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As the marina industry enters another busy and exciting season, the TYHA team has spent the past three months travelling across the UK on the TYHA Tour. A key focus has been meeting members and industry professionals to discuss the new TYHA Code of Practice (8th Edition), the Ports and Marine Facilities Safety Code and the Marinas and Boatyards H&S Code of Practice. The feedback we received was invaluable and it was a pleasure to reconnect with so many of you in person.

At the same time, our TYHA Gold Anchor Assessors have been travelling worldwide to carry out Gold Anchor assessments and re-accreditations, helping to maintain and celebrate excellence across our international marina network. It has been encouraging to see the dedication and professionalism shown by marinas around the world.

Many members will know that our industry colleagues in the Middle East are facing significant challenges. Even so, it has been



Jon White
TYHA General Manager

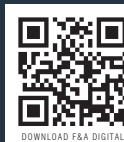
inspiring to hear how marina communities have supported one another and worked to minimise the impact on their teams, customers and operations. With several exciting new projects underway in the region, it is encouraging to see progress continuing despite these difficult circumstances.

Looking ahead, preparations are in full swing for this year's Southampton International Boat Show, where we are delighted to unveil a new

TYHA stand design. We are pleased to welcome back many of our regular exhibitors and equally excited to introduce a new TYHA member from Italy, Marina Capo D'Orlando. It promises to be another outstanding show on the TYHA 'Find a Marina stand' and we warmly invite you to visit us.

Wednesday will be a particularly busy day on the stand, ending with our prestigious TYHA Marina Awards, proudly sponsored by Haven Knox-Johnston, followed by our annual stand party sponsored by IGY Marinas and Marina Projects. Voting for Gold Anchor accredited marinas is gathering pace, so be sure your marina is in the running!

**On behalf of everyone at TYHA,
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INDUSTRY COLLABORATION ON SHOW AT TYHA ROADSHOW EVENT HOSTED BY INLAND AND COASTAL

Already buzzing from the success of previous events around the UK, TYHA's Code of Practice Roadshow arrived in Ireland, bringing marina operators, industry professionals and stakeholders together for a day of networking and first-hand insight into the revised 8th edition of the TYHA Code of Practice.

Hosted at our Banagher Headquarters, the event formed part of the wider UK and Ireland roadshow programme organised by TYHA and Marina Projects. Attendees travelled from across Ireland and beyond to take part in presentations, site tours and open discussions focused on marina planning, operations, sustainability and safety standards.

The day began with a guided tour of our headquarters and adjacent Banagher Precast Concrete facility, giving visitors a rare opportunity to see the relationship between the two businesses at close quarters. Guests were able to follow the process from manufacture through to pontoon assembly, while learning more about the engineering and operational considerations that underpin our marina infrastructure projects.

"With Banagher Concrete we have this symbiotic relationship that works really well as they have the concrete technology, cranes and storage and we have the waterside experience and relationships that go back decades," explains Ollie

Shortall. "We can also project manage jobs a lot easier as most of the manufacturing is done here, with only a small amount being done at the point of installation."

Attendees were also given the chance to visit the newly opened 25-metre Banagher open air floating pool, located close to our headquarters on the picturesque River Shannon. We played a key role in the design, development and construction of this new waterside facility, which has been designed to adapt to changing river levels and offers accessibility for swimmers of all ages and abilities.

The facility also includes a dedicated children's area, a canoe launch area and a recreational seating space with sheltered pods



Sean Warrington - Marina Projects



The open air pool with pod shelters

on the pontoon and offers another example of how waterfront engineering and collaborative planning can work together to create accessible community facilities along inland waterways.

A buffet lunch and networking session followed the morning tour before presentations and discussions began in the afternoon. Central to the event was the revised TYHA Code of Practice, widely recognised as the benchmark for best practice across the marina industry. Delegates explored how the updated guidance will support safe, sustainable and

commercially successful marina operations in the years ahead.

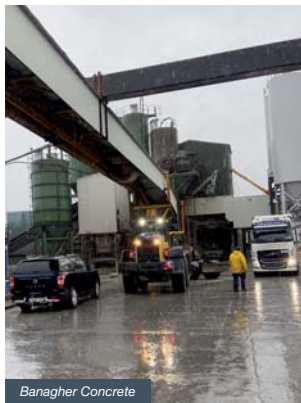
The Banagher event also gave attendees the opportunity to inspect our pontoons up close, with discussions around how durability, safety and long-term performance are integrated into the design process from the outset.

Sustainability was another important theme throughout the day. The Inland and Coastal team highlighted initiatives including our partnership with Living Seawalls, an innovative system that repurposes waste material from our concrete manufacturing process into modular panels

designed to encourage marine biodiversity around marina infrastructure.

"The roadshow has been a fantastic opportunity to engage directly with marina operators and industry professionals across the UK and Ireland," says TYHA's General Manager, Jon White. "Banagher provided a particularly valuable setting because attendees could see the practical application of many of the principles discussed within the revised Code of Practice."

Hayley Cloke, TYHA's Executive Manager, adds: "The turnout and engagement throughout the day were excellent. It was particularly interesting for attendees to experience the full process behind Inland and Coastal's marina infrastructure solutions and to see the strong emphasis placed on sustainability, quality and long-term resilience."



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Jon White - TYHA Manager

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“TYHA TOUR

Spanning 11 Venues Across the UK and Ireland

The Yacht Harbour Association Tour has drawn to a close after an extensive and highly engaging programme spanning 11 venues across the UK and Ireland, finishing with a well attended final session at Haven Knox Johnston’s Head Office in London on 20th May. Welcoming 233 British Marine TYHA members—alongside 49 non-members—the tour demonstrated the sector’s continued commitment to raising standards, improving safety and sharing best practice across marina and harbour operations.

At the heart of the tour was a detailed introduction to the

revised TYHA Code of Practice, developed in partnership with Marina Projects. This latest revision reflects significant changes in the operational, environmental and regulatory landscape faced by marinas today.

The updated Code places greater emphasis on a proactive, risk-based approach to marina management, encouraging operators to move beyond simple compliance and towards a culture of continuous improvement. Key updates included enhanced guidance on environmental responsibility with a stronger focus on sustainability, pollution prevention and climate resilience. The revision also expands on

operational management procedures, offering clearer direction on maintenance regimes, infrastructure inspection and asset management planning. In addition, there is increased attention on customer experience, accessibility and inclusivity—recognising the evolving expectations of berth holders and visitors alike.

