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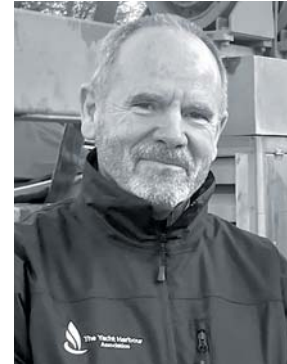
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Jon White
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2024 has been an active and productive year for The Yacht Harbour Association (TYHA) team!

We've had the privilege of connecting with members around the globe, discussing key issues, and collaborating to find effective solutions. It's always rewarding to meet in person and to strengthen these relationships, sharing insights and learning from each other.

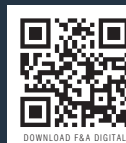
As we look ahead, we're excited to continue our work on several key projects that will make 2025 equally impactful. A major highlight is the ongoing revision of our Code of Practice (COP). We're now moving into the member feedback stage, which presents a fantastic opportunity for everyone to contribute to shaping this important document. Feedback is open until December 6th, 2024, so please take the time to share your thoughts.

In 2025, we'll be launching the revised COP at the World Marina Conference in Venice, scheduled for October 15th-17th. This event will be a key milestone and we're eager to reveal the results of our collective efforts.

Before that, we're finalizing plans for the TYHA Marinas Conference, set for May 8th, 2025. This year's conference will zero in on key operational challenges faced by marina managers and operators, with a new venue chosen for easier access by train, car, and plane. More details to follow soon.

Wherever you are, we wish you a successful close to 2024 and a prosperous 2025 ahead.

Season's best wishes from Jon, Hayley and the TYHA Team.



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The Yacht Harbour Association Marina Awards 2024

Sponsored by Haven Knox-Johnston

The 2024 Yacht Harbour Association Marina awards were proudly sponsored by Haven Knox-Johnston, specialists in all types of marine insurance. From protecting boats on the pontoons, businesses operating in the grounds, right through assessing and covering risks faced by the marinas themselves, Haven Knox-Johnston offer the industry a one stop solution for insurance needs.

The close relationship between marinas, boat owners and marine insurance providers makes the sponsorship a great match. The Marine Insurance practice at Haven Knox-Johnston operates under three distinctive trading styles, Haven Knox-Johnston, Haven Knox-Johnston Specialist and Haven Knox-Johnston Commercial, with their highly experienced team including some of the industry's most well-known professionals, alongside more than 70 specialists across six office locations. Haven Knox-Johnston are ideally positioned to support the entire TYHA community and its clients. The sponsorship allows Haven Knox-Johnston to give a little back.

The awards were presented for the 10th year running during the Southampton International Boat show and celebrate excellence in marinas across the UK and beyond, recognising both the outstanding marinas themselves, and the people that bring them to life.

The TYHA Marina Awards have a profound impact on both marina operators and the wider boating community. Winning marinas gain recognition for their hard work and commitment

to providing exceptional service, while the awards themselves encourage marinas to continuously improve their operations and ensure they offer safe, clean, and well-managed environments for boat owners and visitors. For boat owners, the awards act as a valuable guide when selecting marinas to visit, offering reassurance that these marinas have been highly rated by their peers and customers alike.

Taking place on the Foredeck Stage, the ceremony was standing room only; packed with marina representatives from many of the 200 plus Gold Anchor accredited marinas from around the world, highlighting how important winning one of these awards is. The marinas were judged across a number of categories, with winners standing out for their ability to deliver top-tier service and facilities while maintaining the highest levels of safety and environmental care. Categories in the awards included UK Coastal Marina of the Year, UK Inland Marina of the Year, International Marina of the Year and Best Marina for Environmental Sustainability, in partnership with The Green Blue.

Paul Knox-Johnston said, "At Haven Knox-Johnston, we understand the vital role marinas play in the boating community. These awards showcase those who go above and beyond to deliver exceptional experiences and provide the best service for boat owners, values which resonate with our own ethos as an insurance provider. They give marinas something to aspire to, helping to set high standards for safety, service and environmental care, all of which are important factors when it comes to managing risks and ensuring that boat owners feel secure and supported."



The hosts for the ceremony this year were Steve Arber, TYHA Chairman and Director of Tingdene Marinas & Boat Sales; Paul Knox-Johnston, Sales & Marketing Manager at Haven Knox-Johnston; and TYHA General Manager, Jon White. The beautiful, fused glass trophies were handmade by Seaview Studio and will all take pride of place in the offices of the worthy winners.

THE 2024 WINNERS WERE:

TYHA Sustainability Award

Winner – Marina De Vilamoura
Runner up – Dubai Marina Yacht Club

TYHA Coastal Marina of the Year Under 250 Berths

Winner – Poole Quay Boat Haven
Runner up – Emsworth Yacht Harbour

TYHA Coastal Marina of the Year Over 250 Berths

Winner – Boatfolk – Royal Quays
Runner up – Beaulieu

TYHA Inland Marina of the Year

Winner – Overwater Marina
Runner up – Shepperton Marina

TYHA International Marina of the Year

Winner – Portonovi Marina
Runner up – D-Marin Didim Marina

TYHA Superyacht Marina of the Year

Winner – Marina De Vilamoura
Runner up – Yalikavak Marina

TYHA Marina Team of the Year

Aqueduct Marina

TYHA Employee of the Year

Winner – Mucella Kara –
Karpaz Gate Marina

As the 2024 TYHA Marina Awards have demonstrated, the marina industry is thriving, with operators striving for excellence in every aspect of their services. The involvement of sponsors like Haven Knox-Johnston ensures the continuity of the awards, but also brings the importance of risk management and safety in marina environments into focus. With the continued dedication of marinas, insurers, and boaters alike, the future of the industry looks set to be as bright as ever.

The voting for the 2025 TYHA Awards is now open!

Find A Marina

At the Southampton Boat Show

In September, the TYHA "Find a Marina" stand at the Southampton International Boat Show showcased 43 marinas and seven supplier members from six countries. All participants enjoyed enthusiastic visitors and pleasant weather throughout the 10-day event.

Our stand builders, Symbiosis, once again created a professional and visually engaging exhibition space, featuring graphics that highlighted marinas across the UK and Europe. We proudly supported members from Jersey Guernsey and France in promoting cruising opportunities in the Channel and Northern

Europe. Across from this display, a collective of Italian marinas presented the exceptional boating experiences available in the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas. Many other marinas from stunning locations in the UK and Europe were also featured, attracting a large number of visitors to our stand.



The "Find a Marina" stand served as an excellent networking hub for members throughout the show, further enhanced by daily end-of-day networking sessions. These sessions included "Hub"

talks kindly sponsored by Inland & Coastal, which shared insights into innovative member initiatives and best practices.

Wednesday was a pivotal day for the marina industry,

beginning with coffee and pastries at our stand, followed by the CMM meeting and the much-anticipated marina awards, generously sponsored by Haven Knox Johnston. The award celebrations continued at the TYHA networking party, sponsored by IGY Marinas, which was a standout event. Around 100 marina professionals gathered for drinks, connecting with peers, sharing experiences and building strong relationships.

