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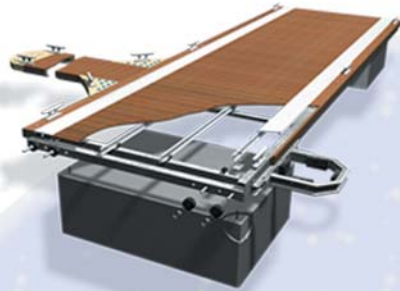
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As the world continues to struggle to cope with the impact of Covid-19 unfortunately lockdowns are once again restricting our customers access to their boats and in many cases their lifestyles. Many of the 'knowns' in our everyday personal and business lives have become 'unknowns' and our plans have to continually be reviewed and adapted.

That said we do know that when people do have the freedom to go outdoors more than ever are choosing to go boating either through buying, chartering, hiring, membership, holidaying or as guests; this is especially relevant in countries with a significant home market. So how can we further encourage and capitalise on this is a key question for our

industry, because if we don't the opportunity may be lost!

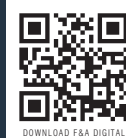
When the time is right and dependant on your marina location and clientele, what could you do to capture this new audience and turn them into regular boaters? Would a boat club or boat share scheme entice those with an interest? How about providing boat, kayak or paddle board hire, or just a launching facility to acclimatise newcomers with your marina? The answer maybe as simple as asking some of these new participants why they started and what would make them continue!

I do hope that the coming months start to bring stability and predictability to your marina businesses and that you, your staff and families remain safe.



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MOTY AWARDS 2020

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TYHA were delighted to announce this year's winners and runners-up in the 2020 Towergate Marina of the Year Awards through a new virtual awards ceremony. Visit the Towergate website www.towergateinsurance.co.uk to view the ceremony and to find out more.

With a record-breaking 2,635 votes this year and some new and worthy winners, the Towergate sponsored awards showed that lockdown and at a time of great uncertainty did not deter berth holders and visitors from voting for their favourite marina.



The 2020 Towergate Marina of the Year Awards go to:

Coastal Marina of the Year (over 250 berths)

Winner: Royal Quays Marina by boat folk who won for the 2nd year running

Runner Up: Plymouth Yacht Haven

Coastal Marina of the Year (under 250 berths)

Winner: Poole Quay Boat Haven who won for the 2nd year running

Runner Up: Whitehills Harbour

Inland Marina of the Year

Winner: White Mills Marina

Runner Up: Overwater Marina

International Marina of the Year

Winner: Yalikavak Marina

Runner Up: Marina de Vilamoura

Superyacht Marina of the Year

Winner: IGY Yacht Haven Grande

Employee of the Year

Winner: James Stenning of Emsworth Yacht Harbour

Runner Up: Martyn Sherratt of MDL Brixham Marina

A huge congratulations to all winners and runners-up and well done to all 61 marinas that were voted for this year's awards.

Finally thank you to Towergate Marina for their continued sponsorship and organising such a professional and enjoyable virtual awards ceremony.

Kerrie Gray said "I am extremely proud that Poole Quay Boat Haven has won the award for Coastal Marina of the Year for the second year running. This year's accolade is particularly poignant as it's been a difficult year for all. Receiving this award is testament to the hard work and dedication that the entire marina team has shown."

Clearly overjoyed with the marina's new title of Inland Marina of the Year, Debbie Skinner said: "We knew we were on the shortlist but never dreamt we would actually win. Ever since we first opened, we have aspired to be an award-winning marina

and now we are! It is absolutely, brilliant news and we are all thrilled."

"As with all these things it's not about individuals but about having a team of fantastic individuals on board, which we know we have. And of course, we must thank all our lovely supporters who made the effort to vote for us, after all without the votes we would never have come out on top. We are so pleased and incredibly proud."

Jon White, TYHA General Manager commented "The exceptional customer service displayed in our network of Gold Anchor marinas in this challenging year has been truly inspirational and my congratulations goes to all the Towergate Marina of the Year finalists. Whilst in lockdown marina customers took great comfort that their boats were being looked after by caring professionals and post-lockdown



were supported by marina staff to have great boating experiences for the remaining season. Thank you to our sponsors, Towergate Insurance, for their commitment and creativity in helping to deliver a fantastic 2020 Towergate Marina of the Year Award process and ceremony".

MOTY Awards 2021 voting opens shortly.



White Hills Marina team : Debbie Skinner (Managing Director) Gary Butcher (Operations Manager), Gary Butcher (Boathouse Manager), Carrie Hewitt, Sam Skinner, Hannah Earby and Kay Elderkin.

A PERFECT BASE FOR CRUISING THE UPPER AND LOWER THAMES



Shepperton Marina has been a family run business for over 40 years since it was acquired in the 1970's. Tucked away in the picturesque village of Shepperton; it is superbly placed as a base for both upper and lower Thames cruising. Set in over forty acres of mature landscaped woodland, it seems far from the hectic pace of modern life, yet London is only some 30 minutes away by road and direct access to the river offers you a variety of cruising choices.

We began our expansion project in 2011 with the addition of a third basin, accommodating 128 berths for boats over 12m. To accommodate increasing demand, we installed a dedicated pontoon for Narrowboats and Barges of up to 22m.

