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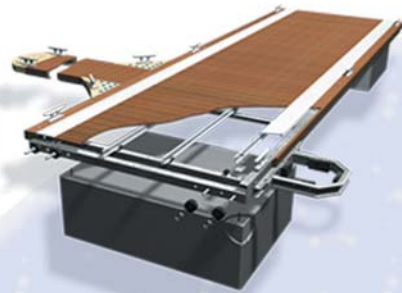
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In FOCUS

JON WHITE - TYHA MANAGER



Welcome to this edition of Fore and Aft, the member magazine of The Yacht Harbour Association. 2018 commenced for us with the new format London Boat Show where it was a pleasure to meet with members and supporters during the new 5-day format.

At the show and in conjunction with TYHA Chairman, Simon Haigh, we hosted the NMU Marina of the Year 2018 award

ceremony which recognises Gold Anchor accredited marinas that go the extra mile for their customers, details on the awards and finalist are included in this publication.

London saw the launch of the British Marina Futures project which TYHA has been actively contributing to for the past 18 months and with stage one complete I now look forward to the ongoing findings of the

project and ultimately the insights the marina industry needs to align our offer with future customers.

Following London we headed to Dusseldorf to the enormous BOOT show where we met with many more members, engaged in fascinating discussions and made many new acquaintances.

At our recent AGM TYHA Board, Council and members wished Julian Goldie a prosperous future as he stood down from the Board and Council. Since 2005 Julian has played a pivotal role within the organisation which he Chaired from 2010 to 2013. Our thanks and best wishes go to Julian.

I very much look forward to the coming 2018 season and the opportunity to liaise with and support members and whilst not wishing for the year to move swiftly I very much look forward to the World Marina Conference in Athens in September.

Jon White
TYHA Manager

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DEVELOPIN A YOUTH CULTURE FOR MARINAS



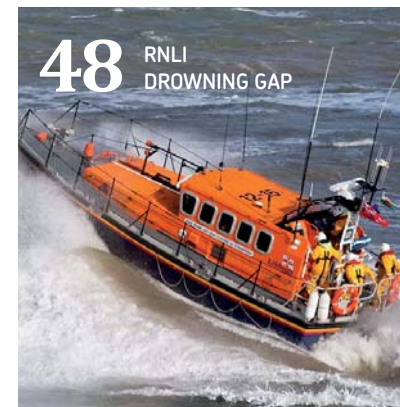
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On the cover : Pavilion Marina at the Jumeirah Beach Hotel



MARINA DAY

SATURDAY 9 JUNE 2018



In 2015 MDL's marina in Sant Carles, Spain, introduced an annual open day to attract the public, create a customer event and better integrate with the local town and its businesses. The event was a huge success for all concerned and was quickly adopted by the rest of the

marinas in Catalonia. Because the event now included all of Catalonia's marinas, in 2016 it attracted regional news channels who helped to promote and accelerate the popularity of the event to the general public. In 2017 the event was adopted by the whole of Spain and is now

firmly established in the annual calendar. Given its success, MDL UK are going to join in on the fun and add this to their events diary.

MDL are encouraging other UK marinas to also host a Marina Day on 9th June 2018 with the objective of attracting a new demographic to marinas to enjoy

all that marinas and their tenants have to offer and ultimately introduce a new generation of people to our wonderful boating world.

TYHA Council believe that this is an excellent idea and are keen build a critical mass of marinas participating which will undoubtedly raise the profile of marinas and help find our future customers. Many of you will already have your calendar finalised for 2018 however the plan is to hold a Marina Day on the second Saturday in June every year, so in 2019 the date will be 8th June.

So what can you do on your Marina Day? Well just about anything that you think your customers / staff and the general public would enjoy!

At the Sant Carles Marina Day in 2017 with the help of tenants and third parties they delivered the following:

- Rib rides
- Windsurf demonstration
- Introduction to paddle boarding
- Visit boats – staff and boat owners show people around boats in the marina
- Guided tours of Your Marina
- Speakers' Corner – some short interesting presentations
- Pop up food stalls

- Workshops and displays of marine crafts
- An introduction to working in a marina
- Interactive games/competitions (sail hoisting and rope work)

You could also consider things like a chandlery sale, mini boat jumble, try a kayak, flare demo, RNLI demo.

Dependant on your Open Day plans it may be advisable to seek some help from:

- Your tenants
- Local Sea Cadets, Sea Scouts

- or other uniform groups
- Local RNLI station
- Local industry associations
- Local Charities
- Local community groups (such as U3A and Rotary)

So, in summary, it's a fun day of 'street fair' type attractions to a scale that suits your operation and resources.

Just imagine the exposure and interest that marinas could attract by having a coordinated Marina Day every year across Europe, the Northern Hemisphere or even the world!



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Alongside motor yachts, visitors to the British Motor Yacht Show can look forward to an impressive range of prestige cars - including Tesla who will be showcasing a number of their vehicles; there will also be high performance RIBs and yachting equipment manufacturers.

Premier Marinas has announced three spring shows are to take place at Swanwick Marina on the Hamble - including two shows at Easter. First up will be a general boat show that will run throughout the Easter weekend and will feature top sail and motor yachts from Premier's nine big brand onsite brokerages.

Running alongside this show, on the Saturday and Sunday, will be Premier's Annual Motorboat and RIB show featuring all types of 'stackable' boats up to 11m, including a range of sports boats, RIBs and fishing boats.

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You could spend a day learning how to handle a personal watercraft (PWC). An RYA Personal Watercraft Proficiency course will teach you how to get the best out of it. You'll learn

things like how to launch safely, make a good recovery, ride safely at speed and also become confident at controlling the power when you want to manoeuvre at low speed.

Some centres offer a discount if you book in pairs –

so an adrenaline-fuelled day out with your friends could be on the cards.

Costs vary from centre to centre but you are looking at about £160 for two of you. Supervised kids can get involved from the age of 12.

INLAND WATERWAYS

If you prefer getting away from it all, then maybe the tranquillity and easy pace of life to be found on our great inland waterways is what you need.

A one day RYA Inland Waterways Helmsman course will give you all the skills and knowledge to put you firmly in the driving seat of your own itinerary for your next weekend break on a canal boat.

As the 'helm' you'll learn to take charge of the boat, how to check the engine, avoid collisions and handle the boat safely.

Professional tuition makes practising working the locks and steering a long straight vessel safely round corners easily achievable in this short timeframe, then you will be all set for the rest of your relaxing break.



Once you've got the hang of it, the RYA Intermediate course will develop your skills further and in another couple of sessions, you'll soon be blasting across the water with confidence. There's plenty of follow on support available in clubs and many centres run refresher courses if you've had a break and want to get back into the sport.

START WINDSURFING

Perhaps you've always wanted to get on a windsurf board and just go! Many centres run taster sessions which you can do in a couple of hours but an RYA Start Windsurfing course is a thorough way to learn the basics like how to balance and what kit to use.

In a day you should be able to get up on the board, sail to a chosen point on the water, turn around and come back again and you don't have to live near the coast, as a reservoir or a lake are also good places to get a feel for the conditions and learn about prevailing winds.



To find a centre and course near you visit www.rya.org.uk/go/wheresmynearest

And if you want to know more about any of the RYA's short courses (or indeed longer ones), visit www.rya.org.uk/go/training

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as well as providing ongoing customer service to existing clients. One of her first tasks will be to introduce Harbour Assist's new GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) release which will help operators to manage the way they gather information and communicate with their customers.

Prior to joining Harbour Assist, Rachel introduced Harbour Assist's systems across nineteen marinas in British Waterways Marinas' (BWM's) portfolio. That enabled her to gain a wealth of knowledge of the system, as well as the challenges facing new clients in adopting a new way of working.