Safety remains a cornerstone of the Code and the revised version provides more comprehensive frameworks for hazard identification, emergency planning and staff training. These updates align closely with other industry standards, ensuring that marinas can integrate the Code seamlessly into their wider safety management systems.

Alongside the TYHA Code of Practice, the tour also delivered valuable overviews of the British Marine Marinas & Boatyards Health & Safety Code of Practice and the Port Marine Safety Code. By presenting these frameworks together, the sessions helped attendees understand how they interconnect, providing

a cohesive approach to safe and efficient marina operations. A defining feature of the tour was its interactive format. Each event encouraged open discussion, allowing attendees to explore real-world challenges, share experiences and gain practical insights from both peers and industry experts. This collaborative approach not only deepened understanding of the revised Code but also reinforced a shared commitment to maintaining high standards across the sector.

TYHA extended sincere thanks to its sponsors—Dura Composites, Haven Knox-Johnston, MHPS and Inland and Coastal—whose support was integral to the success of the tour. Their active involvement at each venue brought additional expertise and perspective, enriching the overall experience for attendees.

“Dura Composites has been pleased to support the TYHA Tour and contribute to an initiative that continues to raise standards across the marina sector. For the marina operators we engage with every day, the events provide a useful forum to exchange practical insight and explore the implications of the latest Version 8 Code of Practice.

A consistent theme throughout the tour has been the growing emphasis on sustainability and recyclability, alongside the established priorities of safety, compliance

and long-term performance. These considerations are increasingly shaping how marina infrastructure is specified and maintained. Through our involvement, we’ve been able to share experience from across the sector, including the role that low-carbon, recyclable d² composite walkway materials can play in supporting more sustainable marina environments.

We look forward to continuing our involvement as the tour progresses and to supporting the ongoing development of best practice across the industry.”

(Dean Fuller Marine, Overseas & Client Success Manager).

“It is great to be a sponsor of the TYHA Code of Practice Tour supporting the marina industry. Having attended many of the events across the UK, I have been impressed at how seriously marinas take their responsibilities to run high quality, safe and secure facilities for boat owners. With our role helping both boat owners and commercial marine businesses to protect themselves against risk, the interest in the new 8th edition of the TYHA Code of Practice is pleasing to see and being able to support local events to enable as many businesses to attend as possible has been great. The drive from TYHA and their marina members to constantly improve standards is synonymous with how we at Haven Knox-Johnston strive to work. There are always areas where small changes can be useful and initiatives such as the

TYHA tour are imperative to bring them about.”

(Paul Knox-Johnston, Haven Knox-Johnston)

Recognising that not all members were able to attend in person, TYHA has announced plans to host a series of online sessions in the coming months. These will ensure that both UK-based and international members can benefit from the updated guidance and insights shared throughout the tour. Members are encouraged to watch for further details via email communications and LinkedIn updates.

Overall, the TYHA Tour has not only showcased the latest developments in marina management standards but has also strengthened connections across the industry. By combining technical guidance with open dialogue, it has set a strong foundation for the continued evolution and adoption of best practice in the years ahead.

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“ CLEARING THE AIR

Why Black Smoke Shouldn't be the Price of Boating

Black smoke has long been treated as an unavoidable side effect of boating. It drifts across fuel berths and settles on pontoons and hulls long after engines start. Guests notice it. Staff breathe it in. Marina operators absorb the reputational hit - from guest complaints to visible pollution at the berth.

Yet, black smoke is not inevitable. It is the visible sign of fuel being wasted and pollution being created in places where people are standing, walking and working.

What many don't realise is that black smoke is not caused by the fuel itself, it's generated from how that fuel burns. When combustion is incomplete, soot and particulates are released into the air. Improve combustion and the smoke largely disappears.

So how do you improve how the fuel burns inside your engine? One such solution is Sulnox EcoTM - an organic fuel conditioner developed by UK Greentech firm, Sulnox Group

Plc- that targets the root cause: incomplete combustion. By helping fuel burn more efficiently inside the engine, it reduces soot, particulate emissions and cuts the visible black smoke that so often blights harbours and marinas.

The positive impact is most striking in passenger environments, where air quality is impossible to ignore.

Crystal Cruises saw this first-hand. During an eight-month evaluation on Crystal Symphony, the operator reported a significant reduction in black smoke, helping improve onboard air quality for guests and crew and supporting access to environmentally sensitive marine areas. The vessel also recorded measurable fuel savings over the period.

These operational observations are supported by independent measurement. In a land-based generator study with robust particulate monitoring, particulate matter (black smoke) was reduced by 96% when Sulnox EcoTM was used- validating the mechanism

behind the visible reduction in black smoke reported in maritime settings.

And through more complete combustion, marine operators typically see an average 5% of fuel savings, alongside improved condition- as carbon deposits are reduced and prevented from building up.

Therefore, for marina operators, the benefits are practical and immediate. Less black smoke means cleaner air at fuel berths, less residue on pontoons and boats and a better experience for everyone on site. And it requires no retrofits, no new infrastructure and no change to fuel supply. It's as easy as adding 1ml of Sulnox EcoTM to the tank to treat 2 litres of diesel.

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“ Floating Modular Development

Turning Water Space into Revenue

Marina operators increasingly recognise that mooring fees alone can't deliver sustainable longterm growth. Rising operational costs, tighter margins and shifting customer expectations mean marinas must extract more value from the water space they already control.

Floating modular development is emerging as one of the clearest commercial opportunities in the sector.

Instead of treating the marina basin purely as circulation and berthing space, operators can now deploy floating lodges, hospitality venues, offices and service facilities that generate direct, recurring revenue. These assets transform underutilised water into income producing real estate – without the planning complexity or environmental impact of additional shoreline construction.

Floating accommodation is particularly attractive. In destination marinas, shortstay lodges can outperform traditional berth revenue on a per square metre basis while attracting a new customer demographic beyond boat owners. Meanwhile, floating restaurants, cafés and wellness spaces increase dwell time and onsite spending, repositioning the marina as a destination rather than a transit point.

The commercial strength of modular construction lies in its speed and flexibility. Units are fabricated offsite, installed quickly and can be relocated, expanded, or repurposed as demand evolves. This reduces longterm risk, protects capital investment and accelerates time to revenue.

