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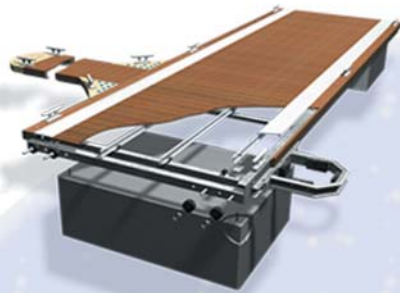
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I was reminded recently what an amazing experience boating is when a friend invited me and my family out for the day on his 37' sail cruiser. My 17-year-old son brought along a friend who had never been on a boat before (other than a ferry). Our sail in the Solent was an incredible life experience for him (as it was for us) which he naturally shared with his peer group via social media. So not only did he have a great day on the water, but all his friends now want to have a go too! It reminded me of the positive power of social media!

We have two new faces in the TYHA team that deserve a warm welcome! Firstly, I am very pleased to confirm the appointment of Colin Watts as the new Chairman of TYHA, voted in at our 2019 AGM he takes over from previous Chair and fellow TYHA director Simon Haigh. Many of you will know or have encountered Colin over the years fulfilling his multiple roles including Director of TYHA, ambassador for boating on the River Thames, Director at Boat Showrooms and Harleyford/Shepperton marinas. During his 2-year tenure Colin is very keen to improve the brand awareness and reputation of TYHA and the Gold Anchor scheme for which he is a strong advocate.

Libby and I are also delighted to introduce Hayley Cloke as the newest member of the TYHA staff team. Hayley joins to take responsibility



Jon White TYHA Manager



Hayley Cloke TYHA Gold Anchor Executive

for the administration and development on all aspects of the Gold Anchor Scheme, she will also lead on supporting our highly valued international members. So please contact Hayley if you have any queries or would like an update on your Gold Anchor status.

Hayley can be contacted at hcloke@britishmarine.co.uk or call her on 01784 223816. Hayley has had 14 years' experience in the hotel industry, working mainly for the Marriott Group, which brings new skills and ideas to TYHA which is very exciting.

Libby will now focus her time on managing our boat show presence, organising events and (of course) delivering to you four great editions of Fore and Aft Magazine every year. Please note that Libby's working week is now Monday to Wednesday and

Hayley's will be Wednesday to Friday. If you're not sure who to contact, then just phone and whoever answers will make sure your query is dealt with.

And finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Simon Haigh for his support and leadership over the past 2 years as Chair of TYHA. Although very busy in his day job (MD for Quay Marinas) Simon has always found time to guide and support the TYHA team and TYHA members whilst also playing a very active role in moving some key industry issues forwards.

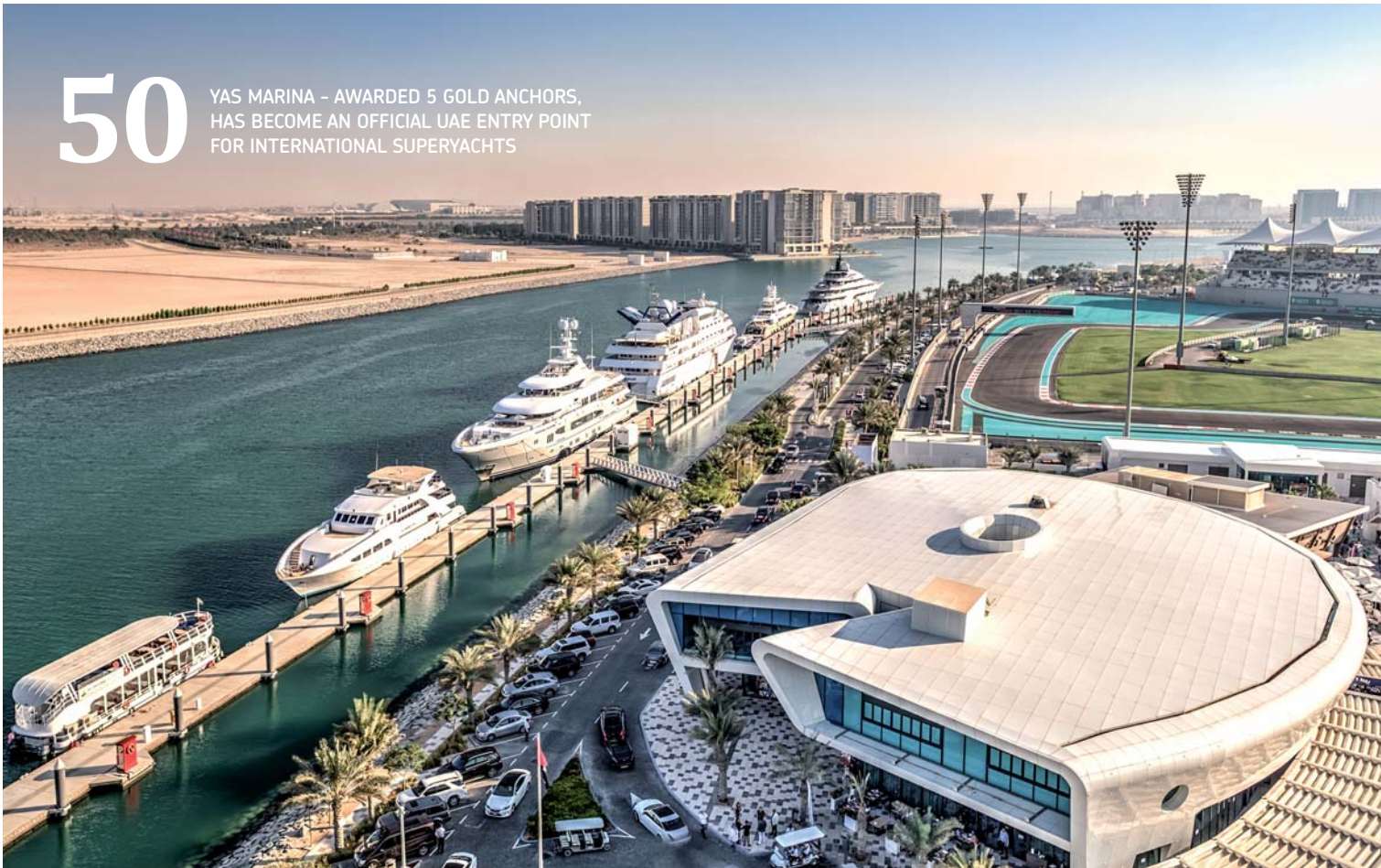
Thank you Simon!

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PROJECT KRAKEN LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Border Security Campaign 2019/20 has been supporting Project Kraken, a joint law enforcement operation tackling maritime border crime across the UK.

The campaign supports Project Kraken and Project Pegasus joint law enforcement operations to tackle border crime and includes new campaign promotional materials that you can download/



request to have printed for you across your communication channels.

With your help, they can reduce crimes by raising awareness of the types of suspicious activity to look out for and by promoting the ways people can report it for further investigation in your area. They need your help and expertise to ensure they reach as many people as possible, and have put together a partner resource pack so you can have a variety of promotional materials.

