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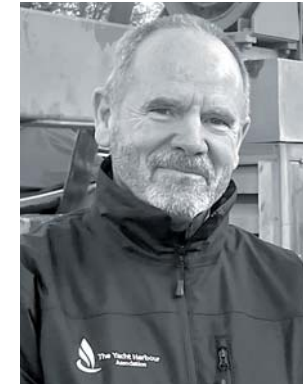


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With the boating season well underway in Europe the indicators are looking positive for another busy and buoyant period, members in the Caribbean, Mexico and Middle East have reported a good season as they head out of theirs. Of course, there are unknowns for coming years, with most economies around the world experiencing uncertainties. However one thing is clear - people continue to prioritise investing in their leisure time and boating is a beneficiary.

It only seems like yesterday that we were talking about millennials in the future tense however a generational transition is unfolding, powered by basic demographics as baby boomers age out of boat ownership and younger generations age in.

A recent report on the American market by McKinsey identifies that within a few years, the total addressable market for boats will be inclusive of Gen Z,



Jon White
TYHA General Manager

millennials, Gen X and baby boomers. Millennials are now the most populous consumer group in the United States (having surpassed boomers in 2019), and they anticipate that they will remain the most substantial consumer set for boats until roughly 2036, when Gen Z is expected to overtake them.

So, although the boating and consequently marina markets are currently doing well we

should not be complacent. Attracting and retaining new generations into boating will be an ongoing challenge for the leisure marine industry.

Digitising the customer experience, boats that are beginner-friendly, service integration and improving sustainability are a some of the needs of our younger customers so our industry needs to continually adapt to cater for this new market.

Of course our industry is already starting to adapt with the steady growth of commercial boat clubs, boat design and technology and intuitive app based navigation systems to name a few. In this and future editions of Fore & Aft we will strive to keep you informed about some of these new innovations.

In the meantime I hope you enjoy reading this edition and that all members experience a beneficial 2023.



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backs calls to restore the Cotswold canals

Restoration of the Cotswolds canals could provide a vital transfer of water from the Severn to the Thames. There is little doubt that within the next two decades such a water transfer scheme will be required, whether that be an open water transfer scheme using restored Thames & Severn (Cotswold) canals and/or an underground pipeline scheme. It will be needed to help meet the huge challenge of supplying sufficient water to London & the South East amidst rapidly rising population, climate change and an increasingly fragile ecosystem.

This is why British Marine's Public Affairs team recently took the opportunity to respond to Water Resource South East's (WRSE) consultation on its draft regional plan. The plan included various schemes and options to secure water supplies up to 2075 to inform the legally required Water Resource Management Plans of the six water companies that make up WRSE. British Marine has also repeated its calls to bring forward the Cotswold

Canal Severn Thames Water Transfer option in its response to Thames Water's consultation on its own draft Water Resource Management Plan.

Although WRSE's stated aim is to deliver long-term benefits that will bring sustainable benefits of the greatest magnitude, British Marine, together with the Inland Waterways Association, is concerned that insufficient account has been given to the full social, environmental and economic value that the canal option for the Severn Thames Transfer scheme offers. Instead the WRSE plan describes it as the more costly option and yet the plan is supposed to be a "Best Value" plan not a "Least Costly" plan.

There is mounting evidence to demonstrate considerable added value – economic, social and environmental – the restored Cotswold Canals would bring and would more than likely offset any difference in cost between the two options (pipeline versus canal option). According to the Jacobs/Inland Waterways Report, 2011,

for each mile of inland waterway an additional £175,000 to £1,175,000 is added per year to the local economy. This would suggest the financial value alone of restoring the Cotswold Canals for the Severn Thames Transfer could reach £800m over the next 80 years.

Following submission of its response to Thames Water, British Marine has been in touch with Thames Water's consultants working on the Severn Thames Transfer scheme and shared a summary of another report produced in 2021 by Simetrica-Jacob. That report measured the economic and social impacts associated with inland and coastal boating. It further highlights the importance of restoring the canal network and will hopefully aid Thames Water's gateway process. British Marine has been assured that will involve continual back-checking of all the options as it seeks to advance the most appropriate schemes through the planning system – taking account of changing circumstances and any new evidence that comes to light.



“ UNIQUE ELECTRIC FERRY AND POWERED-BUOY PROJECT —

A world-first project to design and build a prototype electric passenger ferry charged by a powered mooring buoy at Falmouth Harbour is a step closer following the announcement of Government support through the Clean

Maritime Demonstration Competition.

The £4.2million MorVoRen (Cornish for Mermaid) Project is an expert partnership from industry and academia led by green engineering design team Marine Zero with FalRiver Ferries, Falmouth Harbour,

Pelagic Design, Solis Marine Engineering and the University of Plymouth. They collectively create and operate a fully electric demonstrator ferry and powered buoy for the busy Falmouth to St Mawes route in the Fal Estuary which sees more than a million passengers a year on the water.

The Department for Transport has announced MorVoRen as one of the successful Round 3 projects of its Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition which could unlock funding for more than 70% of the scheme – with the partnership needing to find the remaining 30%.

Marine Zero's Tim Munn says, "This is a fantastic opportunity for Falmouth and local businesses to lead the way

in the decarbonisation of marine transport in the UK and globally. There are, however, many hoops still to pass through before MorVoRen can get the go-ahead - with the project currently going through Innovate UK due diligence checks, alongside an internal analysis of costs currently underway by the project partners."

If the projects proceeds, a challenging two-year time-frame

would see the fully electric Domestic Passenger Vessel (DPV) and powered mooring buoy (PMB) designed, built, certified and operating between Falmouth and St Mawes. This would put Falmouth, Cornwall and the UK on the international map for innovative technologies and clean maritime advancements with a significant impact on the reduction of CO2 emissions and other pollutants which affect the local area.

The demonstrator fully electric ferry would be operated by Fal River while the unique powered mooring buoy would be operated by Falmouth Harbour with potential for other electric vessels to "plug in" and charge. Access to power for vessels is challenging in many harbours including Falmouth - and the PMB solution working with the local energy supplier would make access possible for many.

Globally there are currently 30 million recreational boats and based on predicted trends there will be 1 million recreational electric boats by 2030. Commercial boats are in addition to this, with an expected combined annual reduction in CO2 being more than 180m tonnes in the UK alone resulting from this type of mooring technology.

“ Falmouth wins green marine backing from Government

TYHA CONFERENCE

After a 4 year gap the TYHA Marina Conference was back with a vengeance at the RNLi College in Poole on 11th May and once again kindly sponsored by Walcon. 95 delegates joined for the networking and content extravaganza with a packed agenda; expert speakers delivered informative and thought provoking presentations which led to interactive Q&A sessions. The content, originally identified by a working group of Certified Marine Managers,

focused on key issues that marina managers are currently facing in their everyday working lives including H&S, staffing, electric boats and sustainability. Following the conference was the 2023 TYHA AGM where Chairman since 2019, Colin Watts, stepped down and a new Chair Steve Arber, of Tingdene Marinas was appointed. The days content led into a networking reception, a fundraising game and subsequent £500 cheque presentation to RNLi and dinner after which sailing



Jon White - TYHA Manager presentation



Colin Watts stands down

legend Tom Cunliffe recounted some of his hilarious experiences of using harbours and marinas over many years. The following morning RS Electric Boats kindly offered delegates the opportunity to try the highly advanced and respected Pulse 63 from Poole Quay Boat Haven who generously provided berth space.

TYHA would like to thank Colin Watts for his proactiveness and support over the last 4 years at the helm.