For marinas seeking new income streams, floating modular buildings offer a scalable, low disruption path to growth. The water is no longer just an operational necessity – it's a balance sheet asset waiting to be unlocked.

The marinas that embrace flexibility, adaptability and incremental growth will be best positioned to thrive – and modular development may well be the foundation that makes that possible.

A Smarter Approach to Waterfront Growth

Floating modular development also aligns with increasing environmental and regulatory scrutiny. Reduced construction time, limited seabed disturbance and adaptable design make modular floating buildings easier to justify to regulators and communities alike.

As marinas look to diversify revenue, enhance customer experience and remain competitive, the water itself represents an untapped development opportunity.

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- Coastal Marina of the Year - under 250 berths
- Coastal Marina of the Year - over 250 berths
- Inland Marina of the Year
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- Superyacht Marina of the Year
- Marina Team of the Year
- Sustainable marina of the year

There will be one winner per category, decided by public vote. This is based on: The number of votes per marina divided by the number of berths in that marina.

TYHA will announce the winners at the Southampton International Boat Show on Wednesday 23rd September 2026 at the TYHA awards ceremony.

Votes received after midnight on the 28th August 2026, will not be considered. Votes are limited to one vote per person and must be placed through the online web form at - www.tyha.co.uk/marina-awards

For the Employee of the Year award, Marina Team of the Year award and Sustainable Marina of the Year award, a panel of judges will consider various comments provided to determine the winner. Verbal permission must be received for somebody to nominate an employee. The panel of judge's decision is final.

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The idea being that if you can help boat owners sell their boats by doing away with complicated pricing, together with offering a range of services to help with the sale, more good-quality secondhand boats would enter the market.

At the time, the idea was thought to be unique and since the introduction of this new way to sell your boat, the family-owned and independent marina located on the Middlewich Branch of the Shropshire Union Canal, close to bridge 8, has found the idea to be very popular with boat owners.



The fixed-price commission plan is broken down into four categories based on the value of your boat, so when you come to sell your boat, you know exactly how much commission you will pay.

The plans also include free valuation at any location, no mooring fees, no sale-no-fee guarantee, viewings seven days per week, support from a dedicated and professional

sales team and support of a high-quality servicing and workshop department. There is even an inclusive boat collection service from any location in the UK mainland.

Currently, the brokerage market is in what some feel to be a strange state, with a good number of people looking to buy but with fewer people looking to sell. But with spring now upon us, the build-up to

the 2026 season is well underway. And with the improving weather, thoughts will turn to outdoor activities, including the waterways.

So, if you are thinking of selling or upgrading your boat in 2026, visit the Aqueduct Marina website and click the Sell Your Boat link to learn more about this service. The address is www.aqueductmarina.co.uk



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“ Marina Celebrates 10th Birthday



White Mills Marina located on the River Nene in Northamptonshire was celebrating yet another birthday at the beginning of April and this time it was a real milestone as it was the marina’s tenth birthday!

Throughout the day, berth holders, boaters and visitors to the office were all treated to some “fizz” and birthday cake to mark the marina’s first decade, which gave everyone a fabulous opportunity to reminisce about the good old days and of course look ahead to a bright and exciting future.

Commenting on the latest milestone, John Skinner said, “As a family we would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has come into our lives over the past ten years, from boaters and visitors to our fabulous team members and colleagues – it has been a wonderful experience. Thank you so very much and here is to 2036!

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“ Title Sponsor Announced

As tickets launch for Plymouth Boat Fest 2026

Marine AI has been announced as the new title sponsor of Plymouth Boat Fest 2026, with the event set to return on Saturday 20th June at Plymouth Yacht Haven under the new banner Plymouth Boat Fest, powered by Marine AI. Alongside the announcement, organisers have released free visitor tickets for the South West's major boat show, which returns following a highly successful inaugural event in 2025.

Organised by Yacht Havens Group, the 2026 event builds on a hugely successful debut in June 2025, which welcomed more than 50 exhibiting companies and 30 vessels spanning marine technology, leisure, services and ocean conservation.

Announcing the return of the event and its new title sponsor, organisers revealed plans to expand the show for 2026, including increased ticket capacity and a larger on-water

demonstration programme. “2025 was a great starting point for Plymouth Boat Fest,” said Steve Cox, Event Organiser at Plymouth Yacht Haven. “It became a showcase for the South West’s diverse maritime sector, bringing together companies displaying their vessels, products and services while also connecting with the local community around future skills and career opportunities.”

Commenting on the new partnership with Marine AI,

Steve added: “Marine AI represents exactly the kind of forward-thinking innovation that is shaping the future of the marine industry. Plymouth and Turnchapel Wharf has become a global centre for marine autonomy and advanced maritime technology and Marine AI are playing a leading role in that story. As a fast-growing technology company and an important STEM employer in the city, their involvement in Plymouth Boat Fest reflects both the direction the industry is heading and the opportunities it’s creating locally. We’re delighted to have them on board.

Commenting on the event and sponsorship, Director of Engineering for - Marine AI Oliver Thompson said; “Marine AI is delighted to support Plymouth Boat Fest 2026 as title sponsor. Plymouth has recently been declared the National Centre for Marine Autonomy, driven by the incredible innovation happening across

the region. Marine AI is proud to have been part of that journey from the early days and is delighted to support the event that brings together industry, the local community and the next generation of engineers and mariners. Plymouth Boat Fest is a fantastic platform to showcase the region’s leadership in maritime innovation and inspire future generations to engage with the rapidly evolving marine technology sector as title sponsor as we grow the event for 2026.”

Plans include an expanded Marine Technology Zone highlighting Plymouth’s growing reputation as a centre for marine autonomy. Supported by Turnchapel Wharf, home to a cluster of maritime autonomy companies, the zone will feature demonstrations of remotely operated and autonomous vessels alongside on-water displays showcasing the sector’s capabilities.

The marine leisure and services sector shoreside is

led by new partner Haven Knox-Johnston, with exhibitors including Hemisphere Rigging Services, Nathan Bone Yacht Repair, Ancesta, Red Ensign Yachts, Fischer Panda and the Ocean Conservation Trust.

