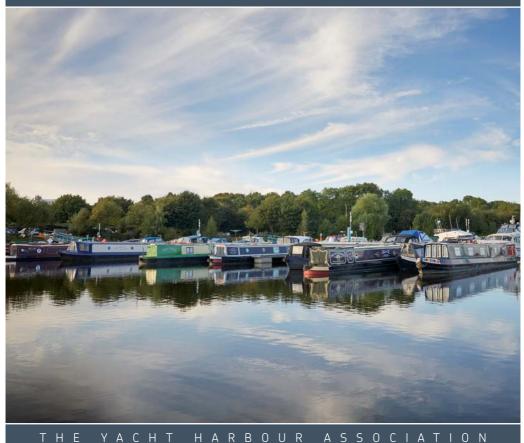
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ith the 2022 boating season well underway (for those of us in the northern hemisphere) many members will be hoping that intercountry cruising becomes the norm again and to support this there is some good news from UK Boarder Force. The team there have been focussed on simplifying the formalities associated with entering and exiting the UK by leisure craft.



-FOCUS -

TYHA have been involved in the stakeholder working group associated with this work along with British Marine and RYA, with the sPCR system expected to go live in June/July 2022.

The intention is that sPCR will replace the C1331 (and e-C1331) process with a new online process where boat and crew information can be saved to negate the need to re-enter information for future voyages. Once launched Boarder Force are hopeful that an sPCR app will be developed to make the process even simpler and easier to use once a voyage is in progress. We understand from French

We understand from French members that French marinas are lobbying their government to simplify their equivalent process with the objective of encouraging cross channel and inter country cruising.

Many marinas are seeing new people buying boats which is great news however we should not be complacent and assume they will stay in boating if long distance and intercountry cruising is difficult, therefore developments such as the sPCR process are important to us all.

I hope you find the rest of the content in this edition of Fore & Aft interesting and wish all members a prosperous and enjoyable summer.

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TYHA CHAIR VISITS PREMIER MARINA'S NOSS ON DART



Director, he commented on both the amazing vision and infrastructure completed to date,

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and the important work Premier has undertaken with the college to help ensure our industry gets the help it needs in providing suitably qualified and motivated future engineers, boat builders and managers.

During his visit to the site Colin said - 'The site was a 'beacon' to what can be achieved when the right opportunity, the right experience and right funding come together - setting new Gold standards for the Marina sector so that those who enjoy the water and all things boats and boating can appreciate their boating experience even more.

L to R – Premier CEO Pete Bradshaw, TYHA Chairman Colin Watts and John Cervenka Premier Commercial Director.

ur Chairman Colin Watts visited Premier's new Noss on Dart facility recently which

also coincided with the VIP opening of the South Devon College Marine Academy. During his tour of the site with John

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COLIN WATTS ATTENDS SOUTH DEVON COLLEGE VIP OPENING

he Chairman was lucky enough to have been invited to the VIP opening of the South Devon College Marine Academy and was able to admire the important work that the college is doing to help ensure our industry get the help it needs in providing suitably qualified candidates for the next generation of engineers, boat builders and managers.

Seen here with Adrian Bevan. Head of Curriculum at South Devon College, Colin was particularly interested in comparing the facilities and course syllabus that today's marine industry apprentices were exposed to as well as the processes for entry into the College. Also having trained himself as a Marine Engineer in the 1970's completing a 4 year apprenticeship, he was keen to see how teaching and facilities have changed, commenting that he was fascinated that such a wonderful facility was available and how its existence should be further indorsed by both British Marine and TYHA.



Colin was keen to see how teaching facilties have changed since his apprenticeship in the 1970's

SOLENT **BOATING COMMUNITY**

he Solent's boating community is invited to take part in a oncein-a-lifetime celebration of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Cowes on Saturday 6th August. Yacht and sailing clubs in the Solent region can join in the event by 'saving the date' and registering their interest in attending by emailing mail@rys.org.uk as soon as possible.

The day will begin with the option of breakfast, followed by a review of all participating vessels by VIPs from across the region, with racing off Bramble Bank.

All boats, from RIBs to sailing and motor vessels, can register to be part of the official programme. A Silver Spitfire Air Display and prize-giving will be followed by an afternoon of live music and entertainment at a free concert at the Cowes Yacht Haven with a 'soon to be announced' headline act.

A committee of sailing organisations, class associations and clubs from across the Solent region is organising the sailing and entertainment planned on the Solent and at Cowes Yacht Haven,

following this year's Cowes Week. All yacht and sailing clubs in the Solent region are being asked to send up to 20 representative vessels to participate in the event.

Hampshire yachtsman Geoff Holt MBE, founder of the Wetwheels charity and a member of the organising committee said: "Members of the Royal family have been a common sight at vachting events in the Solent for many years and have supported many local vacht clubs and charities.

"The event is a great opportunity to bring the Solent's sailing and yachting community together to celebrate our Queen's 70 years on the throne and the Royal Family's ongoing support for yachting and boating."

The event will also help raise money to provide opportunities for disabled people to get afloat by supporting Wetwheels as the nominated charity. Wetwheels boats from around the UK will return to the Solent, enabling VIPs from across the region to view the spectacle from the water.

Invited to 'save the date' to celebrate **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**



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MHO-CO LAUNCHES INNOVATIVE 35M HYBRID OFFSHORE SUPPORT VESSELS

ransporting crew and equipment safely to and from offshore locations in the middle of the North Sea means MHO-Co relies on the total reliability of its fleet of offshore support vessels and crew transfer vessels. Now the company has also factored in a deep-rooted regard for the environment, with the introduction of its new 35m hybrid vessels using innovative green technology.

Launched in March and April 2021 and built by AFAI Southern Shipyard in Guangzhou, China these two new 35m hybrid craft -MHO Apollo and MHO Asgard were designed by MHO's CEO Mik Henriksen. Their modern electric motors save on weight, space and emissions. In additional each craft was specified to use the

Wave MiniBOSS IMO bilge filter system which ensure that no traces of oily bilge water are emitted whilst undertaking operations at sea.