Tom Cunliffe recounts his repertoire of funny stories



Steve Arber and Helen from the RNLi



Kate Fortnam presenting

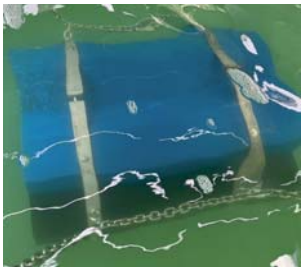


The new RS Pulse 63 electric boat

POOLE QUAY MARINA SEA HIVES PROJECT

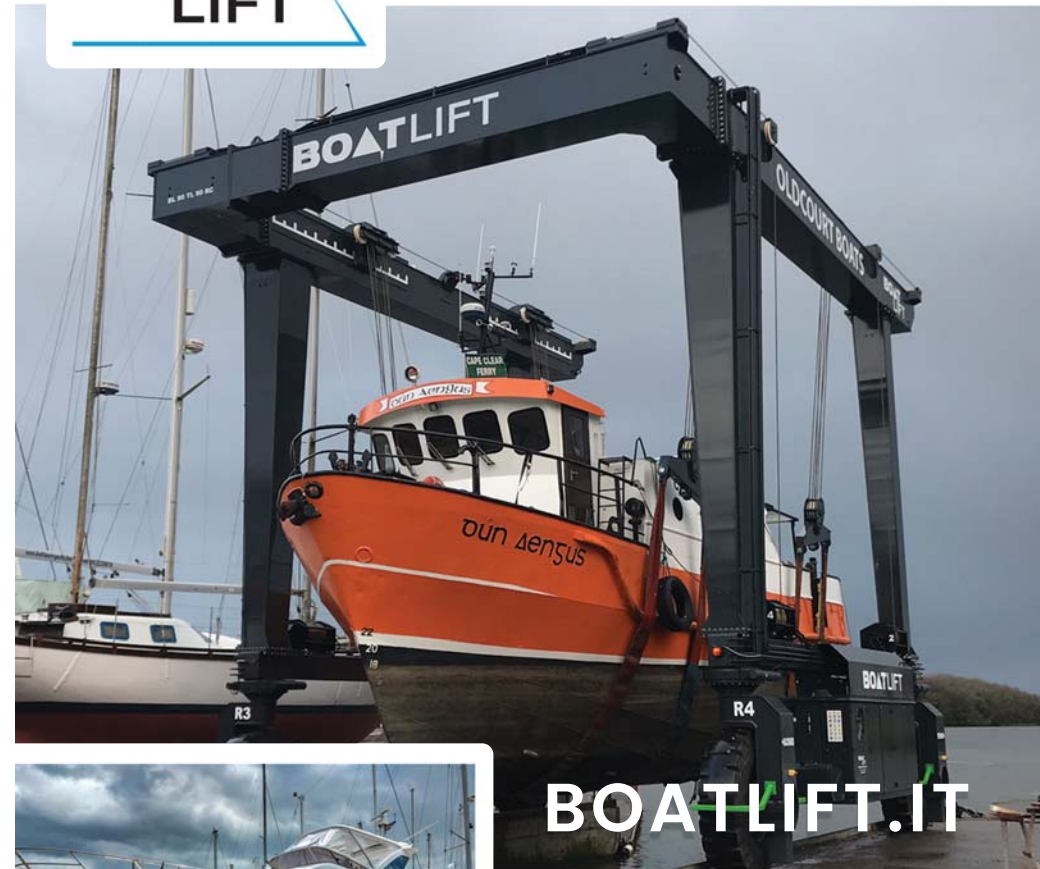


Suspended under a pontoon near to the marina entrance and close to Town Quay, the sea hive is designed to increase the quantity and diversity of habitats within the marina, we are looking forward to observing and documenting the new ecosystem's growth. Sea Hives are made from recycled fishing nets and plastic bottles and are molded to make hexagonal tubes.



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THE PORT MARINE SAFETY CODE AND MARINAS

The Port Marine Safety Code (“the Code”) sets out a national standard for every aspect of port marine safety. Its aim is to enhance safety for everyone who uses or works in the UK port marine environment. It is endorsed by the UK Government, the devolved administrations and representatives from across the maritime sector.

The Code is intended to be flexible enough that any size or type of harbour or marine facility will be able to apply its principles in a way that is appropriate and proportionate to local requirements.

The code covers operators in tidal waters and operations which take place on the water.

For marinas this means:

- Ensuring that you have a formal risk assessment process in place and have implemented a suitable Safety Management System.
- You have an appropriate approach to incident investigation.
- The Safety Management System and risk assessments are routinely monitored and reviewed.
- Your system is aligned with and you regularly engage with the Harbour Authority in which you operate.

What does this actually mean?

- Executive and operational responsibilities for marine safety must be clearly assigned and those entrusted with these responsibilities must be appropriately trained, qualified and experienced and answerable for their performance.
- There should be a considered assessment of risks and the means of reducing them.
- Operate and maintain a Safety Management System (SMS) based on risk assessment.
- Use appropriate standards of qualification and training for all those involved in safety management and execution of relevant services.
- Establish a robust procedure for auditing performance against the policies and procedures that the organisation has adopted in order to comply with the Code.
- Monitor the standard achieved using appropriate measures.

An organisation must:

- Record its marine policies and make available supporting documentation if required.
- Set standards of performance that it aims to meet.
- Regularly review and periodically audit actual performance.

Policies

In developing a safety policy, an organisation should make the following commitments:

- To manage the relevant assets of the organisation safely and efficiently.
- To maintain relevant marine equipment to agreed industry standards.
- To recruit and train operational staff to nationally agreed competence levels.
- To ensure that staff are properly trained for emergencies and contingencies.

An organisations safety policy should promote a positive safety culture, fostered by the visible and active leadership of senior management. Its aim should include the motivation and empowerment of staff to work safely, not just to avoid accidents. Policy and related procedures should be underpinned by effective staff involvement, participation and sustained by effective communication and promotion of competence.

Specific policies

Policies should be supported by procedures to:

- Regulate the safe arrival, departure and movement of all vessels.
- Protect the general public from dangers arising from

marine activities within the harbour or facility.

- Carry out all its functions with special regard to their possible environmental impact.
- Prevent acts or omissions that may cause personal injury to employees or others, or damage the environment.
- Create and promote an interest and awareness in employees and others with respect to safety and protection of the environment.
- Work with government agencies and others to comply with national legislation in respect of the management of environmentally designated areas and the biodiversity of harbour waters, including, ‘where technically feasible and not disproportionately costly’, measures to achieve ‘good ecological status’.

Responsibilities

The organisation must have a ‘Duty Holder’ who is accountable for its compliance with the Code and its performance as regards the safety of marine operations. For some organisations this might be a member of senior management who ultimately has access and influence at a corporate or strategic level and can ensure that adequate support and resources are directed towards the organisations port marine responsibilities.

It is important that executive and operational responsibilities should be assigned appropriately by organisations – and to properly trained people. The organisations employees should have training appropriate to the responsibilities for marine operations assigned to them relating to the safety of marine

operations. In some small organisations, functions may be combined. It is also important in all cases that there is a proper separation of safety and commercial functions.

The Duty Holder is responsible for ensuring that adequate resources are provided to its staff to enable them to manage marine operations effectively and to adhere to the stated marine and navigation policies, procedures and systems, recognising that proper discharge of the organisations duties will otherwise be compromised. This includes adequate resource for training.



“ Andy Osman CMM

TYHA Gold Anchor & Clean Marina Assessor

Andy Osman has recently joined the TYHA team as a Gold Anchor and Clean Marina Assessor after a long and successful career working in the marine industry. The Gold Anchor Scheme certifies all categories and style of marinas and boatyards from inland waterway/canals to luxury marinas offering Superyacht & Mega yacht facilities afloat and ashore and we welcome Andy's knowledge and experience which we know he will be able to pass on to many other TYHA members.