Overall, the 2024 TYHA "Find a Marina" stand at Southampton International Boat Show generated strong leads and successful B2C and B2B sales, leaving everyone involved pleased with the results of this ten day event.



PORTS OF JERSEY

Ports of Jersey has installed the first of the living sea wall tiles in Elizabeth Marina. The eight specially designed tiles

have been attached to vertical, smooth sea walls to replicate the nooks and crannies that occur naturally on rocky seashores. This will create an environment

where different marine creatures can set up home.

Students from Jersey College for Girls and Les Quennevais were involved in the early stages of the project and the commercially printed tiles are now affixed to the marina's sea wall to increase the ecological value of the marina.

Head of Maritime Operations, Louise Stafford, who has been running the project, said: "We have installed eight tiles as a pilot project to see how well they attract sea creatures. We have chosen three different designs which mimic the features of natural rocky shorelines, increase the area available for species colonisation and provide refuge from predators.

The tiles are made by Inland and Coastal using 3D printing and are made from glass fibre reinforced concrete, generally using waste material from marina structures installed by Inland and Coastal Marina Systems. The three designs on trial are 'Swim-through', 'Rockpool' and 'Large Rockpool'.



To find out more about Ports of Jersey and some of the projects they are undertaking, please visit the Ports of Jersey website - www.ports.je



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“ SUFFOLK YACHT HARBOUR

Aquires OneSails GBR (East) & Evolution Rigging

The east coast's leading independent marina has expanded its portfolio of businesses. Suffolk Yacht Harbour (SYH), located on the River Orwell in Suffolk, announced it has acquired two well-established east coast marine businesses.

Formerly owned by experienced sailor John Parker, OneSails GBR (East) and Evolution Rigging are now wholly owned by SYH with no other shareholders.

Located onsite at SYH, both businesses will continue to operate under their existing brands. The move forms a part

of SYH's established reputation as a marine hub and is a continuation of its strategy to provide a one-stop-shop for berth holders and marine visitors.

SYH Managing Director Joshua Major commented, "OneSails and Evolution Rigging

already work closely with our team, they are part of the fabric of SYH, so this is a natural progression for all parties. The existing staff will continue to work as normal; it's very much business as usual."

SYH Chairman Jonathan Dyke added, "SYH has worked with John Parker, the previous owner of the two businesses, for nearly 40 years so we have in-depth knowledge of the staff, customers, products and expectations going forwards. We will continue to build on the solid foundations established by John and his team, ensuring customer service remains of the utmost importance."

During the transition period, John Parker will work as a consultant to deliver continuity for all parties.

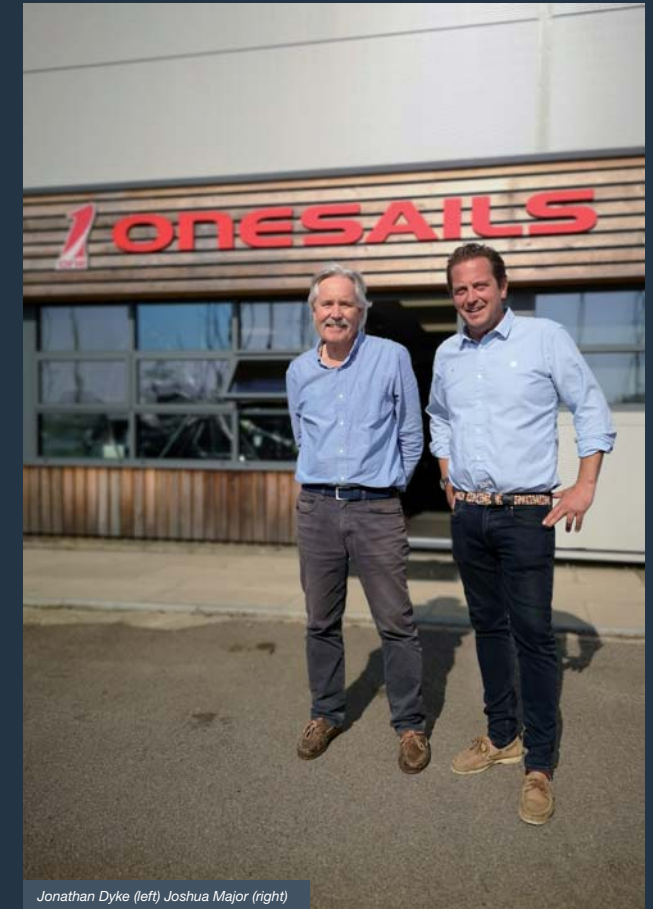
John Parker said, "OneSails and Evolution Rigging are in safe hands under SYH ownership. They have close experience and knowledge of both businesses, which I am sure will thrive under the new management. Having been a sailmaker for over 40 years it is in my DNA and that doesn't just go away overnight. I will continue to work with the team to ensure a smooth transition for customers, staff and suppliers."

Operating as a franchise within the OneSails International group, the east coast loft at SYH is one of 52 sail lofts in the brand's worldwide network.

Joshua Major added, "I am a passionate sailor myself having sailed locally and at international regattas since I was a teenager. I understand the importance of quality sails and rigging for boats of all shapes and sizes, whether you are cruising or racing. I am looking forward to working with the teams from both businesses, as well as within the OneSails group."

SYH has a 550-berth marina and extensive facilities. As well as its in-house services, SYH owns the traditional chandlery Classic Marine and is the home of a raft of onsite marine businesses, including a sailing school, a yacht club, yacht brokerage, marine engineers, and electricians.

For more information visit www.syharbour.co.uk



Jonathan Dyke (left) Joshua Major (right)



SUPERYACHT — R E A D Y —

Superyacht Ready is an accreditation available to marinas that have the minimum capacity and capabilities required to provide safe and adequate berthing for Superyachts. Superyacht Ready is available to Gold Anchor accredited marinas that satisfy the program's assessment standards.

The Superyacht Ready criteria is based around the suitability of the marina's infrastructure to accommodate superyachts, accessibility for superyachts, security measures and service availability. The program is designed to help skippers and owners identify suitable marinas for their vessel.

For those marinas not part of the Gold Anchor program, the easiest way to join the program is via the Gold Anchor self-assessed accreditation, where marinas self-assess against the core program criteria.

To be eligible to accredit as a Superyacht Ready Marina, marinas must:

1. Be a TYHA Member
2. Participate in the Gold Anchor accreditation
3. Assess compliance with the required criteria
4. Return a completed declaration of compliance assessment

The assessment declaration will be reviewed by TYHA and upon approval, the marina will be authorised to use the Superyacht Ready branding and marketing.

 The 3-year participation is £625 plus vat

More information about the Gold Anchor program can be found on the TYHA website: www.tyha.co.uk

Limitations on reliability of the accreditation:

The Yacht Harbour Association (TYHA) Superyacht Ready accreditation is designed as a tool to identify marinas which have the minimum capacity, capabilities and infrastructure to provide safe and adequate berthing for superyachts. The Superyacht Ready accreditation does not consider the extent, quality or availability of the general facilities and amenities of a marina. TYHA's Gold Anchor accreditation may provide further guidance as to a marina's service, presentation, and amenities. TYHA recommends that those responsible for the berthing of a vessel make their own enquiries directly with the relevant marina regarding berthing suitability of the marina for the vessel in question as well as the level of service, presentation and amenities provided at the marina.