Mik Henriksen from MHO said "We looked at every element of the new hybrid catamarans to ensure that they met the highest levels of environmental protection and weight restrictions. Using the Wave MiniBOSS IMO (International Maritime Organisation) bilge filters ensures that no pollution is discharged overboard. It's a fully automated system, which is lightweight and easy to install, and requires very little maintenance."

Paul Gullett, managing director of Wave International says, "We're delighted that MHO specified Wave MiniBOSS for its



new green hybrid catamarans. These vessels operate to the highest standards in terms of protecting the environment, and we're delighted to be supporting them with Wave's compact and reliable bilge water filtration system."

Mik Henriksen from MHO says, "The fact that Wave products are fully approved by the US Coastguard and ABS, a leading provider of classification and technical services to the marine and offshore industries to MEPC 107 (49) means we know they will be long lasting and reliable, even in the harshest environments. Our goal is to operate and maintain our vessels to be available to clients 365 days a year, the most operating days per year in the industry, and our craft can operate even when wave heights exceed two metres."

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CANAL RESTORATION GROUP SWITCHES TO GREENER BIOFUEL

he Wey & Arun Canal Trust is trialling the use of HVO (hydrotreated vegetable oil), a much greener alternative to diesel biofuel, in its plant and van fleet.

The synthetic HVO being used by the volunteer group restoring the 23-mile canal in Surrey and Sussex is made from 100% renewable waste fats and vegetable oils and claims to be better for the environment than regular diesel. As well as significantly reducing greenhouse gases the fuel is biodegradable and safe to use near water.

Up until now the Trust has been using red diesel, but from April most sectors including construction will be banned from

using the fuel as the government aims to cut greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050. The HVO biodiesel will be used in as much of the fleet as possible.

Restoration site supervision manager Dave Evans said the Trust's move to greener fuel was a positive one. "We are keen to be as environmentally friendly as we can be in our restoration, so using HVO biofuel is a big step in the right direction. With the added benefit of being biodegradable, the HVO switch looks like being a big winner all round."

The Trust is already using the cleaner Aspen fuel in its lawnmowers, strimmers and power tools as the fuel is 99% cleaner than ordinary petrol.

Being virtually free from sulphur, benzene and solvents, it means the fuel does not have the usual pungent petrol smell, making it more pleasant for volunteers to use.

Last year the Trust made the move to reusable shuttering for its formwork at Tickner's Heath road crossing at Alfold, Surrey. In previous years volunteers had constructed single-use wooden shuttering themselves, but for the pedestrian footbridge being built the team hired reusable shuttering as a more environmentally friendly option.

For more information about the Trust, visit the website at www.weyarun.org.uk





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TROON MARINA CELEBRATES 5 GOLD ANCHORS

hanks to a £1.5million investment in Scotland's most accessible West Coast marina and a staunch team effort, Troon Yacht Haven have been awarded the highly acclaimed 5 Gold Anchors award. The Yacht Harbour Association's (TYHA) worldrenowned marina quality assurance scheme.

Stephen Bennie, Director at Troon explained; "We're delighted and extremely proud of our prestigious award. Thanks to significant investment and extensive work from the team – who've carried on quietly and professionally with no inconvenience to customers – our marina now reflects Troon Yacht Haven's commitment to excellence."

Achieving 5 Gold Anchors is no mean feat, with an independent assessor undertaking a rigorous audit: reviewing procedures, assessing customer feedback, "mystery shopping" and scoring the marina facilities. No buoys or pontoons left unturned! Troon berth holder Steve Lunnon said; "It's great to see re-investment in the marina. By far the best marina, boatvard. and staff we've ever come across. The facilities are spotless, the boatyard clean, safe, and tidy and the staff go the extra mile, regularly checking boats and lines, especially in big winds. We've witnessed from the get-go; the team strike that perfect balance between professional and friendly. It's fabulous they've got their 5 Gold Anchors."

One of the nine European locations for Yacht Havens Group, this Ayrshire marina have made gigantic strides in recent years. Securing a whopping £1.5million + investment, Troon have embraced the needs of the 21st century boat enthusiast, upgrading and improving every aspect of the Troon Yacht Haven experience.

Convenience & Comfort

The marina team have been quietly working away at upgrading facilities; refurbishing berth holder's washrooms and toilets, adding a sparkly new launderette, installing electric car charging points, creating a comfortable berth holder lounge with live weather station data, free Wi-Fi throughout and new 32 Amp electricity on the pontoons.

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Adding berthing on the flexible new Walcon 12m and 10.5m finger pontoons, more electricity bollards throughout, eco-friendly LED lighting around the pontoons, improved CCTV across the entire site for added safety and security, and 17 new Wi-Fi access points for improved connectivity.

"A well-deserved 5 Gold Anchor rating. Top class shoreside facilities, including the new Salt Lodge Hotel, combined with excellent customer service, delivered by friendly and welcoming staff provide a great marina experience for everyone. Congratulations to Stephen, Sarah and the Troon Yacht Haven team!" **Jon White, General Manager at The Yacht Harbour Association (TYHA) 2022**

The Salt Lodge Hotel

A considerable part of Troon's recent investments was allocated to the careful development of the marina's Salt Lodge hotel. Raising the profile of the shoreside facilities as well as the excellent reputation of Scott's Bar & Restaurant, giving both marina customers and the local community excellent dining facilities.

The Assessor experienced The Salt Lodge facilities firsthand with an overnight stay, concluding that the rooms were exceptionally comfortable, warm and with plenty of hot water in the bathroom. Recognising the thoughtfulness of fresh milk in the fridge.

With a choice of 1 and 2bedroom (pet friendly) suites, thoughtfully constructed, guests can kick back on their own deck and gaze out over the Firth of Clyde, before going back inside to enjoy the comfortable trappings of quality bedding/ towels, lounge area with large TV and Netflix, kitchenette with fridge and microwave and outside wash area for muddy boots and paws.

Despite a soft launch, in between lockdowns, The Salt Lodge already scores an exceptional 9.5/10 from 270 reviews on Booking.com, proving a firm favourite on the Ayrshire coast, with one reviewer writing "Loved everything about our stay here. All of the staff go above and beyond. The apartment was perfect - cosy, clean, beautifully furnished, very comfortable beds, and an amazing view of the marina. All of the little touches added up."