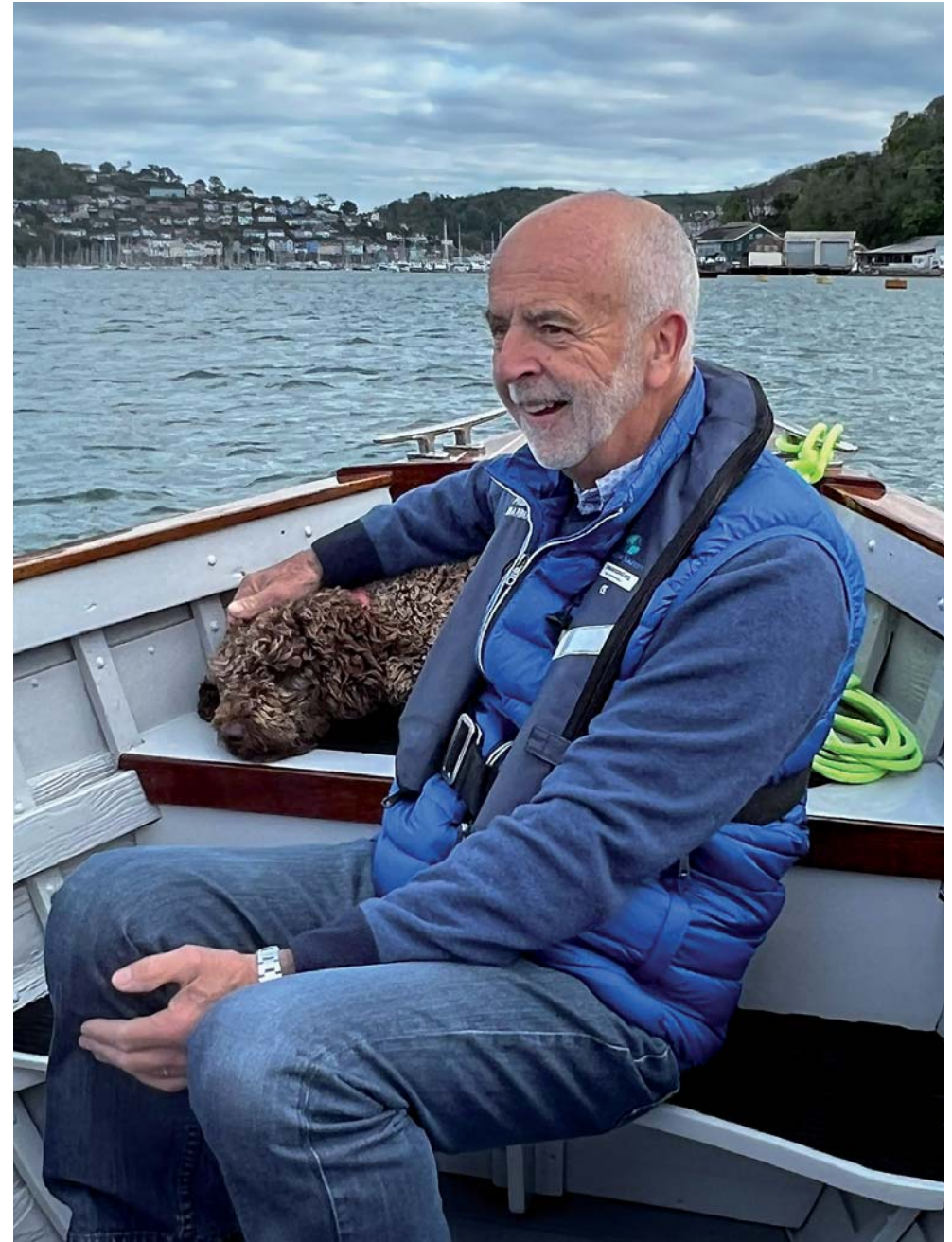
Following a career in Financial Services in the UK and overseas, Andy started his marina career in 1995 at a private yacht club in Poole where he was responsible for the installation and management of a new Yacht Haven. Andy later moved on to work with two of the major marina operators as Marina Manager, Regional Manager and most recently as General Manager. Andy has managed several prestigious South coast marinas and was chairman of British Marine Wessex for many years. He was instrumental in the development of the UK CMM programme, gaining his own

CMM in 2000 following attendance at an Advanced Marina Manager's school in Seattle.

Many of you will know Andy from International Boat Shows where he was involved with boat sales, corporate events and customer service.

Andy has considerable experience in the marine industry including health and safety, marina design, marketing and all aspects of marina management. Also, construction experience, having recently been involved with a £75m Marina redevelopment project, Andy also specialises in Dry Stack.

Andy is an experienced dinghy sailor gaining national and championship titles along the way. He was Sailing Secretary of a prestigious South Coast Yacht Club for many years as well as Principal Race Officer for Poole Yachting Week for several years. Andy has also competed in the Round the Island Yacht race winning his class on more than one occasion, he is also a keen runner raising many thousands of pounds for Macmillan whilst completing two London Marathons.



MARINA PROJECTS LTD WELCOMES A NEW COLLABORATION WITH MDL

During this four-year service contract MDL can draw on Marina Projects vast areas of expertise and specialisms within the marina industry. Marina Developments Limited (MDL) owns and operates nineteen marinas, predominantly along the south coast of the UK. In addition, MDL also manages through an agent two wholly owned subsidiary businesses; Hythe Marina Village Ltd and Ocean Village Marina Management Company Ltd, both have a portfolio of real estate and marina assets.

Marina Projects is an industry leading marina consultant based in the UK with a diverse range of experience in the master planning, marina design, project management, consenting and operational management of marina facilities. A four-year term group wide agreement has been agreed between MDL and Marina Projects for the provision of licensing support, project management and technical support for MDL's extensive marina dredging and capital works programmes. The agreement covers the full portfolio of marina sites, including the sites at Hythe and Ocean Village (Southampton).



The Marina Projects specialists assigned to the daily tasks will be supported by the wider team's expertise within the UK office, including marina design, construction, licensing, infrastructure installation, as well as maintenance dredging and infrastructure maintenance.

Two clearly defined workstreams have been established, each with their own but related term contract agreement:

- Support for the delivery of a dredging campaign over a four-year period, to include licensing and project management activities.
- Programme/project management support for the delivery of the annual capital works programme, including lock shutdowns, infrastructure audit and pontoon replacement projects across the various marina developments.

Mike Ward, managing director at Marina Projects comments: "The framework agreement with MDL provides both parties with long-term benefits and assures MDL of continuity of service and project delivery. Furthermore, it demonstrates the breadth of skills and experience that Marina Projects has at its disposal and the benefits of applying that support to an organisation with an extensive marina portfolio such as MDL."

Richard Broadribb Property Director of MDL comments: "We are delighted to form a long-term partnership with Marina Projects. The new agreement enhances MDL's marine capabilities and builds agile resilience into our operating structure. As a marina operator, Marina Projects understands the unique requirements of our sector, contributing strategies and solutions which enable MDL to focus on providing a high-quality service to its customers."

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DISPOSAL OF EXPIRED MARINE PYROTECHNICS HAS CHANGED



But we still need more stations to be set up. The new arrangements require all owners of flares to properly dispose of them at a suitable disposal service. The marine industry will need to continue to develop disposal services to offer solutions to not only boatowners, but also to yachting and boating clubs, charter companies and other users and consequently there is an opportunity to become a flare disposal point and support these new arrangements. Please visit www.gov.uk/guidance/offering-a-flare-disposal-service to find out more or contact technical@britishmarine.co.uk.

If your business is already able to dispose of or collect marine distress flares for disposal you can register to join the Green Blue environmental facilities map, www.cognitoforms.com/RVA5/TheGreenBlueEnvironmentalFacilitiesMapNewRegistration

Private individuals will then be able to contact you directly to arrange disposal of their flares.

New arrangements for disposing of redundant marine pyrotechnics (Time Expired Pyrotechnics), known as flares, are being rolled out by the pleasure vessel industry to replace the voluntary and temporary scheme which His Majesty's Coastguard has been providing since 2010.

Following the consultation on Future arrangements for the disposal of maritime

pyrotechnics run by the Department for Transport (DfT) in 2021 the decision was made for the recreational craft sector to self regulate the disposal of TEP's.

Supported by the DfT the marine sector has been bringing together flare disposal operators and existing disposal facilities to provide this service to its customers. Flare disposal services can register for free on the Green Blue Environmental Services Directory to help users find their closest facility.

New arrangements for disposing of redundant marine pyrotechnics

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SHEPPERTON MARINA BIN IT TO WIN IT

Shepperton Marina is a Five Gold Anchor Marina (re-accredited in 2022) situated on the lower River Thames. As the very proud winner of The Yacht Harbour Association's Inland Marina of the Year 2022, ecological status is high on our values and mission, as we strive towards Clean Marina Accreditation.

The severity of marine pollution grows and we are committed to raising awareness, educating our customers and maintaining a sustainable natural environment. Not forgetting the natural habitat of wildlife that reside here alongside our neighbours, The Swan Sanctuary, dedicated to the care and treatment of swans and waterfowl.

We want to engage and encourage people to support our mission by communicating the importance of protecting our marina ecosystem. We want to take the opportunity to display our findings and what could have been potential impacts from them, to learn. Sharing our findings will hopefully help people to be more mindful, in particular when discarding 'single use' items and understanding the smallest change made by many can make such a big difference.

So, what is our next move?

Shepperton Marina's goal is to achieve the "Clean Marina" accreditation and one of the steps we have taken is the implementation of innovative water-cleaning technology within one of its busiest marina basins. Some say... "Bin it to Win It", and this technology does just that! Seabin's are ideal when based upstream of busy waterways and in areas of relative calm, so ideal for our marina environment. Its clever design works around the clock by skimming surface water and pumping it through a net to collect any floating debris. In fact, the bin can collect debris as little as 2mm. In a busy marina environment where issues with fuel and engines happen,



The Seabin at Shepperton Marina

our Seabin has the bonus of changing to filtration. Therefore, if for any reason there was a fuel or oil spill our device can be switched to filter to assist our response unit.