In 2018, a fourth basin was opened accommodating an additional 46 berths for boats of 10m and over, bringing our total number of berths to 400, with plans for the future to add more.

Each year we are dedicated to re-investing in our marina to keep Shepperton the place to berth. Within the last four years, in addition to the expansion, we have completely re-furbished all of our toilet and shower facilities to an exceptionally high standard, sheet piled a large amount of our bankside as well as increased the size of our hard standing area to accommodate more boats.

In 2019, we invested in a state-of-the-art CCTV system which is monitored 24/7 as well as introduced access control on all entrance gates and facilities.

Wi-Fi was also installed and offered to our customers as an inclusive mooring benefit.

At the beginning of 2020, we opened a new car park, as well as resurfaced roads and introduced a new trailer park area. As a family run marina, we want to make sure our family values reflect in the service we offer. We are passionate about building relationships with our customers and offering (and exceeding) a service, we as customers, would expect.

There are some very exciting projects in the pipeline for this next year so watch this space!

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“ TRIANGLE BERTH BROKERS Celebrates 30 Years

Triangle Berth Brokers is celebrating its 30th year brokering long leases and annual berths for sailors, marinas and yacht captains in the UK and Europe. Based in Hampshire, the company is owned and operated by Nic and Marie Parton.

This year has been particularly busy for Triangle Berth Brokers as Covid-19 has substantially increased the number of boat owners returning to their home waters.

Boat owners are currently returning home looking for annual berths

“Quite a few British sailors are bringing their boats back to the UK due to travel restrictions,” says Nic Parton, Triangle Berth Broker’s managing director.

“They just want to get a berth sorted out. We do that for them.” The business of berth brokering hasn’t changed much in the last 30 years. It offers a no-nonsense, time-saving approach for those looking for berths. The company can collate, for example, all the annual berthing quotes on the Hamble, instead of an owner having to listen to a potentially time-consuming sales pitch from each marina.

“The boat market is full of diverse people including those who are cash-rich but time poor. We help save time,” Nic says.

In the past few years, Triangle Berth Brokers has worked with owners looking to move to the Mediterranean. Whilst Greece has always been a popular destination, Triangle has found a big increase in enquiries for marinas in Montenegro, Spain and Turkey. The company draws on its years of experience to guide owners into the right marina for their needs, whether for an annual rental, or long lease.

Long-leases in the UK and across Europe

The company also offers independent advice to those wishing to invest in long-lease berths. That advice includes marina locations, best deals and opportunities for gaining returns – like sub-letting.

Marinas started offering long-leases in the late 1960s and these were snapped up by owners who spotted their potential when they first came onto the market. Since then, they’ve been a well-kept secret, changing hands through companies like Triangle Berth Brokers.

“It’s like buying a house,” says Nic who first encountered the long-lease boom when working for a marina on the south coast. “After the initial investment, people have to pay an annual service fee, but they get security and feel like part of the marina. Owning a long lease helps you fix your berthing costs and it doesn’t take long to make good savings compared to



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paying annual berthing fees.” Longer leases are also popular in Europe, Nic says, with the Côte d’Azur and Balearic Islands pretty much 100% lease.

“The marina operator effectively becomes a service charge company, administering berths,” Nic explains. “The only way to guarantee a berth in the most popular ports of the Med is buying one. For instance, if you want to stay in Palma you have to buy.”

Nic says there are opportunities coming in the Côte d’Azur in the next year or two, as longer leases there come to an

end, so now is the time to make that initial enquiry if the French Riviera appeals.

Other benefits of long leases, whether in the UK or abroad, can include fixed costs and the opportunity to sublet if owners want to take a couple of years out of the water or to go cruising.

“Triangle Berth Brokers has spent 30 years building up the contacts and the expertise to make a change of marina as straightforward and enjoyable for our clients as we can. It doesn’t cost boat owners anything extra, as all our costs are covered by the berth owner or marinas we select to work with,” Nic says.

For more information on Triangle Berth Brokers, whether that’s renting an annual or buying a long-lease berth, in the UK or Europe, visit the website www.triangleberthbrokers.com or email info@triangleberthbrokers.com



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“ ESSEX BOATING BOOM LEADS TO NEW MOORINGS AT FAMBRIDGE FOR 2021

More swinging moorings will be laid this winter in the River Crouch to meet the growing demand for berths on the east coast.

Fambridge Yacht Haven plans to lay an additional 12 swinging river moorings after all 110 moorings were sold out during summer 2020.

Marina Manager Danyal Adams says that he has seen growing demand for moorings, saying, “Over the past few years, we’ve seen a steady growth in yachts in North Fambridge with many new customers using our Yacht Haven facilities as well as many past customers returning to the area after cruising different parts of the UK.”



Danyal continued, “We conduct thorough biannual checks on our swinging mooring to ensure that our ground chains and risers are all in good condition, and it is this type of diligence which helps attract boaters to North Fambridge. In addition, we’ve tried to make our moorings as accessible as possible with a floating tender rack as well as walkshore pontoons for skippers to pick up and drop off their crew.”