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**The Yacht Harbour Association (TYHA)
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The **ICOMIA World Marinas Conference** is a specialist marina conference overseen by the **ICOMIA Marinas Group** and, starting in 1993, held approximately every two years in a different worldwide location. The conference attracts marine professionals from all aspects of the business from marina owners, managers and staff, marina development organisations, technical experts, manufacturers of essential marina products, services and technologies, start-up businesses, media stakeholders, fleet owners and charter agencies.



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“ British Marine Inland Conference

The TYHA team of Jon and Hayley were very pleased to attend and contribute to the annual British Marine Inland Conference held for the 3rd year at Worcester County Cricket Club on the banks of the River Severn, overlooked by the historic Worcester Cathedral.

With an attendance of 104 (55 of whom were TYHA members) this year's conference was vibrant and valued by all for both end of season networking and useful speaker content.

Key to the attendees was the opportunity to hear from Richard Parry and Gareth Stevens from the Canal and

River Trust and Andrew Pearce and Julian Kennard from the Environment Agency as these navigation authorities are fundamental to all the attendees success and the enjoyment of many thousands of inland boaters.

Jon White provided a summary of TYHA UK 2024

activities and particularly focussed on the successful inland and coastal networking events. He is also involved in the UK Intermediate and Advanced marina manager training courses which are key training opportunities for the industry whilst they also build strong networks of contacts who support each other throughout their marina careers. Jon encouraged those at the conference to consider joining the training programme and/or offering it as an opportunity for relevant members of their teams.

Jon went on to identify some of the 'hot topics' that TYHA are currently engaged in such as code of practice revision (in conjunction with Marina Projects) and end of life boats. He finished by identifying key TYHA dates for 2025 which included the TYHA Marina Conference on 8th May and the TYHA COP launch scheduled for the 15th October.

Following lunch the conference delegates split into groups and rotated through four interactive workshop sessions which included one facilitated by Jon and Hayley who provided the opportunity for members to provide feedback on the TYHA Code of Practice revision. They also promoted the opportunity to further contribute through an online member questionnaire which is live until 6th December. It was very pleasing to see the level of engagement in the workshop and the obvious value that members attach to the TYHA Code of Practice.





“AYLA MARINA

Clean Marina Accreditation

In a significant achievement that highlights its commitment to environmental and health standards, Ayla Marina has earned the prestigious Clean Marinas certification. This recognition reflects Ayla Marina’s dedication to adhering to global regulations and maintaining high standards of efficiency and quality. The certification is a testament to Ayla’s proactive approach to environmental preservation and its commitment to sustainable

practices within its vibrant ecosystem. Adel Ma’ani, the Marina Manager at Ayla Development Company, expressed his satisfaction with this global achievement and extended his gratitude to all the staff at Ayla for their dedication to upholding environmental standards. He emphasized that this recognition



is the result of Ayla’s ongoing efforts to design and develop a sustainable, residential and recreational destination that embodies its vision of preserving natural resources. Ayla Marina is positioned as an exceptional destination that enhances the experience of its visitors and residents alike.

Ma’ani further noted that pursuing this international certification demonstrates Ayla’s strong confidence in its commitment to environmental stewardship. He stressed that

the marina is central to Ayla’s mission, focusing on providing top-tier facilities while maintaining a clean, safe and environmentally responsible environment for visitors, residents and the wider community.

He added, “This achievement reaffirms our long-term commitment to continuous improvement, sustainable marina management and maintaining Ayla’s leadership in the local community. It also underscores our dedication to sustainability and the preservation of unique ecosystems.”

This certification is another milestone in Ayla’s history of accomplishments

in sustainability, which have been recognized by both national and international institutions. These achievements include preserving biodiversity, reducing carbon footprints, adhering to strict environmental regulations, expanding green spaces and adopting smart transportation technologies. Ayla proudly flies the Blue Flag at several locations and has earned Green Key certifications. Additionally, Ayla Golf Club has been honored as one of the most environmentally friendly courses.

The Clean Marinas certification, launched at the Southampton International Boat Show in 2021, is part of an international program that helps marinas demonstrate their

commitment to environmental preservation and pollution prevention both on the coast and inland. This voluntary environmental award promotes responsibility and is granted to marinas striving for the highest environmental standards, with the goal of improving practices and enhancing environmental awareness.

Ayla has implemented specialized rules for the marina, including waste management, resource conservation and a training program for employees, visitors, and the local community on marine environment protection. These efforts are complemented by the use of modern technologies to minimize environmental impact.

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Yacht Havens - A Day in the Life

This summer, Yacht Havens Group proudly launched the first episode of their new series, "A Day in The Life," which follows dedicated members of their Haven Team across various Yacht Havens.

The industry-first initiative aims to highlight the diverse and rewarding careers available within the marina industry, starting with Haven Master Asher White who is based at Lymington Yacht Haven.

Yacht Havens Group own and operate nine locations

around the UK and Europe including Lymington, Largs and Plymouth, serving over 4000 berth holders.

Yacht Havens Group Marketing Manager Jonathan Cook commented, "The aim of the series is to showcase the incredible skillset of our Haven Teams across our 9 Yacht Haven locations, as well as inspiring others who may not know about the types of roles available within the Marina industry.

What's more, it was important to find a medium to communicate these messages –

this social-first, POV-filming style and informal theme aims to break down barriers and expose the marina industry to new potential employees."

"The series will continue over the autumn and winter, showcasing different roles across our sites, increasing awareness of the range of careers within the sector" Jonathan concludes.

Follow along and stay updated with this series by visiting their Instagram channel [instagram.com/yacht_havens](https://www.instagram.com/yacht_havens)

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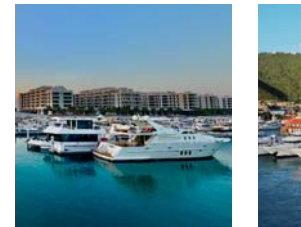
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AYLA MARINA

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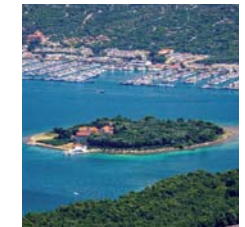
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IGY YACHT HAVEN

Awarded the coveted 5 Gold Anchor Platinum Award and four-times named the Superyacht Marina of the Year in 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2016, IGY's Yacht Haven Grande in the historic Charlotte Amalie Harbor in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands is one of the preeminent megayacht marinas in the world.



MARINA PUNAT

Marina Punat is located on the island of Krk, the northernmost of the Adriatic islands and easily accessible from many Central European cities. Founded in 1964, it is the very first marina in Croatia. The Marina lies in a bay that is naturally shielded from all the winds.

“ Inland and Coastal Marina Systems

New breakwaters are having an impact at Ocean Village Marina

Inland and Coastal Marina Systems new breakwaters are having an impact at Ocean Village Marina. Renowned water access solutions providers, Inland and Coastal Marina Systems looks back at the successful installation of their new breakwater pontoons at Ocean Village Marina, Southampton, in conjunction with the client MDL, Marina Projects and Walcon Marine.