Commented Harbour Assist's Commercial Director, Nick Gill, 'Having successfully won tenders to introduce Harbour Assist systems into the Port of Ramsgate and across Castle Marinas' seven sites, and with growing international interest, the business is poised for expansion. I am delighted that Rachel is joining us at such an exciting time in the company's development.'

Harbour Assist is completely cloud-based and securely accessed from any internet-enabled device, including all technical support and training. This allows it to be run anywhere in the world. Despite this, the philosophy behind the system is to bring people closer together through communication. By creating real-time sharing of information, tasks, situations and making the system do the hard work, it allows all marina staff to spend more time with customers and the facility, as they are not tied to a desk or PC.

Being cloud-based and open to reducing mobilisation costs through online training and set-up, Harbour Assist promote a mix of interaction with their clients; from online webinars to personal visits and group training sessions. Regardless which interaction mechanism is chosen end user feedback is core to how new features and usability enhancements are planned.

From small beginnings in Cornwall, Harbour Assist is now used by over 57 marinas, ports and harbours around the UK, and they have just secured their first overseas project – three marinas in the UAE.

With their recent overseas expansion, Harbour Assist has also expanded its team to ensure continued support to their clients, old and new, with the appointment of Rachel Hodgkinson, as Operations Manager. Rachel has over 28 years' experience in the inland waterways sector, 14 of them in the marina industry.

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NEW LARGS REGATTA FESTIVAL LAUNCHED WITH HEADLINE EVENT SPONSORS BUZZWORKS!

In a bid to bring new yacht racers and boating enthusiasts to the Firth of Clyde, a new Largs Regatta Festival has been launched for the 2018 August Bank Holiday weekend with the help of new event sponsor Scotts, Largs - part of the Buzzworks Group.

Largs Regatta Festival, with the motto "Breathing new life into Clyde racing", will incorporate three days of racing on the Firth Of Clyde, sponsored

by sailmaker Saturn Sails, with racing open to serious racers, keen club racers, white sail cruisers and dinghies.

The unique Round Cumbraes Race remains in the schedule in its traditional Sunday slot, flanked by two days of inshore racing. The sailing schedule will be complemented by a wider range of shoreside events for both competitors and the public, supported by our new sponsors Scotts, Largs and Buzzworks Group.

The changes come after a survey with past competitors who were asked how the previous event format, Largs Regatta Week, can be improved.

Commenting on the changes, Largs Yacht Haven Director Carolyn Elder believes the new format will allow more competitors to take part: "One of the biggest drawbacks to the previous format was that racing was held over a nine day period which was too long. Our past entrants told us that they wanted the races to be scheduled over a shorter period of time. Therefore, the event organisers are confident that this new, three day racing schedule and the enhanced shoreside programme running over the August bank holiday weekend will ensure the event remains one of the most popular racing events in Scotland for years to come."

Drawing on Buzzworks' links to boutique distillers, designer breweries and quality entertainment, organisers believe the shoreside events should prove very popular to both visitors and sailors alike.



The music festival ashore will be open to the public and will certainly provide a lively welcome to sailors after a day on the water.

Kenny Blair, director of Buzzworks, said: "Scotts, Largs has established itself as an integral part of Largs Yacht Haven and the community which frequent it, so we are delighted to support the biggest event of the year

and add a new dimension to the Regatta as it evolves.

"We pride ourselves on great quality food and drink and a warm welcome and we are confident our support of the 2018 regatta event will be a great addition to all of those attending."

The traditional Scottish Two Handed Race will take place the following weekend, Saturday 1st September, alongside the Firth

For further information please call 01475 67533 to speak to the organisers

of Clyde Coastal Rowing Club Youth Regatta.

The 2018 Largs Regatta Festival is scheduled for Saturday 25th August until Monday 27th August, organised by Largs Sailing Club, Farlie Yacht Club and Largs Yacht Haven.

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Largs Regatta Festival, with the motto
“Breathing new life into Clyde racing”

WALCON DELIVERS BESPOKE MARINE RESEARCH RAFT TO UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH

Leading marina manufacturer Walcon Marine has designed, built and installed a bespoke Research Raft for the Institute of Marine Sciences at the University of Portsmouth. This multi-purpose platform is a valuable resource for the institute, supporting both the work that it undertakes for commercial organisations and projects conducted by undergraduate and postgraduate students.

The raft is a platform made up of a series of pontoons fitted together to create an external perimeter measuring 11.7 by 7.5 metres, plus a walkway running down the centre. Researchers can then access two areas of enclosed water on either side of the walkway, each of which has six equipment rails running over the top. Safety rails run around both the external and internal perimeters with an access gate from the water on each of the longer sides.

The equipment rails are used to suspend experiments and instruments just below the surface of the water. Over time these will include tests of antifouling paint and their ability to counter marine organisms, assessments of biopolymers such as degradable



plastics, and renewable energy projects such as small tidal turbines. The university's forensic sciences department will also use the platform to study the effects of marine organisms on carcasses to enable them to better differentiate the marks left by, for example, crabs versus a knife, when a body has been submerged in the sea for any given length of time. The raft will also have a Seabin mounted on it for the collection and analysis of floating debris.

Other features include internal secure compartments to hold equipment and additional instruments, and the pontoons are fitted with GRP mesh decking for its low maintenance and excellent non-slip properties.

The Research Raft is now positioned in one of the main channels of Langstone Harbour, where it is exposed to the full tidal flow of up to six knots.

"We expect this to last at least 20 years," said Dr Ian Hendy, Senior Scientific Officer at the Institute of Marine Sciences, University of Portsmouth. "It's a large, solid piece of kit. Highly functional and exactly what we wanted. Walcon has delivered it perfectly and we are over the moon with it."

SPIRIT YACHTS UNDERTAKES PIVOTAL HULL ROLLOVER OF SPIRIT 111'

As one of the largest single-masted wooden yachts to be built since Shamrock V in the 1930's, the Spirit 111' rollover at Spirit's Ipswich yard was an impressive feat. With a beam of 6.4m, the 111' rollover was the largest and most significant rollover in the history of Spirit Yachts.

Set to be completed in 2019, the elegant, sloop-rigged superyacht will feature unmatched eco credentials and will be one of a few superyachts capable of sailing without a professional crew due to its pioneering deck arrangement.

Its impressive strength to weight ratio, combined with carbon rig and energy efficient hydraulic deck hardware, will offer optimum sailing

performance. The interior of the yacht offers ultimate comfort for eight people.

The construction of the Spirit 111's 34m hull began with construction of laminated wooden ring frames along with a duplex stainless-steel central reinforcement cage. This was placed upside down onto a timber strongback before the centreline structure and beamshelves were fitted. The fore and aft planking was then bonded to the ringframes followed by quadruple-diagonal veneers, which were epoxy-bonded at 45° under vacuum before the hull was finally covered with an epoxy glass sheath.

Spirit CEO and head designer Sean McMillan

comments: "As we head into our landmark 25th year in business, the rollover of our largest yacht to date was a moment in history for Spirit Yachts, and a spectacular sight at our yard on the edge of the River Orwell.

"Our world-class team of boatbuilders has been meticulously bringing to life the beauty and style of the 111's classic lines. Now with the hull settled the right way, work will begin crafting the complex interior."

The new superyacht is set to be as eco-friendly as possible to enable the owner to spend sustainable periods of time onboard using minimal fuel. Innovative features include an electric drive system, supported by four lithium battery banks, which will power the yacht for modest distances or when manoeuvring. Under sail, the system will automatically regenerate the batteries, and with careful consumption the yacht will operate solely under battery power. For longer distance propulsion, the owner has the option of two back-up generators. All equipment has been carefully selected to produce the minimum levels of emissions.

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team of GJW Direct underwriters and claims handlers. The team will be dedicated to Premier Marine Insurance customers and will provide quality cover for all types of craft from RIBs and small yachts through to motor boats and yachts up to 95ft.

