

YACHT FRACTIONS BOUGHT

Yacht Fractions, the only UK brokerage for fractional yacht ownership, has been bought by Denis and Pip Lyons from the estate of David Watts, who died last year

NEW DIRECTORS FOR BRITISH MARINE

British Marine has five new non-executive directors: Paul Knox-Johnston, Miles Moorhouse, Luke Morrison, Carl Onens (Treasurer), Malcolm Stewart

TOP LONDON MOORING FOR SALE

A central London mooring next to the new Blackfriars Foreshore, formerly the site of HMS *President*, is for sale for over £1.75 million by Christie & Co

Quadriplegic adventurer sets off...

After months of preparation, quadriplegic adventurer Geoff Holt MBE has set sail on a month-long trip from St. Katharine Docks, London, in a record-breaking challenge to circumnavigate the UK coastline.

Holt, aged 58 from Fareham, Hampshire, will drive his Wetwheels power catamaran 1,500 miles around the coastline, calling at 17 accessible ports across the country. He aims to raise £1.2 million for his Wetwheels Foundation charity.

Holt was paralysed in a swimming accident in 1984 and has spent 40 years in a wheelchair. In 2007, he became the first disabled person to sail single-handed around Britain.

Holt founded Wetwheels in 2011 and he hopes to raise funds for four new boats, offering life-changing experiences to disabled people.

His challenge is being sponsored by RS Marine Group, the Stelios Philanthropic Foundation, law firm Hugh James and Raymarine.



Geoff Holt at the Royal Southern Yacht Club in Hamble, Hants, before his attempt to sail single-handed around Britain in 2007

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

€500,000

Sea Change Wine is donating €500,000 to ocean conservation efforts for World Ocean Day as part of its commitment to protecting the planet's marine life

47

47 turtles were spotted in UK and Irish Waters in 2023: 13 leatherback turtles, 28 loggerhead turtles, and 6 Kemp's ridley turtles, the Marine Conservation Society reported

€2.2m

Icelandic marine solutions group with AI-driven onboard systems Hefring Marine announced an investment of €2.2m in a funding round

7.1%

London and the South East is experiencing a 7.1% drop in boat numbers on the previous year, the Canal & River Trust reported

Greek government revises Transit Log rules

The Greek government on 24 May changed the Transit Log rules for non-EU vessels after lobbying by the Cruising Association, which has been in touch with the European Commission, the Greek government and the British Embassy in Athens.

The 27 European Union Member States form a single customs territory. The UK is not part of this customs territory, therefore when you take a boat to the EU you import it. Import VAT and duty may be payable unless you are eligible for relief.

If you are not established in the EU (if that is not where your habitual residence is), provided that your boat is not registered in the EU, and it is intended for re-export and for personal use only, it should be able to enter the EU for up to 18 months under temporary admission.

Non-EU vessels will still have to get a Transit Log on arrival in Greece, with those that can demonstrate the status of Union Goods (i.e. EU Vat paid) being given a log of Unlimited duration (UTL). The new rules remove the requirement for those with an Unlimited Transit Log to check into and out of every controlled port. Vessels that are not Union Goods will be given a limited Transit Log for 18 months and will still be required to check in and out as before.

These VAT rules are unrelated to movement of people laws. Third-country nationals (including British citizens) do not enjoy the EU right to free movement and can only travel to Schengen area countries for up to 90 days in any rolling 180-day period.

Yachts at anchor at Fiskardo, Kefalonia (Cephalonia), Ionian Islands, Greece



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Call to save tall ship *Tenacious*

A group of sailors are calling on members of the public and the government to help save the tall ship *Tenacious*, sailed on by thousands of disabled and non-disabled people.

Tenacious is laid up in Sharpness dry dock and hasn't sailed since October 2023. The Jubilee Sailing

Trust which owns *Tenacious* has stopped trading and does not have the funds to get her back to sea.

She was built in the UK by volunteers under the guidance of master craftsmen, and started service in late 2000. www.tenacious.org.uk



Tenacious at the Tall Ships Race 2010, Kristiansund

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