Back in 2017, Troon Yacht Haven was voted Best UK Marina/Harbour in the Sailing Today awards, beating off stiff competition from Cornwall, Solent, east of England and Channel Island marinas.

With the marina's facilities and infrastructure now matching the site's quality of customer service, the independent assessor concluded "Stephen and his team, hold customer service as a high priority and work closely to achieve this." Speaking directly with berth holders, who were "very complimentary on the overall management and service of the Troon Yacht Haven team."

"For the Troon team, it's a passion, not just a job."

Berth holders - Stevie & Jill Lunnon (11.3m sailing yacht).

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over Marina has taken a step closer to becoming the new destination for berth holders and visitors to enjoy. The new waterfront is starting to take shape with Clock Tower Square offering a selection of food and

drink amid fresh design features that combine with artefacts from Dover's history to create a contemporary site that also celebrates the Port's rich heritage.

With our development partners poised to begin construction of "The Electric Motel' (with café and bar), soon it will be possible to experience an affordable luxury stay supported by "off-grid" green energy. Together with a similarly sustainable and adjoining mixed-use scheme, as well as a developing cultural

programme of music and events, the waterfront will provide vibrancy and interest for future berth holders and visitors looking to stay at an iconic location with the backdrop of the famous White Cliffs and Dover Castle.

Final work is being undertaken to enable our new marina to open along with a wider marina improvement programme that will unlock a number of further benefits, including the opening of our new boat yard.

These are exciting times, and we can't wait for you to be part of it, but to enable us to continue making progress as quickly as possible and be

ready to welcome you properly in 2023, we need to deliver other works in 2022, which will require us to temporarily close Dover Marina to new customers this summer – from mid-May to the end of August

2022. If you keep a keen eye on progress at Dover, you will see some berth holders with their boats moored in part of the new marina during the summer period as we are having to move them there in order to carry out work elsewhere, so you'll be able to picture just how good you and

your boat could look when surrounded by the bustling waterfront we are building.

We're really sorry that we can't welcome you this summer, but we're sure it'll be worth the wait. By doing the work now, we can bring all of these benefits to you much sooner. In the meantime, if you'd like to discuss future plans for choosing Dover Marina, we'd love to hear from you.

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Final stages for Swanwick Marina's new sales pavilion

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The development provides 14 high quality units, fitted

with solar panels to enhance its environmental credentials and businesses who are moving into the new building, formally named 'The Saltings' include: Ancasta International Boat Sales, Clipper Marine, Fleming Yachts, MiCats, Nautor's Swan, Nordhavn, Pearl Yachts, Princess Yachts, Sanlorenzo Yachts and Sunseeker International. A unique representation of so many global brands in one location, businesses are excited to move into their new units and begin creating their personalised office and showroom spaces for their customers.

Ben Nichols, UK Sales Director at Clipper Marine, says: "We are so excited to have an office befitting of Swanwick Marina. It will be a place to meet clients in a relaxed and comfortable environment. We really look forward to welcoming clients, new and old, this summer."

Sanlorenzo UK, who opened a temporary office at Swanwick last year are also looking forward to the move, with Sales Manager, Nick Hatfield adding: "Being able to present the highest quality motor yachts from Sanlorenzo and Bluegame to clients in what will be the epicentre for motor yachts in the UK is absolutely fantastic".

Pearl Yachts, a UK-based motor yacht brand renowned for

producing high-quality flybridge yachts, will also be joining the line-up.

"We have many reasons to celebrate at present with a record order book and an exciting product range," says Iain Smallridge, Managing Director of Pearl Yachts. "Customer service is always at the heart of Pearl's reputation and the opening of a new Sales and After Sales Office in Swanwick will enhance that, with capacity to better serve our network and, ultimately, our customers. Expanding our presence here is important to keep the brand's British soul, even as we become increasingly international.

We're all excited for the opening." Graham Bristowe, General Manager at Premier's Swanwick Marina reflects on the project: "This will be yet another stage in the regeneration of Swanwick Marina and will be followed by the final stage - the development of a new F&B facility incorporating a berth holders' lounge. This development always had our existing sales businesses in mind to be able to facilitate their specific needs as well as introducing new and exciting new brands to the marina. We have had widespread interest to the point of being oversubscribed and we are now incredibly close to achieving our vision."

NOSS ON DART - AN EXCLUSIVE HAVEN FOR LARGER VESSELS

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Now the team is delighted to unveil an exclusive opportunity to secure one of just two 25 metre deep-water berths in the marina.

"The floating marina was completed last summer and we're delighted to now offer these deepwater berths which are extremely rare on the River Dart", said Andy Osman CMM, General Manager.

Set on the sunny eastern bank of the River Dart, in a secluded area of outstanding

natural beauty and just minutes from Dartmouth, Noss on Dart marina offers easy access to some of the most beautiful anchorages and ports in Devon. With a brand new full-service boatyard facility including a hoist dock and new 75 tonne hoist for boat lifts; the largest on the river, with deep water access. Along with yard lifting facilities, boat owners will find all the support services they need on site. From self-storage units to hire for boat kit to expertise from a variety of marine service tenants. The construction of a new Marina Control building, which will include luxury berth holder facilities, a launderette. and a small café, is now underway

and works on the boutique hotel, spa and restaurant complex is expected to start later this year.

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A FUNDRAISING SUCCESS FOR UNIVERSAL'S SAFETY DAY

n Saturday 23rd April Premier Marinas in collaboration with world leading pyrotechnic distress signal manufacturer, Pains Wessex and onsite businesses at Universal Marina held a successful Safety Day raising over £1K for the RNLI, Wetwheels Foundation, Sail2Help and Jubilee Sailing Trust.

It was a chance for boat owners to bring along out of date flares, have them checked and disposed of safely. Pains Wessex reported taking a total of 1419 flares, with the oldest flare dating back to the 1960's.

The event took place outside of Aspire Boat Chandlery, who were hosting a charity pop-up tea, coffee, and cake station and selling replacement flares. The RNLI was also on hand inspecting 95 life jackets in total, with only a dozen deemed safe to use after inspection.