As well as representing the best value and quality solution for MDL Marinas, Inland and Coastal’s cutting-edge floating breakwaters were specifically chosen to address two critical needs at Ocean Village: providing robust, spacious berths for superyachts and creating a more sheltered and secure marina environment through wave attenuation.

Manufactured from 60N reinforced concrete with internal floatation core, Inland and Coastal’s breakwaters are designed to provide optimal attenuation of the wave environment on the site. Providing the weight and volume to physically reduce the incoming wave climate to a minimum. Our specifically designed connection system made up of 480Ton breaking load stainless steel connectors pass-through a specifically shaped rubber block that when coupled with the pontoons inherent physical size and weight create the best marina environment possible.

By mitigating the impact of waves, the pontoons create a calmer, protected space, allowing yachts to berth safely and rest comfortably in their berths – offering Ocean Village Marina berth holders a safe, peaceful resting place. For MDL the



pontoons have also created a range of high value new superyacht berths at the front of this iconic location.

“It was a great opportunity to work alongside Marina Projects and Walcon Marine to deliver these pontoons for Ocean Village,” says Oliver Shortall, Managing Director at ICMS. “Our floating breakwaters are designed

to attenuate waves to a level where sheltered berthing can be provided and we’re proud to see our technology enhancing the marina’s superyacht facilities.”

The pontoons were built in Ireland, shipped to Southampton and towed into position at Ocean Village. Sustainability was also a key consideration in this project, with the old pontoons and floats recycled or repurposed by MDL

Marinas, further reducing the environmental impact.

Simon Goodhead, Commercial Director from Marina Projects, adds: “Inland and Coastal working alongside the main contractor Walcon, allowed us to combine Walcon’s marina construction expertise with Inland and Coastal’s advanced breakwater

technology, ensuring MDL our client, achieved the best value and optimal solution for their Ocean Village Marina location”

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JON WHITE VOTED TO JOIN NEW IMG STRUCTURE



During the meeting, the IMG group shared insights on industry trends, reviewed the progress of policy papers, discussed a new structure for IMG and elected a new joint Chair. This role was awarded to Jon White of The Yacht Harbour Association, a well-known figure in the field, who will share the role with other global experts under the new structure.

Jon will work alongside Martinho Fortunato as the new structure takes effect. Martinho has successfully led IMG in recent years and played a lead role in organising an outstanding IWMC in Vilamoura in 2023.

The ICOMIA Marinas Group seeks to improve the sharing and exchange of information with respect to the development and best practice management of marinas, boat storage facilities, boating access and associated infrastructure throughout the world.

IMG was established by ICOMIA to address the critical need for safe, accessible berthing, mooring and launching facilities for boat owners, which are essential for the future of boating and the industry. The IMG's objectives include providing international leadership, facilitating the exchange of relevant technical, environmental and marketing information and fostering partnerships between marina operators and recreational equipment manufacturers. The Group aims to promote the economic and environmental value of recreational boating facilities to governments, advocate for regulatory flexibility and support collaboration within the industry to share knowledge for the common good.



In early October, international members of the ICOMIA Marinas Group visited Venezia Certosa Marina, the location for the 2025 ICOMIA World Marinas Conference (IWMC) and held an IMG meeting the next day along the coast in Lignano.

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IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT HYDRAULIC TRAILERS

Roodberg is a name that has become almost synonymous with boat handling equipment.

People often see large bright yellow trailers, people think Roodberg (or Knijpstra as the previous name). Other colours are available as well!

But who are Roodberg really, and what do they do? Visitors to the factory near Heerenveen in The Netherlands are often amazed at what they see when they get there, as it's not just boat handling equipment emerging from the factory doors.

Founded in 1936 in an area surrounded by water, Mr Knijpstra produced many things in his workshops, before turning extra focus to hydraulic boat trailers in 1978 – and that first trailer is still in use today. Now under the third generation of the Knijpstra family, things have expanded somewhat.

Under the name of Frisian Industries, Roodberg sits alongside other specialist brands including Mondial (amusement park rides), Normag (industrial horizontal drilling) and others. All of these names work alongside Industrial Developments Heerenveen which is the engineering side of the group.

This may seem like a slightly odd combination, but Roodberg and their products benefit greatly from this. Horizontal drilling is almost entirely electrical and the

quality and safety requirements for giant Ferris wheels (the smallest is 31m tall!) are incredibly high. So, all of this knowledge and these skills are shared across the workforce. Roodberg have always been known for high quality products – this probably explains why! They also produce numerous components in-house such as wheels and hydraulic cylinders.



This is because they recognise the demanding and specialist conditions many of their machines operate within. Their 'own' parts have extra features to ensure the best reliability and quality.

However, Roodberg do not only produce hydraulic trailers, they are well known for self-propelled machines – both boat movers and travel hoists, as well as pioneering the idea of static

pillar cranes with 4 lifting points. They also produce a good number of specials including the launching systems for the Dutch lifeboat service (KNRM), various global military 'specials' including ship-borne units and various others. The range is much bigger than what is typically seen in the UK. Roodberg have become known worldwide for original new product development ideas and are always willing to look at opportunities and possibilities.

The topic of competition often comes up, including when products which look remarkably similar to Roodberg machines appear. Are they upset? Not really – if anything they are flattered that others choose to try and copy their designs. But one thing is for sure, everybody who visits the factory and facilities seems to walk away commenting at how impressed they are with the setup and the quality of work coming through the doors.

Both Roodberg and P & D Marine Services as the long time UK representatives have taken a similar position; it's not just about selling things and it's not just about engineering. It's all of these and understanding how the marine industry and environment works. And therefore, what the best solutions may be for any individual case and how best to support those. That's the joys of boats and the marine world!



New Self-propelled Boat Mover for Dale Sailing

P&D Marine Services Ltd and Boat Lift have successfully introduced a variety of Boat Lift products to the UK market.

Marina operators are becoming familiar with the Boat Lift brand, quality, and superior technical abilities for customized solutions to enhance boatyard operations.

Dale Sailing in Pembrokeshire recently took delivery of a 20-ton Self Propelled Boat Mover which was customised to accommodate all hull types and the ability to transport the vessels with or without cradles by utilising the retractable internal support rails.



This multidirectional version with 90°- degree steering of all wheel groups allows the lateral movement of the equipment that makes it possible to optimise space when manoeuvring in compact environments.

Boatyards teams can be sceptical to new concepts and ways of working so we find it rewarding to receive their feedback following manufacturer training and practical experience with the new equipment.

Inland Waterways

Prove to be of real interest to visitors to the Southampton Boat Show

The 2024 Southampton Boat Show will be remembered for a number of significant achievements, not least of which was the first inland waterways display at this predominantly coastal event. Robert Parton, MD of Aqueduct Marina, who is also currently President of British Marine, is very keen to see a major part of the Marine leisure sector, the Inland

waterways, have a stronger presence at the Southampton International Boat Show. As a result, Glen Knight, a narrow boat builder based at Aqueduct, agreed that one of his stock boats should be taken down and so a C&RT workboat, built at Aqueduct, was delivered to the show.