Our awareness campaign will communicate our findings to encourage support, so we are keeping an eye on the catch of the day! In the past week we have collected approximately 8 kg of rubbish and debris consisting of wood, leaves, bottle tops, bottles, plastic one-use packaging and even a large amount of polystyrene balls. Polystyrene is a type of non-recyclable plastic, and extremely dangerous to wildlife who mistake it as food, so an ideal example to communicate just how important this project can be.

So, our first week of our Seabin has already made an impact to our environment and potentially saved wildlife, not forgetting the potential passage our rubbish collected could have made, to the tidal Thames and beyond.

We are very excited to see and communicate just how our new addition can support our future strategy.

To find out more about Shepperton Marina and their facilities, visit the website www.sheppertonmarina.co.uk

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BILGE FILTRATION

Maintaining pristine water in your marina basin is often frustrating and definitely a challenge, especially as more often than not oil pollution incidents are caused by boat owners neglecting to take sensible precautions. During visits to TYHA members, a regular topic discussed is where oil pollution comes from and how to minimise occurrences; often contaminated bilgewater is identified as the culprit! In Holland alongside black and grey water pump out you'll normally find a bilge pump out system too which is commendable, pumping out bilges into a certified system is therefore a normal part of boat preparation; however manual and auto bilge pumps still create contamination.

As we are all aware water in the bilges is inevitable and most

boats bilges will become contaminated with oil and therefore without filtration this will either be pumped into your marina basin or into the nearby waters. Most boats have manual or auto bilge pumps which sensibly should have inline filtration although some don't. The Recreational Craft Directive



(RCD) states that 'Watercraft shall be constructed so as to prevent the accidental discharge of pollutants (oil, fuel, etc.) overboard' so newer boats should have bilge filtration or similar. But as the RCD is relatively recent legislation the majority of boats in marinas are unlikely to have bilge filtration unless it has been retrofitted.

It would therefore seem sensible for our industry to promote the fitting of bilge filtration which is both simple and relatively cheap. The filter unit is simply fitted by intercepting the bilge pump exit pipe and attaching the filter housing to a bulkhead. Fitted prices are approximately £200 (€230) for a sub 7.5 meter boat and £300 (€345) for a 7.5m to 15m boat.

In the UK from a legal perspective you probably won't be surprised to hear that it is an offence to discharge contaminated bilge water into any watercourse as stated in the Environment Agency Pollution Prevention Guidelines for marinas and craft (PPG14). However surely our aim should be to encourage everyone that enters a marina site to respect and protect the environment so therefore how about thinking of ways to encourage your berth holders and visitors to do the right thing and fit bilge filtration.



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“ Marine freedom with a boat club franchise

The growing demand for shared boating access is increasing in popularity and the smooth transition from sole boat ownership to sharing a fleet of boats has gained great momentum in the past few years.

As a division of Brunswick Corporation, Freedom Boat Club has provided over 30 years of trusted expertise and is the largest and longest-running membership club of its type in the industry. Renowned for facilitating access to the

water in the most affordable way, with no hidden costs or added extras, Freedom is a brand that appreciates time as a precious commodity. Now looking to scale up their European footprint, the UK operation is embarking on a growth strategy to establish additional boating destinations across the UK for its international membership base to enjoy.

To date, Freedom offers members an impressive 35 boat club locations across the UK, France and Spain, having

launched three UK franchise operations in quick succession. Clubs at Lake Windermere and Torquay are now firmly on the map, with the most recent addition at Loch Lomond ready to open its doors at the start of the summer season. Providing exclusive access to Scotland's largest lake and incredible scenery, this will mark Freedom's fifth location in the UK within a short two-year period.

Centrally located at Ardlui Marina, within one hour of more than 50% of Scotland's



population, Loch Lomond is expected to attract a diverse demographic with a passion for the on-water lifestyle. Run by experienced boat owner Mike Lally, his textbook story has perfect alignment to the franchise model. Already an eager Freedom Boat Club supporter, fully appreciating the convenience and benefits a club brings to the market, he was first in line when the opportunity to open a franchise in Scotland arose. Embarking with enthusiasm to establish this international concept, his overall opinion is that a club in this area of Scotland is set to completely transform local boating activity.

As the growing demand for outdoor pursuits and specifically all forms of boating, reaches new heights, Freedom Boat Club is seeking new partners across UK regions to join the evolving franchise sector of the business. With core values to make boating accessible, affordable and easy for all, the premise to become part of this inspiring

development scheme and be instrumental in further augmenting the brand throughout the UK is an exciting proposal. For owner-operators, entrepreneurs or marine dealerships with a passion for the boating lifestyle and interested in owning a business with great growth potential, this could be just the right fit. With a successful business model that works well across the US, Canada, Europe and through to Asia and Australia, sharing the vision of Freedom is a golden opportunity.

Freedom Boat Club is looking to ensure water-based fun is more extensively available across a wider choice of UK destinations, from vibrant coastal marinas to calm inland zones. The company has identified Bristol, Cardiff, Liverpool, Newcastle, Aberdeen, Brighton/Eastbourne and The Thames as just a number of key franchise locations they wish to target. Potential franchisees keen to investigate further

can be confident that the proven Freedom business approach makes it easy to launch, own and operate a club, with partners benefitting from the recurring revenue model, minimal investment and wholesale boat financing options. All franchise owners enjoy a close relationship with the experienced and dedicated management team, who support every step of the way with a vast amount of knowledge, resources and systems to ensure a club runs smoothly.

Exciting times are ahead for those involved with Freedom Boat Club as their initiative to expand UK franchise locations continues to grow. As a result, more people can discover the joys of boating made simple, fully tailored to any lifestyle and offering the absolute ultimate in boating freedom.

Discover the joy of boating, to find out more visit the website www.freedomboatclub.com



RED DIESEL

“ Do you know the dos and don'ts? Make responsible choices at the pump. ”

Heading into the new season, recreational boaters are reminded of their responsibility to ensure they make the correct declaration when purchasing red diesel.

The RYA was delighted when it was announced in March 2021 that recreational boaters would retain the right to purchase red diesel at the waterside in Great Britain provided the full rate of duty was paid when purchasing fuel for the purposes of propulsion. Regrettably, in Northern Ireland recreational boaters did not receive the same benefit and are no longer able to

use red diesel for propulsion. An essential part of the new law in Great Britain (GB) is that recreational boaters buying red diesel must declare the per cent of fuel being used for either propulsion or for domestic usage. If you are purchasing red diesel, then there is always a possibility that HMRC will ask to see fuel receipts and evidence of usage.

Retaining access to red diesel for recreational boaters at the waterside is an entitlement that should be valued to ensure supplies are available in the more remote ports and harbours. It is crucial that the processes in place are respected to ensure that it is not jeopardised.

Do not

Do not assume a split of 60% for propulsion and 40% for domestic use if this does not accurately reflect your intended use.

If in Northern Ireland, do not put red diesel into the tank of a private pleasure craft for propulsion purposes.

Do

When buying diesel for your craft, do make a declaration to the supplier based on your intended use.

Declare what percentage of the fuel will be used for propulsion (as opposed to domestic purposes such as heating or cooking). There is no fixed allowance for propulsion vs domestic purposes.

If your primary residence is your boat, It will help to have documentation available which confirms this when buying fuel for domestic use.

If you are visiting Northern Ireland from GB, do retain receipts to show that the fuel was purchased in GB.

Do always retain receipts when purchasing red diesel, especially when visiting other countries. It is also useful to log engine hours.



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ELECTRIC CHARGING REGULATIONS THE TRANSITION TO NET ZERO

To aid leisure marine's transition to net zero British Marine is currently in discussions with Ofgem about the lack of parity that now exists in regard to the resale of electricity for the charging and/or recharging of electric propelled vessels, as compared to the charging and/or recharging of electric vehicles (EV).