The In Our Element rowing team were present at the event ahead of their upcoming Atlantic rowing challenge in December. Displaying their Ocean Rowing boat and fielding questions from the event's supportive guests, as well as conducting their own safety research as they began purchasing the necessary equipment to keep them safe during the crossing. "We were overwhelmed with the quantity of expired flares that were returned to us and the positive response of the recently launched refill flare packs. Events like these present the perfect opportunity to not only dispose of your pyrotechnics safely but also speak to the experts to have all your pyro questions answered and pick up a replacement set at a special on the day price, all whilst raising money for some well deserving charities," said Ally Ogg, Sales Executive, Wescom Group.

An event to highlight Universal Marina's diverse businesses, including Aboard Boat Coaching and Knight Marine, General Manager of Universal, Graham Bristowe, was pleased with the turnout for the marina's inaugural event. "We have a fantastic tenant community here at Universal and we wanted to promote their services while also engaging our berth holders with a much-needed life-jacket clinic and flares disposal. Everyone put in a lot of effort to make it a success, and our customers and guests gave generously."

For information visit www.premiermarinas.com



HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF NON-NATIVE SPECIES

id you know that over 2,000 plants and animals have been introduced to Great Britain from all over the world? Known as non-native species, most are harmless, indeed much of our agricultural species (wheat, barley, sheep etc) are not native to Great Britain, but around 10-15% become invasive non-native species (INNS) which will spread and have a harmful impact.

We talk to James Brushwood, Environment and Health & Safety Executive at British Marine to find out more about Invasive Species Week and how marinas, clubs and marine organisations can play their part in the weeklong awareness raising programme.

What is Invasive Species Week?

Invasive Species Week (ISW) is an annual national event organised by the GB Non-Native Species Secretariat (NNSS) to raise awareness of the impacts of invasive nonnative species. Providing advice and guidance on the simple things everyone can do to help prevent the spread as well as sharing stories on some of the fantastic

Invasive Species Week 16-22 May 2022 work taking place across the UK to protect the environment and reduce their impacts.

Why would it affect me as a Marine Business?

The spread of invasive species is becoming a major issue in both marine and inland waters around the world because they compete with native plants and wildlife and can cause major changes to entire ecosystems. In addition to the potentially devastating environmental impacts, invasive species can spread disease, restrict navigation, block waterways, clog up propellers and add significantly to the management costs of our waterways.



Getting involved

As a marina, club or marine organisation there are many ways you can get involved in Invasive Species Week.

- Increase awareness of invasive species and guidance on how your berth holders / visitors / users can help mitigate their spread using the downloadable awareness posters available from The Green Blue's website and by using #INNSweek or #getINNSvolved in your social media.
- Request a Check Clean Dry Awareness Kit using The Green Blue's online Resource Request Form. This contains outdoor A3 metal signs to display, guidance leaflets and posters.
- Set up a Biosecurity facility where your customers can wash down their boats. As simple as a hard standing with available tap water and a hosepipe. (Inland sites may be eligible for funding from their local water authority.)
- Promote the reporting of INSS with the use of the various online recording sites or via smartphone apps such as iRecord.

For further information about Invasive Species Week or to find out more about sustainable boating, visit The Green Blue website www.greenblue.org or email jbrushwood@britishmarine.co.uk for more information.

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Sea Squirt (Didemnum Vexillum),

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species like Zebra Mussels

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Once established, non-

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MUCH-LOVED COFFEE SHOP RETURNS TO UNIVERSAL MARINA A WARM WELCOME AWAITS!

remier Marinas is excited to welcome Mermaids Coffee Shop back to Universal Marina. They will shortly be relocating into the dedicated coffee shop premises but in the meantime they are operating an outdoor coffee shop with "Corky" a beautiful vintage coffee truck onsite.

Offering a grab and go service for customers to enjoy freshly baked goods and delicious savoury deli items, the coffee shop will include inside and outside seating areas for customers to relax with a coffee and cake. Going forward they will also be offering 'graze boxes' for breakfast, lunches and afternoon tea to be enjoyed by the water.

"We're really looking forward to returning to Universal Marina and creating a cosy coffee shop on the banks of the River Hamble, offering a place to meet and relax for berth holders, tenants and visitors alike" said Jono and Lisa Bradfield.

"Having Mermaids back on site, delivering quality food and drink to our berth holders, tenants, and visitors is fantastic news for the marina," says Graham Bristowe, General Manager at Universal Marina. "I very much look forward to welcoming back Jono, Lisa and their team."

Mermaids is a well-known business that currently owns and manages a deli on Botley High Street. They will also be offering their luxury Afternoon Tea River Cruises along the River Hamble aboard their Gentleman's River Launch, named Betsie Jane from Universal Marina for the 2022 season.



Mermaids Coffee Shop offer a grab and go service for customers to enjoy

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ontoon & Dock have partnered with environment protection company, Pro Earth, to provide solutions to prevent pollution on or near water.

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Neill Walker from Pontoon and Dock explained why the company had joined forces with Pro Earth. 'Our ethos is to find solutions for our clients and one of the biggest problems we all face is the pollution within our waterways. Teaming up with Pro Earth was not a difficult decision as we wanted to offer a truly ethical and sustainable solution for the removal of hydrocarbons from rivers, canals marinas and harbours.



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environment and of course the Loose ProCleanSorb will absorb any spills quickly and effectively. It is also non-leaching - leachate is 0.06% - so after use contamination will not re-enter the environment even under pressure. With the ProCleanSorb it acts as a biofilter for contaminated water, removing up to 99.96% of hydrocarbons, chemicals and heavy metals.

Neill added. 'Across our business we operate on infrastructure projects as well as supplying to the marina sector, and this has given us the insight as to the level of pollution in some of our most fantastic waterways, marinas and harbours. I recently visited Padstow and was shocked at the level of pollution inside the marina. Working with Pro Earth and bringing their amazing product to the marina sector is the solution we all need to get behind.'

Pro Earth has been working in environment protection for the past 7 years. Recently, their hybrid marine booms were chosen by HS2 contractor, Align JV, to protect the River Colne during construction of the UK's longest railway bridge. Other HS2 contractors, EKFB and BBV are choosing Pro Earth for environment protection during delivery of the largest infrastructure project in Europe.