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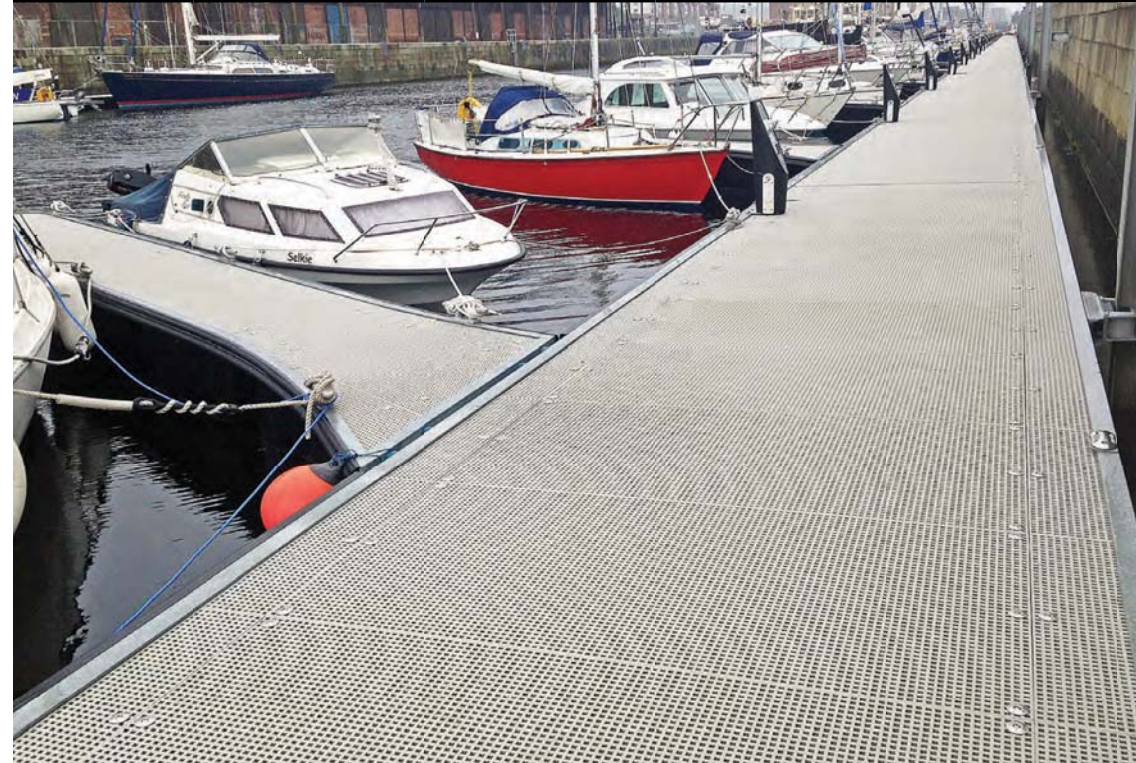
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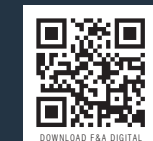
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MARINE & COASTAL TOURISM GRADUATE JOINS MARINA TEAM



through her course and personal sailing life made her the perfect candidate to join our marina team here in Troon.”

Based on the Ayrshire coast, Troon Yacht Haven is one of Scotland’s busiest marinas and won the Best UK Marina/Harbour 2018 in the Sailing Today Awards. Susie joins a team of ten employees at the marina which includes bosuns, boat hoist operatives and marina haven masters.

Annabel Lawrence is a lecturer on the Marine and Coastal Tourism degree programme at the University of the Highlands and Islands from which Susie graduated in 2017. Annabel commented “We are delighted that one of our graduates is proving to be such a positive addition to the team at Troon Yacht Haven. Our aim with this unique and ground-breaking degree was to prepare students for a rapidly expanding range of careers in the marine and coastal tourism industry and it’s heartening to know Susie has clearly utilised her qualification well to achieve some of her ambitions and to help boost her career in this exciting and vitally important industry.”

To find out more please visit www.yachthavens.com

One of the first graduates from the Marine and Coastal Tourism degree programme at West Highland College UHI in Fort William has landed a job at Troon Yacht Haven.

Susie Mowatt, originally from Arran, was part of the first cohort of graduates on the course which was specifically designed to meet the requirements of the marine and tourism industry. It was developed by West Highland College’s School of Adventure Studies, which is part of the University of the Highlands and Islands.

In her new role as Assistant Haven Master at Troon Yacht Haven in Ayrshire, Susie will work alongside Haven Master Sarah Jeffrey who joined the marina in early 2018 having been a Senior Instructor at Helensburgh Sailing Club as well as a competitive sailor on the west coast’s racing scheme.

Commenting on Susie’s arrival, Sarah has been delighted at how quickly she has picked up the role: “We operate a 24/7 marina, welcoming 1000s of visiting boats every year as well as supporting 400 resident boats. Susie’s boating experience

WALCON MARINE APPOINT SCOTT DAWSON



Walcon Marine, the market leader in marina construction, design and installation, has appointed Scott Dawson to the role of Sales and Business Development Manager.

Scott will be using his experience in technical sales, engineering solutions and customer service to add even more expertise to one of the longest established and most experienced marina construction companies in its field.

Scott’s previous roles include a period at modular docking solutions provider Versadock,

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**Scott brings
a wealth of
experience
in technical
sales**”

and his interest in the leisure marine sector extends beyond his working life. He has won national titles in both dinghies and keel boats and he is also the only person ever to have

circumnavigated the Isle of Wight by swimming, running and cycling around it non-stop.

James Walters, managing director of Walcon Marine, commented: “Scott brings a wealth of knowledge to the already well-established team here at Walcon, and we look forward to meeting the next challenges head on.”

For more information about Walcon Marine - please visit www.walconmarine.com

SOUTHSEA MARINA LITTER PICK SUCCESS

On Saturday 25th May the team at Southsea Marina spearheaded a successful litter-pick event, which saw fifty berth holders attend and a substantial amount of rubbish collected from the coastline by the marina.

The litter picking volunteers, led by Berthing Master, Liam Feasey, carried out a two hour clean-up along the foreshore and towards Milton Common and back, to rid the area of plastics and other rubbish.

On arriving back at the marina volunteers were then invited to stay for a complimentary lunch, provided by the onsite cafe 'Marina Bar' and were also given a re-useable water bottle as a token of thanks for their hard work on the day.

The event was a huge success with participants keen to take part in similar events in the future. The morning enabled attendees to put 'green intentions' into action and actively help to keep the local environment tidy and free of plastics and waste.

Rupert Bremer, Southsea Marina Manager said: "I am delighted that so many people participated and that it was such a productive exercise. At Southsea Marina we are determined to help the environment any way we can and hopefully this will help encourage others to recycle and to look after the local area."

For more information on events at Southsea Marina, please visit Premier Marinas' website or to be notified and participate in future events, please contact southsea@premiermarinas.com



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the latest App technology, is used to ensure that the vast array of first-hand cruising 'intelligence' is imparted to its members. Web forums, cruising reports, the CA's proprietary CAptain's Mate App, the CA Library, rallies, seminars and social events, around the UK and globally, are all used to connect and communicate efficiently and effectively.

CA Website: There's a plethora of information about the CA available on the website's public pages and the members-only areas of the website contain around 16,000 pages of invaluable resources including member forums, events, cruising reports and news.

CA Forums: These use a sophisticated mix of technologies to allow members to contribute to discussions on a broad range of topics both online and by email. The Forums give members the opportunity to ask questions and get answers on a variety of subjects from fellow members. Forums encourage exchanges of information on topics such as regulations, technical equipment, and weather. There is also a forum for members of the CA Crewing Service.

In Part II of our feature celebrating the work of the Cruising Association, Peta Stuart-Hunt highlights some of the benefits available to members tapping into the Cruising Association's information super highway.

The Cruising Association (CA) is primarily an information hub for its 6,300+ members who share their experiences, knowledge and fun with each other to gain the most out of their cruising, whether it be in sailing or motor boats around the UK's coastline or further afield. Every possible communication platform, from traditional methods through to

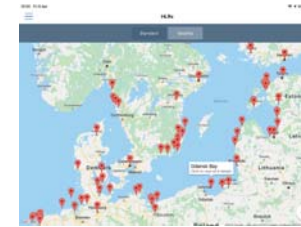
Cruising Information: This is organised to provide all content relating to a particular area to be available on the same page. All the geographical information (HLRs – Honorary Local Representatives, discounts, cruising reports, logs etc.) are arranged into a geographical hierarchy so that, for example, everything relating to the Mediterranean is shown together. Below the top level, each section then further divides into sub-areas, usually by country, and usefully aligned with popular pilot books or sailing areas.

Additional communication platforms include the CA Sections and the brilliant App, CAptain's Mate (see below), which is being used so widely by CA members around the world.

Sections: The CA Sections, of which there are 19 in total, are split into two categories; regional member groups around the UK and broader networks in popular cruising areas around the world e.g.: Mediterranean, Baltic, Biscay, Celtic, Channel, European Inland Waterways, North Sea and Blue Water areas.

Members can join as many Sections as they like to gain first-hand knowledge and advice, and to socialise with other members. Many sign up to at least two Sections, one near to home and the other where they cruise... and it's all included in their CA.

Each of the Cruising Sections also has an email net, a Section-specific forum for members to exchange information relevant to that cruising area.



CAptain's Mate: This clever App is available exclusively to CA members and encourages the sharing of real-time information on places they visit. Whilst the CA website contains thousands of first-hand reports on harbours and anchorages across the globe, on CAptain's Mate you can view the reports directly on your smartphone or tablet, and as new reports are added they are downloaded to your device next time you are connected to the internet.

New features are being added all the time, and now include 'Find my Friend', a way of finding other CA member's boats in the vicinity (but not necessarily within sight) with a view to potentially meeting up. Also recently added is the facility to identify local assistance from the CA's worldwide network of Honorary Local Representatives (HLRs), who provide an invaluable service to members in over 400 locations worldwide.

