



A tag cloud as featured on Charmary's website

a tag cloud to the website. The screenshot above is a typical tag cloud from my main website (<http://www.charmary.co.uk>).

■ As you can see, the tags used the most appear the largest. Clicking on any tag will bring up all posts that have been saved with that particular tag, so this can be a great way to organise your content in a highly flexible way.

A tag cloud is something Wordpress calls a 'widget'. Widgets are little extras that you can add to your site. If you go to your dashboard and then click **Appearance and Widgets**, you can see all the widgets that are available. In most themes you can add widgets to either the footer area (at the bottom of the page) or the sidebar. To add a tag cloud for example, simply drag it across into the appropriate place. You can also rearrange the order the widgets appear in, or even delete any you don't want using this screen.

You can also organise your posts into categories – think of

these as like folders that you insert the posts into, the main difference being that you can add something into multiple categories. You can organise the categories by going to **Posts** and then **Categories** on your dashboard. Once you have set up appropriate categories, simply go to your posts to edit them and you will see a checkbox on the right to allow you to add them to appropriate categories. You can add a widget to the site to link to each of the categories – simply follow the same instructions as for the tag cloud.

The next steps?

■ What I've described so far may be sufficient for your needs, but if you find yourself adding more and more to your site and you feel a little constrained by Wordpress.com, then Wordpress is also available as downloadable software. The downloadable version is much more powerful and allows you to choose from thousands of plug-ins (all free) to add functionality to your website. To use the downloadable version, which is free, you will need to pay to host your website, but there are lots of companies which offer cheap web hosting from just a few pounds per month, and offer single-click installation of software like Wordpress.

The main website for my boat is on the web address <http://www.charmary.co.uk>, and if you have a look at this site you can see that I have added various plug-ins to Wordpress including one for picture galleries, and a map plug-in to show where the boat is at all times. All of these plug-ins are free and are offered by the web community that has built up around Wordpress as a blogging tool. Who said there was no such thing as a free lunch?

Why not have a go at building a boat website? You may be surprised at how easy it is.

Charmary
Sadler Starlight 39 - Reg. No. 720142

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Posted by *andy_beharrell* on May 14, 2012

Off to the Big Smoke

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Summary: 81.4 miles in eleven and three quarter hours. Pyefleet to Limehouse Basin in London. Over 8 hours of sailing – generally fast though the wind started to die around lunch time, so we motored the rest of the way up the Thames.

After a not very peaceful wind over tide night (the waves really slapped under the counter when the tide turned) we left Pyefleet at 5.30am. We hoisted full sail and for the next 7 hours had some fast and enjoyable (well enjoyable for Andy, not so much for Anne who was cold ☹️) sailing in a NWly varying between 15 and 22 kts. A broad reach out of the Colne to the Bar buoy, goosewinged through the Spitway and across to the South Whitaker and then rounded up and reached down the Swin channel as far as the Blacktail Spit buoy. Making between 7.5 and 8.5kts through the water for most of the time, but with the ebb against us this was a little slower over the ground. The sun was trying to shine through, though it was a little

Anne steering up Thames

Charmary
Charmary is a Sadler Starlight 39 owned by Andy Beharrell. To find out more about Charmary, where she currently is and where she has been, follow the links in menus above.

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Andy Beharrell's website www.charmary.co.uk features general information, news, blogs and photos about his boat

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