Marinas will be aware of the 2004 Maximum Resale Price (MRP) regulations that prohibit profit-making from the resale of electricity. These have long applied to both the resale of electricity to cars and to leisure marine craft. However, concerns they were a potential barrier to the expansion of commercial EV charging points, which in turn might deter the transition to electric cars, led to changes in 2014 so that MRP would no longer apply to the resale of electricity from EV charging points. In making those changes, the amendments specifically excluded any change to the MRP for the resale of electricity to leisure marine craft. However, since then the Government has set out its ambitions to

decarbonise the maritime sector and we are now seeing a steady increase in sale of electric propelled boats. This is why British Marine believes there is a need for a more permissive regulatory framework that will support our industry with the

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British Marine seeks parity of regulations for marinas with the automotive sector on the resale of electricity.

installation of high powered (DC) electric charging infrastructure at marinas and ports across the UK. Whilst the scale of transition to electric vessels is, of course, far behind the transition to EVs, Ofgem's Head of Innovation accepts there may now be a reasonable case for treating leisure marine charging

infrastructure in the same way as EV charging infrastructure. Following British Marine's recent representations, Ofgem's policy team has been asked to consider the matter in further detail.

Ofgem would very much welcome any evidence British Marine members are able to provide, particularly any examples of where leisure marinas have had to hold back or adjust investment plans due to current regulatory restrictions. If such evidence is forthcoming Ofgem is likely to place a higher priority on reviewing the current MRP regulations which apply to leisure marinas reselling electricity.

With the Department for Transport now turning its attention to the potential phasing out of the sale of new non-zero emission domestic vessels, building on the experiences and policies that apply to other transport modes, there is little doubt that securing a more supportive fiscal and regulatory framework to enable our industry to invest in electric charging infrastructure will, over time, become increasingly important.

TYHA members are urged to contact British Marine via email publicaffairs@britishmarine.co.uk if they would like to comment on this matter or submit evidence to Ofgem.

WAVE INTERNATIONAL LAUNCHES A NEW MOBILE WAVECLEANER

A new product designed to vacuum up water-based pollution, such as those caused by oil and fuel spills, is now available from Wave International. Wavecleaner is a revolutionary new portable, manoeuvrable, and easy-to-use surface pollutant removal system available for users worldwide.

Offering a completely new method for resolving water-based pollution, Wavecleaner's proven oil removal, pre-filter and pump technology sucks up fuel, oil and even micro-plastics from water, which is then processed and cleaned through the filter system. The removed water can then be discharged as clean water whilst all pollutants remain in the filters which can be safely disposed of and replaced as required.

Designed onto a sturdy, manoeuvrable cart, which can be quickly deployed to an affected area by one person, the Wavecleaner has its own integral battery pack. It is ideally suited for use in marinas, harbours, ports and dockyards, or anywhere users need to quickly



access areas of contaminated water – for example within a vessel, or where there has been any contaminated run off.

The system uses a Wavestream filter which has Lloyds Register of Shipping Type Approval and is supplied with a suction lance, skimmer head, hoses, spare battery pack and charger. These are used to suck contaminated water through the dual filter system which removes oily pollutants including micro-plastics and returns filtered clean water back into the sea, waterways or drains.

Paul Gullett of Wave International said: “This product

was developed as a result of demand from marina operators and dockyards who have seen and used our proven Wavestream bilge filters systems operated in vessels for over 20 years. Knowing the success of these systems on board, we were asked why we couldn't create a portable product to deal with accidental spills in the waterways or on land. After some development work and trials to prove its success, we are now delighted to be launching the Wavecleaner to our UK and international markets.”

Having a Wavecleaner on site ensures a safe, fast and effective method of dealing with any water-based pollution and helps reduce VOC emissions. It also avoids the need for other forms of intervention or onshore disposal, or the use of larger and bulkier spill response materials which are then more difficult to dispose of, in comparison to the compact Wavecleaner filters.

The Wavecleaner is now being launched to the international marketplace and is available through Wave International. More information can be found at www.waveinternational.co.uk

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“ DOVER OUTER MARINA OPEN!

Sitting at the feet of the green cradling hills of Dover, with some of the most prestigious cruise ships sitting alongside, the newly opened Outer Marina (April 1, 2023) is nestled within the protective reach of the harbour arms. It is here that the sailing community can moor their leisure vessels at one of the 250 berths and celebrate local culture and history through new leisure experiences and events.

As the closest marina to the Continent and only 66 minutes away from London via highspeed train, Port of Dover Marina visitors are in a perfect position to explore the South East coast on both land and sea. Yet one doesn't need to go far to enjoy respite along pebble beaches, clean waters and quaint, history-soaked landscapes.

Within Port of Dover Marina, visitors are able to make the most of their stay with access

to amenities such as shower facilities, family rooms, baby changing and two laundry rooms, allowing a refresh after long days at sea. It's here that boatowners can also use the Port's fuelling berth or even bring the vessel to the hard-standing, level ground boatyard for maintenance, only a stone's throw from the local merchant chandler, Sharp and Enright.

Stepping out of the new marina, visitors and locals are welcomed into Clock Tower Square, an expansion of the previous Prince of Wales Pier, with original artefacts and plaques dating back over 100 years on display. Here, by the eatery known as Pedaler on the Port plus various food stalls and ice cream, that will one day be home to the pioneering Electric Hotel.

It is these moments on the heritage-rich plaza and picturesque promenade that travellers will recall as they set off on another adventure, with the sight of clean harbour water, White Cliffs and Dover Castle calling them back over and over again.

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WELCOME ABOARD DE ZWERVER (THE WANDERER) UNIQUE LIVING AND STUDIO SHIP FROM 1900'S



De Zwerver is its exceptional and beautiful interior, which is entirely created by Nieuwenkamp. He incorporated much of his own work, but also embellished it with all kinds of existing indigenous and exotic objects, for instance beautiful wood carvings from Bali. The interior is a cultural-historical jewel! In its style, it is reminiscent of a distinguished Amsterdam canal house from the Golden Age. Art historians call it "A unique artist's interior in old Dutch style." The ship is primarily the shell of the interior.

From 2011, De Zwerver came into the possession of a foundation that completely restored the ship. Jachthaven Naarden was willing to offer the ship a home, adding a fine crowd-puller to the marina with this cultural-historical icon. Numerous activities take place onboard and the ship can also be rented for overnight stays, wedding ceremonies and meetings.

De Zwerver is a wonderful addition to the marina's cultural heritage and a special accommodation for a luxury overnight stay at the marina.



Marinas are coming up with more and more initiatives to attract new visitors. One example are the houseboats where people can stay overnight and enjoy the vibrant marina atmosphere, even if they don't have a boat!

We would like to introduce a very special houseboat here at Jachthaven Naarden, named

De Zwerver (The Wanderer) – which is a unique historic houseboat from the 1900's. There is only one ship of this type and design in the world. The ship was designed and built by artist Wijnand Otto Jan Nieuwenkamp (1874-1950), whose work can still be seen today in the Rijksmuseum, among other places.

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FARO JALBOOT – JANUARY 2023

Faro @ EMBOODHOO is the first and only yacht marina in the Maldives. Conveniently located at the top of the South Male Atoll in Emboodhoo Lagoon at 4°07'19.75"N and 73°27'51.49"E., just a 15-minute journey by speed boat from Velana Airport. It is the perfect safe haven for yacht owners, captains and crew where they can relax or explore the Maldives and the Indian Ocean.

Faro @ EMBOODHOO has 40 berths, can accommodate yachts from 10m to 63m in length and boasts a world-class selection of restaurants, lounge bars, shops and activities for owners, guests, captains and crew to enjoy, including The Hard Rock Cafe, The Hard Rock Hotel, Saii Lagoon by Hilton, The Beach Club, Len Be Well Spa, Koimala & Maalimi's Junior Beach Club and Camp and Best Dives Dive and Watersports Centre.

The marina also offers 24-hour dockhand assistance, 24-hour security, complimentary electric buggy service, complimentary Wi-Fi, shore power up to 200 amperes, water, provisioning service, laundry service, yacht cleaning service, refueling dock, fuel bunkering, garbage disposal, pump out, Saii Lagoon by Hilton gym membership, hairdresser and barber, transfer of deliveries to and from Male and 15-20% discount for berth holders on selected restaurants, shops, the lounge bar, spa and the beach club and regular social events for owners, captains and crews.

BEAULIEU MARINA – MARCH 2023

Buckler's Hard Yacht Harbour is an unspoilt haven, rich in history and wildlife, ideal as a base for exploring the Solent and the Channel.

Situated on the beautiful Beaulieu River, the Yacht Harbour is only 25 minutes from the M27 motorway. Safe, traditional and friendly, with a 5 Gold Anchor award from TYHA, there are a range of berths available on the river and within the marina. Full marina services and facilities are available, including an open policy boat yard as well as lavatories, showers and a launderette. Permanent berths are available and visitors are welcome.

A unique location for short stay visitors, overnight berths and permanent moorings, experience tranquility and stunning natural beauty on the Beaulieu River - where the New Forest meets the Solent.