Library & Information Centre Members also enjoy access to the more traditional facilities and services provided by the CA, including an impressive collection of pilot books, charts, magazines and reference materials housed in the CA Library and Information Centre at CA House in Limehouse Basin. The office will helpfully post books to members who aren't in local proximity to CA House.

The Association's HQ is ideally located in London between the City of London and Canary Wharf, connecting the River Lee (via the Limehouse Cut), the Regents Canal and the River Thames.

The CA Library and Information Centre is the largest of its kind in the world – over 10,000 items are catalogued – and contains a highly acclaimed collection of material covering every aspect of marine activity, with particular focus on sail and power cruising.

You can find out more about joining the Cruising Association by visiting: www.theca.org.uk/join



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service enquiry standards. The fact that Yacht Haven Grande Marina caters to the largest superyachts in the world (up to 600ft / 182m) on a remote Caribbean Island, makes this achievement even more outstanding given the level of bespoke services required for this unique market segment. “For nearly a decade, five of our marinas have consistently earned 5 Gold Anchor status, and now, with Yacht Haven Grande advancing to 5 Gold Anchor Platinum Accreditation level in 2019 - a new era of brand standard operational philosophy has been ushered into the IGY culture, that will positively impact our entire 17 marina global network. With IGY’s strategy to develop its global reach into the Mediterranean, and having a brand-new marina just open in Sète – South of France that can take the largest privately-owned yachts in the world, this world class 5 Gold Anchor Platinum

IGY’s Yacht Haven Grande Marina - St. Thomas, USVI becomes the first North American marina to ever be awarded 5 Gold Anchor Platinum Accreditation from The Yacht Harbour Association (TYHA), possibly the oldest and most prestigious international marina rating system in the world. By attaining their highest possible accreditation, IGY’s Yacht Haven Grande Marina

establishes itself as one of the best marinas in the world. The arduous process to attain a 5 Gold Anchor Platinum Accreditation level rating required Yacht Haven Grande Marina to pass a comprehensive external audit encompassing design, operations, polices, procedures, communications, destination integration, and an independently administered review of the marina’s customer

Accreditation achievement by Yacht Haven Grande Marina has given IGY even more confidence in our ability to drive forward,” commented Kenny Jones MBE, EVP Operations.

Also building on the recent award, Phil Blake CMM, Yacht Haven Grande Marina General Manager remarked “This notable achievement is a testament to the hard work of our employees – supported by the corporate team – and our unwavering commitment to the economic growth of St. Thomas, USVI and driving the island as a world leading customer service oriented yachting destination”.

Capping off this achievement is the resounding recovery of Yacht Haven Grande Marina and the island of St. Thomas after the 2017 hurricanes. Only four (4) marinas have ever been awarded the 5 Gold Anchor Platinum Accreditation level designation by TYHA with none, except Yacht Haven Grande Marina, attaining this status after overcoming two single year Category Five hurricanes. With Yacht Haven Grande Marina currently operating at its highest potential, the team is looking forward to a busy 2019/2020 winter charter season and is at the ready to

showcase one of the Caribbean’s most alluring destinations to the world.

Tom Mukamal, CEO adds “This hard-earned acknowledgment of our world class teams will serve as a catalyst to grow our unique and exciting brand enhancements to the yacht owners, charter guests, captains, crew and the local communities we proudly serve everyday – the best is yet to come.”

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THE GREEN BLUE

A new era of awareness-raising

The Green Blue, the joint environment initiative between British Marine and the Royal Yachting Association, will launch its new-look website at Southampton International Boat Show (September 13-22).

The awareness-raising venture was first launched at the show in 2005 and will now go back to its roots to showcase the site and celebrate a successful era of campaigning.

Kate Fortnam, Campaign Manager of The Green Blue, said: "The new site will provide bespoke information on key environmental issues, current best practice guidance, green products and services, as well

as an array of awareness raising resources to help boat users, marine businesses, clubs, training centres and instructors in communicating the good practice we can all adopt and facilitate to make our boating more sustainable."

Resources to look out for are The Green Blue's educational activities for young boaters which can be delivered on the water and onshore.

The most popular of these is the Marine CSI challenge which gives families the chance to become marine special agents, solving four environmental incidents using fingerprint analysis, puzzles and water sample testing. The activity raises awareness of boating good practice regarding oil and fuel use and marine litter prevention, as well as promoting wildlife appreciation and the use of eco-friendly products to avoid water pollution. This activity is ideal for family days, regattas and events, as well as for clubs, centres and organisations.

Other resources include instructor teaching aids to help pass on environmental good practice to students on RYA courses, and a variety of infographics and video clips to help marinas, harbours, boatyards and other marine businesses communicate sustainable boating top tips to customers, visitors and members via social media, e-newsletters, emails, news articles and display screens.

The Green Blue also provides outreach activities to help the recreational boating community raise awareness and share good practice among others. Activities include workshops at RYA, British Marine and stakeholder conferences, presentations at the RYA Dinghy Show and Southampton International Boat Show, talks to boating clubs, businesses and organisations, training for RYA instructors and interactive activities and stands for boating events.

They continue to work closely with the marine leisure industry and develop partnerships with those keen to raise awareness and help make UK boating more sustainable, including Sunsail Ltd, Dean & Reddyhoff Marinas, MDL Marinas, Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy, RS Aero Class Association, the Personal Watercraft Partnership, British University Sailing Association (BUSA) and the Andrew Simpson Foundation.

The key environmental issues and good practice tips that can be explored on The Green Blue's website, include:

- Sustainable practice in boating, including ways to cut emissions, the use of solar and wind energy, recycling and the avoidance of single use plastics.
- Invasive non-native species (INNS) – one of the current top five threats to UK biodiversity. Non-native species can hitch a ride on boats, clothing and equipment and make a home in the UK's waterways, causing harm to native animals and plants and damaging the environment and economy.
- Water and land pollution and the good practice around applying, removing and disposing of antifoul paint.
- Wildlife and habitat appreciation with guidance on how to minimise disturbance to wildlife.

To find out more about The Green Blue's activities and to explore collaborative opportunities, discover current good practice and access a variety of resources visit www.thegreenblue.org.uk, follow @thegreenblue on social media and contact Kate Fortnam on 023 8060 4227 or at info@thegreenblue.org.uk



HAMBLE POINT MARINA



combined its summer rally and concours d'elegance to form this unique celebration and a prize giving followed the festivities. Trophies were awarded to various people in recognition of the work that they do to maintain and keep the aging boats going.

"We would like to thank MDL for its continued support of the Fairey Owners Club," continues Chris. "It makes important events like this possible."

The Fairey Huntress was developed by Fairey Marine from a Ray Hunt 'Deep V' design in the late 1950s in response to the demand at that time for fast motor boats. This single engine motor cruiser soon became synonymous with style and performance after being launched onto the world stage with a starring role in the 1963 James Bond film, From Russia with Love.

Following this, Fairey Marine, originally based at Hamble Point, went from strength to strength and at one time was the world's largest boat manufacturer outside of the United States, selling up to 1,000 boats a year across the range.

For more information visit the www.faireyownersclub.co.uk or www.mdlmarinas.co.uk

"The 60th Anniversary of the Fairey Huntress Motor Cruiser"

On Saturday 22nd June MDL's Hamble Point Marina hosted the Fairey Owners Club's celebration of sixty years of the elegant Fairey Huntress motor cruiser.

To honour this timeless classic 17 boats and 65 members of the Fairey Owners Club gathered for a lunchtime BBQ on the green outside MDL's head office at Hamble Point Marina. The boats on display included one of every model from the Huntress to the last production boat produced by Fairey Marine, showcasing the complete history of the company.

Chris Davey, Treasurer of the Fairey Owners Club, comments: "We were delighted to be able to celebrate this amazing anniversary at Hamble Point,

where it all began 60 years ago. The Huntress was really the starting point for modern motor cruisers, and it is a reasonable statement to say that most planing powerboats, RIBs and raceboats can trace their DNA back to that initial constant deadrise hull form launched in 1959 by Fairey Marine." The Fairey Owners Club

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THE BRAUNSTON HISTORIC NARROWBOAT RALLY

The very successful 2019 Braunston Historic Narrowboat Rally was held over the warmest June weekends for several years, with Saturday's temperature into the eighties. It was almost too hot for some, but great for the real ale sales in the Dry Dock Inn – the quayside beer tent offering fine views of the parades of former working narrowboats. The event attracted about 7,000 visitors, some travelling from afar afield as Canada and Australia to attend it, providing an important visitor spend for the local economy.