The show is a well-known and well-attended fixture on the marine calendar but, until this year, had few, if any, exhibitors

dedicated to the inland waterways. So, it was something of an experiment that the team at Aqueduct Marina, supported by C&RT, ABC Leisure, Hoseasons, Kings Lock Chandlery, Land and Water, Promarine, and Lakeland Leisure, put together a display to promote the benefits of the waterways to a new audience.

Over 100,000 visitors attended the show at Mayflower Park, with the vast majority seeing the bright red Knights narrowboat alongside the new C&RT workboat when entering or exiting the show site. As a result, large numbers of visitors stopped off to chat with representatives of Aqueduct, Knights, and C&RT to find out more about what the waterways had to offer visitors from coastal areas.

CRT's Fundraising Manager, Michelle Collier, said, "We had lots of engagement with the public at the Southampton Boat Show. It was the first time a work boat from The Canal and River Trust had been to this show. It was great to see a keen interest and spread the message about our work as a Charity.



A big thank you to British Marine and to Robert Parton from Aqueduct Marina for allowing us to be part of this year's show."

Aqueduct's MD, Robert Parton, added, "The level of interest was beyond what I expected with plenty of the show visitors having already holidayed on the canals. I am hoping next year we can repeat having an Inland presence, with a wider selection of Inland operators being involved to be able to cope with the huge amount of genuine interest.

To find out more about the Southampton Boat Show, go to www.southamptonboatshow.com

LIVERPOOL MARINA ACHIEVES PRESTIGIOUS ISO ACCREDITATIONS



Liverpool Marina is proud to announce that it has successfully achieved ISO 14001, ISO 9001, and ISO 45001 accreditations, marking a significant milestone in their commitment to quality, environmental management and occupational health and safety.

This achievement comes just 18 months after they embarked on a long-term project to enhance our operational standards and processes. In an industry where many marinas have achieved one or two of these accreditations, Liverpool Marina stands out as potentially the first and only independent marina to attain all three. This remarkable accomplishment not only reinforces their dedication to providing a safe and compliant environment for their customers but also aligns our operations

“ A Testament to Excellence in Service and Safety

with those of much larger organisations in the sector. The ISO 14001 accreditation demonstrates their commitment to environmental management, ensuring that the marina operates in an environmentally responsible manner. ISO 9001 is a reflection of their relentless pursuit of quality and customer satisfaction, while ISO 45001 showcases their dedication to




maintaining a safe and healthy workplace for their staff and visitors. “Over the past 18 months, our dedicated team has worked tirelessly to embrace the new policies and processes that accompany these standards.

Collaboratively, we have developed and implemented innovative ideas aimed at continual improvement, ensuring that our customers can trust in the processes we work to and the services we provide.

This is an enormous achievement for Liverpool Marina, particularly following our recent recognition with Gold Anchors,” said Chloe Baker, Managing Director. “We are incredibly proud of our team, whose hard work and commitment have made this possible. Achieving these ISO accreditations not only enhances our reputation but also provides peace of mind to our customers, knowing that we adhere to the highest standards in the industry.


As we move forward, Liverpool Marina remains committed to maintaining these high standards and continually improving our operations. We look forward to welcoming our customers to a marina that prioritizes safety, quality and environmental stewardship.”

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Welcome to TransEurope Marinas!

By Maarten Desloovere

For those who may not know the group, TransEurope Marinas is a network of select marinas throughout Europe, in existence for over 35 years. It is a melting pot where managers share experience, enthusiasm, and innovative ideas. By joining the group, a marina can gain significant visibility through cross-promotional initiatives, via exposure at trade fairs and in industry and boating media articles.

When Jean-Michel asked me to replace him as Chair of the association, I knew it would be impossible to fill his shoes. The experience and presence of someone like Jean-Michel is not easy to match, but it is something to strive for. What makes TransEurope Marinas unique is that these are charming, diverse and quality marinas with a wealth of information drawn from the experience of the managers who run them, all without fierce competition among the members.

Living in the digital age, data generation and management has become crucial and this will become one of the focal points of the group. Along with navigating the digital transition, we remain passionate marina operators who also do our best to facilitate boating for owners and newcomers. TransEurope Marinas is thus a perfect partner for TYHA, ICOMIA, and EBI to share the knowledge they have as an organisation across 12 different countries, support the industry, and build new productive collaborations.

At the same time, we are keenly aware of the need for continuous training - both amongst ourselves and within our staff - in order to become as skilled as possible. TransEurope Marinas runs a training bursary initiative that supports marina members when they or their team members undertake training within the Global Marina Institute (GMI). We are also involved in various new European projects supporting the generation of oceanographic data for research and policy uses, while seeking to improve ocean literacy in marinas.

We are enthusiastic about extending our network and I would like to welcome all marinas to get in touch with us to learn more about our organisation. Equally, I look forward to catching up with our managers at the next meeting in boot Düsseldorf on the 22nd January 2025.

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“PUMPOUT for Portland

Just completed by Midlands based marine sanitation specialists LeeSan, is their latest pumpout installation which has been installed in Portland Marina.

The powerful LS200HPW LeeSan unit is housed in a mirror finish, stainless steel cabinet with IIID coating and is sited on the left of the marina on the outer pontoon. This pumpout was selected for its extremely high pumping head, which was essential due to the 400 plus metres distance and high head to the main sewer.

The new unit, which features a simple stop/start operating system, replaces a much smaller and older pumpout which had seen better days.

Situated just to the West of Weymouth on England’s (Jurassic) south coast, Portland Marina, operated by Boatfolk Ltd., is a busy and well frequented haven for owners of boats of all sizes.

With its proximity to famous locations such as Portland Bill and the 18-mile-long Chesil Beach, the marina is extremely popular and benefits from its train links to London and Bristol.

US troops embarked from the harbour for D-Day and it is where Ben Ainslie and the UK Olympic team sailed in the waters of Portland Harbour. Apparently, there are even a pair of local dolphins named Will & Harry!

Karl Sutcliffe, Technical Director of LeeSan comments. “I am not sure if it is the ever-growing public awareness of pollution or the constant media attention that this subject seems to be receiving, but we are noticing that UK boat owners and Marina owners are now realising that the provision and use of pumpout systems is an essential part of caring for the marine environment. It is also the right way to boost the green credentials of the marine community”!

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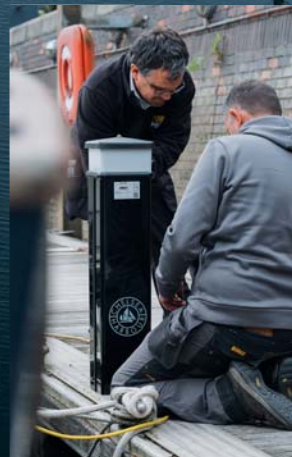
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We were thrilled to celebrate our recent King's Award win, with a formal presentation and celebration day at our Headquarters.

Having won two previous Queen's Awards, in 2017 and 2020, it was lovely to be notified of our King's Award in the Innovation category,

A day for celebration

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Continuous innovation is at the heart of what we do, so receiving this award for our sustainability credentials and patented GRP grating products means a lot, which is why we dedicated the day to marking the achievement.