Andy Mills, Premier Marinas' Customer Experience Director commented 'Our background in facilitating repairs in our yards gives us a deep understanding of what Premier customers want from their boat cover and how they expect to be treated when things go wrong. In our search for a new insurance partner we looked for marine specialists

who could provide demonstrably good service, priority claims handling and competitive pricing. We believe that our partnership with GJW Direct will deliver all of these benefits for our customers and we are looking forward to working with their team in the New Year.'

Lev Osman, CEO GJW Direct added 'Key partners like Premier Marinas enable us to get closer to our customers, using direct feedback to tailor our products to berth holder needs. We are delighted to be working with Premier Marinas who share similar values to GJW Direct and work hard to put the customer at the heart of their operations. It's an exciting period and we are looking forward to what the future brings.'

GJW Direct is the UK's leading marine insurance provider and has specialised in insuring vessels since the firm opened its doors in 1826. The company is part of Munich Re Speciality Group, which is owned by Munich Re Group, one of the world's leading reinsurers.

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“ The Yacht Harbour Association re-accredits Bangor Marina ‘5 Gold Anchor Award’

BANGOR MARINA 🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆

Bangor Marina is situated on the south shore of the Belfast Lough, close to the Irish Sea cruising routes. Part of the Quay Marinas Group, it provides the usual facilities, all maintained to a high standard and is operated 24 hours a day. Ideally positioned in the centre of Bangor which offers many attractions, bars and restaurants. There are also easy links into Belfast via road or rail.

There are many locally based firms providing a wide range of marine services for visiting and resident boat owners. Also based at the marina are HM Coastguard’s Marine Rescue Sub Centre and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution’s Atlantic 85 Lifeboat “Jessie Hillyard”.

Kevin Baird, the marina manager, and his team continue to take great pride in working at the marina and providing customers with high levels of customer service and facilities. Kevin is undoubtedly delighted to be awarded 5 Gold Anchors again and says, “Bangor Marina is delighted to be re-accredited with the ‘5 Gold

Anchor Award’ by The Yacht Harbour Association. It is a demonstration and recognition to the efforts of the team at the Marina in upholding the highest standards across all spectrums of service and operations. Everyone at the Marina works extremely hard to give our berth-holders the very best experience and it’s fantastic to see their efforts recognised in this way.”

Andrew Jagers, TYHA Gold Anchor Assessor, says “I was impressed with the condition of the site and Kevin must be complimented on being one of the best prepared managers for an assessment that I’ve met in recent years.”

A special cake was baked to celebrate this achievement and the 5 Gold Anchors Certificate was presented to Bangor Marina Manager & Harbour Master, Kevin Baird, by The Mayor of Ards and North Down Borough Council, Councillor Robert Adair. Also present were Bangor Marina Berth Holders Association committee members, Martin Watson and Brian Gibson, and marina staff members Victoria Hanna, Tommy Burns and Marti Adair.

FLISVOS 🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆

Beautifully situated in the Saronic Gulf, Flisvos marina is the first exclusive marina in Greece to offer berthing and facilities ashore being able to accommodate luxury yachts well in excess of 100 metres. In addition to the berths, the marina has an extensive promenade with an extensive range of 34 bars, restaurants, shops and commercial marine outlets and facilities have been designed and installed to cater for this specific sector of the mega yacht industry with none of the facilities being more than 11 years. Athens Airport is approximately 45 minutes by car.

It was originally built in 2002 to coincide with the Anniversary Olympic Games being staged in Athens and was used in the 2004 Olympic Games for VIP visiting Yachts. It is now, jointly owned by LAMDA Flisvos Holding S.A. and the Tourism Development Co. S.A.

GILLINGHAM 🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆

Situated on the south bank of the River Medway, only eight miles from Sheerness, the Marina lies below the Chatham Historic Dockyard in Gillingham Reach. Five miles downstream of Rochester Bridge, Gillingham Marina is an ideal base for both local cruising on the Medway and the Thames or for more extended voyages to the East Coast and to France.

It lies in a sheltered position from winter winds and, being just 5 miles from the M2 on the Medway Towns Northern Link Road, it offers an attractive alternative to the South Coast.

Clinton Lyon says of the award...“The Management and staff of Gillingham Marina are thrilled to be re-accredited with the five Gold Anchors award. The standards set are increasing every year, mainly due to the development of modern marinas at home and abroad and in turn the aspirations of their berth holders. Independent Marinas like ourselves gain a great deal of confidence from the Gold Anchor stamp along with many valuable pointers put forward by the assessors during the process of the assessment. This award is recognition for all the hard work the berthing staff have put into maintaining Gillingham Marina’s five gold anchor status.”



“ Marina Punat is an excellent holiday destination, open year-round, with beautiful, quiet and peaceful surroundings.”

MARINA PUNAT 🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆

Marina Punat is a large full-service marina on a prime location in the Gulf of Kvarner in the North of Croatia. Located on the southwest coast of the island of Krk (406.000 km²), Marina Punat is at just 30 km distance from Krk's international airport Rijeka, which connects this part of Croatia with destinations all over Europe.

The marina manager, Renata Marevic is extremely proud of their award and of her staff, she says “For more than 50 years Marina Punat has always tried to provide the best service to our guests by taking care about the natural resources we have been given at our disposal. This is the second time we have managed to reach this award, and we are extremely honored to be able to highlight the 5 gold anchors as a quality brand, business sustainability and environmental concerns. Congratulations to everyone involved, starting with the owners, managers and employees as well as our customers!”

Although Punat is a very large marina, the assessor witnessed a very personal approach and close relationship with the berth holders. Clients are valued here in a way that one rarely encounters in a company of this magnitude. They enjoy benefits and are rewarded with gifts and discounts. Moreover, their every need is met by the staff on a daily basis. The pro-active boat care system is a perfect example of this. The latter is part of the Marina Cloud management system, one of the most extensive the assessor, Mieke Vleugels, has witnessed so far. She comments, “Marina Punat is a family-run business that dates back all the way to the sixties, but has been perfectly adapted to modern needs. The infrastructure is sturdy and built to last while the in-house Marina Cloud management system and the highest level of customer care ensure constant quality control and a never-ending urge for improvement”.



VILAMOURA 🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆

With 825 fully serviced pontoon berths, Marina de Vilamoura is a high-quality marina providing a full range of services to the marine leisure sector and is the largest marina in Portugal and being located almost mid-way along the stunning Algarve coast makes an ideal base and destination for both sail and motorboats. The marina is part of the internationally renowned Vilamoura region that is approx. 2 kms from the town of Faro and the International Airport offering an extensive timetable of both domestic and International flights throughout the year. Road access is also good being approx. . 5 kms south of the main N125 south coast autoroute with the resort of Albufeira 18 kms to the west.

Isolete and her team are very dedicated to their roles taking exceptional pride in running the marina sector of the complex and this is borne out by relatively low staff turnover particularly at the higher level. The Assessor was impressed with the overall preparation and quality that had been undertaken prior to the assessment visit making it one of the most enjoyable inspections he has made.

The Assessor, Tony Dye, first enjoyed visiting the marina over 10 years ago whilst staying on a visiting yacht and enjoyed the stay and prior to the assessment visit was keen to see how the resort has developed. He says, “The resort maintains its high repute having achieved many trade and customer awards in recent years and I look forward to a return visit in the near future.”

WINDSOR RACECOURSE 🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆

Racecourse Marina, part of the Tingdene Marinas group, has benefitted over the past 3 years in substantial investment both ashore and afloat following a £1 million investment which has increased the marinas capacity to 220 berths. The marina now provides some of the best floating facilities on the lower reaches of the Thames with berthing occupancy having risen considerably over the past 18 months to current occupancy being 96% with only a few berths currently available. Phase 1 of the redevelopment included modernising the office, provision of new sanitary facilities and the establishment of Gogos restaurant with terrace overlooking the marina basin. Further development scheduled for Q4 2018 features the development of the former caravan area providing 34 high quality lodges.