The rally was formally opened by Ivor Caplan, Chairman of the Inland Waterways Association, steering the former Fellows, Morton & Clayton (FMC) narrowboat Panther, into the marina from the Grand Union Canal and declaring the Rally open. A number of celebrity guests joined in the opening, which this year included Timothy West and Prunella Scales. They steered respectively the 1936 pair of former Grand Union Canal Carrying Company's narrowboats, the Nuneaton and Brighton. These are owned and operated by the Narrow Boat Trust, with the primary objective of continuing canal carrying with a pair of working narrowboats. Other guests included Richard Parry, CEO of the Canal & River



Trust, and Tony Hales OBE, retired Chairman of the Canal & River Trust. Tony still continues his passion for the waterways and has attended every Rally since 2009 – always attired in traditional boatman costume.

Prior to the Rally opening, a plaque was unveiled on the

'Braunston Wall of Fame' in memory of Aubrey Berriman. The plaque was unveiled jointly by his daughter Julie Kavanagh and son David. Timothy West and Prunella Scales attended the ceremony, and each gave readings. Tim's was an extract from David Blagrove's classic book Bread Upon The Waters, in which Aubrey received a mention, working as foreman in the large dock in 1962.

Tim Coghlan of Braunston Marina said, 'For me what was most pleasing was the number of boats that came which had never been before, and the comments from so many owners that it is events like the Braunston Historic Narrowboat Rally, which inspires them to restore and maintain their boats which are such an important living and moving part of our canal heritage. Each year I hear the same gratifying story, which makes organizing the Rally so worthwhile. The Rally has come a long way since the first one in 2003, when 29 boats attended – which seemed a lot at the time.'

The Braunston Historic Narrowboat Rally is sponsored by Braunston Marina and Towpath Talk, and is supported by the Canal & River Trust. Braunston Marina will be hosting the event again next year on the same last weekend in June – 27th – 28th June, 2019.



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Operations Director for Castle Marinas Ltd, Mike Braidley says "This is a great opportunity for us. Both Crick and Cropredy Marinas fit well with our group identity of being "big enough to cope and small enough to care". They are both amazing marinas - Cropredy on the South Oxford canal is spectacularly rural, with excellent cruising on the South Oxford, and Crick is known by every boater in the country as the host of the annual Crick Boat Show.


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DEAN & REDDYHOFF AND QUAY MARINAS ANNOUNCES MERGER



Dean & Reddyhoff and Quay Marinas announces merger to create UK's largest national coastal marina business. Dean & Reddyhoff and Quay Marinas have announced that they have signed contracts to merge their businesses and the combined business will operate the second largest number of coastal marinas with the widest network around the coast of the UK.

With 11 marinas in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, the new business offers visitors and berth holders access to the stunning boating destinations of Cowes, Hamble and Portsmouth Harbour, Dorset, the Bristol Channel, Irish Sea and the Clyde.

As part of the deal, which signed on 29 May 2019 for an undisclosed sum, there is a planned £10 million investment programme over the next 5 years. Alongside 11 marinas, 4,000 berths and 150 staff,



the new business will operate boat yards, boat repair and maintenance and boat sales.

Michael Prideaux, Managing Director of Dean & Reddyhoff comments, "Our customers at all our marinas know what they are getting – a friendly, warm, professional experience and a great atmosphere. By merging with Quay Marinas, we will be bringing together the strengths of both companies and our joint

ambition is to make our marinas the destination of choice for all types of boaters in the UK, across the whole of the UK."

Current berth holders will benefit straight away with berth swaps between the marinas and free nights for those cruising between destinations. From Autumn 2019 the two companies will have completed the merger and will be owned and operate all the marinas under one brand.

Both marina companies have significant history of developing and operating marinas with first rate facilities that are part of the community. As well as providing berths for boats, the full range of services that customers need will be offered for experienced and new boaters. Customers can learn to sail, buy a boat, eat, drink and relax, have their boats maintained - all with the same consistent high levels of service.

Simon Haigh, Managing Director of Quay Marinas continues, "We are all looking forward to a busy boating season. We are confident that our visitors and berth holders can look forward to us making it even easier for them to spend time out on the water. Whether they are cruising, racing, fishing or diving, behind the scenes we'll be working hard to make sure that our new company puts what our customers want at the heart of our business."

The 11 prime coastal marinas in the new business are:

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- Portland 2012 Olympic Marina (serving the Dorset Jurassic Coast / South West England)*
- Rhu, Firth of Clyde (serving Glasgow / Edinburgh, Central Scotland)*
- Royal Quays, Newcastle (serving North East England)*
- Weymouth (serving the Dorset Jurassic Coast / South West England)*

PREMIER MARINAS APPOINTS CAPTAIN PAUL COOK AS ITS NEW CHICHESTER MARINA MANAGER



Premier Marinas has named Paul Cook as its new Marina Manager at Chichester Marina. Paul grew up in the Lymington area and has spent the majority of his life at sea or running businesses linked with the water. His 30+ years' experience in the marine and superyacht industry started in the Royal Navy. His Naval career lasted 25 years spanning 14 ships with 3 appointments as captain of frontline warships. In 2006 he moved into the superyacht industry as a captain on MY Anna, a 67 metre Feadship motor yacht. More recently he managed the widely acclaimed and award winning OneOcean Port Vell marina in Barcelona.

Paul Cook commented: "I am really excited to be returning to the Solent where I grew up and first caught the sailing bug. Chichester Marina was always one our family's favourite havens and I am looking forward to getting to know our berth holders as well as welcoming new guests to what is an amazing marina and sailing area. In particular I am hoping to capitalise on and develop the facilities already in place and with my team make Chichester Marina one of the most welcoming marinas on the South Coast. I am also keen to work with local organisations and associations to encourage new people to discover the joy of

sailing and the Chichester harbour conservancy area."

Premier Marinas, Chief Executive, Pete Bradshaw explained: "We are extremely proud to have such an experienced manager and sailor on our team and running Chichester. Paul brings to Premier and Chichester Marina a wealth of knowledge, focus on detail and willingness to embrace new initiatives, to improve the facilities and provide the superb customer service we are renowned for."

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LOTS TO SEE AND DO AT PREMIER MARINAS

An initiative to offer Premier customers more reasons to get out on the water and enjoy marina life, this month Premier's Swanwick Marina opened a SUP Store.

A place to securely store SUP boards or kayaks for just £25 per month with SUP storage, or £35 per month with SUP storage and dedicated parking. The SUP store includes secure access control and CCTV to make sure equipment is kept safe along with easy access to water for customers to wash down their paddleboard or kayak before stowing it away. There is also the facility for Premier customers to hire SUP boards from Swanwick

“ Introducing SUP storage, rental bikes and shoreside Events

Marina's Reception either to launch from the adjacent slipway or to take away for a week or two on their boat.

Moreover, to enable customers to enjoy the marina landscape, App Bikes have been installed at both Chichester and

Eastbourne marinas to be hired and used to explore the many scenic cycle routes in the area. These App-Bikes combine smart phone and smart lock technology and are available to pick up and deposit from several locations along the south coast; with the ability to pay-as-you-go, pay monthly or even annually.

Running concurrently with these initiatives, The Waterfront at Eastbourne Marina, owned by Premier Marinas is coordinating a diverse range of attractions and events over the summer. From a children's urban beach, live music acts, outdoor cinema experience to a Wellness Weekend event.



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MARINA DAY

Since Marina Day was launched it has picked up pace and many more marinas are holding an open day to attract new and existing clients to their marina, for a fun day out to try new on-the-water experiences.

Gillingham Marina

were lucky enough to have their event officially opened by Benik Afobe, a footballer who plays centre forward for Stoke City, and founder of The Afobe Foundation which

strives to create a safe environment for the most vulnerable children of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo and aims to branch out to aid underprivileged young people all around the world. Penny and her team in the QuarterDeck Restaurant & Bar did a fantastic job feeding everyone and organising plenty of activities with handmade craft stalls, a visit from an historic vessel and live music by The Freeloaders. Medway Watersports provided taster sessions on kayaks/ribs for the more adventurous.

It was a relaxing and friendly atmosphere and they managed to raise over £250.00 for their charities: RNLI, Cancer Research, Serv Blood Runners and Coast Watch. A big thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to an enjoyable and successful day which apparently turned in to a gin tasting evening!!