Last year, Fambridge Yacht Haven launched a new 7 day-a-week mooring ferry service in partnership with members of the North Fambridge Yacht Club. The service operates throughout the summer with MV Devon Lass, a Maritime 21, comfortably transporting boaters together with kit. This service is operated by trained North Fambridge Yacht Club volunteers.

Located on the scenic River Crouch, Fambridge Yacht Haven

provides over 220 marina berths in addition to their swinging river moorings. The on-water provision is supplemented by a comprehensive boatyard facility for boats up to 40 tons, including indoor and outdoor storage ashore and a modern slipway. With the historic, 400 year old Ferry Boat Inn pub set to reopen later this year after an extensive refurbishment and upgrade, Fambridge Yacht Haven are expecting the high demand

for berths to continue into 2021.

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To find out more about call Danyal Adams, Fambridge Yacht Haven Marina Manager Tel: 01621 740370 or email Fambridge@yachthavens.com

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New customers

Several groups joined this year, including The Marine Group and Lakeland Leisure, with 13 marinas and over 3,500 berths between them. Key for Lakeland Leisure was giving boaters the power to pay bills and access their account online: "Customers like to be in control, and they get that with the Portal," explained director Louise Morgan.

Public sector operators included Hamble, Chichester and Tobermory harbours. They use the system for leisure operations, harbour dues, communications and to manage diverse assets, including 5,000 moorings.

The largest and newest marina in the Middle East, D-Marin's 1,100-berth Dubai Harbour Marina, is the single-largest site to choose the software. Luc Khaldoun, marine projects director at developer Meraas, said "We selected Harbour Assist because of its modern cloud technology and advanced features that will ease the efficiency and operations of the marina".

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Driving demand

The Covid restrictions and subsequent boom in boating activity have forced operators to reconsider internal processes, cloud vs server hosting, and the practicalities of remote working and social distancing. These factors, alongside rising customer expectations, are accelerating the adoption of modern marina management software.

It's been a busy year for Harbour Assist with 20 new marinas coming aboard, bringing 10,000 berths/moorings and 19,500 boat records. Lockdown posed no barrier, with over half of the sites going live between May and July alone.

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Following a general clear up across the site which had been long neglected, by Spring 2019 the loo and shower block had been refurbished, an Elsan waste facility and rubbish recycling area had both been installed, and the new marina office was up and running. Then began the mammoth task of replacing the entire electricity and water supply, which hadn't been upgraded since the marina opened in the early '80s.

Trenches for the cables and water pipes had to be dug across the whole site – many by hand – and new bollards and SOS stations were installed. At the same time, the bridge that gives access and carries services over to moorings on the island was overhauled and brought up to the latest Health & Safety standards.

The last few months have seen the grinding down of tree stumps and removal of roots,



which, along with a lot more general tidying has really opened up the feel of the whole site. And the new RotoDock floating pontoon has been a very welcome addition for owners of smaller vessels. It certainly came in extremely handy at the end of the summer, when two pedalo teams undertook world record challenges for completing the journey by river from Lechlade to London – resulting in the record being broken twice in less than a month!

“After 25 years of managing estates for other people, the last two years have been incredibly

rewarding, knowing all the work Jules and I have done is for our own business”, says Ian. “We’ve had some first-class contractors and suppliers carrying out the more specialist work, but we’re also very grateful to all our moorers that have helped out – it’s been a real team effort.

While there are still a few jobs on the list, we’ve more-or-less got the marina to where we want it to be. It’s been particularly encouraging to see how much wildlife has returned. The increasing numbers of fish, water voles, kingfishers, swans and ducks assures us we’re

creating a healthier environment for them as well as a much-improved facility for our moorers and slipway users.

We’ve also had tremendous support from the people of Lechlade since we arrived and have very much enjoyed getting involved with various community and business groups. This year has been a challenge for everyone, but we’re all working together to ensure Lechlade continues to prosper and are looking forward to even greater success in the years to come.”



POO BOAT LAUNCHES AT HASLAR MARINA

Haslar Marina has launched a mobile black water pump out solution for annual berth holders, as part of major marina group boatfolk's, wider strategy to create a sustainable future. One flush from an untreated toilet has 250,000 times more bacteria than a flush that has been through the sewage treatment process. By offering a hassle-free blackwater pump out service, boatfolk hopes to make a difference with its collective efforts to decrease pollution caused by leisure boats.

To use the new service, berth holders simply let the 24 hour Haslar Marina Office know and make a voluntary £5 donation to environmental causes. When a boatfolk berth holder books with the office the crew will embark on emptying the customer's holding tank during the following week.

The new POO (Pump Out Objective) boat has already been well received by berth holders:



Graham Armitage, berth holder comments, "Just experienced the new Haslar service, the black water pump out mounted on a workboat. Brilliant idea, I didn't have to be present or do anything except turn my yacht as the pump out is on the stern. Made a small charitable contribution to a local charity, well worth it. Thanks guys!"

Andy Lamb, berth holder adds, "Great to see the new black water pump service available. Very happy and very impressed with how easy and how quickly Gossy was able to empty my tank so a big thank you for a great service."