Located adjacent to Windsor Racecourse the site has a rural feel but only 15 minutes from Junction 6 of the M4 with central London approx. 45 minutes. Fast rail services are available to adjacent Slough with a connecting service into Windsor.

The Assessor commented, “the Directors must be congratulated for the level of investment that has been made over recent years in providing excellent facilities in uncertain trading conditions, but this has already started to be repaid with increased occupancy and a waiting list especially for larger size berths.”



NEW STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLOATING PONTOON SPECIALISTS



Scottish floating pontoon manufacturer Gael Force has established a partnership with modular pontoon and marina equipment specialist The Pontoon & Dock Company to represent Gael Force's SeaHaven range of floating pontoons, concrete breakwaters and gangways in marina markets across England, Wales, Channel Isles and Isle of Man.

The SeaHaven range includes a standard model of pontoon for inland waterways and less exposed locations, and a robust, heavy duty model for exposed and coastal locations. Last year, Gael Force utilised its 35 years of experience in

concrete production at its UK facility to develop and produce their first set of large floating concrete breakwaters, meaning that they are currently the UK's only producer of large floating concrete breakwaters. The pontoons can be enhanced with their SeaSpan gangways and SeaHaven Pontoon Fingers.

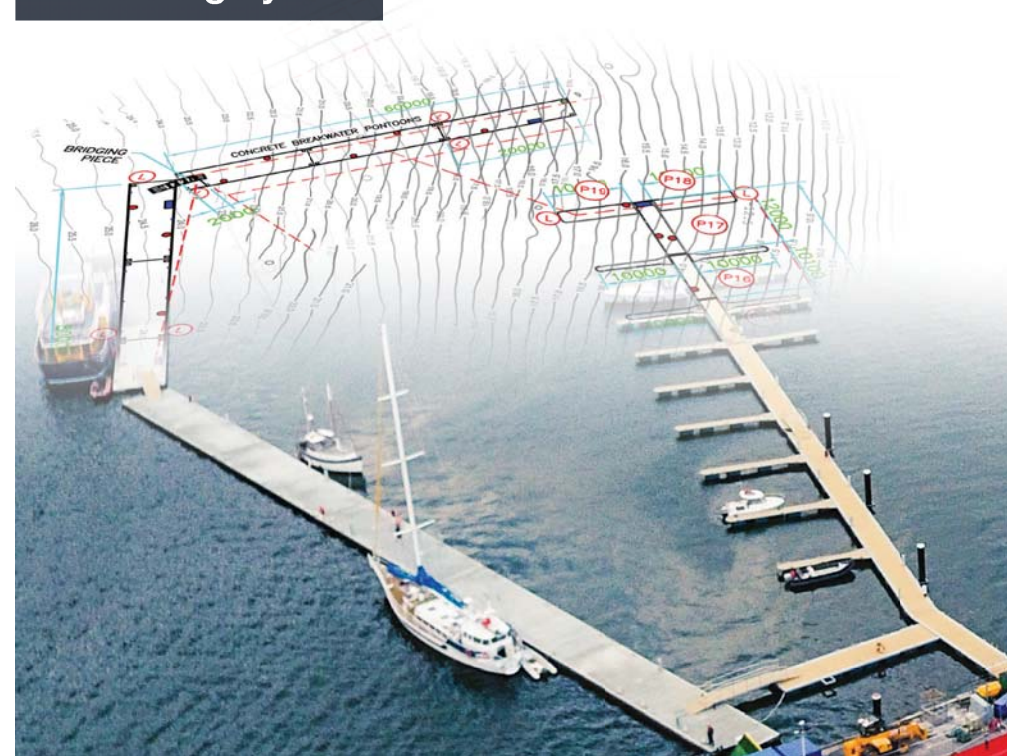
Gael Force Sales Director Jamie Young said, "For over 25 years, we have been servicing the marina market. Our partnership with Pontoon & Dock is one which provides an excellent fit within our plans to extend our offering to marina operators across the wider UK - to bring a robustly manufactured product

to the market and add real value to marinas. We have enjoyed a close working relationship with Pontoon & Dock in recent years and we are more than confident that their knowledge and extensive network in this market, supplemented by their excellent professional manner, will enable us achieve our aims to turn marina concepts into reality."

Pontoon & Dock Managing Director Dan Bryant commented, "Our partnership with Gael Force Group is part of an ongoing commitment to offer quality pontoon to customers throughout the UK. Gael Force have experienced significant success with the SeaHaven range and we look forward to working closely with the team. It will be a fantastic opportunity to develop SeaHaven within the marine industry, the pontoons offer superb stability and are a safe haven for leisure and commercial craft within a marina. Our combined knowledge and experience in this industry will allow us to provide an array of options for both new and existing customers."

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OCEAN BROTHERS

SET OFF ON 3,000 MILE ATLANTIC OCEAN ROW FOR THE BRITISH SKIN FOUNDATION



Half-brothers Greg Bailey (27) and Jude Massey (18) have set off on a 3,000 mile challenge to row across the Atlantic Ocean. They left the harbour in Gran Canaria on the 18th January and headed for Barbados.

The brothers are aiming to raise £100,000 for skin cancer research in memory of their stepdad/dad Peter Massey, who suffered from the disease for 16 years before passing away in 2015.

Greg and Jude are taking on the row completely unsupported after a year of training and fundraising. They expect to take approximately eight weeks – hurricane dependent – to make the crossing.

Both novice rowers, their training has prepared them for all eventualities including bad weather, capsize, large sea-life and technical failure.



If successful, Jude will be the youngest man to row any ocean in the world and will become a Guinness World Record holder. They also hope to be the first vegans to complete the crossing.

Jude says, "This challenge means so much to us. If we can stop another family from suffering like ours has, then it'll all be worth it. We want to make dad proud."

Junior doctor Greg adds, "It's not just about the money for skin cancer research, but also raising the awareness of checking and protecting the skin from a young age. We have copious amounts of sunscreen and UV protective clothing for our voyage."

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- Beaucette Marina
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HELP STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS

We face increasing threats to our marine biodiversity, ecosystems, public health and economy from unwanted pests and diseases. Marine biosecurity is a key component of national security and is essential to protecting our economic and environmental assets. Invasive non-native species (INNS) are those that have been transported outside of their natural range and can damage

our environment, the economy, our health and the way we live. They can 'hitchhike' on the outside of vessels and in spaces within them as well as on equipment and clothing. The first line of defence is to stop new marine pests arriving, which requires both an international and a domestic approach. "Marinas and event organisers are an essential partner in helping to protect our marine environment," explains

The Green Blue's Campaign Manager Kate Fortnam. "Events taking place in and around marinas present an ideal opportunity for 'hitchhikers' especially when participants (and their boats) have travelled long distances, or have come from different waterbodies. With this in mind, marine biosecurity, taking action to reduce the chance of spreading INNS, can make a real difference," Kate adds.

The Green Blue, the joint environmental awareness campaign set up by the RYA and British Marine, encourages all marinas and event organisers to make sure participants are aware that their help is needed to achieve good biosecurity.

"It's in everyone's interest to protect the natural environment that supports our industry and ensure that the growth of the sector is sustainable. In other words, making sure that meeting the needs of the present does not compromise the needs of future generations," says Kate.

The Green Blue supports sustainable development by demonstrating best practice, encouraging the design and production of innovative, environmentally benign products, facilities and processes within the recreational boating industry.

Its 'biosecurity best practice guidance' is to advise all marina users and event participants to have all boats, clothing and equipment checked, cleaned and dried before getting back on the water.