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PORTS OF JERSEY

he second and final stage of the upgrade of the berthing facilities by Walcon at Ports of Jersey's Albert Pier in St. Helier Harbour, has been completed. The aim of this part of the project is to create up to 26 new berths with 24-hour access for some of Jersey's larger vessels. This will free up space in other marinas while also benefitting the local maritime community including marine traders and sea charter operations as well as boat owners.

Walcon Marine was working as a sub-contractor to Geomarine, a local civil engineering contractor with whom it has worked with in the past in the Channel Islands. The work of installing rock sockets in the seabed and then inserting the steel piles was undertaken by Fugro. The Albert Pier project is an important investment by Ports of Jersey and is part of its commitment to continue to invest in critical infrastructure.

The regeneration of the Albert Pier area will help ensure that the harbour is able to meet the needs of the island well into the future.

The new pontoons are currently being used as temporary berths during the current refurbishment of the nearby St Helier Marina, which is due to be completed by the end of May 2022.

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MDL MARINAS SUPPORTS TURNER TWINS' BLUE POLE PROJECT

DL Marinas is delighted to announce it is supporting the Turner Twins' Blue Pole Project, which combines an Atlantic plastic survey while attempting to reach the Atlantic Pole of Inaccessibility (POI) with a circumnavigation of the UK to promote ocean advocacy and hydrogen fuel technology.

Sailing from the UK via the Canary Islands and the Azores archipelago, adventurers Hugo and Ross Turner are aiming to reach the Atlantic POI, the point in the Atlantic Ocean which is the furthest away from land in any direction.

While completing this epic challenge, the twins will collect data for Plymouth University's International Marine Litter Research Unit's study which aims to identify micro plastics in the ocean, with the results being used to help build a clean-up strategy for ocean plastics. To embark on their mission in June, the duo from Dartmoor have sourced a pre-loved Class 40 yacht from a US based sailing charity. The 12m yacht will be refitted with a variety of sustainable technology, including Finsulate® antifouling and a Bellmarine electric sail drive, demonstrating the capability of the technologies as well as ensuring minimal environmental impact of the voyage.

As part of its commitment to the environment, MDL will be supporting the Turner Twins ecological endeavours by providing berthing at its Saxon Wharf marina for the duration of the yacht's refit this spring.

"We're delighted to be able to support the Turner Twins' Blue Pole Project," says Tim Mayer, MDL's sales and marketing director. "As a marina group, we're committed to protecting the marine ecosystem and developing environmental awareness. "Our goals align clearly with those of this ambitious project which will not only highlight the green technologies available to boaters, something we're also doing with our Green Tech Boat Show, but will also gather data which can be used to find a longer term solution to one of the oceans' greatest threats, plastic pollution.

"Our Saxon Wharf marina is an ideal choice for the refit, with many marine trades onsite. Located close to the centre of Southampton, and the access to shops and restaurants this provides, the marina is also easily accessible by road or train from London where Hugo and Ross currently live."

Following the expedition to the Atlantic POI, the yacht will set off on a tour of the UK, stopping at 13 UK port cities.

Acting as a base for Hugo and Ross on the UK tour, the yacht will have its batteries recharged by a mobile hydrogen fuel cell



generator, powered by TCP hydrogen fuel cells, which will also support the pop-up cinema, bar and marketing hub at the shoreside events to be held during each stopover.

MDL's Queen Anne's Battery marina in Plymouth is one of the ports of call on the tour which will focus on education and community engagement in environmental issues and solutions. MDL Fitness, a green gym harnessing the kinetic energy generated by gym users to help power the facility, is also located at Queen Anne's Battery and will be visited by the twins during their visit. "We're very grateful to MDL for providing a berth for us in the lead-up to our journey to the Atlantic POI and our subsequent tour of the UK," says Hugo Turner. "Access to such a well-located yard, means we will have everything we need close at hand to successfully complete the refit of the yacht in time for our departure in June.

"MDL's support shows a great understanding of our core values, values which it shows it shares through the many eco initiatives in place at its marinas. When what you're trying to do has sustainability at its heart, it's very rewarding to work with such a like-minded partner." Home to multiple marine businesses, including Oyster Yachts and Ocean Safety, Saxon Wharf is a marine service centre offering outstanding facilities for superyachts and other large craft, up to 80m. Situated on Southampton's River Itchen with a 200-ton boat hoist and ample storage ashore, it's the ideal location for boats, like the Turner twins' yacht, in need of secure, quick turnaround lift-outs, repair work or full-scale refit.

For more information on MDL, its marinas, facilities and services visit: www.mdlmarinas.co.uk

he World's most luxurious motor yacht brands are gearing up for the 2022 British Motor Yacht Show taking place at Premier's flagship marina at Swanwick from 15 – 19 June.

Featuring top British brands, Fairline, Princess and Sunseeker, Premier Marinas is excited to announce that this year's show will also be hosting motor cruisers, sports boats and RIBS from other prestigious British and international brands including Agapi, Axopar, Galeon, Pearl, Prestige, Sealine and Supermarine.

Graham Bristowe, General Manager at Premier Marinas, said: "Last year's show was a huge success and we are proud that Swanwick Marina's beautiful surroundings will once again provide the backdrop for this unique event, with the added attraction of our new Sales Pavilion, showcasing some of the best marine brands including three of the biggest names in British motor yacht sales. We always enjoy hosting this Show as it improves year on year."

This five-day show is free to attend, but viewing boats on the water is by appointment only; giving serious buyers the time to talk through their requirements with experts who are passionate about their vessels. Potential buyers will be delighted to see the number of high-profile overseas brands at the show, as well as the wide range of British motor craft.

To register your interest to visit the British Motor Yacht Show and for further information on the show's exhibitor line up please visit www.britishmotoryachtshow.com

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A NEW HELM FOR LARGS YACHT HAVEN

fter 35 years of loyal service, Marina Director Carolyn Elder will be stepping down from the day-to-day management of Largs Yacht Haven.

Carolyn joined Largs Yacht Haven in 1987, helping Yacht Havens Group to develop the site from initial proposals into a thriving boating community on the west coast of Scotland. Largs Yacht Haven is now Scotland's largest marina, home to over 700 berth holders and supporting employment for over 100 full time jobs.