The sun made a very welcome appearance for the day, and the team were joined by guests from Essex County Council and Tendring District Council. Proceedings kicked off with the presentation of the Grant of Appointment and commemorative trophy, during a formal presentation led by His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Essex, Jennifer Tolhurst, followed by music, a hog roast and an open bar - we love a celebration here at Dura!



Looking to the future

When we talk about innovation, of course we're talking about new products, but for us it's also about being open to new ideas and fresh ways of thinking, staying curious, and always looking for better ways to do things. And it's that mindset that's helped us create something truly groundbreaking with our d2 Dura Grating.

As we look ahead we want to keep pushing boundaries, challenging ourselves and striving to deliver solutions that are safer, stronger, greener and always driven by purpose.

Here's to a bright future of innovation!



The Future of Smart Electric Boating

Boating navigation app Savvy Navy looks at overcoming range anxiety and the future of electric boating technology

As the demand for electric cars continues to grow, so does the adoption of environmentally friendly electric boats. However, when it comes to making the leap from traditional vessels to electric ones, many boaters hesitate due to concerns over range and battery reliability. The Savvy Navy boating app aims to bring modern tech to electric boat navigation, helping boaters make the switch—without the stress.

Why do people love electric boats?

In a world increasingly focused on reducing carbon emissions and sea pollution, more boaters are opting to 'go green' with electric alternatives to traditional combustion engines.

Beyond the environmental benefits, electric boats offer a quieter, more serene experience on the water—an increasingly appealing option for many boaters.

What's the downside of electric boating?

While the aesthetics, performance, and silence of electric boats have attracted many enthusiasts one major factor still holds some back, range anxiety.

Range anxiety, a term originating in the electric vehicle industry, refers to the fear of the battery running out before reaching a safe charging point. On the water, this anxiety can be even more pronounced. Unlike electric cars, which can simply pull over when the battery

is depleted, a boat running out of power mid-journey faces far more significant safety risks, such as drifting toward rocks or other hazards. This heightened sense of danger amplifies range anxiety for many boaters.

Three ways Savvy Navy can reduce electric boating range fear

Many electric boaters do not fully understand how far their vessels can go, or they may not trust the technology providing that information. The Savvy Navy boating app is designed to address these concerns by equipping electric boaters with the data they need for confident, stress-free trips.

The app takes into account multiple variables, including wind, weather and tide conditions—and with future innovations, the charging state of the boat's battery. It also factors in elements such as shipping lanes and tidal effects, integrating them into its Smart Routing algorithm to provide precise and reliable route suggestions. The result is a navigation experience that not only reduces range anxiety but also enhances overall confidence on the water.



Here are three design concepts Savvy Navy is working on where their smart technology can help boaters overcome obstacles to electric boating:

SMART RANGE

Establishing the exact range of an electric boat is more complex than drawing a simple circle around the vessel based on power consumption. Factors such as tides, currents, speed and weather all influence how far the boat can travel. Environmental factors can extend or reduce range dramatically.

Savvy Navy's Smart Range allows boaters to adjust their departure time when planning a journey and observe how these conditions affect power consumption and range, ensuring they're fully informed before going onto the water.

SMART ROUTING

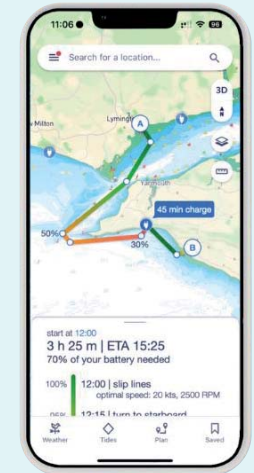
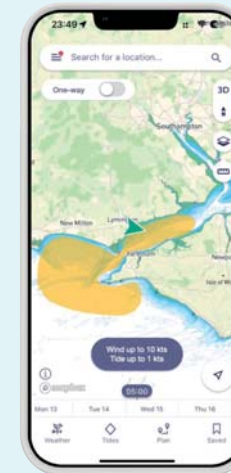
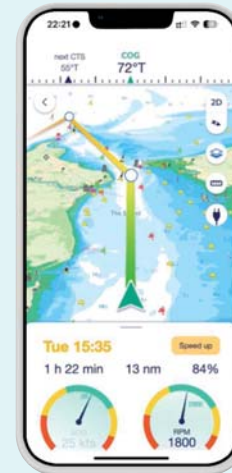
Along the route, the app provides detailed insights into predicted battery usage and how much power will be needed to reach the destination. If a charge is required along the way, Savvy Navy can guide boaters to charging stations, much like Tesla does for cars. By offering a full breakdown of battery consumption and estimated charging times at each stop, the app ensures users are prepared for the journey ahead.

SMART NAVIGATION

Surprisingly, there are instances where going faster and using battery power now, can conserve energy over the course of the entire journey. For example, speeding up to catch a tidal gate can reduce overall battery drain.

Savvy Navy's Smart Navigation feature includes a visual 'state of charge' graph, enabling boaters to optimise their speed to conserve power and stay on track throughout the trip.

By providing real-time adjustments and insights, Savvy Navy helps boaters travel more efficiently, maximising their vessel's range and reducing the anxiety associated with electric boating.



Interested in Smart Electric Boating?

While these features are currently concept designs, Savvy Navy is actively developing in-app features to enhance Smart Electric Boating technology to help electric boaters overcome range anxiety and support the electric boating industry and incorporating detailed marina schematics including information of charging points.

“Bridging Tradition and Tomorrow

Plans for the ICOMIA World Marinas Conference | Venice 2025

A recent trip organised by the ICOMIA Marinas Group (IMG) to the charming Venezia Certosa Marina, just a short hop from the centre of Venice, provoked some excited reactions. This is the site for the ICOMIA World Marinas Conference, set to take place from 15-17 October next year.

IMG members were shown contenders to host the gala dinner, such as the majestic Arsenal, a colossal shipyard that once powered the Serenissima

Republic. They later enjoyed a guided tour of the island of Certosa, a cultivated woodland that has undergone a dramatic regeneration project and achieved numerous environmental certifications. The marina offers over 300 berths, with fantastic views of Venice across flats that have become a haven for diverse marine birdlife.

Delegates are already lining up to book their places given a capacity limit of 500 places. The three days of conference lead

conveniently into the weekend allowing visitors the chance to explore the fabled delights of Venice.

Marina owner and conference organiser, Alberto Sonino, expressed his enthusiasm about the event:

“As Venetians, we’re honoured to welcome the global marina community to our historic city. Venice’s rich maritime heritage provides the perfect setting for industry professionals to connect, learn and innovate.

We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to share knowledge and experiences with experts from around the world and to shape the future of the marina industry, together, in the heart of the oldest city of the future.”

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

With superb networking and learning opportunities, the conference will feature expert speakers and panel discussions on the latest trends and challenges in the marina industry. The theme of the Venice conference is “Innovation, Collaboration, Transformation,” highlighting the industry’s commitment to progress and development.