JERSEY MARINA – MARCH 2023

Jersey and the Channel Islands experience some of the largest tidal ranges in the world (up to 12 metres), providing yachtsmen with some of the most exhilarating sailing imaginable. Jersey Marinas offer a warm welcome with a team of dedicated staff on hand to ensure your stay is as pleasurable as possible. Jersey's climate (officially recognised as the sunniest place in Britain) and its wealth of history provides visitors with fantastic opportunities to explore what the Island has to offer both on sea and ashore. We offer 1,000 berths across three award-winning, five gold anchor marinas, all of which are close to a vibrant waterfront and the town centre of St Helier bustling with a range of shopping, restaurants and entertainment.



KARPAZ GATE MARINA – MARCH 2023

Karpaz Gate Marina in North Cyprus, a unique hotel, marina and sailing escape. Karpaz Gate Marina is a welcoming, one-of-a-kind resort, nestled in a beautiful bay on the north shore of the unspoiled Karpaz peninsula in North Cyprus.

Crystal clear waters, sunny climate, a natural surrounding landscape and the warm Mediterranean breeze wafting through the yachts' rigging – all combine to create a relaxing ambience that will transport you away to a different world. Enhancing the full-service 300-berth marina and Technical Centre, there are exceptional standards of accommodation, dining and Beach Club facilities, as well as immaculate service and attention to detail, awaiting guests at this secluded nautical getaway.

MARINA MUIDERZAND – MARCH 2023

Experience the vibe at this bustling beach marina for active water sports enthusiasts. Only half an hour from Amsterdam, Muiderzand Marina is the perfect spot for the die-hard water sports enthusiast. It's home to Europe's largest catamaran and kitesurfing beach, as well as a bathing beach overlooking the IJmeer inland sea. If you're looking for quality and luxury and want to enjoy the company of friends and family, then you'll feel right at home.





The Haven Knox-Johnston crew are delighted to announce a new partnership with The Yacht Harbour Association (TYHA), signing up as title sponsor of the prestigious Marina Awards 2023.

The TYHA Marina Awards have grown to be a real highlight of the marine industry calendar. The public vote showcases the crème de la crème of marinas who stand out in delivering an outstanding experience, for both resident and visitor boat owners.

Haven Knox-Johnston are excited to help facilitate the awards, enabling boaters to reward their favourite havens afloat and give a little back to the global community of marina operators who form the backbone of the boating world. The sponsorship reflects Haven Knox-Johnston's commitment to nurturing growth and development within the boating industry and their continuous drive for the highest service standards. The marina community is an essential element of getting out on the water and Haven Knox-Johnston recognises the effort it takes

operators to provide incredible services and facilities for boaters.

New for 2023 TYHA and Haven Knox-Johnston have introduced an award to celebrate the achievements of marinas in their efforts to become more sustainable, 'The Sustainable Marina of the Year'. The award will celebrate and share the fantastic work going on every day to improve our marine environment, by individuals and marinas around the world.

The seven award categories will be:

- Coastal Marina of the Year - under 250 berths
- Coastal Marina of the Year - over 250 berths
- Inland Marina of the Year
- International Marina of the Year
- Superyacht Marina of the Year
- Marina Employee of the Year
- Sustainable Marina of the Year Award

Paul Knox-Johnston, Marketing Manager at Haven Knox-Johnston, said: "At Haven Knox-Johnston, we love being part of the boating community and marinas play such an important role in the boating experience, often going above and beyond to bring people together. We are looking forward to helping TYHA raise awareness of the great work that marinas do and helping them celebrate it in our own fun-filled way."

Jon White, General Manager at The Yacht Harbour Association, added: "We are delighted that Haven Knox-Johnston are partnering with us to further develop the Marina Awards. The HK-J team brings new ideas and experiences which we look forward to using to the benefit of marinas and their berth holders across our membership in 29 countries."

The vote is now open and can be placed online at www.tyha.co.uk/marina-awards. Voting closes at midnight on 27th August 2023. Haven Knox-Johnston and TYHA will announce the winners at the Southampton Boat Show 2023 TYHA Awards Ceremony.



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Any marina with a Gold Anchor status is eligible for one of the Five categories in TYHA's Marina of the Year 2023.

Plus – any marina, berth holder or member of the public can nominate a marina employee for TYHA's Marina Employee of the Year.

Your customers can vote for their favourite marina using the search box online and nominate their chosen employee by entering their full name, marina, and reason for choosing them in the comments box.

Voting closes midnight on 27th August 2023

Terms and Conditions of TYHA's Marina of the Year 2023 (Owned and operated by The Yacht Harbour Association)

There are six categories; Marina Employee of the Year, Coastal Marina of the Year - under 250 berths and over 250 berths, Inland Marina of the Year, International Marina of the Year, and Superyacht Marina of the Year. There will be one winner per category, decided by public vote. This is based on: The number of votes per marina divided by the number of berths in that marina. TYHA will announce the winners at the Southampton Boat Show 2023 TYHA awards ceremony. Voting opens from midnight on the 01/01/23 until midnight on the 27/08/23. Votes received after this time will not be considered. Votes limited to one vote per person and must be placed through the online web form at www.tyha.co.uk/marina-awards. For the Employee of the Year award, a panel of judges will consider both number of entries and comments provided to determine the winner. Verbal permission must be received for somebody to nominate an employee. The panel of judge's decision is final.

“BOATING

Around Wildlife

Our waterways and coastline are teeming with wildlife and being able to spot one of them whilst afloat can really add an extra sense of adventure to a boaters' day on the water.

Many people may not realise it, but when on the water, all around are birds and animals taking part in their daily activities such as searching for food and looking after their young.

As entry points to the water, marinas and boatyards have an opportunity to raise awareness and draw attention to this element of spending time on and beside the water. Sharing information on how to be mindful of the activities of wildlife and how to minimise disturbance can benefit everyone on the water.

Show your support

The 05 - 09 June is The Green Blue's Boating Wildlife Awareness Week, a chance for boat and watersports users to learn more about best practice when experiencing wildlife out on the water and how to best protect it. The Green Blue, a joint environmental awareness programme between the Royal Yachting Association and British

Marine, will be sharing guidance and information throughout the week across their website and social media channels.

There are several ways that your business can help support and share information from the Week:

- Download digital assets from The Green Blue website.
- Display posters in your Reception.
- Share facts and information on your social channels.
- Use the hashtag: #BoatingWildlifeAware.
- Share a news article in your business newsletter.
- Add the Week's email banner to your email footer.

Birdwatching

In the UK, we play host to more than 4,000 different species of migratory birds, many of which spend time near or by our waters. Birds have very sensitive hearing so can be easily alarmed by engine noise from personal watercraft or powerboats, encouraging water users to follow speed limits can help lower noise pollution.

Birds can be particularly vulnerable during the breeding season which is usually between

the months of February and September. Many birds build their nests in the rushes and alongside the shallow waters. During this sensitive time, we can support birds by paying closer attention to the habitats along the water's edge and by being extra careful when exiting and entering the water. Introducing signs at well-established nesting signs can alert boaters and walkers to be extra sensitive in these areas.

Wildlife at large

Over 28 species of cetacean (dolphins, porpoises and whales) have been recorded in UK waters. The golden rules to encourage safe and responsible boating near cetaceans are: Slow down, Keep Quiet, and Keep a Consistent Path. Sometimes cetacean approach boats to ride in the waves they make, boat users should maintain a steady speed and wait for the cetacean to choose to move on and should never try to chase.

The RYA website has further information on best practice and information if an Orca is encountered whilst cruising abroad.



On the rocks

Many of the birds and animals witnessed may not be in the water, but instead resting in nearby rushes or on cliff edges or rocks. The recommended distance to promote is to remain at least 100m away from marine wildlife in the water and 50m away from wildlife on cliffs and rocks. It is also recommended that if there are more than two other vessels nearby to stay further away to not overwhelm wildlife.

Spotting the signs

Too often wildlife isn't spotted until they've already been disturbed, we can all avoid this by using binoculars to actively lookout for upcoming birds and animals.

The signs of disturbance can differ between animals but common behavioural traits to be aware of are:

- head bobbing from birds,
- cetacean may slap the water with their flipper,
- seals sliding quickly into the water,
- loud alert noises,
- raising their heads in distress.

Get social

Follow The Green Blue on Facebook, Twitter: @TheGreenBlue and Instagram: @the_green_blue. You can also visit The Green Blue website: www.thegreenblue.org.uk where you can find further information, guidance videos and downloadable resources.

