor Vessel Inevitable.