As Jon White, General Manager of The Yacht Harbour Association described during his visit to the conference site:

“The marina industry thrives on collaboration and sharing productive insights. As a vital industry event for learning, networking and growing industry connections, the ICOMIA World Marinas Conference provides valuable opportunities to develop key contacts and get ahead of the latest marina trends.”



GOLDEN CLEAT AWARDS

The highly coveted Golden Cleat awards signify a key moment during the gala dinner, when individuals or companies are honoured for their positive impact on the industry. The awards feature the following categories:

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The process is overseen by a jury and nominations can be made via the conference website.

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“ Work Starts On £2m Redevelopment Of Buckler’s Hard Yacht Harbour Boatshed

Work has started on the £2m redevelopment of the boatshed at Buckler’s Hard Yacht Harbour offering opportunities for marine-based businesses to relocate to one of the most desirable marinas on the south coast.

Office space with panoramic views across the Beaulieu River is being created at the award-winning marina, together with workshop units. New boat refit facilities are also being installed

as an added benefit for the yacht harbour’s 500 berth and mooring holders.

Stage one of the redevelopment is underway, as contractors moved on to the site to remove cladding from the original boatshed in preparation for building work to start. See the start of work here: youtu.be/sFRrqX4bYsk

The yacht harbour team has moved to a temporary Reception in the boatyard, while a more limited Chandlery has

opened for the duration of the seven-month project.

New waterfront offices and facilities will be available to rent from Spring 2025. Notes of interest are now being taken and preference will be given to tenants who provide value-added services for boat owners on the marina’s 200 fully-serviced walk-ashore pontoon berths and 300 river moorings, as well as more than 10,000 visitors who stay there each year.

Take a sneak peak at the new offices and facilities here: youtu.be/iM1yIY32je8

Harbour Master Wendy Stowe said: “We are excited to start work on the boatshed redevelopment and look forward to seeing the new impressive riverside offices, meeting rooms and workshops take shape. It’s another milestone in delivering the best facilities and services for our customers.”

The boatyard project follows a recent £2.5m redevelopment on the water, to reconfigure and extend the marina as the yacht harbour celebrated its half-century.

Buckler’s Hard Yacht Harbour was recently ranked as one of the UK’s best marinas by being placed in the top 5% of 5 Gold Anchors winners by The Yacht Harbour Association. It

was also voted the best place for sailors to call home when it won the prestigious Marina of the Year title in British Yachting’s awards in 2022, and came runner-up in TYHA’s Coastal Marina of the Year (over 250 berths) in 2024.

The Beaulieu River is the gem of the Solent at the gateway to the New Forest National Park, providing habitats for more than 200 species of birdlife. The custodianship of the Montagu family for over four centuries has kept it special, yet it is only a short sail from the yachting hub of Cowes with its world-famous regattas and racing.

A packed events calendar offers regular opportunities to bring together new and old friends in the Beaulieu River community, while a restaurant, pub and tea shop are on the doorstep at the 18th century shipbuilding village of Buckler’s Hard with its maritime museum.

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To provide an upgraded service for berth holders at Bargeworld, Shepperton Marina, Midlands based Marine Sanitation Specialists LeeSan were tasked by the owners to design and install an updated pumpout system.

The new design utilises a manifold system connected to six bollards each of which features its own stop valve and a quick release connection.

Accompanying these are four Stainless Steel hose hangers carrying 30m of LeeSan pumpout hose terminating in "special" LeeSan ISO8099 hands free probe valves complete with sight glass.

“ For boatowners at Bargeworld, Shepperton Marina

This means that owners no longer need to cast off and move to a pumpout berth every time they need to empty their tanks. Each bollard is now shared by four boats, which simply unroll the appropriate hose, connect and use the facility.

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Karl Sutcliffe, Technical Director of LeeSan comments – “Like it or not, we now live in a world where the provision of convenient service is ever more important and is becoming the expected norm for businesses to provide. Just look at the growth of food delivery services as an example. This means that we in the Marine Industry need to think along the same lines and offer and provide convenient, easy-to-use solutions to meet our customer’s needs”

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INVITATION

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MARINA PUNAT CERTIFIED AS A CLEAN MARINA IN A LANDMARK JUBILEE YEAR

Marina Punat, Croatia's oldest marina and a pioneering establishment on the Adriatic coast, is proud to announce that it has been awarded the prestigious CLEAN MARINA certification in its 10th year of achieving the coveted Five Anchors certification from TYHA (The Yacht Harbour Association). This dual recognition reflects Marina Punat's steadfast commitment to sustainability, environmental care and service excellence.

For the past decade, Marina Punat has upheld the Five Anchors certification, a hallmark of quality granted by the British association TYHA, which distinguishes marinas worldwide for their exceptional service standards. This summer, the Croatian marina has added yet another significant accolade by securing the CLEAN MARINA certification – a globally

recognized award that highlights the marina's commitment to environmental sustainability and responsible practices.

The CLEAN MARINA certification is more than a title; it is a testament to Marina Punat's dedication to preserving the natural beauty and biodiversity of the Adriatic Sea. By adhering to rigorous environmental guidelines and consistently enhancing its environmental management systems, Marina Punat continues to improve the quality of its services while contributing to the protection of the surrounding natural environment. The certification process requires the marina to actively implement measures to prevent pollution,



manage waste, reduce energy consumption and promote sustainable water management practices.

This certification sends a strong message to the international yachting community, recognising Marina Punat's efforts to foster environmentally friendly practices in nautical operations. With its proactive approach, Marina Punat not only maintains high standards of cleanliness and eco-consciousness but also serves as an example for marinas who wish to make a meaningful contribution toward a cleaner, healthier marine environment.

The CLEAN MARINA certification aligns with Marina Punat's values and mission to create a sustainable, inviting destination for boaters and visitors alike. It also reinforces the marina's role as a leader in Croatia's maritime sector, ensuring that its operations are both environmentally responsible and socially beneficial. Through these efforts, Marina Punat remains committed to safeguarding the Adriatic Sea for future generations and promoting sustainable practices across the industry.

In this landmark year, Marina Punat's dual certification is a reminder of its history, dedication and forward-looking vision – a marina rooted in tradition, yet always pushing toward a greener, more sustainable future.



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Western Marinas Ltd Joins TYHA

A New Era for Welsh Marinas

Western Marinas Limited is thrilled to announce its recent membership with the British Marine Federation's The Yacht Harbour Association (TYHA). This significant milestone comes on the heels of the company's acquisition of Cardiff Marina, the operating lease for Watchet Marina and a management contract for Aberystwyth Marina,

all formerly under The Marine & Property Group.

With a fresh management team at the helm and a robust financial backing, Western Marinas is poised to rejuvenate these vital facilities along the Welsh coast. The new leadership aims to unlock the full potential of Cardiff, Aberystwyth and Watchet marinas, as well as Western Marine Village in Cardiff and WM Dredging, its associated dredging division.

Revitalization Plans Underway

Andrew Cornish, Chair of Western Marinas, emphasizes a commitment to enhancing customer experience and creating environments where everyone—customers, colleagues and suppliers—can feel proud. "I have a passion for customer service and the marine world," he shares. "I look forward to meeting current and future customers, hearing their

thoughts and working with the team to make Western Marinas a destination we're all proud to be associated with."