Managing Director of boatfolk, Michael Prideaux, comments, "We take our environmental responsibilities very seriously, and as a business based on and around the water, we focus our efforts on improving the marine environment. We want to do all we can to educate and engage with our customers, to dissuade boats pumping untreated blackwater into the marine environment. We recognise there is a lack of facilities at UK marinas currently and we are passionate about leading the way. Haslar Marina is a prime destination for boaters, and we are looking forward to providing easy, cost-free pump out solutions to our customers."

Ben Lippiett, Haslar Marina Manager, adds, "We're thrilled to offer this service for our berth holders at Haslar Marina. We knew that our efforts needed to be redoubled in this area, as many leisure vessels are responsible for discharging polluting blackwater into our marine environment. Through people and our places, we hope to inspire and influence people to make positive changes."

The launch of our POO boat service has coincided perfectly with the new #LoveYourHarbour campaign, designed to raise awareness of the extremely damaging consequences of discharging untreated sewage from a boat in a harbour. There is a two-minute animation you can watch which succinctly sums it up!"

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The company's discounted six month winter berthing package is available for boats between 6.5 and 18 metres* and runs from 1st October 2020 to 31st March 2021; this package, which includes 28 days complimentary storage ashore (to be taken within the 6 month berthing period) represents Premier's most cost effective winter berthing. Fees are paid in

full ahead of arrival at the marina and there are no refunds for late arrivals or early departures.

For boat owners who prefer a bit more flexibility, Premier is offering monthly winter berthing for boats up to 18m* from 1st November 2020 to 31st March 2021 - with a minimum stay of one month. After the first month's berthing, customers can opt to extend their stay on a monthly basis to a maximum of five months. Contracts can start on any day and customers who pay in advance for three months or more can choose to store their boat ashore for 28 days with no additional charge - as part of the booked period*.

These value for money winter berthing offers will be popular, especially amongst boat owners who habitually summer in harbours on pile and swinging

moorings and then look for a snug winter berth with electricity and water on hand. But that's not all. Premier's marinas offer luxury facilities and all the winter berthing locations offer welcoming cafes after a cold day at work in the yard. Premier's boatyards are first-class with experienced yard teams, modern lifting equipment, high pressure wash hull cleaning equipment, well maintained steel cradles and a host of marine tenants on hand for winter layup jobs and routine maintenance.

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“ WALCON MARINE

Completes 'Showcase' Regeneration Programme At Swanwick Marina

This summer Walcon Marine completed a two-stage regeneration project at Premier Marinas' Swanwick Marina on the UK's south coast. The project involved the completed redesign and replacement of the on-the-water infrastructure to deliver a state-of-the-art marina with berths for 333 sailing and motor yachts.

The new Swanwick Marina is a showcase for both Premier Marinas and Walcon Marine. It delivers unprecedented levels of safety and convenience for berth holders combined with a top quality, coordinated finish that sets a new standard in the UK and beyond.

Phase one took place over the winter of 2018/19 and involved the replacement of Piers A, B, C and D. Walcon then returned in October 2019 for the second and final phase for what was expected to be a six-month undertaking. Walcon's 2019/20 works schedule included the removal of E pontoon along with its piles and then, once dredging was completed, installing its replacement along with its piles. It was then linked to the single access central bridgehead on D pontoon. With that completed, F pontoon was removed and replaced, followed by G pontoon along with a second access bridge and a marina operative bridge.

As before, all the finger pontoons have been matched to the specified length of the boats that they will accommodate. This is a key part of the marina's policy to support and encourage motor boat owners and crews to use their stern platforms for safe transfers between dock and boat. Walcon's new, wrap-around finger-end and lateral fenders and composite, colour

optioned duct covers have also once again been installed, delivering both practical and aesthetic benefits. A small number of pontoons were also added to the dry stack berthing arrangement to increase capacity.

Walcon was responsible for the demolition and removal of all the previous infrastructure and undertook all the piling

required using its road transportable rig. Walcon's System 2000 pontoons were used for all the walkways and finger pontoons and were manufactured at Walcon's principal factory just a short distance away from Swanwick.

The completed marina had its first showing to the general public when it hosted the British Motor Yacht Show.

To find out more about the services Walcon Marine offer visit the website www.walconmarine.com



THE TAYLOR BOX PONTOON



requiring constant bailing out and frequent maintenance in order to keep them afloat.

The idea with the new pontoons was to negate this need of frequent maintenance by keeping the freeboard constant along the entire pontoon system finished with a unique marine grade paint with a non-slip top deck giving an almost pathway feel. Customers, staff and the client commented that it had a "feeling of walking on water".

The pontoons were installed at 2 locations one known as Magdalene Bridge, which was closer to our lift In/out point, and another known as Mill Pit which was positioned further up the river. The new pontoons, with pile guides, were then positioned around newly installed piles that had been driven into the river bed. Piles were positioned in such a way to control the amount of movement the pontoons would make whilst moving up and down with the water levels of the river Cam.

After the pontoons were installed, Scudamore's staff undertook training to learn how to connect and disconnect the new pin system that holds the whole installation together.

They are delighted with the new installation as it gives them the ability and flexibility to easily move the pontoons to a new location if necessary.

Jack went on to serve his country in South Africa with the 3rd Dragoon Guards, on his return to Cambridge in 1903 he founded Scudamore's Boatyard in Mill Lane.