St. Katharine Docks

were delighted to be hosting Marina Day again. This year, among other activities, they offered Virtual Reality Sailing Experience, which was a huge success and attracted several people, regardless of age or experience, as an introduction to the ease and fun of sailing. They were pleased to have members of the RNLI checking whether lifejackets

are serviceable and teaching how to rescue people from the water. The Metropolitan Police also participated encouraging people to step on board and explore one of their patrol boats. The team from Blue Lamp Afloat RYA Sea School was also offering sessions on how to drive a rigid inflatable boat. They attracted many to the marina who tried out their activities and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Paul Tetlow, Marina Manager at St Katharine Docks comments "We really enjoyed hosting Marina Day at St. Katharine Docks again this year. As a member of The Yacht Harbour Association and Royal Yachting Association 'Active Marina' Partnership, it is our priority to promote the benefits of boating and implement initiatives to attract new

people, through new and more accessible activities. Marina Day stands as an opportunity for us to open our facilities to the general public and show the freedom and fun of boating. St. Katharine Docks has evolved into a thriving waterside community and we provide a busy calendar for berth holders and non-berth holders throughout the year. We were glad to see people trying our activities and enjoying themselves and we are looking forward to next year's event."

BWML Sawley Marina

The sun was shining on Sawley Marina, music was playing and drinks flowing and the day was hugely enjoyable.

BWML staff from all locations came to help over the weekend. To mark the day, BWML also invited their local Environment Agency river inspector to visit Priory Marina in Bedford. John Highmore, BWML's Home Counties Marina Manager said "Marina Day 2019 gave us an ideal opportunity to reaffirm the close ties with our associates from the EA." During the day they held "have a go" boating sessions at Sawley as part of the RYA Active Marina programme where they used their training boats. BWML Brokerage delivered some Boating Talks covering boat systems, maintenance and buying a boat and they also have reps from RBOA who talked about living life afloat.

REDEVELOPMENT OF HASLAR MARINA

As part of securing the future of Haslar Marina as a prime destination for boaters, the Dean & Reddyhoff team are looking forward to modernising and improving the facilities for berth holders and visitors. This includes a new powerboat centre, improvements to the boatyard, new clubhouse-restaurant, greater wave protection, additional deep-water berths for the growing

market of 16m to 18m boats and extra car parking. The scheme also includes a new team base for leading British ocean racing team Alex Thomson Racing.

Managing Director of Dean & Reddyhoff, Michael Prideaux, comments, "Just over a year ago we submitted our planning application and are thrilled with the planning decision. We are now working through the redevelopment plan and aim

to deliver this in phases to reduce the impact on users of the marina and residents. We are pleased that the decision means that we can enhance our facilities as well as supporting the local economy and community through potential job creation.

To find out more about the new improvements visit the website www.deanreddyhoff.co.uk/haslar-marina



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MARINA PROJECTS GUIDES FUTURE STRATEGY AT PRESTIGIOUS BUCKLER'S HARD YACHT HARBOUR

Marina Projects Ltd has been appointed by the Beaulieu Estate (Beaulieu Enterprises Ltd - BEL) to provide advice on the redevelopment of the historic and prestigious Buckler's Hard Yacht Harbour. The marina located near the 18th century shipbuilding village in the heart of the New Forest was recently recognised in The Yacht Harbour Association's Marina of the Year awards, winning in the coastal, small marina category (under 250 berths). This has led to the recent securing of the necessary approvals for a reconfiguration and extension of the Yacht Harbour.

Buckler's Hard Yacht Harbour was opened in 1971 and has remained largely unchanged since 1980, while the nature of vessels and demands of

boat owners has changed significantly in this time. The ageing life of the pontoon equipment and the need for either replacement or refurbishment provides an opportunity to consider the most appropriate design solution for present & future demand. Within the proposed layout approximately 60 additional berths will be provided along with improved provision of walk ashore visitor berthing.

The initial scope of work included analysis of the local & wider market, historic activity trends, a detailed review of the site constraints, development of concept design options and the development of the business case. With a preferred concept design in hand that responds to the market demands; recognised the site constraints and maximises

the natural advantages of the location, Marina Projects Ltd developed a detailed consent strategy and assisted in the stakeholder consultation process. Careful consideration of the consent strategy was necessary because of a complex consent regime, extensive and sensitive habitats and the fact that the marina sits within the New Forest National Park. This has led to the recent approval of Planning Permission and a Marine Licence required to deliver the associated works.

Russell Bowman Managing Director at BEL commented "we are investing in the future of the marina whilst seeking to reconfigure the facility and offer increased availability of walk-ashore berths and an enhanced level of customer service. It is imperative to us that we preserve the character which makes Buckler's Hard Yacht Harbour so special. The advice provided to us by Marina Project Ltd has been invaluable in us understanding the full potential of the marina and the implications & challenges brought about by the site and the regulatory regime. They have navigated us expertly through the process of identifying an optimum solution & investment case that in turn will secure

the future of the Buckler's Hard Yacht Harbour. This facility plays a critical role in the investment that the Estate makes into the Beaulieu River. The overwhelming support of all key stakeholders at our recent consultation event is evidence of the thorough and comprehensive advice provided to us by Marina Projects Ltd."

Mike Ward Managing Director at Marina Projects Ltd commented "Buckler's Hard Yacht Harbour is a gem of Solent marinas, sitting at the heart of the New Forest. The client's desire to retain the charm and character of the Yacht Harbour within a truly unique setting, whilst at the same time delivering on the needs of the modern boater has added a fascinating dimension to our study work. The current complexities of the consent regime have also added a layer of complications that have brought new challenges for us to overcome. I am delighted that our proposals have been so well received by the client, all of the key stakeholders and regulators. We look forward to assisting the Beaulieu Estate in moving through the procurement and delivery phase of the project."

WALCON COMPLETES HEAVY-DUTY BERTHING FACILITY FOR ROYAL OMAN COAST GUARD

A new berthing facility by Walcon Marine for vessels operated by the Royal Oman Police Coast Guard is in its final stages of completion. The facility forms part of a major new Coast Guard Harbour which is currently nearing completion in the town of Sidab, a short distance to the east of Muscat on the Gulf of Oman.

The facility is made up of 315 metres of walkways running along a section of the harbour's inner wall with five piers coming off them ranging in length from 68 to 93 metres. These will be used for alongside docking by the Police Coastguard's fast

patrol boats, with space for 19 in total. At the western end, 19 finger pontoons each 10 metres in length will be used by smaller Interceptor craft and RIBs.

The Coast Guard operates a fleet of Rodman and Ares fast patrol boats between 26 and 35 metres in length. To cater for these high usage vessels, Walcon specified its heavy-duty structural steel Jumbo pontoons which are 3 metres wide, have 750mm freeboard, a central service duct and a high live load of 3kN per m². The pontoons have been finished with a special paint system for maximum

protection and durability. Other features include mooring bollards up to 15 tonnes load, emergency ladders and emergency cabinets. To cope with the less-than-gentle dockings, D fenders have been fitted in certain places and, for the larger vessels, pneumatic fenders each one metre in length and 500mm in diameter, have been attached. The entire facility is positioned behind a new, 370-metre rock breakwater.

The Coast Guard division of the Royal Oman Police is responsible for the safety and security of Oman's territorial waters and undertakes anti-piracy and anti-smuggling operations as well as search and rescue duties. Walcon worked with main contractor Carillion Alawi LLC to realise this high specification project.

Walcon Marine is a leader in the design, build and installation of heavy-duty pontoons for 24/7 operations by working vessels including fast patrol boats, crew transfer vessels, passenger ferries, fishing boats, police and other government agency craft, and port and harbour workboats.