“Rallies, regattas & races



- **Check** boats, equipment and clothing for living plants and animals. Pay particular attention to areas that are damp or hard to inspect.
- **Clean** and wash all equipment, thoroughly with freshwater and anti-foul boats annually. Remove visible fouling and put in the bin, not back in the water.
- **Dry** responsibly! When recovering a boat, trailer, dinghy, Personal Water Craft or RIB, drain water from every part and all equipment that can hold water, including any water that collects in bilges, before leaving the site. Clothing and equipment should be thoroughly dried for as long as possible before it is used elsewhere.



Check Clean Dry best practice.

"The vast majority of marinas and clubs will be aware of and following the Check Clean Dry best practice. Although the principles are simple to grasp, we are encouraging all marinas to think about exactly how they are managing Check Clean Dry for the constant flow of boats to and from their sites, and especially the infrastructure they need to put in place for events that could see them having to manage large numbers of boats at one time," concludes Kate.

Become a Check Clean Dry champion today and contact The Green Blue for a range of free materials you can share with other users of your marina to raise awareness of INNS.

NNSS Invasive Species Alert!
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Killer shrimp are small crustaceans that are native to the east coast of the United States. As a result, they are not found in the UK.

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Help stop the spread of this species by:

- Inspecting and cleaning boats and gear before and after use
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- Not transferring food between water bodies

If you find this species, please send a photo and details of the sighting to:
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MAJOR ENHANCEMENTS PLANNED FOR FISHERMAN'S PONTOONS IN ST HELIER HARBOUR



- Improved pontoon services, including access to power and water;
- Internally set piles within the pontoon structures will provide unobstructed berthing and improved efficiency and flexibility of berthing arrangements.

Marina Projects Ltd is once again managing the works programme on behalf of Ports of Jersey Ltd, having already successfully delivered a number of schemes in St Helier Harbour, including the replacement of the Albert Pier Pontoon in 2015 and the redevelopment of La Collette Yacht Basin in 2012. Following a competitive tender process, the supply and installation work will be carried out by Inland & Coastal Marina Systems (ICMS) supported by local sub-contractors, Geomarine Ltd and Gordon Electrical Services Ltd. The supply of new electrical and water equipment is being provided by Rolec Services.

An overall budget of £720k, entirely funded by Ports of Jersey Ltd, has been allocated to the project, which, according to Abby Farahmand, Harbour Operations Manager for Ports of Jersey, will be of major benefit to the Island's fishing industry.

operational requirements of the Island's fishing industry.

The works project will provide the opportunity to introduce some notable enhancements to the existing layouts. The current pontoons do not meet the demands of the fishing fleet and there is currently a waiting list for these berths. While no additional piling will be undertaken, the revised design will see an increase in the overall number of berths available, rising from circa 45 berths to approximately 60 berths. Other notable enhancements will include:

- Increased pontoon widths and loading capabilities;
- Increased berthing provisions, which, for example, will see an additional 150m extension across both sites:

A major works programme to enhance the commercial fisherman's pontoons in St Helier Harbour is due to start on Monday 26 February 2018. The 2-month project will involve the replacement of existing pontoons and equipment across two key operational areas used by the Island's fishing fleet; namely La Collette Berthing Pontoons opposite La Collette Yacht Basin along with the London Berth Landing Pontoon on the eastern side of Victoria Pier.

The existing pontoon equipment is over 25 years old and regular engineering inspections have stated that it is beyond the end of its serviceable life. With the current condition of the equipment it needs to be replaced to sustain the

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26TH BIG GAME FISHING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MARINA DE ALBUFEIRA

The Federação Portuguesa de Pesca Desportiva do Alto Mar (High Sea Portuguese Sports Fishing Federation), together with the FIPS-M and Marina de Albufeira organised the Big Game Fishing World Championship in September last year.

There was a total of 23 teams from 14 countries around the world participating in the competition and apart from promoting the Algarve as a fantastic holiday destination, it also boosted the local economy and business such as hotels, restaurants, bars, along with all businesses associated with big game fishing.

Two Portuguese teams took part, the national champions from Tavira and the runners-up from Albufeira.

The competition used the Catch and Release system which meant that the catches of Blue and White Marlin, Dorado and Tuna were all released back into the sea with nothing worse than a bruised ego!

The event was held to give higher visibility to this sport in Portugal, acquiring a wider range of participants and also to place Albufeira firmly on the tourism and Big Game Fishing world map.

For more more information about Marina de Albufeira visit www.albufeira-marina.com



IGY MARINAS CONTINUES EXPANSION INTO THE MEDITERRANEAN



International marina operator and developer, Island Global Yachting (IGY Marinas), recently announced further expansion of its marina collection into the

Mediterranean, with the addition of Marina di Porto Cervo in Northern Sardinia, Italy. The 700-slip facility, owned by Porto Cervo Marina S.R.L (PCM), provides luxury

yachting accommodations for yachts up to 160 meters (525 feet). IGY Marinas will support PCM in the management of the marina and boatyard operations including marketing, branding, and customer service.

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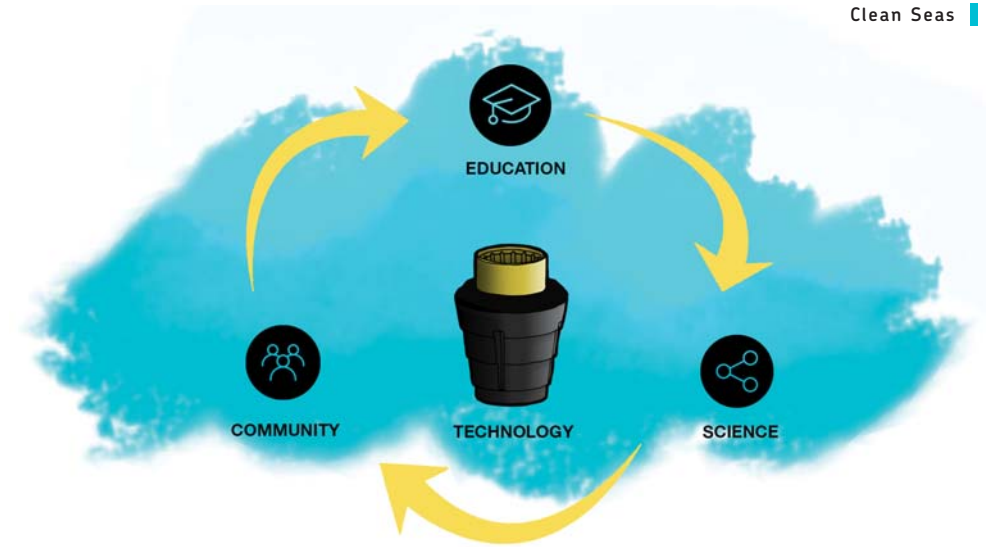
“WHOLE SOLUTION” TO TACKLE OCEAN PLASTIC POLLUTION

The plastic production and consumption is rising (322 Million Tons in 2015). It is predicted that by 2050, the ocean will contain more plastic than fish by weight. The Seabin’s Project “Whole Solution” is a comprehensive approach to achieve sustainable oceans and fight ocean plastic pollution.

To help solve the global problem of ocean plastic pollution and ocean conservation, Seabin Project develops innovative upstream solutions for cleaner and more sustainable marinas, ports, rivers, public waterways and ultimately, oceans. The V5 Seabin unit is a floating debris interception device that acts as a marina trash skimmer, maintaining water clean and protecting the environment.

Seabin technologies have the potential to catch mismanaged waste such as macro and micro-plastic debris, and micro fibers before they have the chance to reach the ocean.

Seabin Project does much more than concentrate on technology, indeed it acknowledges that using Science, Technology, Education and Community outreach is the necessary step toward a whole solution to tackle ocean plastic pollution.