The introduction of pleasure punts on the College Backs was incredibly successful and embraced by the locals and University students wholeheartedly. Indeed, Scudamore's punts were so well crafted that they were in demand across the country within a few years.

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HARTFORD MARINA

Tingdene is excited to announce the continued expansion of Hartford Marina, situated on the River Great Ouse in a quiet Cambridgeshire village. Over the past three years Hartford Marina has seen two of its four upgraded pontoons installed, Pontoon D boasts

45 new, fully floating, berths supplied by Walcon Marine and fitted by Irvins Ltd for steel boats and Pontoon C which will hold 27 steel boats and 35 narrowboats. All the new berths come with Rolec shoreline hook up, water points and free Wi-Fi

Within the development, Tingdene have also installed a

new facility block on the Eastern bank which comprises of 7 rooms. 6 wet rooms, one of which also holds a bath and one with disabled access. To the end of the building is a chemical toilet point and the remaining room holds the laundry room.

The Marina also has a chandlery and brokerage office


on site, fuel stations, free pump out to all berth holders and an independent boat maintenance engineer. It offers a social club for berth holders which is run by a committee of berth holders and onsite is a Greene King bar and restaurant. Ongoing Tingdene intend to create another two Pontoons which will bring the new pontoon berths to 259 and the estate will be finished with a new

access road and parking area.

The location of Hartford Marina is just outside busy Cambridgeshire town Huntingdon, which has direct access to London in under an hour's train ride and to the north via Peterborough and hosts an array of shops. The Marina itself also has a guided bus link just outside that will take you into the city of Cambridge.


Via the river you can choose to go up stream towards Bedford or downstream taking you towards River Cam, River Nene and also out to the wash with many places to stop for a picturesque pub lunch or picnic along the banks.

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“ UNLOCKING POTENTIAL ON LAKE WINDERMERE

Windermere Aquatic is delighted to have recently secured planning approval for the redevelopment of its Waterhead Marine site in Ambleside on Lake Windermere. The approved development includes a new 47 berth marina, with berth holder's facilities, 2 houses and 5 two-storey holiday accommodation units with car parking for the redeveloped site. The complete development value is estimated at £14m.

The site is located strategically at the southern entrance to Waterhead and Ambleside and enjoys a stunning lake shore location on the edge of Lake Windermere, a World Heritage Site within the Lake District National Park. This iconic location, heritage and environmental sensitivities with associated planning policy called for a design led planning approach.

Having successfully secured consent for the redevelopment and extension of its Bowness-on-

Windermere marina facility, Windermere Aquatic turned to Marina Projects Ltd to act as marina designer and lead consultant. The Marina Projects role required the management and coordination of a comprehensive professional team including planning consultant Steven Abbott Associates, architects, all working alongside various engineering and environmental disciplines.

The Waterhead site is one of three properties on the Lake

owned and operated by Windermere Aquatic. Commenting on the proposal, managing director Grahame Armer noted: "This planning approval does not just allow the redevelopment of this key site; it is also a vital part of our wider masterplan and development strategy. The significant value created by this development will be reinvested to expand the marine leisure and tourism offer across at Bowness and Beech Hill. I have worked extensively with Mike Ward and his team at Marina Projects and this latest planning success is a testament to their professional and dedicated approach. They have kept the entire project team on track and have done great job in navigating their way through the challenging planning issues at Waterhead.

I look forward to working with them as we set about delivering the next stages of the strategy and unlock the full potential of our Bowness and Beech Hill sites. The new facility will bring much needed modern marina berths to this part of the Lake with walk ashore access directly into Ambleside. Coupled with the holiday properties the tourism and local economic benefits will be significant."

Mike Ward, managing director at Marina Projects commented "Grahame's knowledge of the industry and commitment to a high-quality design that respected the location was critical to unlocking this planning approval. Equally important was working with Grahame to develop a clear vision and strategy for how his sites can

work together and securing buy-in from the planning officers at the Lake District National Park Authority.

There was an extensive professional team to manage, as well as providing our own design inputs and a comprehensive Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA). It was very pleasing that the efforts of our design team on the LVIA, led to no substantive comments. A real achievement in a World Heritage Site and also reflective of a design that fits the surroundings.

There is much to do to bring this development forward and as we celebrate this milestone, we also look forward to working with Grahame and his team in the coming years."

WHAT DO YOU KEEP IN YOUR GRAB BAG?

a liferaft and this should be considered when you decide what to pack in your grab bag. Liferafts built and certified to ISO 9650 are packed with equipment according to the time likely to be spent on board before rescue. The list is comprehensive and certain items that have a shelf-life may be carried separately in a grab bag.

All grab bags should be stowed in an easily accessible location. The grab bag should be brightly coloured and able to float for 30 min in the water when fully packed. The grab bag should have a means of attaching it to an inflated raft. It is worth preparing a list of the things you will need to put in a grab bag - assuming there is time - in priority order. The Royal Ocean Racing Club specifies a number of items in its Special Regulations for offshore racing which a useful place to start. The goal should be to ensure you are rescued having spent the shortest possible time in the liferaft.

If you are planning an extended cruise or ocean passage, it is vital that you should give thought to packing a grab bag for immediate emergency use - but what should you actually be packing?