During her three decades of service, Carolyn took on a number of additional roles locally to drive marine tourism and trade for the Ayrshire area. This included being the President of the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and working with yacht clubs and classes to develop Largs Yacht Haven as a host to national and international sailing events. She is also part of the local committee which manages the Largs Regatta Festival and Fife Regatta.

Carolyn says: "It's been an honour to have managed Largs Yacht Haven for so many years. I'm so grateful that the Kalis family (owners of Yacht Havens Group) entrusted me with developing Largs Yacht Haven and I'm so proud of what we've been able to achieve together."

"During this time, I've had the pleasure of meeting some wonderful characters, colleagues and companies from around the world. I will treasure the memories of welcoming members of the royal family to Largs Yacht Haven, hosting the wonderful Fife Regattas, and winning UK Marina of The Year in 2017. I would say that establishing the new clubhouse and events centre for Largs Sailing Club in 1999 would be one of my proudest accomplishments. The facility, supported by a Sport Scotland grant, allowed us to bring national and international events to Largs, bringing with it benefits for the wider economy, as well as providing an RYA Centre of Excellence for the Scottish sailing community." Yacht Havens Group

Managing Director Dylan Kalis says: "Carolyn has spearheaded the development of Largs Yacht Haven for over 30 years, making it the finest boating location in Scotland and a thriving nautical centre. We're so grateful for Carolvn's outstanding dedication to the company and we were delighted when she accepted the invitation to join the Group's board of directors in 2013. What's more, her contribution to the wider Ayrshire economy cannot be overlooked. Carolyn has brought events, businesses, tourism and,

most importantly, jobs to this part of Ayrshire."

Largs Yacht Haven

Carolyn will remain as a Yacht Havens Group Director, taking on a new role providing operational support to the Group's nine marinas around the UK and the Netherlands, and spending more time on her 8.5m sailing yacht, Wavelength.

Taking the reins as Marina Manager at Largs Yacht Haven will be Dave Hewitt. Dave joined the company in 1999, becoming the Assistant Manager in recent years as well as completing the professional Advanced Marina Manager (AMM) qualification. Dave is a long-standing member of the Largs RNLI team and is the Station Mechanic for their B Class lifeboat.

John Stewart will step up into the Assistant Marina Manager role. John joined Largs Yacht Haven in 2002 working as a hoist driver in the boatyard before becoming a Haven Master and completing his Intermediate Marina Manager (IMM) qualification.

For more information about Largs Yacht Haven visit www.yachthavens.com

DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK

18-25 June 2022

What?

A national campaign ran by The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) which aims to equip everybody across the UK and Ireland with the skills and knowledge to make the right decisions about water safety.

Why?

Now in its ninth year, DPW 2022 is a crucial campaign. Throughout 2020 and 2021, millions of young people have missed out on the opportunity to swim, leaving a dramatic gap in school swimming and water safety education.

Support

DPW is backed by the Department for Education, RNLI, Swim England, Canal and River Trust, and many more. Hundreds of schools and leisure centres take part in campaign activity every year.

A press release will be distributed nearer the campaign with the latest drowning stats for the UK. Photos, a new animation aimed at children, and interviews with families and RLSS UK spokespeople will be available.

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EIGHT YOUNG LIVES CHANGED BY MDL'S SAIL TRAINING AWARDS 2022

ight intrepid young people set sail from Southampton on the 11 April, embarking on a life changing five-day sailing voyage having won a place onboard Prolific, the Ocean Youth Trust South's flagship sail training vessel, through MDL's Sail Training Awards. The winners of this year's awards, including Luke Harley (14), Sam Harley (12), Maya Milenburg (12), Beth Eason-Taylor (18), Oliver James (13) and Tallulah Tulloch (17), completed a five-night voyage which departed from MDL's Ocean Village Marina in the heart of Southampton, sailing to Cowes and then across the bay to Poole. When inclement weather kept them berthed in Poole, they spent time exploring ashore and completed various aspects of training towards their Royal Yachting Association (RYA) qualifications. Hoisting the sails in the shelter of Poole Bay the next day, they completed the circumnavigation of the Isle of Wight, arriving in Cowes to enjoy games on the beach. Back onboard, the young people spent time practising essential seamanship skills, including man overboard recovery drills.

"I'm proud of this voyage, in that it encapsulated why sail training exists: a group of very deserving young people from diverse backgrounds became a fun, supportive, and efficient team," says OYT South skipper, Holly Vint. "We sailed fair distances, enjoyed downtime at anchor whilst exploring new locations, and ultimately had fun with new friends.

"Everyone received a RYA Competent Crew award, but the bigger achievement was ultimately the feeling we all got at the end of the trip: that of being a family. There was particular pride felt amongst the crew from having completed a circumnavigation of the Isle of Wight. My favourite part was the final night when motoring in the dark from Osborne Bay to Ocean Village – those who wanted to navigate did, those who wanted to helm did, those who wanted to make elaborate hot chocolates for others did – meanwhile small groups of the crew broke off to laugh and chat and share stories. It was pretty magic."

The RYA Competent Crew qualification is a level above the Start Yachting certificate which is more commonly awarded on this type of voyage. It is a recognised qualification that can be kept in the young person's Record of Achievement, used as evidence of transferrable skills or potentially lead to the start of a more enduring relationship with the sea and sailing. Two sea staff recommendations were also given on this voyage, which means those two young people have the potential to become a volunteer with the charity in future.

MDL's Sail Training Awards were created to reward inspirational young people between the ages of 12 and 18 who have overcome adverse personal circumstances or shown other exceptional accomplishments and achievements.

The awards rely on third party nominations from people who are in contact with young people, including teachers, guide or scout leaders, youth group leaders, friends and employers.

MDL has run the Sail Training Awards, in conjunction with OYT South, for over 30 years now and the number of nominations has grown year on year. With so many deserving young people being nominated, MDL expanded the scope of the awards this year to provide eight spaces onboard Prolific and will increase this to 12 in 2023.

Demonstrating just how the awards can help change a young person's life, 2019 award winner Millie Nation now volunteers onboard Prolific. "I'm 17 now, I was 14 when I won the MDL award," explains Millie. "MDL funded my first voyage where I found nothing but pure enjoyment for sailing. Without MDL I wouldn't have the opportunities I currently do with OYT South.