For more information about Walcon Marine, please visit www.walconmarine.com

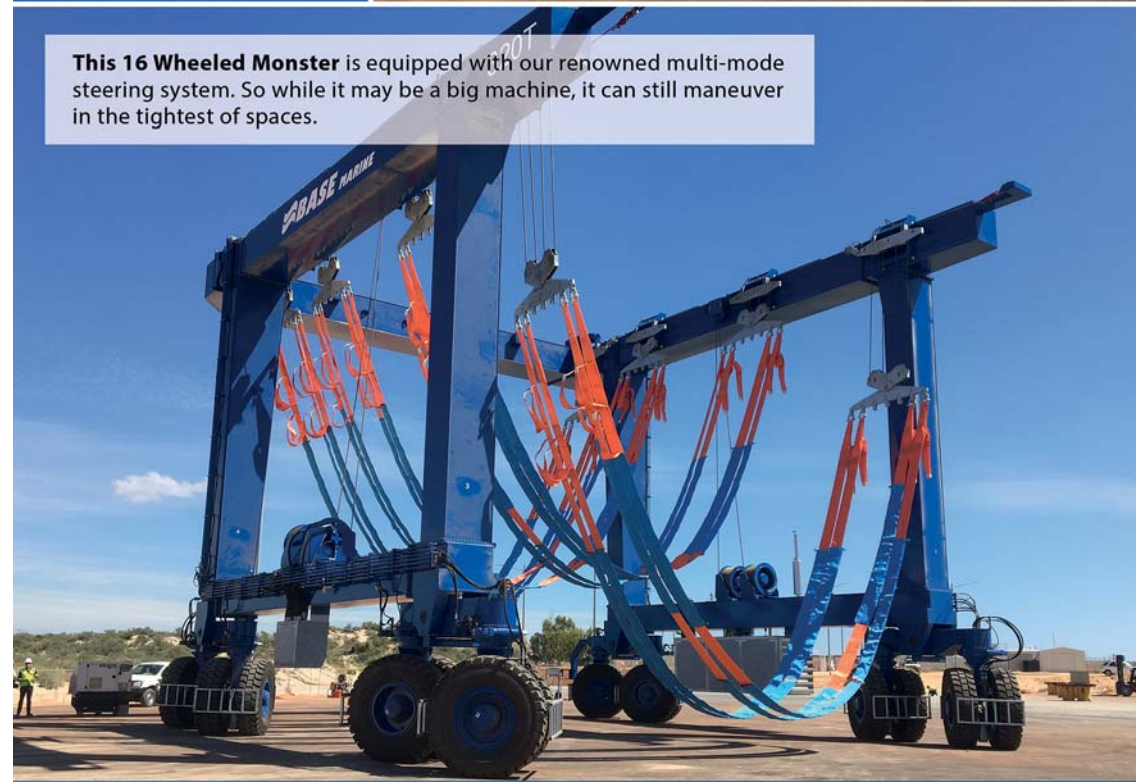


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IGY Sète is in Sète, France, a charming cultural destination with a strong maritime and sailing heritage. Positioned between Barcelona and Cannes, the city is a 30-minute drive to Montpellier International Airport. The city center is crisscrossed by canals, which are lined with bars and restaurants renowned for seafood

and shellfish. In addition, year-round festivals in the city celebrate art, the sea, music, and local fare.

Accommodating vessels up to 180 meters (590 feet) with a deep 8-meter (26-foot) draft, IGY Sète can comfortably berth the largest superyachts in the world. A certified ISPS port with 24-hour security, it has a total of 582 meters (1,908 feet) of side-to-berthing. This allows for efficient direct-to-vessel servicing. The marina is an ideal winter home-port destination, too, as well as a pre-season lay-up and long-term berthing option. In fact, IGY Sète has opportunities for multi-year berthing. Regardless of what suits your needs, all berth holders benefit from assigned parking. Alongside cranes is further available for all slips.

The brand-new IGY marina and facilities include a fitness center and lounge for crew. Captains and crew also are welcome to use the rooftop terrace, along with a business center, Wi-Fi, and full concierge services. Plenty of sightseeing options await yacht owners and guests. Beaches are a short distance away, as are watersports like river canoeing. Cévennes National Park, Montpellier, Nîmes, and Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert are all close by as well. IGY Sète is set to be a leader as a Mediterranean superyacht marina destination, combined with industry-leading IGY services and amenities, for owners, guests, and crew.

For more information, contact IGY Marinas. www.igymarinas.com

WALCON MARINE INSTALLS ULTRA HEAVY-DUTY PONTOONS FOR WIND FARM FACILITY AT LOWESTOFT

Walcon Marine has installed a maximum heavy-duty berthing facility at ABP's Hamilton Dock at Lowestoft, on the UK's east coast. The facility has been designed and built to withstand the rough and tumble of the round-the-clock, fast turnaround activities of crew transfer vessels servicing the offshore wind farm East Anglia ONE, currently under construction in the North Sea. The specification also required the pontoons to withstand once in a thousand-year tides.

The facility is designed to accommodate up to four wind farm crew transfer vessels / fast crew suppliers, which are

typically catamaran designs around 30 metres in length. It consists of four pontoons each 29 metres long, with two running along the quay wall as walkways while the other two come out at ninety degrees as finger pontoons. All are built to the same specification using

“ Pontoons built to withstand extreme operating conditions ”

Walcon's commercial-grade Docking Solutions product. The tubular steel floats are 1350mm in diameter and manufactured using 10mm thickness steel. Heavy duty bollards are welded directly on to the structure.

The freeboard is also substantial to meet the needs of the high-sided crew transfer vessels, at 1400mm, and the pontoons are fully-serviced with single and three-phase electricity plus water and fuel. The decking is heavy-duty fibre glass.

The Walcon facility is part of a £10 million development underway at Hamilton Dock by Scottish Power Renewables, the operator of East Anglia ONE, and ABP to develop a state-of-the-art operations and maintenance base for the £2.5bn offshore wind farm. This will include a maintenance building, offices and warehousing as well as berthing. Walcon has been working with main contractor McLaughlin & Harvey.



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“ RYA launches digital approach to safety

The RYA has launched a new digital safety campaign to highlight its key safety messages: look after yourself, have a plan, keep in touch and know your limits.

Aimed at saving lives by delivering safety tips on its website and social media channels, the RYA's new campaign is a modernised approach to its more traditional method of issuing an annual Safety Advisory Notice (SAN) featuring topics to help boaters think in practical terms about their safety afloat.

The year-round calendar of short, impactful safety films has started with the release of thought-provoking video on the importance of clipping on with a safety line and safety harness.

A safety line is intended to provide reasonable assurance that the wearer will remain attached to a craft under normal loading. To do this the line must be securely attached to a correctly worn safety harness (which may be a lifejacket with

an integrated harness) and to a suitable strong point on the boat. The optimum length of a safety line will vary dependent on the size of the boat and where you need to attach it for the task in hand.

The next video in the series focuses on power boat users and the necessity of wearing a kill cord. Small open power boats will normally be fitted with a kill cord which, if used correctly, will stop the engine if the driver becomes dislodged from the helm position. The kill cord video aims to drive home the message that this is a vital piece of equipment and should always be used. You can watch the videos at www.rya.org.uk/go/SAN.

The SAN background compiled for the recreational boating community and first launched in 2014, the RYA Safety Advisory Notice has always offered a simple digest of critical safety issues including those that have arisen from incidents and tragic accidents in the past year. Reviewing the Notice annually

has enabled the RYA Safety Advisory Group to examine safety concerns that have emerged throughout the year and consolidate any lessons learnt.

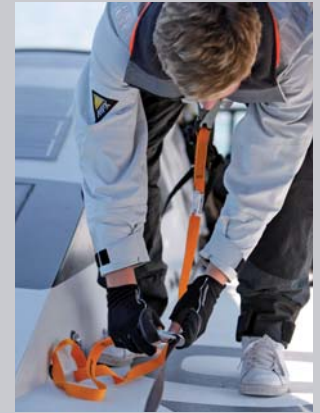
The new digital safety campaign will ensure that any such learning points not only underpin the national governing body's ethos of self-reliance and responsibility for safety on board, but also that the learning points can be shared in a more timely and topical manner all year round.

RYA Safety Advisor, Andrew Norton says: “We first launched the Safety Advisory Notice at the London Boat Show in 2014, to raise awareness of particular safety issues, to help prevent avoidable accidents, and ultimately to protect lives.

“By highlighting the causes of incidents and how they might have been prevented, safety advisories encourage us all to think about our own actions in a different light and above all help to make better decisions both before setting off and when out on the water.

“We continue to work closely with our delivery partners and other UK agencies responsible for safety on the water and with the marine trade press to progress our policy of information and education, which we believe is a powerful tool in fostering safe attitudes and behaviour on the water.”

Look out for future videos on lifejacket and life raft servicing, carbon monoxide alarms, boat fire safety and many more topics.



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Video campaign seeks to keep
boaters safe all year round

For more detailed information on safety lines, kill cords and other safety matters visit www.rya.org.uk/go/safety

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The apprentice record of achievement that British Marine has created will help apprentices and employers to record evidence of competence and track progress, provide guidance on different aspects of the apprenticeship, as well as helping the training provider to deliver the apprenticeship.

