

YEAR REVIEW

2025/26

REFLECTING ON PROGRESS. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE. A YEAR OF CHANGE, A FUTURE OF OPPORTUNITY

It has been a privilege to lead British Marine through a period that has brought both significant challenges and important progress for our industry.

The past year, like those preceding it, has required resilience. Ongoing economic pressures, shifting global markets, workforce challenges and increasing regulatory complexity have all had an impact on marine businesses across the UK. Throughout this, our focus has remained clear, supporting our members, representing their interests and helping the industry adapt and move forward with confidence.

Across our five strategic pillars, we have continued to make meaningful progress. We have expanded our training provision to reflect changing industry needs, with growing demand for our certified Marina Management Pathway Courses both in the UK and internationally.

At the same time, we have introduced new courses in areas such as Lithium-Ion systems and Electric Propulsion, while continuing to invest in apprenticeships and the development of new career pathways, including for brokerage and marine electrical careers, helping ensure the industry is equipped with the skills needed for the future. These initiatives, alongside the ongoing development of the new British Marine Training Academy, represent a significant step forward in ensuring our industry is equipped for the future.



Our role in representation has never been more important. This year, we have worked hard to ensure the industry's voice is heard, whether influencing changes to Retail, Hospitality and Leisure legislation, supporting members through proposed changes to inheritance tax, or helping safeguard vital inland waterways. These are complex issues, but they are critical to the long-term sustainability of our sector, and it is essential that our members are both supported and represented throughout.

Sustainability continues to present both challenge and opportunity. The transition towards net zero is not straightforward, particularly for a diverse industry such as ours. Our approach has been to provide practical support through webinars, guidance and direct engagement with government, ensuring members are informed, involved and able to respond in a way that works for their businesses.

At the same time, the importance of connection and collaboration has not diminished. From the Southampton International Boat Show to regional networking events and international exhibitions such as Metstrade and the Monaco Yacht Show, we have continued to bring the industry together, creating opportunities to share knowledge, build relationships and support growth.

As I step down as Chief Executive, I do so with a strong sense of realism about the challenges that remain, but also with confidence in the resilience and capability of this industry. British Marine is well placed to continue supporting its members, and I am proud of the role the organisation plays in helping businesses navigate both the opportunities and the pressures they face.

It has been incredibly rewarding to serve this industry in this role and to work alongside so many dedicated and committed individuals. I look forward to seeing British Marine continue to evolve and support its members in the years ahead.

LESLEY ROBINSON, OBE
CEO, BRITISH MARINE (2018 - 2026)

INTRODUCING OUR NEW CEO

Earle Stanner steps into the role of Chief Executive at a pivotal moment for both British Marine and the wider industry, bringing a clear, forward-looking vision focused on growth, resilience and member value.

Having joined British Marine in 2020, Earle has already played a central role in shaping the organisation's foundations. As Chief Finance and Operations Officer and an Executive Main Board Member, he provided financial oversight, enhanced

operational performance and supported the successful delivery of key initiatives, including the continued evolution of the Southampton International Boat Show.

With a career spanning corporate finance, oil and gas, and marine engineering, Earle brings a broad commercial perspective combined with deep sector insight. His experience at Burgess Marine, including the delivery of complex superyacht refit projects, alongside his MBA in Strategic Leadership, positions him to lead with both operational rigour and strategic clarity.

Looking ahead, Earle's focus is firmly on ensuring British Marine continues to deliver tangible value for its members while supporting a sector undergoing rapid change. Key priorities include strengthening recruitment and retention across the industry, reviewing the membership fee structure to ensure it remains fair and sustainable, enhancing the commercial impact and global reach of British Marine's events portfolio, accelerating the development of the British Marine Training Academy, and exploring how emerging technologies, including AI, can support both the organisation and the wider marine industry.

At a time when the industry faces both challenges and opportunities, from workforce pressures to technological transformation, Earle is committed to ensuring British Marine remains responsive, relevant and ambitious in its support for members.



THE STATISTICS



470+

Individuals completing a training course with British Marine



55

End Point Assessments successfully completed



125+

Face-to-face and networking opportunities



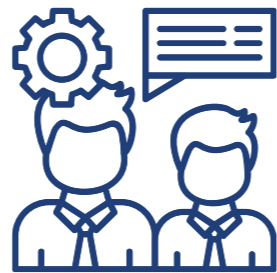
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British Marine Marketing Communications



500+

Stakeholder meetings where we represented member interests



500+

Active Apprentices in the marine sector



750+

Member enquiries dealt with (cross departmental)



91K+

Visitors attended the Southampton International Boat Show 2025

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Built around five core pillars, the British Marine National Agenda sets out a strategic roadmap in support of our vision, which is to deliver a thriving industry delivering amazing on the water experiences for everyone.

People & Skills

Focusing on attracting and retaining talented individuals with diverse skill sets.

Sustainability

Promoting sustainable practices, to minimise the industry's environmental impact.

Technology & Innovation

Harnessing the power of new technologies and fostering innovation.

Representation

Protecting the interests of the UK marine industry and enhancing its domestic and global reputation.

Participation

Developing strategies to attract new participants to ensure the ongoing prosperity of our industry.