The on-water exhibition area will also be expanded, with additional pontoon space allowing even more vessels to be displayed. Confirmed for 2026 include Princess Motor Yacht Sales, The Island Trust’s 96ft tall ship, WetWheels, Wolf Rock Boat Company, Wills Marine, Plymouth RNLI lifeboat and vessels from Cattewater Harbour Commissioners among others.



Visitors are encouraged to book early to secure their free tickets by visiting plymouthboatfest.com. Exhibitors can also sign up for the 2026 show via the website.

New range of training courses at Buckler's Hard Yacht Harbour



A new range of Royal Yachting Association (RYA) courses is being offered at Buckler's Hard Yacht Harbour in partnership with Associated Marine Training.

Dates have been confirmed for theory courses in the new waterfront boatshed meeting rooms, as well as practical guidance on the Beaulieu River.

The expert training opportunities are available for visiting boaters as well as berth holders who want to brush up on their skills, or try something new.

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- Beaulieu River Tidal Training
- RYA Powerboat 2 Course / ICC Licence BRBH
- Weather short course
- Passage Planning short course
- Digital First and Electronic Nav short course

Harbour Master Wendy Stowe said: "These are great opportunities to learn new skills in small groups of friendly, like-minded people in our stunning new boatshed facilities."

Rob McNally, Principal at Associated Marine Training, said: "We're delighted to work with Buckler's Hard Yacht Harbour to provide this new range of courses. Helping boaters feel confident and safe on the water is essential to get the most from this unique environment." The good value courses are an added benefit for the 500 berth and mooring holders at Buckler's Hard Yacht Harbour but are also available for visitors to book. They provide internationally-recognised RYA qualifications.

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BOATFOLK PORTISHEAD

Portishead is a vibrant yet relaxed town, experiencing a revival in visitors afloat and on foot. With a quayside of restaurants, craft ale pubs and family spaces it's an unmissable mooring with a warm welcome. The marina has a very good pontoon system and excellent berth holder facilities, to compliment the offering, there is a fully serviced boat yard with a 35t on lifting capacity.



MARINA DE VILAMOURA

Vilamoura Marina was the pioneer in Portugal and over the last four decades has been recognised as one of the best in the world by its customers. Vilamoura Marina has 825 berths for boats ranging from 6 to 60 meters. The Marina has received multiple national and international awards such as the 5 Gold Anchors Platinum Award, Portugal Best Marina and International Marina of the Year.



NOVA MARINA DE VILAMOURA

Three pontoons with 68 berths were installed, equipped with the latest technologies to provide first-class facilities, user comfort and environmental sustainability. All 68 berths are specifically designed for large boats, between 20 and 40 metres, in order to respond to the fast-growing trend in this sector and to strengthen the destination's capacity to attract a high net-worth demographic.

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“ Tingdene Group Announces Leadership Transition Effective 2nd March 2026

Tingdene Group has announced a planned leadership transition within its C-Suite Executive Team, effective 2 March 2026.

Tingdene Group, a privately owned family business with over 55 sites across the UK, owns, develops and operates residential parks, holiday parks and marinas. Most recently in 2025, Tingdene Group acquired Farnon Marina in Nottingham, Stonecliff Residential Park in Lincolnshire and Holy Loch Marina in Dunoon, Scotland.

After six years as Group Managing Director and more than 30 years of dedicated service, Ian Collier will transition to the role of Group Executive Chair, focusing on Group level strategy, governance and supporting the next phase of Tingdene’s growth.

Ethan Zone, currently Strategy Director, will be appointed CEO and Managing Director of Tingdene Group. Ethan will lead the business into its next phase of growth, building on the strong foundations established over many years.

Andy Dixon continues in the role of CFO, providing continuity and stability across the business’s financial leadership. Commenting on his appointment, Ethan Zone said: “Joining Tingdene Group in 2020 was a significant and personal step. I feel extremely proud to continue our legacy and to take on the role of CEO at Tingdene Group. Our recent growth reflects the strong foundations built over many years and the dedication of our leadership team and colleagues across the business.

Following a period of expansion, our focus as a Board and throughout the business remains on delivering a community and customer experience we are known for, while pursuing sustainable growth across both existing and new markets for our residential, holiday and marine businesses.

I want to personally thank Ian for everything he has contributed to date and will continue to contribute to Tingdene Group going forward. Ian has helped guide the business with purpose, compassion and integrity through both opportunities and challenges.

I am delighted to have both his support and experience as we look to the next chapter. Finally, thank you to the entire Tingdene team

for your unwavering support and commitment to driving the business forward.”

Ian Collier added: “After more than 30 years with Tingdene Group, it has been a privilege to serve as Group Managing Director over the past six years. I am extremely proud of what we have achieved together and of the strong business Tingdene is today. This transition marks an exciting next chapter for the Group. I have

worked closely with Ethan for many years and have every confidence in his leadership, vision and commitment to Tingdene’s long-term success.

I would like to thank our leadership team and colleagues across the organisation for their dedication, resilience and continued support, particularly through periods of challenges and change. Tingdene’s success has always been driven by its people.

As Group Executive Chair, I look forward to continuing to support the business at a strategic level and working closely with Ethan and the Board as we build on our strong foundations and pursue the next phase of sustainable growth.”

Visit the [Tingdene Group website](http://www.tingdene.com) for updates and more information www.tingdene.com



“ Updated Marine Licence requirements for work within a ‘Marina’ ”

As a result of recent legal challenges associated with various marine licences the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has issued new guidance requiring all works within a marina to undergo Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening, following updated legal advice issued in late March.

Due to the lack of a statutory definition of “marina” in the Marine Works EIA Regulations (MWR), the MMO has adopted a precautionary approach, classifying all marina-based activities under Schedule A2, Paragraph 83 (Tourism and Leisure). The MMO has defined a marina as “a specially designed harbour for small boats and yachts”. Our interpretation is that this could include leisure harbours and other small boat berthing facilities e.g. sailing clubs.

As a result, all marine licence applications for works within a marina (in England) now require an EIA screening opinion, regardless of scale or whether the works are maintenance or development-related. Any projects meeting the criteria for Self Service under the Marine Licensing Regulations are confirmed to be exempt from the screening requirement. There is the potential for this issue to extend to the other devolved administrations.

This additional information is required under the Marine Works EIA Regulations (MWR) and enables the MMO to assess if a project has a likely significant effect, thereby requiring an Environmental Statement alongside the application for the marine licence.