The record of achievement is a gateway requirement of the apprenticeship but is not formally assessed during the apprenticeship and acts as an aid during the end point assessment.

If you will be undertaking this apprenticeship, employing an apprentice or training an apprentice on the marina and boatyard operative apprenticeship standard, you can access the record of achievement here.

For advice and guidance relating to apprenticeships or careers, please email British Marine at training@britishmarine.co.uk

British Marine has been working with the marina and boatyard operative trailblazer group to create a record of achievement for those delivering and undertaking the marina and boatyard operative apprenticeship standard.

Apprentices will undertake four core modules comprising of awareness of and conduct in

the industry, health, safety and environment, marina and boatyard operations and marina and boatyard maintenance and security.

Apprentices and employers will have the choice of one of four specialist options, which include fuel and pump out, rigging, chandlery and retail or lock and bridge operations.

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British Marine publishes the new apprentice record of achievement for marina and boatyard operatives



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The new entrance procedure will enable foreign flag vessels to avoid clearing through commercial entry ports. Instead, vessels can sail directly to Yas Marina for UAE clearance, with the authority services available onsite. The introduction will lessen delays, saving an average of eight hours waiting time, providing a seamless arrival experience. Where owners and crew have previously waited at commercial ports without a marina dock, they can now relax, stretch their legs, dine and continuing with daily tasks at their leisure.

On arrival, superyachts are assigned a berth on the visitors wharf as they enter Yas Marina waters. Guided by Yas Marina, officials from immigration,

customs and quarantine will complete procedures immediately – including filling declaration papers and other formalities. The first vessel clearance of this kind was M/Y Caiphirina (60m), arriving successfully to Yas Marina on the 21st March 2019.

Mark Boylin, Captain of the superyacht Caiphirina, commented, "Our Owner is a huge supporter of yachting in the region spending around 6 months of the year aboard one of his superyachts in Abu Dhabi. We have always found Abu Dhabi to be most welcoming, but we are incredibly excited by these generous new incentives. Abu Dhabi remains an attractive destination, but the relaxation of the regulations will offer us greater ease of access to port as well as allowing us a much longer period to remain docked. With the enhanced regulations simplifying entry procedures we can see the emirate becoming the destination of choice in the region for vessels such as ours. We very much look forward to spending even more time in Abu Dhabi."



Ideally located for cruising the region or as a homeport, visiting crews and yacht owners can take advantage of Yas Marina's distinctive mix. World-class onsite facilities and amenities, nine international restaurant and bar experiences, as well as regular activities, entertainment and events await, ashore and afloat, all day and all night. The Formula 1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix is a highlight in the annual calendar, where up to 150m track-view berths are the place to be for all the live action. A dedicated Crew Program invites members to enjoy year-round discounts across Yas Island's dining, leisure and entertainment venues, plus access exclusive Member Only Cruising Clubs.

Situated with Abu Dhabi International Airport only 10 minutes away, and a 6 pad heliport is available within a 5 minute drive, there are many further benefits for international vessels berthing at Yas Marina. They can utilise the onsite fuel station and benefit from lower electricity and water charges than Europe, as well as experiencing high standards of service that anticipate and meet the need of every visiting yacht owner, their guests, captains and crew.

With year-round sunshine, Yas Marina provides the perfect home for vessels throughout the winter months and features its state-of-the-art facilities, accessible for members.

For further information visit the website - www.yasmarina.ae



PENTON HOOK

Over 2,000 people attended the inaugural Thames Valley and London Boat Show which was hosted in April at MDL Marinas' Penton Hook Marina. The three-day event proved a spectacular success with a wide range of boats on display including those by Sealine, Jeanneau, Cranchi, Glastron, Bayliner, Alfastreet and Orkney.

"The Thames Valley and London Boat Show was designed specifically for river lovers and was carefully curated to reflect the needs of boat buyers in the


Thames Valley," says Paul Hallas, MDL's Thames Marina Manager. "We had over 25 boats on display for our visitors, as well as exhibitors offering culinary delights and other marine services including electronics, decking, finance and insurance. We're delighted with the positive feedback we've received, and the opportunity it gave us to create a fun and memorable experience for all. We look forward to hosting many more shows in the years to come." Maxine Lane, MDL's Head of Marketing, says:

"Our marinas provide the perfect professional backdrop for showcasing wonderful boats, and with all the delicious cafes and restaurants and tenant services we have, we're already very well set up to host these types of events. It was great to support TBS Boats with the organisation of the Thames Valley and London Boat Show. We're also delighted to be hosting the South Coast Boat Show at MDL's Ocean Village Marina."




Find more information about the South Coast Boat Show at www.southcoastboatshow.com


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On Sunday 21st July 2019 MDL's Torquay Marina hosted the Big Bay ECO Challenge, an exciting eco-powered race from Brixham to Torquay Marina featuring five competitors.

Driven by an anonymous white helmet clad racing driver, the BMW i8 came in first, followed by cyclist Tom Wills from Sunseeker. Third place went to Tom Bills aboard the Bavaria yacht and the Schiller Bike powered by Lee Constable, a semi-professional cyclist, in fourth. Last, but not least, was Sean White from WeSUP on

his stand-up paddleboard. The five were competing to raise awareness of greener ways to travel and to raise money for the RNLI. Overall the challenge raised over £6,000 for the lifesaving charity.

This friendly, but rather competitive, race started from the RNLI lifeboat station at Brixham at 10.30 with the competitors heading across and, in the case of the BMW i8, around Torbay. Throngs of spectators watched the challenge from various points around the bay with many taking to the water to have a ringside seat.

"I would like to thank everyone who supported the challenge; the fantastic sponsors who donated such wonderful prizes, the competitors who made the competition so enjoyable to watch and also the staff at the marina who help make events like these run as smoothly as possible," says Mike Smith, Manager of Torquay Marina. "It was a really fun way to drive home an important message, about using eco-friendly modes of transport."

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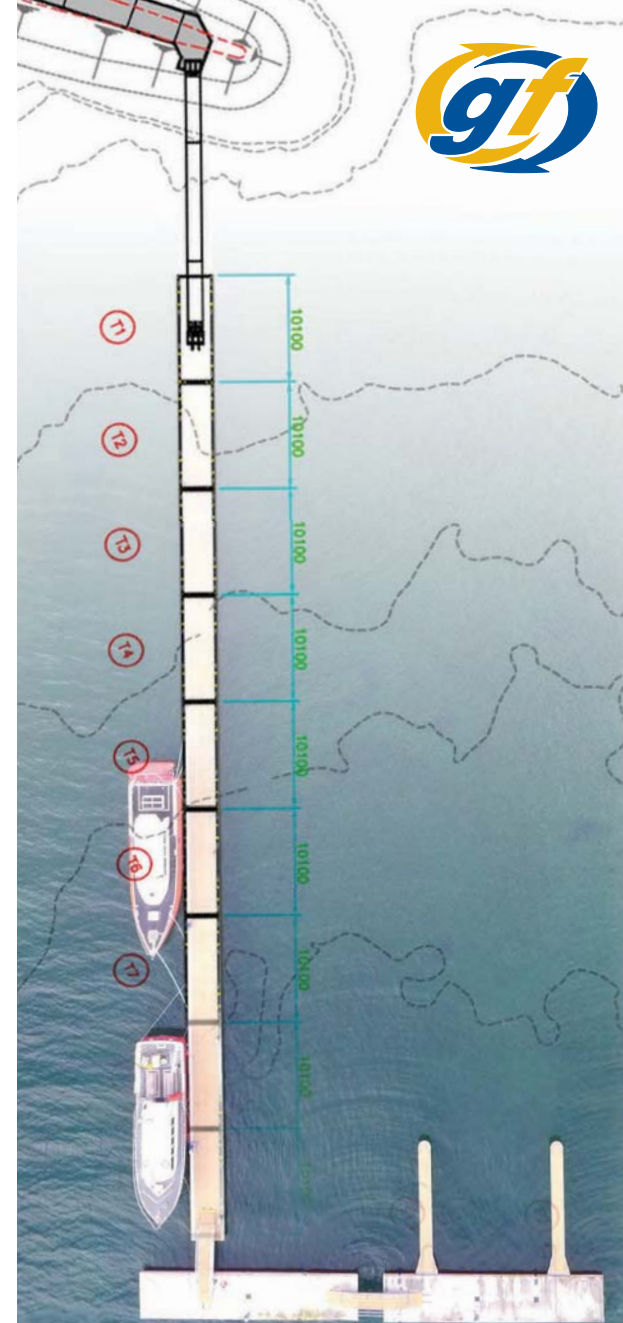
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The visit commenced in Torquay with an interesting tour of MDL's Torquay marina with a tour of the marina and pontoons. Mike McMahon showed us around an area used for exhilarating watersports, using mooring systems such as EZ Dock for jet skis, Schiller bikes and SUPs. Some great ways to get into boating and in a lovely surrounding, based in the harbourside in Torquay.