A grab bag should contain emergency items that, should the worst occur and you have to abandon your vessel, will assist

in getting you rescued and help you to survive in your liferaft until you are rescued.

If you do not have a liferaft, then your chances of surviving may be significantly lower depending on the location, the weather conditions and the water temperature. Each manufacturer will include different equipment within



There are a variety of items you could pack which will indicate you are in distress and can attract attention: EPIRB/PLB, flares, EVDS, a waterproof handheld VHF, a powerful waterproof torch, spare batteries, a strobe light, a whistle and a satellite phone are all useful. A handheld GPS will help you to keep track of your movements in the liferaft. You must also think about your needs for survival. The basic requirements are high energy food and water (a hand operated water maker may be useful). But you may need a spare pair of spectacles, warm and waterproof clothing, sun glasses, sun protection, lip salve, medication and antibiotics, seasickness tablets and a basic fishing kit. You should also collect together vital personal items that you will need once rescued, such as a passport, credit cards, keys, mobile phone, money, ship's papers and insurance documents.

The order of priority is therefore:

- Items that will indicate you are in distress and assist with your rescue, if you cannot do this then no one is going to look for you
- Items for survival whilst waiting for rescue

Each liferaft, dependent on make and model, will have differing additional items included so it is important to check what may already be packed.



“ Sustainability the RYA’s Approach

The RYA has launched its Sustainability Strategy, Pathways to Zero: A Vision for a Sustainable UK Recreational Boating Sector. Phil Horton, RYA Environmental & Sustainability Manager tells us more.

The strategy sets out how the RYA will deliver on its environmental objectives over the next 10 years, in response to the global threats to our climate and environment. A timeline through to 2030 has been selected in line with targets set in the Paris Agreement and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s recent reports on keeping below a 1.5C temperature rise. 2030 is also the target date for the UN Global Goals, which include social and economic as well as environmental targets.

Our approach is informed by some key principles: Embedding

We will only be successful if the whole of the organisation and our wider stakeholders are committed to the outcome. The strategy was developed through 25 workshops held with over 200 people including staff, clubs, individual members, committees

and external advisers. This has begun the process of embedding sustainability thinking within the organisation, and continues through the appointment of sustainability champions within each team. The aim is for people to think about sustainability in their day-to-day work, rather than relying on a specialist unit to make decisions.

Evidence, Standards and Transparency

On carbon emissions, we are developing our baseline data using standards such as the Greenhouse Gas Protocol, and reporting our results through the Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR) mechanism. We will report on social and economic performance through



reporting our gender pay gap and applying for the Fair Tax Mark. Our next key objective is to put in place an ISO14001 compliant Environmental Management System.

Using these standards ensures that we are transparent and, importantly, audited by others to make sure that we remain on track and achieve our goals.

Pathways to Zero

This approach focuses on the end goal (zero carbon, zero pollution, zero waste), sets a target date and then works back to the present to show what action is required and when. If we look at the overall target it can be overwhelming, so talking

in terms of pathways helps us to take action now and measure our contributing to the end goal.

Tactics

We are taking immediate action wherever we identify quick wins. A great example of this is our move to Ecotricity for all of our energy supplies in Hamble and Portland. We are also looking to work with partners such as the Final Straw Solent, who focus on single use plastics. Partnering with specialist organisations will help us to extend our reach with limited resources and we will take those opportunities whenever they arise.

Partnerships

The RYA has signed up to the UN Global Compact, in support of the Global Goals, and the UN Sports for Climate Action network. More locally, we are members of Fit for the Future, a UK network of sustainability practitioners.

We also work very closely with British Marine and The Yacht Harbour Association to ensure that we include the wider boating industry in our activities. The Green Blue, our joint environmental programme with British Marine, remains our main communication channel with boaters and industry.

These partnerships provide us with help and advice from other organisations that are going through the same thought processes, and we share information in an open and transparent manner. One of the great things about sustainability



is that people are open about their problems and failures as well as their successes. Everything that we do has already been done by someone else, and we must all learn from each other if we are to achieve our goals.

Next Steps

The RYA’s Sustainability Team are now working to deliver on the 45 actions identified in the strategy, and look forward to working with our staff, members and partners to deliver on our ambitious plans.

We welcome any feedback on the strategy. Please contact us on environment@rya.org.uk

Links:

RYA Environmental Policy and Sustainability Strategy:
www.rya.org.uk/aboutus/ryapolicies/Pages/environmentandsustainability.aspx

UN Global Compact:
www.unglobalcompact.org

UNFCCC Sports for Climate Action:
www.unfccc.int/climate-action/sectoral-engagement/sports-for-climate-action

“ The Parks Trust

The Parks Trust is pleased to launch a new, illustrated map of The Grand Union Canal which runs through Milton Keynes. The Trust have designed the map to be used by boaters, walkers and cyclists, to help them enjoy using the picturesque canal corridor as a means of finding their way to the many fascinating places and points of interest along the route.

Built over 200 years ago the canal was originally created to provide a transport link between London and Birmingham. Today the canal offers a serene option for those who want to travel by or alongside water to explore Milton Keynes.