The MMO’s decision to require a screening opinion for projects connected to a marina does not mean that the project will always require an EIA, but ensures that the criteria for MWR compliance is met.



Furthermore, there are early indications that variations to existing licenses are also likely to be captured by the need for EIA screening.

Compulsory Step, Time and Costs

The screening process introduces a compulsory additional step to the licensing process, with an indicative 8-week determination period and additional costs to applicants.

Current Licence applications are being placed on hold until an EIA screening request is submitted and all new applications will require a screening process is complete before they will be considered.

Lack of Definition

The issue arises from the Marine Works EIA Regulations being originally transposed from the Town and Country Planning EIA regs. As a result the MWR

includes for some curious triggers like Ski runs and lifts, motorway service areas and test tracks for motorised vehicles – not commonly found in the Marine Environment.

Unfortunately, many of the supporting definitions were lost during the creation of the MWR and so a Marina (or thresholds for the associated scale of development) is not defined. It is this lack of definition that has now resulted in the MMO

adopting a precautionary approach to projects. We understand the MMO are engaging with DEFRA to seek a long-term resolution to the issue with recognition of the impact from additional costs and the extended application timeline, especially on smaller operators.

Marina Projects can help navigate these new challenges and ensure your site is compliant, contact them at consents@marinaprojects.com

MAJOR THAMES CLEAN-UP HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR RESPONSIBLE BOATING

British Marine London & Thames Valley welcomes the recent action by the Environment Agency to remove over 150 abandoned and sunken vessels from the River Thames—marking the most significant clean-up effort in more than a decade.

This initiative, particularly focused around West Molesey and Sunbury, addresses a long-standing issue where boats have overstayed far beyond the permitted 24-hour limit at short-stay moorings. In some cases,

vessels remained for years, deteriorating into what have been described as “slum boats,” impacting navigation, safety and the overall environment of our waterways.

The Environment Agency has confirmed that many of these vessels were obstructing access for other river users and contributing to wider concerns, including anti-social behaviour and environmental degradation. A recent court ruling in April 2024 also determined that several of these boats were trespassing.

While the removal of 150 vessels is a significant step forward, local groups stress that this represents only a portion of the wider issue. The challenge of unauthorised and overstaying boats continues to affect sections of the Thames, highlighting the importance of long-term solutions.

British Marine London & Thames Valley strongly supports the Environment Agency’s commitment to enforcing regulations and recovering costs where possible. As Bill Jephson, Deputy Director at the Environment Agency, emphasised, the real solution lies in responsible boat ownership—ensuring vessels are properly maintained and not abandoned.

We encourage all boaters to adhere to mooring regulations, respect fellow river users and play their part in preserving the Thames as a safe, clean and enjoyable environment for all.

For guidance on responsible boating and mooring regulations, or to learn more about best practices, please contact British Marine London & Thames Valley.



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“ TRANSEUROPE MARINAS

How marinas can support ocean science

“Marinas are a fantastic place to start connecting people with the world beneath the waves. The best part? You don’t have to get your feet wet!” Eleanor Goodall, Marine Biologist.

Over the next 12 months, TransEurope Marinas will expand its role within the EU-funded LandSeaLot project by appointing a full-time researcher.

This new phase will focus on facilitating citizen engagement with ocean and riverine science.

While the activity focuses on the wider Solent, initial outreach has already engaged a diverse range of marinas, organisations and individuals around the UK, who support the project’s objectives.

LandSeaLot – “Let’s Observe Together”

The objective of LandSeaLot is to integrate and enhance existing scientific and community-based efforts to observe the land-sea interface, an extraordinarily dynamic space including rivers, estuaries and bays - where the land meets the ocean. Current observation methods include satellite data, marine and freshwater sensors, citizen science and modellers, who build mathematical frameworks to help interpret the past and explore future scenarios.

The deployment of cost-effective technology (relatively cheap, easy to use sensors and other devices that measure parameters like water temperature, colour, salinity and sea level, etc.) is central to this effort. These accessible tools allow for much broader data collection across vast coastal areas.

Marinas have an interesting role to play in the project, serving as important operational hubs for community engagement and data collection within the coastal zone. Providing safe access to waterways, marinas are public-facing gateways where boaters, who are often the first to notice changes in their local environment, can help monitor the health of their surrounding waters. With their stable, fixed infrastructure providing a permanent base for sensors, marinas are also well-positioned to support long-term monitoring efforts.

A “Pontoon Ramble” - Mayflower Marina.

Upon hearing about TransEurope’s UK initiative within LandSeaLot, Mayflower Marinas’s Managing Director Charles Bush got in touch to share information about a “Pontoon Ramble” organised by John Hepburn, a boat owner at Mayflower, together with marine biologist Eleanor Goodall. Boat owners and locals were invited to explore “life under the keel”, offering to reveal how to turn a boat into a research vessel for under £250.

The event attracted boat owners, local and students and, using low-cost devices, revealed a myriad of colourful and intriguing species living on and under the pontoon.

“There’s a common hurdle where people feel they’ll never know enough to be useful,” explains John. “As a non-scientist myself, I try to show them that isn’t the case. While engaging with marine science does take time, it adds a new layer of purpose to sailing. People see documentaries and think science is far removed from their daily lives, but it’s actually very accessible - you don’t need expert knowledge to help us understand what’s happening beneath the surface.”



Harbour Oysters restoration project in Emsworth Yacht Harbour



Envlogger attached to an oyster basket - © Harbour Oysters



Lottie Johns - Co-founder of Harbour Oysters in Emsworth Yacht Harbour

Eleanor added: “Without a clear and welcoming entry point, there’s often no obvious way for non-experts to step into marine discovery or build ocean literacy.” “Participants are mostly shocked by just how much life exists beneath the pontoons! There are large colonies of sea squirts, sponges, fish, seaweeds, hydroids and more. That sense of surprise is powerful because it transforms a familiar setting into something full of curiosity, helping people realise that vibrant marine life is thriving right beneath their feet!”

Harbour Oysters: Monitoring Growth in Emsworth

Lottie Johns, marine biologist and co-founder of Harbour Oysters, is reintroducing native oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) across various sites to bolster biodiversity and improve water quality. Chichester Harbour-based Emsworth Yacht Harbour, was one of the first locations for the project, returning the species to an area that was once a premier oyster trading port.