Next we travelled to Noss-on-Dart. This recent Premier Marina's development has plans for over £75m investment to include a new floating marina with circa 232 berths, dry stack, boatyard, an onsite hotel with restaurants and spa, commercial units and holiday rentals. There will also be a ferry link to Dartmouth which will be a great addition to attract locals and visitors to enjoy dinner, or just a drink as the sun sets on the marina. Thanks to Andy Osman for an interesting update on their progress so far.

A short coach ride and we arrived at Darthaven Marina and a tour given by John and Melanie Holman. A busy marina that also has the added attraction of the Dartmouth Steam Railway passing through the site before heading up to Kingswear.

Following lunch and refreshments at the Royal Dart Yacht Club, we headed down to Yacht Haven Quay's drystack where Will Rahder gave us a great, action packed display of the forklifts in action and expertly manoeuvring boats into and out of the water. They have indoor berthing for over 200 boats, can pick up and launch your boat in 10 minutes and enjoy a refreshment or lunch at the Mess Room cafe.

Following an overnight stay in Plympton with a lovely dinner at St Elizabeth House and after a leisurely breakfast, we travelled to Plymouth Yacht Haven where we boarded the Spirit of Plymouth and set sail for Sutton Harbour Marina. Peter Bromley gave us a tour of the marina before we headed over to Royal William Yard for lunch.

Finally after a great lunch at Bistrot Pierre, we were back on board and sailing to Mayflower Marina where Charles Bush showed us around. In a lovely setting, the marina is 80% owned and run by its berth holders.

With much thanks to Inland & Coastal Marina Systems Ltd for their generous sponsorship and supplying fabulous aluminium water bottles given to all attendees.

A final thank you to all those who attended this year, the kind assistance and co-operation of the marina managers and Libby for yet again another fantastic trip. For all future events contact Libby, lgordon@britishmarine.co.uk




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Partners with British Keelboat League and RS Sailing

This partnership will see MDL Marinas providing the new fleet of RS 21 keelboats with easy access to the water during the British Keelboat League events taking place throughout 2019. This support ensures that the teams are located close to the start line at its Hamble Point Marina with direct access to the Solent and Queen Anne's Battery minutes from Plymouth Sound. The participating sailing crews and organisers will also enjoy access to the marinas' excellent

facilities to support their racing including slipways, boat repairs, and chandlery.

The British Keelboat League was established in 2016 to encourage participation in keelboat racing across the United Kingdom and comprises a series of regional events. At each event, sailors compete in multiple short sprint races against teams from other clubs in their region. The winning teams from each region then come together for a national final to determine the British Keelboat League champions.

"We are delighted to be able to support the British Keelboat League. Getting sailors out on the water and promoting sailing in such an inclusive way is something that MDL wholeheartedly endorses," says Mike Glanville, MDL Marinas Managing Director. "We look forward to welcoming the teams to our MDL marinas."

"RS Sailing is delighted that MDL Marinas has come on board as the Marina Partner for the British Keelboat League.

MDL Marinas' support means the British Keelboat League has access to some of the best facilities in the UK which allows us to maximise the time the competitors get to spend on the water and in turn it gets more people involved and participating in our awesome sport." Jon Partridge – CEO RS Sailing.

All the boats for the events are provided by the British Keelboat League which ensures fair competition across the board. The new RS 21 keelboat makes up the majority of the 2019 fleet and it is ideally suited to the task.

The RS 21 was developed specifically to provide a simple and affordable solution for keelboat clubs to bring wider availability and popularity back to keelboat racing. RS Sailing also put a great emphasis on sustainability when designing the boat. The hull's core is made from recycled material and, to reduce its carbon footprint, the RS21 is sized to fit six boats

into a 40-foot shipping container.

Mike continues: "Looking after our marine environment is a must for anyone working in the marine industry. RS Sailing have committed to this which makes our partnership with the British Keelboat League all the more important to us, as their sustainability efforts complement ours."

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and more importantly, owners and their crew. Royal Phuket Marina is a marina with a capacity of 100 yachts. Our site includes luxury apartments, villas, and exclusive retailers with numerous food and beverage outlets. Royal Phuket Marina is approximately 30 minutes to Phuket International Airport. Royal Phuket Marina's has outstanding customer service and excellent facilities which ultimately achieve to the 5 Gold Anchor and Clean Marina standards. As the Marina Manager, Ben Mccrory, explains, "Royal Phuket

Marina facilities, high quality food and beverage and well landscaped uplands are all essential to achieve the 5 Gold and Clean Marina standard, the key however is world-leading customer service through high quality 24 hours service security for the need of the owner, guest, captain and crew and congratulate the marina team for achieving this standard." Commenting on the professionalism and dedication of Royal Phuket Marina team, Gold Anchor Assessor, Alistair Skinner, states, "The systems used to

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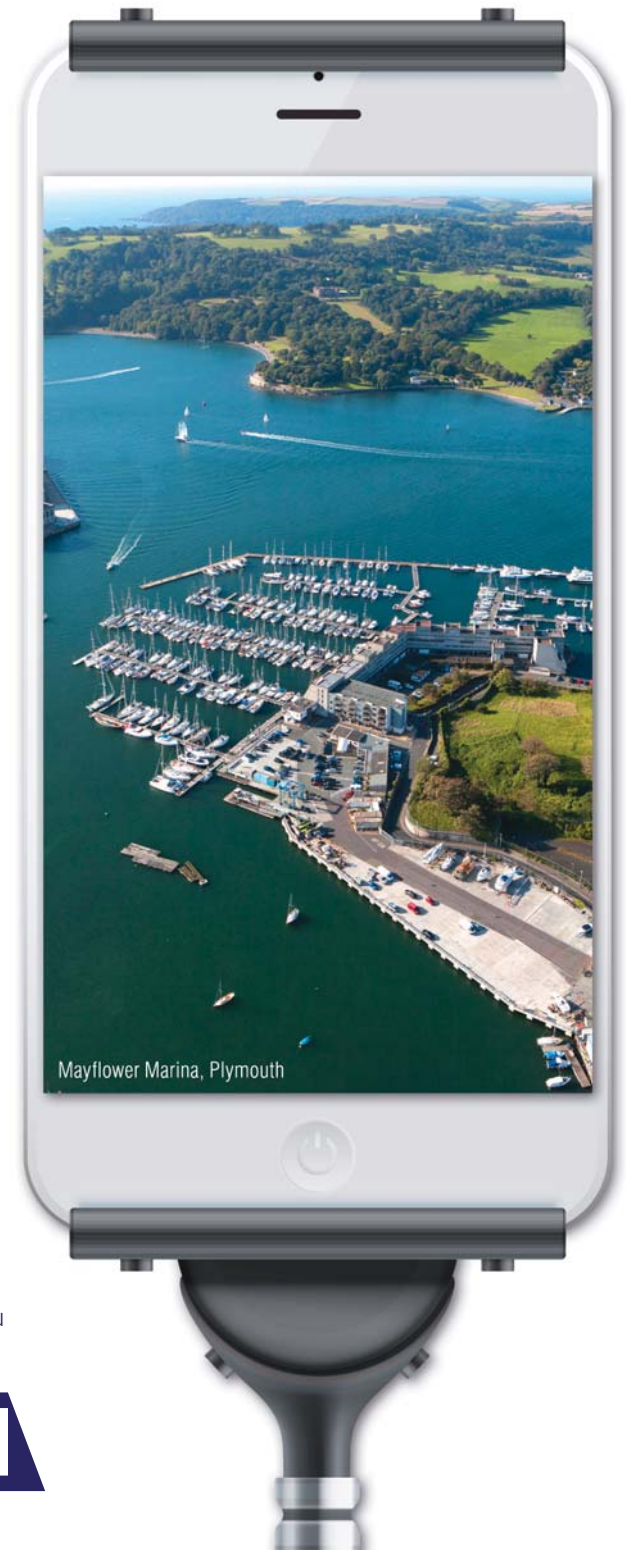
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