The map shows the section of the Grand Union Canal that passes through Milton Keynes. The route includes an 11-mile, lock-free section between Fenny Stratford in the south and Cosgrove in the north. When Milton Keynes was being

designed, the New Town plan incorporated the canal as a key feature in the city's distinctive linear park network. As you can see from this map, where the canal winds its way through the city it passes numerous parkland areas, many of which are managed by The Parks Trust, who are the self-financing charity that cares for over 6,000 acres of greenspace in Milton Keynes.

There are many highlights to enjoy as you make your way along the canal – if you were to join the Grand Union Canal to the south at Fenny Stratford, your journey would take you past Caldecotte Lake. This is an ideal spot for those who enjoy outdoor pursuits, particularly if you have a love of watersports.

Beyond Caldecotte Lake, you'll find yourself in the heart of the city and just a few minutes' walk from Campbell Park boasting beautiful views and landscaping as well as a

host of community activities and events. You will also be in walking distance of Willen Lake which offers a number of attractions including watersports, a high ropes course and a large splash park for children.

Milton Keynes is also home to Campbell Wharf Marina, which is located directly off the Grand Union Canal. The marina has 111 berths and has been designed to accommodate wide beams, narrowboats and cruisers. It is finished to a high standard and equipped with excellent facilities. Visit the website to find out more – www.campbellwharfmarina.com

You can take a short walk from Campbell Wharf Marina, to the centre of Milton Keynes where you'll find a large shopping centre, MK Gallery, the theatre, Xscape, plus much more. When you are ready to resume your trip along the canal, you will be able to take in Wolverton,



which was founded in the early 19th century as a railway town and here you will pass over the Iron Trunk Aqueduct which carries the Grand Union Canal over the River Ouse and stands at an impressive 10.8 metres high.

The Grand Union Canal through Milton Keynes offers a truly incredible opportunity to take in all that this fantastic city has to offer from its beautiful green spaces, lakes and woodlands to its leisure, culture and entertainment activities and attractions – you will be spoilt for choice!

“ Enjoy a journey along The Grand Union Canal in Milton Keynes using The Parks Trust's new illustrated map

INLAND AND COASTAL MARINA SYSTEMS PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN THE MODERNISATION OF PORT DINORWIC MARINA

Inland and Coastal Marina Systems (ICMS) was appointed by The Marine and Property Group Ltd earlier this year as part of a major project to modernise its Port Dinorwic Marina.

Acquired by The Marine Group in 2017, the 180-berth full-service marina on the coast of North Wales is completely refreshing its marina hardware as

part of a major upgrade project.

As much of the existing infrastructure as possible is being adapted, but where this isn't feasible ICMS is replacing walkways and finger pontoons completely with its highly respected Glass Reinforced Concrete (GRC) decked pontoons. The aesthetically pleasing GRC decking remains slip resistant when wet and doesn't rot,

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"We are investing in several areas at Port Dinorwic Marina, including the installation of club standard washrooms, upgraded food and beverage outlets and common areas with the aim of ensuring our berth holders and visitors enjoy a



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Inland and Coastal Marina Systems' Managing Director, Oliver Shortall comments: "It's great to be involved in such an interesting project. Our GRC pontoons will provide safe and stable berthing for a long time to come at this picturesque location.



"As part of our sustainability effort, we always endeavour to work with existing infrastructure as much as possible, and we're pleased to be able to incorporate established marina components

while modernising the facilities at Port Dinorwic Marina."

Port Dinorwic Marina is a Grade II listed marina and also offers swinging moorings, a motorboat launching service and winter storage, in addition to annual and seasonal berthing. Boat sales, boatyard services and engine servicing are also available onsite.

To find out more about Inland and Coastal's pontoon ranges and unique decking options visit the website www.inlandandcoastal.com

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Whitehills Marina, who recently received runner-up in Towergate's Marina of the Year Awards, undertook the original scheme in 2012. Bertie Milne, Harbour Master says of the scheme, "As a self-assessed Gold Anchor harbour, the audit process is undertaken remotely.

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As the only Scottish finalist, the award was a great boost for the harbour, a trust port owned

by the village and run by a board of nine elected commissioners and run by Bertie, their full time harbour master.

Jon White responded “the value of formally reviewing your operations periodically should not be underestimated whether your marina is big or small, inland or coastal. As well as safety considerations the process reviews all those essential operational elements that added together make a well run, customer focussed marina and provides opportunity to promote this to the boating community.

The Gold Anchor Marina standard provides a comfortable entry into this process and connects you with help, support and best practice. Many marinas, after three years, will move into the assessed scheme however some, such as Whitehills Marina, stick with the self-assessed scheme”.

To find out more about this scheme visit our website, or contact Hayley, hcloke@britishmarine.co.uk



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What we do

We use our website, newsletter and social media platforms to share news, science, best practice and tips with the sailing and sea-loving community. We increase awareness of key environmental topics, educating, encouraging and mobilising sailors all over the world in accepting their role as guardians of our seas. We provide practical tips and recommendation on simple switches we can all make to be more responsible sailors (and citizens!).