By suspending the oysters in baskets beneath pontoons and jetties, the project monitors how the population fares in a managed environment. This summer, Lottie is deploying LandSeaLot EnvLoggers to track water temperatures. These sensors provide the continuous data needed to assess how thermal fluctuations affect growth and mortality rates.

“It’s great to have this support from TransEurope Marinas and the LandSeaLot project,” reported Lottie. “Determining biological stress thresholds is key to improving the resilience of these populations. With this high-resolution data, we can pinpoint the temperatures where growth stalls or mortality rises, helping us manage the stock more effectively.”

To learn more about the project and get involved, visit landsealot.eu or contact info@transeuropemarinas.com



BRITISH MARINE COURSES

SHORT COURSES

JUNE 2026

- 18th Port Marine Safety Code - Rhu Marina, Scotland
- 23rd Lithium-Ion Essentials for professional advisers - online (9.30-11.30)

JULY 2026

- 6th - 7th British Marine Electrical Technician (BMET) - Southampton
- 8th Marine Electronics Installer (MEI) - Southampton

AMM & IMM COURSES

SEPT 2026

- 14th - 18th AMM – Southampton, UK

OCT 2026

- 5th - 8th IMM - Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- 26th - 29th IMM - Istanbul, Türkiye

OCT 2026

- 2nd - 5th IMM - South Coast, UK
- 24th - 27th IMM - Dubai, UAE

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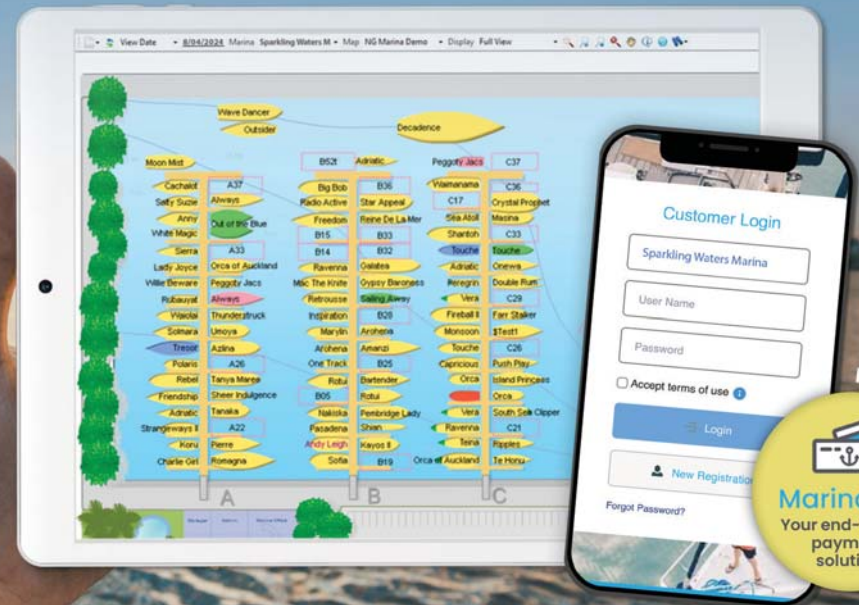
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“ PREMIER MARINAS

Acquires Dart Marina Group in Dartmouth

Premier Marinas, the UK's leading marina operator, has announced the acquisition of the Dart Marina Group, comprising Dart Marina, Dart Marina Hotel and the Dartmouth Higher Ferry.

The Dart Marina Group is a well-established and highly regarded business, known for its strong customer relationships, high-quality facilities and experienced team. Premier Marinas has confirmed that the business will continue to operate as usual,

with a focus on maintaining the standards and character that customers value.

For customers, the addition of Dart Marina further strengthens Premier's South Coast network, creating unbeatable flexibility and

choice when cruising across a broader portfolio of locations.

Pete Bradshaw, Chief Executive of Premier Marinas, said: "The Dart Marina Group is an already successful and highly respected collection of businesses, with a fantastic team and a strong identity of its own.

"Our intention is not to change what makes it special, but to support and build on it for the long term.

"We are particularly pleased to be welcoming the Dart Marina Group team into the wider Premier Marinas group and we look forward to working together to continue delivering the high standards customers expect."

The acquisition also brings together two Dartmouth sites

once associated with the historic Philip & Son shipyard, reflecting a shared maritime heritage on the River Dart.

Premier Marinas emphasises that its immediate priority will be continuity for customers and stakeholders, while identifying opportunities over time to enhance the overall experience through investment and shared expertise.

The company also paid tribute to the long-standing stewardship of Dart Marina under its previous ownership.

Pete Bradshaw added: "We would like to recognise the significant contribution made by the previous owner, Richard Seton and his team in building Dart Marina into the successful

business it is today. Their work has created a strong foundation, and we are committed to respecting that as we look to the future."

The acquisition has been funded by Premier Marinas' long-term owner, Wellcome. As part of their investment portfolio contributing to funding scientific research and innovation aimed at improving global health, with profits supporting work to address urgent health challenges worldwide.

To find out more visit www.premiermarinas.com



DURA COMPOSITES

Scoops King's Award Success

Dura Composites has been awarded a King's Award for Enterprise in recognition of its work in sustainability, placing it among just 185 organisations across the UK to receive the prestigious honour this year.

The award recognises Dura's innovation in developing low-carbon composite solutions, including its pioneering work in closed-loop Glass Reinforced Polymer (GRP) repurposing.

This durable composite material is used to manufacture key infrastructure elements at marinas, such as walkways and access structures. Dura's breakthrough technology enables composite materials to be

recovered and then reintroduced into the manufacturing cycle of future products.

This latest achievement completes a rare "triple crown" for the business, which has now been recognised across three categories of the awards – International Trade (2017), Innovation (2020 and 2024) and Sustainability (2026) – reflecting sustained excellence across commercial growth, engineering innovation and environmental leadership.

At the same time, marina operators will notice a new look from Dura this summer, emphasising the company's broader evolution in the design, use and reuse of its products.

For more than 30 years, Dura has delivered high-performance GRP systems for demanding waterfront environments. While that expertise remains unchanged, the company's commitment ethos of sustainability is central to its processes of recovering and repurposing its materials at the end of their service life, reintroducing them directly into the manufacturing process.