SEABIN PROJECT IN FIGURES

A lot has happened since the Seabin Project went viral in 2015 with over 80M views of the crowdfunding video accumulated online.

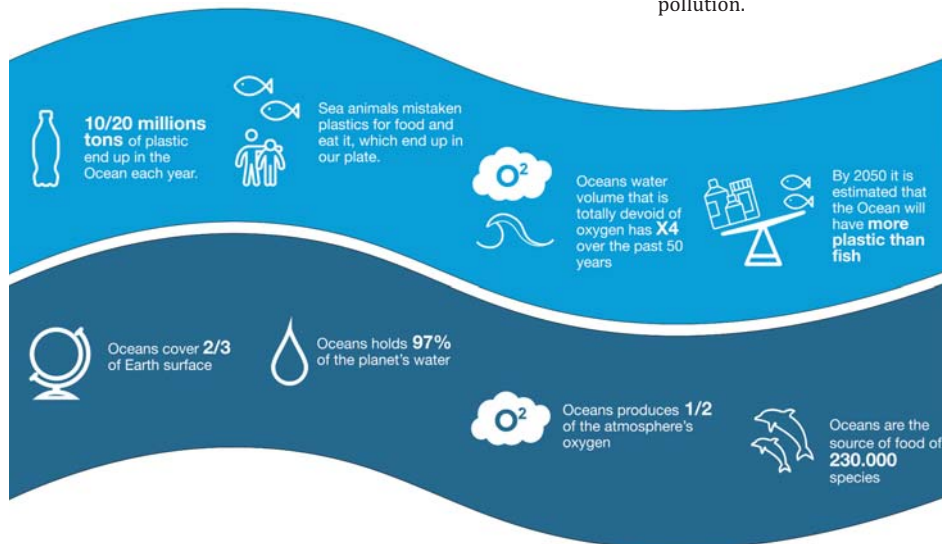
Seabin Project has entered the Pre-Sales phase in November 2017, and is thrilled to announce it received orders from more than 175 countries accounting for more than 2000 units.

We have already started the Seabins V5 global roll out for our pilot partner and crowdfunding, and are proud to announce that the Seabin technology is already present in more than 11 countries.

Each Seabin catches on average 1.5kg per day and with around 2000 units on order, this results in a 3.5 Ton per day

reduction of ocean plastics and mismanaged waste in our water ways and prevented from entering the ocean. Whilst this is far from the amount of waste

entering our oceans everyday, it’s an extremely positive first step in the battle against littering and ocean plastics.



RNLI DROWNING GAP



A Welsh lifeboat man and his son made a barefoot protest at the London Boat Show 2018. Father and son, Huw (43) and Steffan Williams (9), could be seen today walking half-dressed and barefoot to the RNLI stand at the London Boat Show, at the ExCel exhibition centre, in a symbolic protest against the RNLI taking vital equipment away from their lifeboat station in West Wales.

The pair travelled over two hundred and fifty miles to the capital to raise awareness of the RNLI's plan to remove the only

all-weather lifeboat from the county of Ceredigion in 2020, creating what has been dubbed the 'Drowning Gap' by the Ceredigion Lifeboat Campaign.

The 'Drowning Gap' is the sea area in Cardigan Bay which is currently served by an all-weather lifeboat at New Quay. Under the RNLI's current plans, when this boat is withdrawn at the end of its operational life, there will be a gap of over 70 miles of coastline between the nearest all-weather lifeboat stations in Barmouth and Lifeguard.

There has been an all-weather lifeboat in New Quay for over one hundred and fifty years but, while the RNLI are rolling out state-of-the-art Shannon class all-weather lifeboats around the coast of the UK and Ireland, New Quay has been chosen as one of the first stations to lose all-weather lifeboat capability in the RNLI's recent Coast Review.

Whilst the RNLI has refused to publish its Coast Review report, it is clear that the decision to downgrade lifesaving provision will result in cost savings running into millions of pounds. However, a report published by the Ceredigion Lifeboat Campaign claims that 25% of rescues carried out by New Quay's all-weather lifeboat could not have been achieved by the inshore lifeboat that the RNLI plan to station in New Quay.

Speaking at the show Huw Williams, a volunteer RNLI crewman and spokesperson for the Ceredigion Lifeboat Campaign said, "The Ceredigion coast is busy with passenger boats, leisure craft, and commercial fishing activity. Boats can sink and people can get swept out to sea in seconds. It is well documented that hypothermia is a killer after 30 minutes, and that means that every second counts. Whilst inshore lifeboats are good at what they do, they cannot launch in severe weather, meaning a wait of up to 90 minutes for a lifeboat to arrive.

"The introduction of new, faster lifeboats was supposed to improve rescue capability but, in Ceredigion, we will see a return to response times not seen since the 1970s and 80s.

This puts lives at risk unnecessarily. As lifeboat crew members, we are happy to give our time voluntarily; all we ask for is the right equipment for the job."

Joining Huw in London is his son, Steffan. Last summer, at only eight years old, Steffan made headlines across the world after twice rescuing people cut off by the tide. Steffan is passionate about the water, and particularly lifeboats. As well as being a keen RNLI fundraiser, he wants to follow in his father's footsteps as a lifeboat crewman.

Steffan commented, "I am very upset that the RNLI are not replacing our lifeboat with a new Shannon. I want to join the crew when I am 17 years old and hope they will change their minds. The sea can be dangerous and we need the right boat to help

people when it's stormy. One day, I hope to be the coxswain." Unless the RNLI change their minds, Steffan's ambition now seems to be out of the question.

Huw added, "The RNLI's 'Plans and Purpose' states: "We aim to ensure our crews can reach at least 90% of all casualties within 10 nautical miles of the coast, within 30 minutes of a lifeboat launch – in any weather." Under the RNLI's current plans, this will be unachievable in Ceredigion from 2020. Why are we being treated differently?"

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Concern over an RNLI 'Drowning Gap' in Wales reaches the London Boat Show

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SAMPHIRE AT THE SALTERNS - STEP ABOARD FOR A STYLISH STAYCATION!

A stunning houseboat set on the tranquil waters of Chichester Canal in Chichester Marina is now available for holiday lets. Moored to the banks of Chichester Canal, Samphire is the newest addition to The Salterns luxury self-catering collection offered by Premier Marinas at Chichester Marina in Chichester Harbour.

Samphire presents its guests with an on-the-water getaway at its finest. The interior is modern, functional and yet uncompromising on comfort and cosiness with a superior standard finish. Floor to ceiling windows make the most of the surrounding waterside outlook. Unrivalled views around the

marina and up to Goodwood and the South Downs can be accessed from the private roof terrace – a perfect spot to relax. Additionally Samphire boasts a private garden with views over Sussex fields which run down to the banks of the canal and give sanctuary to a plethora of wildlife.

For those who prefer to keep their feet on dry land, The Salterns also offer 9 luxury self-catering apartments set at the water's edge at Chichester Marina. With a nautical backdrop of masts and bows visible from every apartment this is a wonderful staycation location for those looking to make the most of Chichester

and the surrounding area. Moreover, each apartment has a unique layout which gives a versatility that is attractive to families, couples and solo travellers alike.

Customer Experience Director at Premier Marinas, Andy Mills said: 'Samphire and The Salterns bring a unique offering to this area in terms of luxury self-catering accommodation in an exceptional waterside setting. We are keen to share with our guests the abundance of activities and sights this region has offer alongside the luxury and comfort afforded by both Samphire and The Salterns.'



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DEVELOPING A YOUTH CULTURE FOR MARINAS

addressing the appeal of boating to our younger generations has become an essential topic for discussion.

Maarten Desloovere, who is part of the VY Nieuwpoort marina team, is running a project in which old unused yachts are brought out of hibernation on the hard and taken on by groups of young people for refit and eventual use on the water. "One of the first issues that was apparent was that we needed to involve millennials and obtain their feedback in order to find solutions. From the outset this means communicating along the same channels using social media and messaging apps."