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www.thegreenblue.org.uk/boating-pledge.



GMI TRAINING CONTINUES TO DRIVE FORWARD IN EUROPE

British Marine on behalf of The Global Marina Institute (GMI) held another very successful IMM in Athens between 24th and 27th April which was attended by an almost full list of 17 delegates. The main driving force behind the course being held in Athens was Stavros Katsikadis, CMM, President of the Greek Marinas Association and Managing Director of the award winning Flisvos Marina in Athens.

Manj Mahey, Head of Training at British Marine commented: "On Monday 24th April I welcomed the delegates onto the 4-day, internationally recognised and prestigious Intermediate Marina Managers

course, held in the beautiful setting of Palaio Faliro, Greece. With delegates who represented marina operations in England, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Turkey, Oman as well as native Greece, the week made for interesting conversation, lively debate and plenty of cross-country and cross-organisational learning."

I also welcomed presenters who are leading experts in their field, able to impart valuable information through presentations that will hold our delegates in good stead as they look to forge their careers in the sector.

"I look forward to building on the professional relationships I have made during the week and watch with a keen and

proud eye, the progress each of them will make in their roles with their current and future organisations."

Our thanks are extended to Stavros for his generous hospitality during the 4 days.

The IMM course is the first stage in marina management training. Delegates can progress onto the Advanced course once they have served the relevant time in the industry, looking to achieve the highest accreditation of Certified Marina Manager – CMM / CMP.

Full information on all future GMI courses, please contact Kitty Judd at British Marine, kjudd@britishmarine.co.uk



INTERMEDIATE MARINA MANAGERS COURSE 6th - 9th October 2023 - Vilamoura, Portugal

The (IMM) course is aimed at managers, supervisors and foremen who have had at least one full year of experience working at this level.

This four-day course is accredited by the Global Marina Institute (GMI) and is designed to provide marina personnel in a leadership position with fast-track training in the critical issues in marinas. It is also an essential course in a career path leading to the globally recognised Certified Marina Manager (CMM), Certified Marina Operator and Certified Marina Professional (CMP) qualifications.

Each day is packed with a range of learning opportunities, including formal classes and lectures, informal discussions, field trip to nearby marinas, group projects, and marina/boatyard industry networking.



ADVANCED MARINA MANAGERS COURSE 30th October - 3rd November 2023, Abu Dhabi

British Marine, in association with the Global Marina Institute (GMI), presents the internationally renowned Advanced Marina Management (AMM) School.

The AMM course has been designed as a pathway towards Certified Marina Manager (CMM) and Certified Marina Professional (CMP) Certification.

Each day is packed with a range of learning opportunities, including formal classes and lectures, informal discussions, field trip to nearby marinas, group projects, marina/boatyard industry networking and evening classes and discussions.

Applicants must have a minimum of three years' relevant management experience. British Marine will assess the application against this requirement.



FURTHER INFORMATION: Call Kitty Judd – 07923 250650 or kjudd@britishmarine.co.uk



MATT SIMMS, MARINA MANAGER (CMM) - CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE!

Having been involved with Royal Quays Marina since it was on the drawing board, Matt's very much part of the furniture at Royal Quays and on 6 April 2023, Matt reached a milestone, with 25 years of dedicated service.



Matt previously worked for the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation – he and his boss John Holmes chose Crest Nicholson Marinas to operate and develop Royal Quays Marina in the first place - then they recklessly gave Matt the Marina Managers job and the rest is history as they say! Matt was an integral part of the development team who had the vision to masterplan Royal Quays as a true regeneration project, creating a vibrant marina within the Albert Edward Dock as the centrepiece to an ambitious mixed - use development which includes waterside housing, leisure, retail and commercial uses. From day one, the marina has grown steadily to 350 berths and full occupancy, along with a thriving boatyard and boat sales

business. Planning has been submitted recently to extend the marina to an ultimate capacity of 500 berths, along with improved shore side facilities including a new boat repair and technical centre. The first phase of this project is planned to take place next year, taking the marina to 400 berths. Royal Quays Marina is now regarded as the premier boating facility in the North of England, close to the mouth of the River Tyne and it is ideally placed for access to the open sea and for cruising the sheltered waters of the River Tyne.

A keen and successful yacht racer and cruiser in his early days at the marina, Matt regularly teamed up with his colleagues Stuart Jones and Simon Haigh to

compete in the annual Scottish Island Peaks race, enjoying some success aboard his 'North 25' race yacht, 'Odin'. Matt was also a very keen fell runner and enjoyed the beauty and challenge of the North England and Scottish hills. He still dabbles now and again, but often spends his down time walking in The Dales, fly fishing in the Allendale and listening to the call of the Curlews. He still enjoys time afloat and recently purchased a little folk style boat called "Jessica" – whom he hopes to launch this summer, after a little more preparation!

As his team and customers know, Matt is a talented Manager and dedicated people person. The Royal Quays team celebrated his 25 years of service with some of Matt's favourites – herrings, scotch eggs, pork pies and crab sandwiches.

Matt is a keen competitor for the TYHA Marina of the Year Award, having been a consistent winner and runner up over the last six years! The other boatfolk marinas are working hard to knock him off the top spot!

“ Will they manage it? - who knows - but for now they are joining him in celebration. ”

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THE LEISURE MARINE ASSOCIATION MENA (LMA)

The Leisure Marine Association MENA (LMA) is a Dubai-based association that represents and promotes the interests of its members in the leisure marine industry. LMA elected a new board of directors in September 2022, which is chaired by Abeer Alshaali, Deputy Managing Director of Gulf Craft Inc. The board comprises ten members representing different areas of the industry. The LMA is working with government agencies to increase recreational boat ownership and yacht use in the region, establish competitive boat financing mechanisms, and promote the UAE as a winter yachting destination. The LMA has over 60 members, including leading lights in the industry such as yacht builders, marine equipment suppliers, port and marina management and waterfront development. These companies are shaping the leisure marine industry in the UAE and the region.

In March 2023, LMA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the UAE Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure at the Dubai International Boat Show (DIBS). The MoU outlines a framework for promoting collaboration between the government and private sectors



and enhancing productivity in the leisure marine industry. The agreement involves recognizing the LMA as the representative for the leisure marine sector, establishing the UAE's first federal Leisure Marine Committee and organizing common events and workshops in partnership with the UAE Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure. This partnership aims to increase education, facilitate cooperation and information exchange, and raise the overall standards of the leisure marine sector. The signing of this MoU is a critical step towards accelerating the growth of the leisure marine industry in the UAE, which is a vital contributor to the region's maritime sector.

Also, during DIBS LMA welcomed the President of the International Council of Marine

Industry Associations (ICOMIA), Darren Vaux, to meet the LMA Board. Mr Vaux shared his insights on the current state and future prospects of the marine industry with the LMA Board. The LMA remains committed to advancing the interests of the marine industry in the Middle East and North Africa and fostering closer cooperation with international partners. In addition, the LMA's Board of Directors had a meeting with the Consul General of the Kingdom of Netherlands and an Economic Advisor to discuss potential opportunities for future cooperation in the leisure marine sector.

During DIBS, LMA hosted sessions inviting its members to discuss sustainability in the leisure marine industry and alternative boat ownership options. LMA also revealed 10 secret boating spots along the UAE's coastline and led a boating event in partnership with Nakheel Marinas, which was open to the public, to "Unlock The World" destination at Dubai's World Islands. These events aim to provide insights, create unforgettable memories, and foster closer cooperation with local partners in the leisure marine industry. LMA members' unwavering support made these events possible.

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“ HRH The Princess Royal Opens Thomas Telford Corpach Marina

HRH The Princess Royal, accompanied by Lord Lieutenant James Wotherspoon, officially opened the Thomas Telford Corpach Marina, Fort William on Tuesday 18 April 2023.

As part of HRH visit, The Princess Royal toured the new state of the art marina facilities and unveiled the plaque.

Thomas Telford Corpach Marina, at the entrance to the Caledonian Canal, Fort William is Scotland's latest marina development. The £3.7M state of the art facilities offer a sheltered, all-weather, fully accessible marina and public slipway, with berths for 45 yachts and motor vessels plus small day boats, café and amenities.

The marina has been developed with a partnership

approach by ambitious community volunteers from Caol Regeneration Company, supported by The Highland Council, Scottish Government, HIE, Crown Estate Scotland, MOWI, SSE and many other local businesses and organisations.