For marina operators, this shift comes at a critical time. As environmental expectations rise and long-term asset stewardship becomes more important, materials that combine proven performance with responsible lifecycle management are increasingly essential.

Dura's refreshed brand reflects this progression. Its established 25-year warranty, engineering expertise and trusted marine systems remain at its core, now supported by a fully circular approach to manufacturing with the lowest possible carbon footprint.

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How SeaSight is closing the gap in marine security

When SeaSight founder Tony Cantrill had his boat stolen from its mooring, one thing became immediately clear: the kind of practical marine security system he needed simply did not exist. Like many boat owners, Cantrill had never expected it to happen

to him. The boat had been left on a harbour mooring just off the quay, overlooked by CCTV. Nobody even noticed the boat had gone.

“There’s still this attitude that nobody steals boats,” says Cantrill. “People leave keys under seats or in gas lockers, boats are left unlocked and expensive

equipment is often left on board.”

What frustrated him most was that the available products were largely repurposed automotive trackers, rather than systems designed specifically for boats. They could show where something was, but did not properly account for life on the water. Boats move with wind,

tide and weather. They change moorings, sit on trailers, spend time in boatyards and are often left unattended for long periods. That experience led to the creation of SeaSight, a marine-specific security and monitoring system designed for boat owners, marinas and harbour operators.

At the centre of the system is SeaSight’s programmable mooring sensor technology, designed to alert owners if the boat leaves its mooring unexpectedly. Unlike traditional tracker-based systems that rely

mainly on fixed geofences, the SeaSight sensor moves with the boat and can be used wherever the vessel is moored.

SeaSight also goes beyond simple tracking. The system can integrate with Ignition circuits, immobilisers, sirens and lighting, while supporting onboard monitoring such as bilge, fuel and battery alerts.

The aim is to give owners and operators a clearer real-time picture of what is happening on board, so they can respond quickly when something changes. For marinas and

harbour operators, it also offers customers another layer of reassurance.

“Boat theft is still underestimated,” says Cantrill. “Security on the water needs to become smarter, faster and much more proactive.”

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RETHINKING UTILITY USE ACROSS UK MARINAS

Utility management is becoming one of the quiet pressure points in marina operations. It doesn't grab headlines, but it sits underneath almost every decision we make. With berth-holder expectations rising, environmental standards tightening and energy prices moving around unpredictably, the parts of the business we once treated as background noise, water and electricity, are now demanding more attention.

The quiet cost of "free" water

The long-standing rule that UK marinas can't charge berth holders for water has shaped thinking for years. With no billing mechanism, water has often been treated as a fixed cost you simply absorb. But anyone who's spent time on site knows the reality is more complicated. Ageing pipework, taps that don't quite shut off, hoses left running and a handful of heavy users can push consumption far beyond what's reasonable. Without any visibility, these costs build slowly and silently.

More operators are starting to treat water like any other operational risk: something you need to understand before you can manage. Modern monitoring makes it possible to see usage by pontoon, zone, or supply point.

The aim isn't to police berth holders or introduce billing, it's to get a clear picture of what's actually happening. A steady flow at 2am usually means a leak. One pontoon consistently using more water than the rest might point to waste or infrastructure fatigue. These insights help teams prioritise maintenance, plan upgrades and stop small issues turning into expensive ones.

Moving from hindsight to foresight

For years, utility management has been reactive. A bill lands, it's higher than expected and the team tries to work out why. With rising costs and growing sustainability expectations, that approach no longer works. Real-time insight lets operators spot issues early, understand long-term patterns and make decisions based on facts

rather than assumptions. Better oversight also supports the sector's broader environmental responsibilities. Berth holders, regulators and investors increasingly expect marinas to demonstrate responsible resource management. Cutting waste strengthens both operational performance and environmental credibility, two things that matter more each year.

For most marinas, the first step is simply understanding where the water and energy are going. Identifying the high-use areas and the blind spots, creates a foundation for smarter decisions. Introducing monitoring in a few key locations often delivers immediate value and even small improvements in visibility can lead to meaningful savings.

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“ Watchet Marina overhaul gathers pace as major infrastructure works move forward

Watchet Marina in Somerset is undergoing a programme of significant infrastructure improvement, as Western Marinas continues to deliver a series of works to address long-standing issues and rebuild confidence following its acquisition of the site in September 2024.

The current phase focuses on the core systems that underpin day-to-day marina operations - power, water and access - with upgrades to improve reliability and remove long-standing points of failure.

At the centre of the works is a full refit of pontoon electrical and water systems, with new smart bollards being installed across the marina. Manufactured by Rolec and integrated with Metpow's digital platform, the

upgrade will deliver a more consistent supply and improved monitoring for customers. New hammerheads have also been commissioned from Walcon, strengthening berth infrastructure.

A major element of the programme is a comprehensive rebuild of the marina gate system, one of the most critical pieces of infrastructure on site, to improve resilience and eliminate single points of failure.

Johara Sykes-Dale, Managing Director of Western Marinas, says, “From day one, our focus at Watchet has been to address the issues that matter most to berth holders and to follow through on the improvements we said we would make. This phase is about strengthening the infrastructure that underpins the marina and ensuring it performs reliably for



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our customers. We've focused on the areas that make the biggest day-to-day difference, while also investing for the long term. There is still more to do, but the progress is clear and we are building real momentum. We want Watchet to be a marina berth holders are proud to be a part of.”

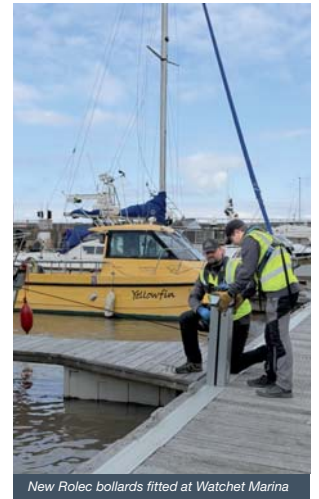
Beyond core infrastructure, access and layout improvements are being delivered across the marina entrance and car park. These include new barrier controls, revised parking arrangements and pedestrian walkways in collaboration with East Quay.

Ongoing maintenance dredging is also being carried out to maintain consistent depth across the marina.