Marinas, it transpires, have become places that can hold less and less interest for younger people, there being key years

Last October's Nieuwpoort International Boat Show (October 2017) brought together an international panel to discuss how to bring youngsters back to marinas.

TransEurope Marinas Chairman Jean-Michel Gagné joined fellow CMM (Certified Marina Managers) Oscar Siches and Steven Desloovere, together with local and national youth sailing activity organisers.

The last decade has revealed a major demographical shift in boat owners and also, over a longer period, a substantial upheaval in the traditional use of leisure time, with people less likely to consider justifying the time and resources to the demands of boat ownership. Further to this, local sailing clubs are finding it hard to maintain numbers outside summer months and so



whereby they are unlikely to have the financial means to be able to afford a boat and so if boating isn't a family pursuit (or they have friends with boats, having perhaps developed skills as a child), it is improbable that they would make use of marinas beyond as a place of work.

The 2015 Ecorys "Study on the competitiveness of the recreational boating sector", presented by the European Boating Industry suggests the following:

"The problem for the sector is that if people don't start young, experience shows that they won't start at a later age... Today's users of boats appear to be less willing to accept long preparation of their boating trips, constant maintenance or dealing with upcoming problems, leading to decreasing tendencies to own a boat and an increased growth demand for charters. They want to go to their preferred destination, have a boat ready and everything functioning throughout their holidays."

Even in the event that younger people have had the opportunity to attend a club with an experienced

management that manages to set people on this path, it is clear that even within a successful sailing club dynamic, not all young people will become champions and so their gentle progression through different types of boat (dinghy - keel boat - cruising boat) needs careful facilitating. Financial/time/peer constraints after having outgrown the club dinghy, may mean that is simpler easier to give up and so the fun element is paramount - especially when the complications of adolescence and the pervasive call of online gaming threaten to tip the balance.

Those of us in the sector know from our experience that boating can engender a profound passion and serves to address so many valuable aspects of our lives, such as a huge sense of personal and group achievement, thrilling adventure, necessary physical activity, sporting competition and a beneficial connection with nature.

How then to convey this to younger people? Some of the suggestions that arose during the meeting were as follows:

- Set up a cooperation network with the schools in surrounding towns.
- Organise sailing weeks for young professionals under 35
- Create an experience. Change the image which young people have of marinas.
- Organise a yearly go-boating day with all watersport clubs
- Provide boats for people which they can use/rent at low prices. If this is outside the scope of the marinas available funds, seek cooperation from club members or customers who may wish to take new crew out with them.
- Inquire with owners of abandoned boats to if they are willing to gift their boat to youngsters with the engagement to restore it.

To attract younger people to the sector, it seems that a fully multifaceted approach need to taken; working with youth to build a local culture based around a variety of fun watersports and events - together with numerous stakeholders, whilst engaging young people on different levels and developing essential maintenance skills for future employment opportunities.

This continues to be a very relevant conversation and a worthy topic for further study; well done to VY Nieuwpoort for addressing the issue!

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WHY IS RIVER THAMES BOAT REGISTRATION SO IMPORTANT?

Nick McKie-Smith explains why timely registration of the boats kept or used on the non-tidal River Thames is so important to the boating community. Nick is Compliance Manager for the Environment Agency's River Thames Waterways Team, comprising of 100 navigation specialists whose work enables and enhances the boating experience on the non-tidal Thames.

The Environment Agency (EA) is the navigation authority for the non-tidal River Thames, 135 miles of navigable waterway from Cricklade in Wiltshire, near the river's source, to Teddington in south west London where it becomes tidal. The EA owns, maintains and operates 45 sets of locks and weirs and hundreds of other assets which facilitates boating and other recreational watersports activities on the Thames. Many of these are important heritage assets which the Environment Agency is custodian of on behalf of the nation. Without this vital infrastructure leisure boat navigation of the Thames would not be possible. Through providing this service to the boater the EA also supports many businesses, such as marinas, which rely on leisure boating income.

In addition the EA team encourage and enable responsible and safe boating, much of this work is around delivering and enforcing

legislation which applies to navigation of the river including the Environment Agency (Inland Waterways) Order 2010 (IOW), and the Thames Conservancy Acts and Byelaws. The IOW requires the owner or master of any boat kept or used on the non-tidal River Thames to have a current registration for that boat; for which there is a fee to pay. The income this generates is directly invested by the Environment Agency in services that benefit all recreational and commercial boaters on the non-tidal Thames.

Government makes a significant contribution too, as do water companies and other organisations who rely on the Environment Agency's management of water levels and weirs. Boat registration income however is vital to EA's operations and represents in excess of half of the organisations income.

The EA team work hard to control costs and generate income but every boat owner who fails to register their boat is both depriving the EA of vital income and consuming significant staff time in chasing registration fees and taking enforcement action. This inevitably means that less money and time is spent on maintaining and managing the non-tidal Thames navigation. So it is in everyone's interest for correct boat registration fees to be paid by 1st January every year.

For clarity and as recently reinforced in the High Court all boats afloat in marinas (online or offline) must have a valid registration. Failing to register a boat is a criminal offence and the Environment Agency has a 100% success rate for prosecutions brought against the owners of unregistered boats, all of whom now have a criminal record as a result.

To obtain a registration from the Environment Agency, it is necessary for boats to have a valid Boat Safety Certificate and insurance (minimum third party). This provides reassurance for everyone in the boating community that any registered boat on the Thames is likely to be safe and insured.

The majority of boat owners register their boats by 1st January however there is still a significant minority who choose to defraud the rest of the Thames boating community of the vital funding that is essential to maintain the non-tidal Thames navigation for the enjoyment of responsible boaters.

The Environment Agency's River Thames Waterways Team greatly appreciate the support of non-tidal River Thames marina staff in their help to ensure that all boats in their marinas have a valid and displayed boat registration.

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The Port of London Authority have recently taken delivery of a brand new Roodberg PHA100 boat hoist, supplied via The Pontoon and Dock Company Ltd. Located at Denton Wharf, this is the second Roodberg machine at this site, complimenting an RBT30 hydraulic boat mover trailer.

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NEW CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND TO BE BUILT IN FAMBRIDGE

A brand new adventure play park is to be built at Fambridge Yacht Haven, providing a new facility for marina berth holders and visitors.

The playground, which will be opened in spring, will include a range of equipment and apparatus for children aged 3-16. As expected, there is a nautical theme to the new park with children able to scale a ship and perch in a crow's nest.

Built by school playground design firm Schoolscapes Ltd, the new playground will overlook the River Crouch and the farmland around Fambridge Yacht Haven, next to the popular West Wick Tearoom.

Marina manager Danyal Adams said the new construction is designed to widen the appeal of the marina and the village: "We want to make Fambridge Yacht Haven a great destination for boaters and visitors of all generations. We already have a wide range of facilities here including bike hire, a café and the Ferry Boat Inn pub, but we want to attract the younger generation to start enjoying the marina surroundings."



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NMU MARINA OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2018 CELEBRATES THE BEST MARINAS IN THE UK AND AROUND THE WORLD

The Yacht Harbour Association (TYHA) announced the winners of their prestigious NMU Marina of the Year Awards on Thursday evening (11 January) at the new five-day London Boat Show 2018. Now in their fifth year, the Awards, sponsored in 2018 by specialist insurer, NMU, are special because they are voted for by berth holders. They recognise the best of over 160 Gold Anchor accredited marinas from across the globe.