The revitalization efforts have already begun, with initial priorities focusing on essential upgrades. These include the reintroduction of fuel sales, comprehensive electrical refurbishments and dredging initiatives in partnership with local Harbour Authorities.

Dredging and Safety First

The company has kicked off water injection dredging at Watchet, working with dredging expert Farrell McCullough. Significant progress has already been made, with the completion of dredging between pontoons and the team now working to dredge the full berth width on each pontoon. A similar dredging project is planned for Aberystwyth, with hopes to complete it by late May, contingent on licensing.

Western Marinas is also prioritizing health and safety. Their consultant has conducted

audits across all sites and the team is diligently implementing recommended improvements.

Infrastructure Upgrades

Electrical audits have been completed by MHPS at all three marinas and contracts are in place to execute necessary rewiring and install new electrical pedestals. The team is also working on restoring fuel sales, with Cardiff Marina's new tank and dispensing system ready to launch pending licensing approval. Aberystwyth will follow suit with a self-service 24-hour fuel operation soon.

Additionally, a rebranding effort is in the works, including the launch of a new website by November 18 and new signage for all sites (bilingual for Aberystwyth and Cardiff), expected by Christmas.

A Commitment to Community & Environment

Beyond immediate infrastructure improvements, Western Marinas is committed

to the long-term health of the marinas and their surrounding communities. Ongoing works, such as reinstating the gas supply at Watchet and sourcing a more reliable operating system for the marina gate, underscore the company's dedication to ensuring robust and reliable facilities. Going forward, the team are looking to support community development by joining relevant local committees and working on an employment plan that supports inclusion in employment.

As Western Marinas steps into this exciting new chapter, the future looks bright for Cardiff, Aberystwyth and Watchet marinas, promising enhanced services and a renewed sense of pride for all who visit.

For those interested in learning more about Western Marinas and their upcoming projects, visit the website www.westernmarinas.co.uk or contact them via email at info@westernmarinas.co.uk



MEET THE TEAM

The Yacht Harbour Association Executive

By Georgie Corlett-Pitt

As an active association, The Yacht Harbour Association (TYHA) supports marinas in a multitude of ways, helping around 353 UK-based members through British Marine and a further 104 international marinas from 30 countries. Playing a pivotal role in all aspects of the association's operation is TYHA Executive, Hayley Cloke, who brought with her a wealth of experience from the hospitality industry when she joined British Marine in June 2019, initially working part time. Since then, her role has significantly developed to include a wide variety of responsibilities, from managing key accreditation schemes to organising industry-leading events.

Much of Hayley's focus lies in co-ordinating TYHA's three accreditation schemes: Gold Anchor, Clean Marina and Superyacht Ready, which set the standard for - and form pathways towards - improving facilities and services within marinas around the globe. As the central point of contact for all TYHA scheme operations, Hayley handles everything from enquiries and applications to assigning assessors and managing the process of accreditation, which involves extensive co-ordination and attention to detail.

The Gold Anchor scheme - which enables marinas to achieve recognition for operational excellence - is of particular significance for Hayley, having been her primary responsibility when she first joined TYHA. Drawing on some 16 years of prior experience in managing a 1200 member leisure club for Marriot Hotels, Hayley has ensured an exceptionally high level of customer service in delivering this scheme. Effecting such a direct benefit to marinas - and in turn, their customers - is an aspect of the role that Hayley takes particular



HAYLEY CLOKE

pride in. She says: "This is the part of my job that I feel most supports the marinas operationally. It's highly rewarding, as I see directly the value it brings to marinas in providing a framework they can use to work towards different levels of accreditation. It's an area that's had fantastic uptake and grown from strength to strength and one I want to continue to grow. Ultimately, I enjoy looking after our marinas as customers and supporting

them to look after their customers, their berth holders and visitors."

Hayley is currently co-ordinating a review of The Gold Anchor scheme. It's a comprehensive project - involving a lot of early morning zoom calls, as it's being undertaken in tandem with the Marine Industries Association, based in Australia, which share all three of TYHA's accreditation schemes.

Running alongside this review is a whole-scale re-write of the TYHA Code of Practise - a substantial industry standard document outlines recommendations for building and operating marinas. Hayley describes it as a "bible of operational expertise for any marina".

A re-write is being undertaken in order to ensure standards and advice are up to date. Hayley is helping to co-ordinate the re-write with the support and input from Marina Projects, a global waterfront design and management consultancy, as well as working groups involving British Marine members. This significant undertaking is already well underway, expected to take 18 months to complete, with publication due in October 2025 in time for launch at the World Marina Conference in Venice.

TYHA runs a busy events calendar for which Hayley is responsible for managing; for example, the biennial TYHA Marina Conference for British Marine

and International members, the aim of which is to improve best practise and marina operations. Hayley also coordinates TYHA's presence at Southampton International Boat Show, where a joint stand space gives members a cost-effective option to market themselves and network with co-exhibitors; this year, some 19 marinas / suppliers took up the opportunity. Additionally, this year, Hayley has arranged a series of TYHA networking events touring inland marinas, as well as a boat trip up the Medina River on the Isle of Wight for coastal delegates. She says: "These events were very well attended and it was very rewarding to be able to provide an opportunity for marinas and suppliers to get an insight into the wider industry and to share ideas on best practice."

Having robust, two-way communications in place also allows Hayley to disseminate industry knowledge to members; for example, from the European Boating Industry body, to which TYHA itself has direct membership. She says: "Recently, it has been particularly important to provide our members with insights into the European boating market in order to help them understand impacts on the UK marina sector and access for boaters to UK."

Every quarter, Hayley produces TYHA's 'Fore & Aft' magazine - available to members in both print and digital versions - co-ordinating editorial and advertising content from members. This is an excellent platform to allow members to share knowledge, experience and insights. She also manages communications through social media, and oversees the online TYHA website member directory.



Hayley's role additionally includes supporting TYHA General Manager, Jonathan White, in his work with other bodies - for example, with the Marina Industries Association, ICOMIA and with the Global Marina Institute - and in representing TYHA members' interests, liaising with the TYHA Council and TYHA Board of Directors.

It also requires her to collaborate closely with colleagues in British Marine's Training department, as TYHA frequently advises on pathways and requirements for marina staff; promoting the benefits of attending courses, such as the Marina Management courses and working with the MIA and the GMI on this area.

Hayley finds the diversity of her role hugely enjoyable: "No two days are the same," she says. "One day I will be sourcing operational support for a marina; the next I will be advising on a Gold Anchor application."

"Above all, I love the friendliness of this industry - people are always willing to share knowledge and help each other; something which is particularly notable among TYHA members and which is very different from the competitive environment of hotels."

Hayley's commitment to TYHA members and the broader marina industry shines through in everything she does. "If I don't know the answer, I'll find out," she says. "That's where the wider British Marine and our TYHA Council and Board of Directors especially comes in - we have a wealth of knowledge and experience to draw on, and that's a huge benefit for our members."

It's her ability, dedication and passion for supporting marinas across the UK and overseas that have made Hayley an invaluable asset to the association and its members.

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