This latest phase builds on a programme of work already delivered to address the most immediate and visible issues across the marina. Early investment focused on tackling the issues that had the greatest impact on berth holders, including a full dredging campaign, reinstatement of essential services such as fuel, hot water and WiFi and large-scale clearance of the boatyard.

Safety-critical works have also been delivered, including quay wall infrastructure repairs, replacement ladders and fendering and reinstatement of the marina gate, which had previously been inoperable.

Together, these works demonstrate a clear shift from underinvestment to active



New Rolec bollards fitted at Watchet Marina

management, with visible progress against the commitments made when Western Marinas took over the site, returning Watchet Marina to a reliable, well-functioning and competitive position within the Bristol Channel.

Western Marinas is targeting completion of key elements of the programme including the new hammerheads, pontoon electrical and water systems and marina gate improvements, ahead of Watchet Marina's 25th anniversary in July.

To find out more visit
www.westernmarinas.co.uk

“ WE’RE GROWING WILD AGAIN

Aquavista in Bloom celebrates its fourth year with a renewed focus on biodiversity

Aquavista’s 33 inland and coastal marinas are Growing Wild once again as the muchloved Aquavista in Bloom competition returns for its fourth year. Teams and customers across the network are preparing to transform their marinas into vibrant, naturerich spaces bursting with colour - and buzzing with life.

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marina to create displays that not only look beautiful but actively support the wildlife that calls our waterside locations home. From wildflower borders to beefriendly planters, the initiative celebrates

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Haven KnoxJohnston have come on board as the official



sponsor for Aquavista in Bloom 2026. As part of the launch kits, they have provided lavender seeds and handmade beewatering bowls to every marina - practical tools designed to nurture pollinators and build on last year’s success in creating habitats for bees, butterflies and other vital species.

There are four award categories for 2026, with regional winners across the North, South and Midlands, plus one overall national winner:

- **Outstanding Overall Site** North, South & Midlands
- **Outstanding Tubs & Hanging Baskets** -North, South & Midlands
- **Outstanding Creative Display** North, South & Midlands
- **Community Engagement Award** North, South & Midlands

Many of this year’s displays will be grown from seeds carefully collected and stored by marina teams over the autumn and winter - a testament to the long-term commitment to

sustainable gardening and biodiversity.

Last year’s regional winners included Poplar Waterside & Marina in the South, Kings Bromley in the Midlands and Kings in the North. For the first time, Aquavista will formally recognise the marinas that go above and beyond to bring their communities together through gardening and environmental stewardship with the Community Engagement Award.

Deborah Hunt, Sales & Marketing Director at Aquavista, said: “Aquavista in Bloom marks a special moment in our calendar - the return of the boating season - and a chance for our marina communities to come together. It’s when our crew teams and customers unite to transform our spaces into vibrant, living landscapes.

Our marinas are havens for both people and wildlife, so continuing to protect and enhance biodiversity is something we’re proud to champion together. We’ve seen marina teams really embrace this challenge, forming gardening groups and creating spaces that

support pollinators and local ecosystems. The new community engagement award recognises the incredible effort that goes into this.”

Haven KnoxJohnston are supporting Aquavista in Bloom for the first time this year.

Paul Knox-Johnston, Sales & Marketing Manager at Haven Knox-Johnston, said: “We’re delighted to support this fantastic campaign in its fourth year. Helping to make the marine community an ever-better place is a key part of our ethos and we hope our launch kits will build on the success of last year’s bug hotels and keep the focus firmly on biodiversity. We can’t wait to see how each marina gets creative to develop their bee-friendly spaces and hope this continues to inspire both moorers and the wider community.”

The competition launched on 23 April, with award submissions due by 31 June. Winners will be announced at a celebration event in July.



“ Push Power Ltd Sets Sail to Power Up Suffolk Yacht Harbour

The First Solar PV Ground-Mount plus BESS System for a UK Marina

Push Power Ltd, premier UK provider of high-performance commercial solar power solutions, is underway to design and deliver the first ground-mount solar PV and BESS system for a UK marina at Suffolk Yacht Harbour (SYH) the leading independent marina on the East Coast.

With a track record spanning over a decade, Colchester-based Push Power Ltd provides utility-grade commercial solar solutions across major distribution, manufacturing, farming and sports facilities nationwide.

The company's portfolio includes bespoke solar PV roof

installations at Silverstone's iconic building The Wing and in partnership with Centrica Business Solutions, roof installations at multiple David Lloyd Leisure Clubs throughout the UK, together with ground mounts at Gressingham Foods Ltd.

In the inaugural land-use energy optimisation for a UK marina, Push Power Ltd will design and install a bespoke array of 1152 PV ground-mounted panels for SYH, with a capacity of 479,108 kW per year, the equivalent to powering approximately 133 homes. In addition, the project will deliver the first BESS storage system for a UK marina, with a capacity of 852.48 kWh, the equivalent of powering 86 homes per day.

Founded in 1967 and based in Levington on the River Orwell in Suffolk, Suffolk Yacht Harbour



is a major hub for cruising, racing and boat maintenance, with 550 marina berths plus additional swinging moorings. In addition to multi-faceted workshops, two chandleries and eleven marine businesses onsite, SYH has the largest hoist capacity from Bridlington in Yorkshire to the Solent.

Andy Khan, Managing Director of Push Power Ltd said, “This is a pioneering project for the UK’s marina sector. Push Power will design and deliver the country’s first ground-

mounted solar PV and BESS system to energise a yacht harbour, resulting in optimal energy efficiency with significant cost-savings and greater operational resilience for SYH. We anticipate Push Power’s solar solution for SYH will cover nearly 50% of the company’s annual electricity needs, greatly reducing their reliance on grid power.”

He continued, “Adding marine facilities to our wide-ranging portfolio of commercial clients demonstrates Push

Power’s expertise and agility in delivering solar solutions across multiple sectors, upholding our client’s energy efficiency goals, minimising their carbon footprint and significantly reducing their overall energy expenditure.”

Josh Major, Managing Director at Suffolk Yacht Harbour commented, “We’re very pleased to be working with Push Power on this project, which marks an important step forward for Suffolk Yacht Harbour.

“As a working harbour, we’re always looking for ways to evolve responsibly - supporting the businesses and people based here while reducing our impact on the environment around us.

“This installation reflects a long-term commitment to the future of the harbour, helping us move towards more sustainable operations while remaining true to the character and heritage of the site.”

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