"MDL allowed me to undergo new situations and navigate a different aspect of life. It's an amazing opportunity which allows a once in a lifetime experience to be so much more. I learnt so much about myself and I continue to do so. MDL and OYT South are truly amazing, and I can't stress enough just how much they can offer for young people."

For more information about MDL Marinas visit the wesbite at www.mdlmarinas.com

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Nominations for MDL's 2023 Sail Training Awards will open in November 2022



THE BOAT SHOP WORLDWIDE RELOCATES TO NORTH FAMBRIDGE

oat brokerage, engineering and Yamaha servicing outfit The Boat Shop Worldwide Ltd have relocated to Fambridge Yacht Haven, taking tenancy of a new state-of-the-art unit on the banks of the River Crouch.

With almost 10,000sqft of brand new showrooms and workshops, The Boat Shop Worldwide are dealers for BRIG Ribs and Yamaha Jet Skis, as well as supplying outboards and Yamaha engine servicing.

Managing Director of The Boat Show Worldwide Ray Watkins was delighted to take tenancy of the new showroom saying; "Being located at Fambridge Yacht Haven on the edge of the River Crouch will give us the opportunity to grow our business. Previously, our engineering and retail units were 20miles apart but we now have a wonderful state-of-the-art facility for our entire operation. We look forward to taking advantage of all the facilities on offer at Fambridge Yacht Haven, and providing services to boaters in the area".

Fambridge Yacht Haven Marina Manager welcomed The Boat Show to North Fambridge saying; "Ray, Jordon and his team bring over 30 years experience in all types of marine engineering. Their range of services and products perfectly suit the requirements of boaters up and down the River Crouch and beyond, so we're delighted to welcome them to North Fambridge. We're proud to offer wide range of marine services available at Fambridge Yacht Haven, from specialist marine electronics companies to GRP repairs, and now, a Yahama Service Centre."

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WALCON MARINE

alcon Marine has completed a major refurbishment project on the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's (RNLI) busiest station. Located on the north side of the River Thames in central London, RNLI Tower not only handles over 500 callouts each year, it is also one of the RNLI's few stations that are afloat. As such, it has to contend with a tidal range of six metres and the challenges that come with being on what is by far the UK's busiest inland waterway.

The works undertaken by Walcon involved the fabrication and installation of two, 20-metre aluminium bridges plus a ramp for disabled access that together connect the platform to the Embankment towpath behind. The ramp in particular was a bespoke project involving detailed design plus high precision manufacture to ensure fast and smooth passages for injured persons being taken ashore on wheeled stretchers en route to hospital.

The bridges can be seen above / behind the station itself, leading off the embankment at each end down to the platform.

The full scope of the project required the replacement of a single, steel, link span bridge which reached its end of life. However, as there are two landing recesses built into the embankment wall it was decided that two aluminium bridges should be installed to give redundancy in the event of one or the other requiring maintenance.

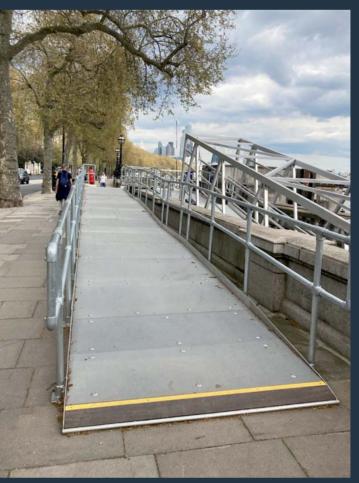


The upstream bridge was fitted first into the vacant opening. The original bridge was then removed and the new downstream bridge installed in its place. The on-site assembly and installation works took four weeks to complete with the station fully operational throughout. The works were overseen by infrastructure specialist Herbosch-Kiere NV.

The entire project was a major logistical challenge. The new structures were delivered by road to Tilbury and then taken up the Thames by crane barge to the site in the heart of London, where the old bridge was lifted out and new ones lowered into position. The project also required technical approval from local government and Covid was still a major issue at the start of the project.

Tom Kent, South East Regional Estates Manager at the RNLI, commented: "The RNLI engaged Walcon Marine Ltd for the supply and installation of two new linkspan structures and associated works for Tower Lifeboat Station in central London. These works involved careful planning and execution in an extremely busy environment whilst also enabling the station to remain fully operational. Walcon conducted these works in a professional and capable manner, always ensuring the work fitted around station activity." James Walters, Managing Director of Walcon Marine, added: "It was a pleasure to be working with the RNLI once again, and at such an iconic location. It certainly was a challenge to be working on a compact but active site where the personnel had to able to deploy immediately without hindrance, but it all worked well and we are confident that the new bridges will give many years of reliable and smooth service."

For further details about Walcon Marine visit the website www.walconmarine.com



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PICK A PIER

ick a Pier, founded in 2017 by a team of passionate boating enthusiasts using technology solutions to connect boaters and marinas, has gained over 30 new marina signings to their AI-driven platform in Q1, 2022, offering hundreds of marinas on their platforms.

Marinas from across Europe have signed up to the Pick a Pier platform, including UK-based Gold Anchor awarded, TransEurope Marina, Emsworth Yacht Harbour. Joining them on the list of new signings includes

Blue Flag certified Marina di San Lorenzo, the 830 berth Port de La Baule Le Pouliguen, Blue Star Marina and Gold Anchor Marina award-winning Marina de Lagos, the Netherland's Jachthaven Waterkant and Real Club Náutico Castellón in Spain, and many others across the continent.

One particular benefit of the Pick a Pier platform for marinas is the inclusive payment service that makes the lives of both boaters and





marina staff easier and enables the marinas to provide fast and smooth service.

President of Marina Uno, Giorgio Ardito: "We are excited to get onboard with Pick a Pier especially to help in communicating with our existing berth holders and promoting the marina to new visitors."

"We look forward to using Pick a Pier to help us optimise our berth availability and reduce admin burden for both us and our boaters," says Tom Marfleet, Marina Manager at Emsworth Marina.

Pick a Pier's CEO Idan Cohen comments, "We are excited to have new marinas onboard with Pick a Pier and know they will instantly benefit from optimised operations and unlocking berths to accommodate boaters. By joining Pick a Pier, these marinas have access to boaters and berth holders in real-time using our intuitive platform that provides a new level of transparency, communication, and profitability."