The NMU Marina of the Year 2018 winners and runners up were:

UK Coastal Marina of the Year 2018 (over 250 berths)

- Winner – St Helier Marina, Jersey
- Runner up – Royal Quays Marina, England

UK Coastal Marina of the Year 2018 (under 250 berths)

- Winner – Inverness Marina, Scotland
- Runner up – Poole Quay Boat Haven, England

UK Inland Marina of the Year 2018

- Winner – Church Minshull Aqueduct Marina, England
- Runner up – Overwater Marina, England

International Marina of the Year 2018

- Winner – Royal Cork Yacht Club, Ireland
- Runner up – Marina de Vilamoura, Portugal

Superyacht Marina of the year 2018

- Winner – The Pavilion Marina at Jumeirah Beach Hotel, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Runner up – Palmarina Bodrum, Turkey

Simon Haigh, Chairman of The Yacht Harbour Association, a group association within British Marine, gave his praise to all the marinas involved: “Many congratulations to all the winners and runners up in the NMU Marina of the Year Awards 2018. These awards have built huge momentum since they were introduced and really mean something because it is marina customers who are voting for their marinas, recognising the excellence of facilities provided and the level of service which they receive.

“The winners have been endorsed by their customers in the best possible way, to become Marina of the Year in their respective categories, which must be a hugely motivating and satisfying achievement. I would like to commend everyone involved and pass on our best wishes for the 2018 boating season.



Commenting on their UK Coastal Marina (over 250 berths) category award, Mike Tait, Group Leisure Manager for Jersey Marinas said: “We are absolutely thrilled to have won this award, especially as it is voted for by our customers. Although we are small in number each and every one of the team takes an enormous pride and pleasure in looking after our marina guests.

“To receive such recognition from the prestigious The Yacht Harbour Association is a true reflection of the dedication, enthusiasm and professionalism consistently demonstrated by the Jersey Marinas Team and we would like to thank everyone who voted for us”.



David Findlay, Marina Manager at Inverness Marina responded to their award for UK Coastal Marina of the Year (under 250 berths):

“We were all very surprised and pleased to hear that we had won the award. We would like to thank all our customers that took the time to vote for us and we look forward to providing the same friendly service and welcome to all those who choose to berth their boats at Inverness Marina, and to all the ever increasing numbers of visiting yachts passing through in the summer months.

“This is the icing on the cake on top of our four gold anchors, and with further developments planned we hope to improve our facilities even more to become a five gold anchor marina.”

Robert Parton, Managing Director at Church Minshull Aqueduct Marina, this year’s winner of the inland marina category commented:

“We are delighted to have won the Inland Marina of the Year 2018 award. In an increasingly competitive market where customers have plenty of choice of marinas and moorings around the inland network, it is particularly rewarding to win an award that is a result of boat owners’ votes. Our thanks go to all those who voted for Aqueduct Marina, The Yacht Harbour Association for organising the award and to NMU for sponsoring the competition.”





Gavin Deane, General Manager at the Royal Cork Yacht Club, commented upon receiving the award for International Marina of the Year: “We are delighted to receive such a significant award from TYHA, having been runner up in this category last year it spurred us on to improve our standards even further over the last 12 months.

“The receipt of this award is as a result of the hard work of the Executive Committee and Club Staff since the Royal Cork attained the Five Gold Anchor Status in late 2011. This award means so much to everyone at the Club as it is voted for by our berth holders and visiting boats.”

Liyanage Kithsiri, Marina Manager, Jumeirah Beach Hotel Marina, on receiving the Superyacht Marina Award said: “We are delighted to win this prestigious award, which demonstrates our commitment to providing the highest standards of customer service and safety. We would like to thank all of our loyal marina members for their ongoing support as well as Jumeirah Beach Hotel and Dubai Holding for their commitment to quality.”

NMU Sponsors of 2018 Marina of the Year Awards
 Joe McCarthy, Marine Trade Underwriting Manager at awards sponsor NMU commented on the awards and NMU’s involvement: “To be recognised by their berth holders for consistently delivering a first class service is testament to each marina and their staff. All the winners and runners up today should be rightly proud of these awards.



“As multiple winners of insurance industry service awards ourselves, NMU really value the achievement of winning an award which is voted for entirely by your own customers. “NMU are specialist insurers to the marine industry and we are proud sponsors of the NMU Marina Of The Year awards.” To commemorate their achievement, winners and runners up of the Awards were presented with etched glass trophies and framed certificates by NMU company director, Nick Limb.

Jon White, General Manager of The Yacht Harbour Association, summed up the awards for 2018: “Yet again the competition for these much coveted awards was fierce. The winners, runners up and all the marinas voted for in this year’s NMU Marina of the Year competition deserve a huge round of applause. Right across the UK and around the world we are seeing marinas rise to



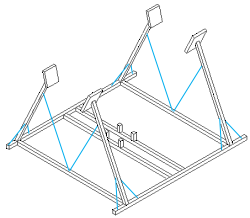
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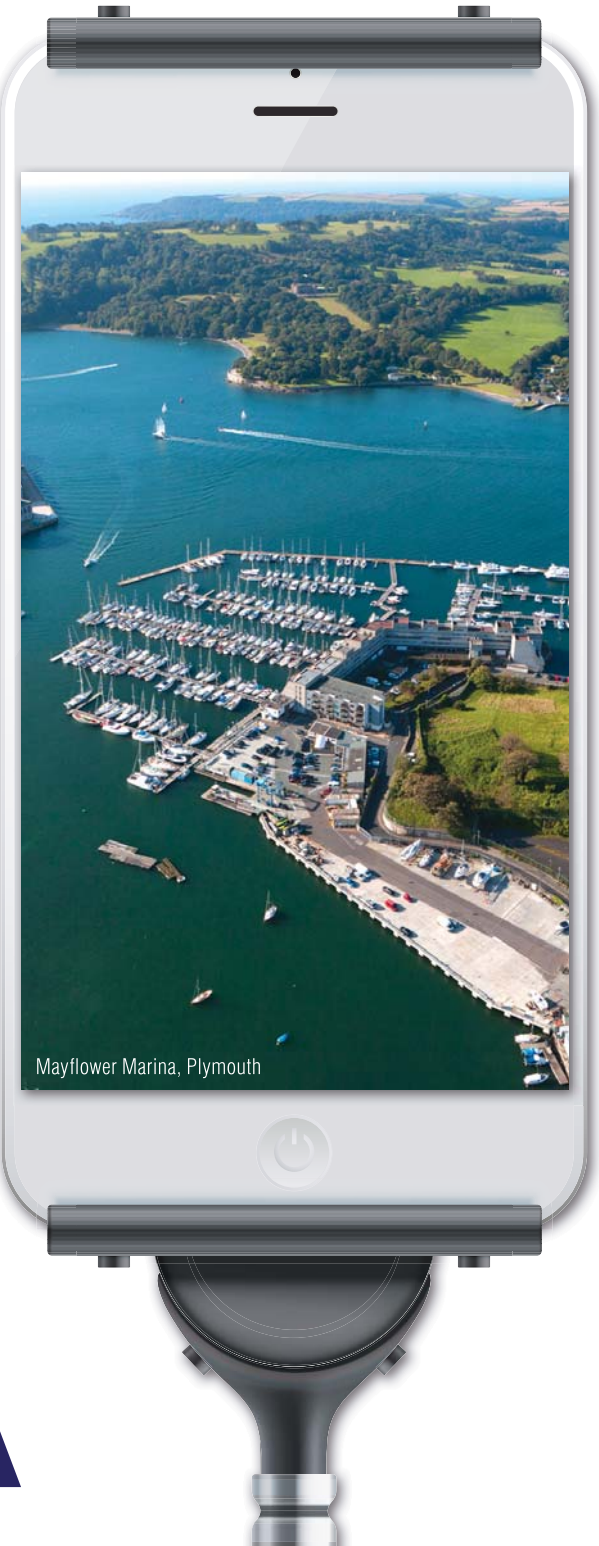
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