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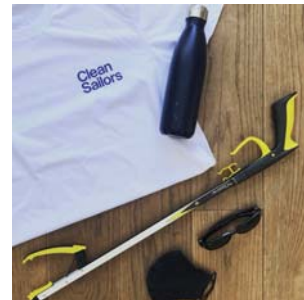
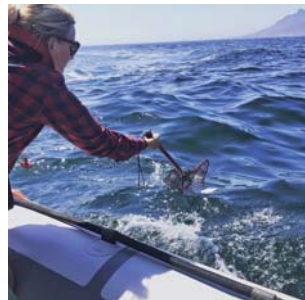
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Holly - Lead and Founder
Holly has a keen interest in environmental science and oceanography and is an advocate for the protection of our ecosystems, particularly where water and air quality are

concerned. With over a thousand nautical miles of sailing under her belt, a core background in business management and experience with United Nations Association, United Nations Global Compact and various other international development organisations, Holly set up Clean Sailors to engage sailors and water-lovers in safeguarding the future of their passion – the sea.


Libby - Scientific Lead
Libby leads our team on Science, helping us to understand and communicate the real impact we are having on the world around us. She's a Master in Oceanography, has done several research studies on microplastics AND is a champion sailor. By 13 years old, Libby was competing in sailing across the UK and became the youngest ever person to win a National

Championship race in the double-handed Enterprise dinghy class. Libby is also a sailing and paddleboard instructor who teaches her students as much about protecting the marine environment, as mastering their boat or board.

David - Hon. Treasurer
David is responsible for ensuring our financial position stays tip-top. His background is in environmental engineering and waste management consultancy, with a relentless focus on better disposal of our rubbish. Once a keen Fireball racer, David has sailed thousands of nautical miles and has some hair-raising sea stories, too. He loves nothing more than spending time on the water and is currently planning a lazy circumnavigation of our globe.



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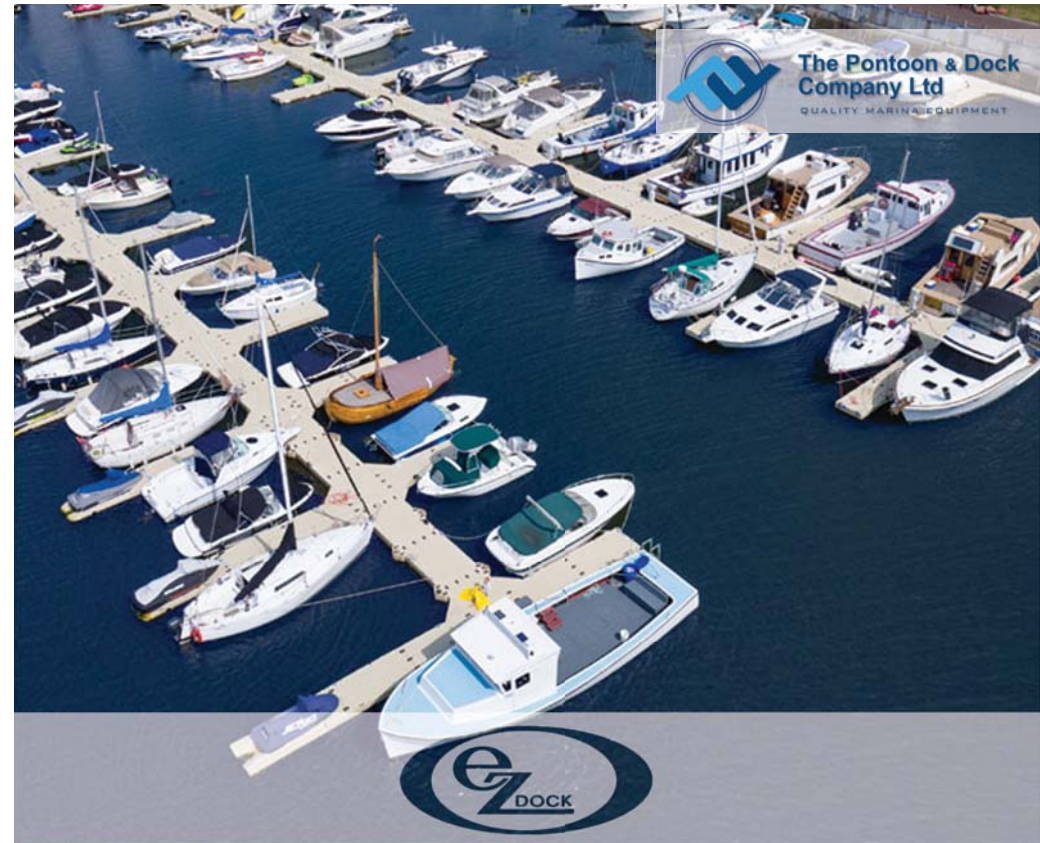
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BRITISH YACHTING AWARDS 2020

I am delighted to announce that British Marine and TYHA members have been nominated for this year's British Yachting Awards presented by Sailing Today and Yachts & Yachting.

British Marine have worked closely with the Government to ensure marine companies were not overlooked in lockdown and

they received financial support. They also produced an encyclopedic Covid-19 website with advice for all marine organisations.

Honouring the marinas which go above and beyond in their offering to the sailing community, here is the shortlist of marinas who offer best onshore facilities.

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