Pick a Pier sees massive surge in marina sign ups, with more than 30 prime marinas in Q1 joining their platform

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CANALSIDE WALK OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

picturesque 1km canalside walk at Birtley, near Bramley, Surrey, is now open to the public thanks to the efforts of Wey & Arun Canal Trust volunteers and visiting working parties over several years.

The stretch of abandoned Wey & Arun Canal was purchased thanks to the generosity of an overseas member and restoration work began back in 2019, removing a causeway, fencing off





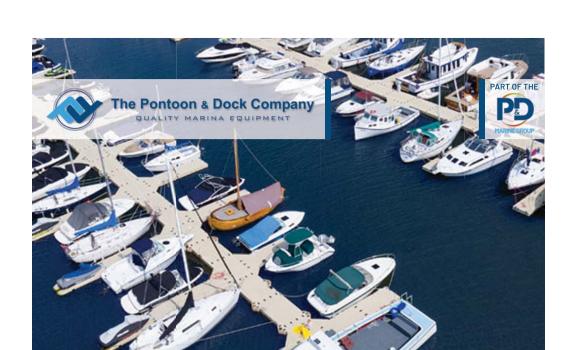
the adjacent farmland and creating an access track, along with tackling fallen trees and overgrown vegetation.

Regular volunteers and visiting working parties joined forces to construct the first of two lift bridges planned for the area and put in phenomenal effort to complete the bridge abutments in just 12 months.

Volunteers have now constructed a temporary deck for the bridge to allow access to the walk, which is flanked by the Downs Link path above and Cranleigh Waters in the valley below. The temporary deck will be replaced in due course; the Trust is working with the council to get a design approved in principle for lifting bridges, which will be used for the existing bridge and a second Birtley bridge for which planning permission has been granted.

An application has also been submitted to develop the canal south of the new bridge. Some 450m of new canal channel will be created here, along with reinstatement of 530m of existing canal channel. The project includes construction of a brick-faced bridleway overbridge and lock.

Elsewhere on the northern section, the Trust is awaiting the decision on an application that would begin to re-establish the link between the canal and the national waterway system. The plans would create 1km of new canal from the Wey Navigation by the A281 bridge to a point adjacent to the historic aqueduct on Gosden Meadow by Tannery Lane, with the construction of a new lock and bridges.



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BLACK WATER Pump-out don't dump-out!

Ithough the following is primarily focussed on the coastal marina sector hopefully it will resonate with the majority of marina staff who read this.

With larger and larger boats occupying marinas, more liveaboards/floating lodges and more new boat owners the challenge of managing blackwater becomes ever more complex. Older craft may not be fitted with holding tanks in which case the boat user has to use shore facilities or wait until they are 3 miles offshore to use the heads (well that's the theory). Leisure boats with toilets that were built following the introduction of the Recreational Craft Directive (RCD) in 2017 must be fitted with a black water holding tank and of course use it to store sewage until it can be pumped into a main sewer.

At home, for most of us, sewage goes unseen (and unsmelled), there are no decisions to be made or interactions with it... it just magically disappears down the drain! Boaters however have to play a more active role in the disposal of their sewage which maybe why some choose to dump-out rather than pump-out!

Those with holding tanks have the choice to use a pump out facility at their marina (or one nearby) or dump their tank whilst out cruising which is of course poor environmental practice.



So why do many boaters choose to dump-out and not pump-out? Could it be that:

- There is no conveniently located pump out to use
- The pump out isn't working
- It's cheaper to dump at sea and I only need to open a seacock
- It's difficult or not possible to move my boat to the pump out station
- Using a pump out machine is dirty and smelly

Given that we want all boaters to ensure their sewage ends up in a treatment plant and not in our oceans and waterways then what can we do? Hayley and I were pleased to be invited by Karl Sutcliff from Lee Sanitation and Peter Leonard (jnr) from Peter Leonard Marine to test a new pump out boat at Premier Sovereign Harbour. This was both fascinating and rather smelly at times!

Although pump out boats are not new, this boat has been designed with a large 500 litre tank and high-volume pump to cater for larger boats and flexibility so it can also be used for pumping out bilges/sinking boats and, if necessary, firefighting using the same Lee San pump system.

Pumping out the floating lodge that was used as a test was simple and quick and in the words of the owner a 'game changer' as previously his lodge had to be towed and manoeuvred (by marina staff) to the pump out station before the owner could pump it out. The pump out boat was not only much faster but the owner was not directly involved



to sewage, the smell and the physical contact with pump out equipment. Although the right thing to do this process undoubtedly brings the user much closer to sewage than normal, could this be why some boaters choose to dumpout rather than pump-out? And if so, what can we do to influence this?

Anecdotally I'm told by many coastal marinas that their pump-out 'isn't used much' and that many boats with holding tanks 'never use it'!

Well following our day a Sovereign Harbour I suggest that there a number of things marinas can do that will influence boaters to change their habits including:

 Provide your customers with easy access to a functioning well-maintained pump-out unit

Consider your charging regime which could be:

- Free if you pump your own boat out
- Chargeable if someone pumps-out for you
- If you have liveaboards consider a pump-out boat or portable unit
- Communicate with your customers and encourage them to use black water pump-out

So, to conclude, I recommend that having read the above you consider the black water habits of your customers and what you can do to influence them to keep our oceans and waterways clean and beautiful.

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in the pump out process which he was very happy about.

Following the test we interviewed Karl and Peter on camera to add to our Clean Marina best practice; this identified some interesting issues regarding the availability and use of black water pump out. Above all it left us questioning why some boaters are happy to dump their sewage in our lovely oceans and waterways and what can we do to change their habits? I anticipate that most readers will have used a pump out unit and experienced the close proximity

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The total was boosted further after the Friends of the River Nene who have established a close working relationship with the marina donated a fabulous £500 for the appeal.

Commenting on the result, marina office manager Kay Elderkin added, "We have all been totally rocked by the Ukraine disaster and felt we wanted to do our little bit to help in any way we could. We are delighted with the amount we raised and would like to thank everyone for their generosity and helping us to achieve such a great result."



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