The development aligns with the new Scottish Marine Tourism Strategy 'Giant Strides 2020-2025', which represents the

next evolution of the successful 'Awakening the Giant' strategy. The Corpach Marina embodies the ambitious opportunities within the 'Giant Strides 2020-2025' strategy by broadening socio-economic growth opportunities for marine tourism, sustainable employment and the wider economic benefits within the 'Fort William 2040' (FW2040) masterplan which incorporates the importance of water and the need to take full advantage of existing water assets to support industry, tourism and communities.

According to the Economic Value of Boating Tourism in Scotland Survey 2022, sailing/boating is estimated to contribute £84m in Gross Value Added (GVA) and 3,100 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) jobs – many in rural and fragile coastal communities.

Convener of The Highland Council, Cllr Bill Lobban said: "The opening of the Thomas Telford Corpach Marina marks a significant new opportunity for the people of Lochaber; marine tourism is an essential contributor to our coastal economies and these world class facilities are set to enhance Lochaber as a prime sailing and boating destination. We are honoured that HRH attended this prestigious event to officially open the Marina. The drive, energy and commitment of the volunteer committee must also be commended."

"The partnership approach to strategic development is a great example of good practise and one that can be replicated across our coastal communities as we take 'Giant Strides' to grow our Marine Tourism sector as we transition to a Blue Economy."

Minister for Local Government Empowerment & Planning, Joe FitzPatrick said: "The Scottish Government provided £1,465,000 funding from its Regeneration Capital Grant Fund for the construction of the new Thomas Telford Corpach Marina."

"The fund, delivered in partnership with COSLA and local government, supports projects which involve communities, tackle inequality and promote inclusive growth."

"Situated at the western gateway to the Caledonian Canal, this is a great example of a project taking a collaborative place-based partnership approach, supporting community ownership and is community wealth building in action, which will



stimulate regeneration within the communities of Caol and Corpach, neighbouring Fort William and the wider Lochaber area."

Chair of Crown Estate Scotland, Amanda Bryan said: "Yesterday's opening of Corpach Marina marks a significant moment not just for Fort William and Lochaber, but for demonstrating how partnership working can help deliver for coastal communities. Crown Estate Scotland's lease of the seabed to the Marina, plus a commitment of £500,000 of capital investment, forms part of a wider programme of support for people across Scotland to develop economic opportunities that can – as shown at Corpach – have multiple benefits for those who live, work, and visit an area. We look forward to working with other coastal communities to achieve similar successes."

To find out more information about the marina and its services visit www.corpachmarina.co.uk

“ KARPAZ GATE MARINA Awarded Prestigious Platinum Status

Earning its place among the world's best marinas, Karpaz Gate Marina has been awarded 5 Gold Anchor Platinum accreditation by The Yacht Harbour Association (TYHA). The prestigious accolade is the highest distinction attributed under the renowned global Gold Anchor Scheme marina rating system.

The North Cyprus marina resort on the islands beautiful Karpaz peninsula becomes only the eighth marina to receive the Platinum honour from TYHA following a rigorous assessment process. There are currently 12 other Platinum marinas worldwide, including those reviewed by the Marina Industries Association (MIA).

Reserved for the most comprehensively appointed luxury marinas, the elite status gives trusted assurance to the most discerning clients that

Karpaz Gate Marina provides an outstanding array of facilities and consistently delivers exceptional customer services.

TYHA also named Karpaz Gate Marina as the 18th marina to be accredited under its new Clean Marina scheme, proving continual commitment to sustainability and the protection of the ocean environment.

Liza Singer, Managing Director of Karpaz Gate Marina, said:

“We are proud to achieve Platinum and Clean Marina status and to join an elite group of trusted high-level marinas around the world. This is a significant landmark for Karpaz Gate Marina and I would like to pay tribute to the dedication of our team and the years of hard work which have been required to meet the high standards.”
“Since opening, we have strived to uphold superior standards of facilities and services, to offer

great attention to detail, impeccable cleanliness, personalised concierge services, imaginative design, sustainable operations and a continued commitment to improve – all to ensure our berth holders enjoy a unique and exceptional experience here at Karpaz Gate Marina. Recognition from TYHA's trusted global assurance system is hugely rewarding and more importantly, it is an accolade trusted by international boat owners for peace of mind when they select their marina.”

The marina industry's highest award represents the latest success achieved during a remarkable 12 years for Karpaz Gate Marina, the first international standard marina in North Cyprus and a pioneering resort development in one of the lesser-known regions of the East Mediterranean.

Opening up the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

cruising area to international sailors since 2011, the full-service 300-berth marina soon established a reputation for outstanding leisure and berthing facilities, personalised service and full technical capabilities, winning 5-star reviews from berth holders. Meticulous expansion in recent years has created the full marina resort available today, complete with boutique hotel, hamam and spa and a range of other amenities for boat owners.

Tony Dye, CMM, THYA (lead assessor commented:

“The team at Karpaz Gate has worked towards gaining the prestigious Platinum award for the past 5 years. Liza Singer, MD, has been the driving force behind the award. She has been instrumental in taking guidance on what facilities could have been improved and added in addition to increasing customer service levels. The addition of the luxury Boutique style with extensive spa and treatment facilities gives a new dimension to what Karpaz can offer to the most discerning customer.”

Established more than 25 years ago, the Gold Anchor

Scheme is a formal quality assurance system operated by two leading professional bodies in the global marina sector – TYHA, based in the UK and the MIA, located in Australia. To fly a Gold Anchor flag, a marina completes a self-assessment process across six areas of focus: ambience; planning, policies and procedures; customer service; environmental; on-water facilities and infrastructure; onshore facilities and infrastructure. To gain Platinum status, a marina must score 95% after the assessment process that includes direct feedback from a sample of berth holders and mystery shopping checks.

There are currently 12 other Platinum marinas worldwide under the joint TYHA/MIA scheme: Limassol Marina, Porto Montenegro, Yas Marina, IGY – Yacht Haven Grande St Thomas, Flisvos Marina, Yalikavak Marina, Marina de Vilamoura, Coral Sea Marina Resort, Birkenhead Point Marina, Sanya Serenity Marina, ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove Singapore and Sanctuary Cove Marina.

Given the high standards required of 5 Gold Anchor

Platinum Marinas, TYHA now require all marinas with this accreditation to conform to the TYHA Clean Marina standard. Marinas must prove best practice for the basics such as blackwater capture and treatment, correctly managing segregated and hazardous waste, spill prevention and treatment, washdown capture and filtration, drain interception, using sustainable products and preventing plastic pollution and influencing tenants, contractors and boaters to be more sustainable.

Karpaz Gate Marina has always placed sustainability and respect for the natural beauty of the unspoilt area at the heart of operations. It has an on-site nursery, vegetable and herb garden and green house providing fresh produce straight to the plate. To encourage green energy, an on-site solar plant supplies over half of the total electricity usage, while ecological and recycling initiatives include minimal usage of non-recycled materials like plastics. Creating an aquarium in the marina basin, a no fishing rule is in place to protect the wildlife and preserve the crystal-clear water.



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ivers in the world and the custodianship of the Montagu family for over four centuries, has focussed on maintaining its natural charm and protecting its habitats and species.

It is of vital importance to the marina that they continuously strive to improve the sustainability of their daily operations. Harbour Master Wendy Stowe and the team at Buckler's Hard Yacht Harbour have worked hard to improve their own environmentally friendly practices over the recent years.

Staff are trained to respond to oil spills and have additional training in waste management. A free-of-charge pump-out facility is available to berth holders and visitors alike, plus the marina agreement ensures berth holders do not discharge into the river and its surrounding waters. Pontoons are inspected annually and cleaned regularly along with monthly monitoring to ensure pollution of the watercourse does not occur.



The marina is working to eliminate its use of its single-use plastics and on-site caterers are also encouraged to support the team with this approach. In addition, all boat owners are encouraged to use environmentally friendly products whilst on-site.

Harbour Master Wendy said: "We are delighted to be one of the first marinas assessed and awarded the International Clean Marina accreditation. The protection of the river's environment is still the most

important consideration and the whole marina team work hard to maintain our high standards of sustainability and environmentally friendly practises."

The accreditation is a great source of pride to the marina team, who continually work to keep the river a special place for generations to come. This achievement follows the Buckler's Hard Yacht Harbour being awarded 'Marina of the Year' in the British Yachting Awards 2022.

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Lisa Harris CMM seen here with TYHA Chairman Colin Watts and UK, Europe, Mid-East GMI Chairman Tony Dye

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