Read on for some of the key highlights from each pillar over the year



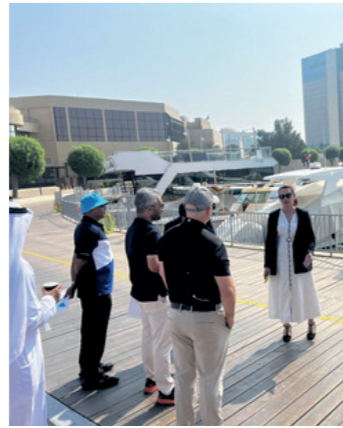
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PEOPLE & SKILLS

Supporting people and skills development across the marine industry remained a major focus throughout 2025/26, with British Marine continuing to expand its training portfolio, strengthen professional pathways and promote careers across every part of the sector.

Strengthening global marina professionalism

British Marine continued to strengthen professional development within the marina sector through growing international demand for its Intermediate and Advanced Marina Management courses, attracting delegates from Scotland to Saudi Arabia. This was further supported by the adoption of the Certified Marina Operator (CMO) route and delivery of CPD and networking events in partnership with the Global Marina Institute, helping marina professionals enhance operational standards, leadership skills and industry knowledge.



NEW specialist training courses introduced, designed to support the industry's rapidly evolving technical and operational requirements

New additions included:

- Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) training
- Marine Batteries: Lithium-Ion Essentials for professional advisers
- Introduction to Lithium-Ion Battery Installations on Small Craft
- New inland and coastal water safety courses supporting staff working near inland waters and tidally affected marinas
- The industry's first British Marine Electric Propulsion Systems (EPS) course

The first, sold out, Electric Propulsion Systems (EPS) course marked a significant milestone in future-focused marine training, bringing together marine professionals to explore electric propulsion systems, sustainable technologies and the skills required to support the industry's transition toward cleaner marine solutions.



British Marine Scotland launches National Skills Drive

The new National Skills Drive focused on strengthening the future workforce pipeline across Scotland's marine and tourism industries, supporting recruitment, career awareness and long-term skills development. With Crown Estates Scotland funding, a scoping project reviewed the training landscape and highlighted recommendations for potential phase two of the project.



BRBA and ABYA announce plans for Certified Professional Broker Career Pathway

Building on their growing strategic alliance, British Marine Boat Retailers and Brokers Association (BRBA) and The Association of Brokers and Yacht Agents (ABYA) announced plans for a future Certified Professional Boat Broker Career Pathway aimed at supporting professional standards, career progression and skills development within the yacht brokerage industry.

SYUK Young Designer Competition

Showcasing emerging design talent, the competition provided aspiring designers with the opportunity to present innovative concepts to leading industry professionals and gain valuable exposure within the superyacht industry with the 2025 winners' clinching internships at a number of leading superyacht companies.



British Marine celebrates apprentices and future talent

Developing the next generation of marine professionals remained central to British Marine's work throughout the year. Apprentices, trainees and future talent were celebrated at the annual Apprentice Recognition Ceremony, celebrating 75 marine apprentices and the Apprentice of the Year Award, presented to Charlie Cramer from Platinum Marine.



Biggest ever marine Careers Showcase

The 2025 Careers and Apprenticeship Evening brought together 15 companies and training providers to showcase the wealth of marine career opportunities available. The event, the biggest careers event to date, welcomed over 100 prospective apprentices, career changers, and parents keen to understand the scope of roles across the industry.

TYHA launches revised Code of Practice

The Yacht Harbour Association (TYHA) announced its revised Code of Practice at the ICOMIA World Marina Conference 2025, before embarking on a UK wide tour helping marina operators and members better understand the revised guidance, evolving standards and operational best practice across the marina sector.



Start of BRBA Webinar Series

The Boat Retailers and Brokers Association (BRBA) launched a new webinar series designed to support members through industry insight, regulatory guidance and professional development opportunities across the brokerage sector.

British Marine prepares to launch the British Marine Training Academy

Significant progress was made throughout the year towards the launch of the BM Training Academy, a new digital learning platform developed specifically for the leisure marine industry. With support from over 100 subject matter experts, the Academy will provide flexible, on-demand learning opportunities tailored to marine businesses and professionals.



Workboat Association and British Marine host MOD skills and supply chain event

The Workboat Association and British Marine's specialist skills and supply chain event, in partnership with the UK Ministry of Defence, connects members with recruiters, career seekers and procurement opportunities. The event, at Seawork 2026, highlights growing collaboration between the marine sector and defence-related industries.

Supporting the future workforce through apprenticeships

British Marine continued its commitment to apprenticeships as an End Point Assessment Organisation, delivering around 70 End Point Assessments across Marine-specific standards including Level 3 Boatbuilder, Marine Engineer, Marine Electrician, and Marina & Boatyard Operative. Alongside this, British Marine supported the ongoing review and development of apprenticeship standards to ensure they remain relevant, up to date, and aligned with industry needs.

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability and decarbonisation remained key priorities throughout 2025/26, with British Marine continuing to work closely with Government, regulators and industry partners to help shape realistic, achievable pathways toward net zero.



NEW Carbon Offsetting Scheme at Southampton International Boat Show

Southampton International Boat Show introduced a new carbon offsetting scheme as part of the event's wider sustainability ambitions. The initiative provided exhibitors and visitors with opportunities to contribute towards reducing environmental impact while supporting the show's longer-term commitment to more sustainable event operations. Total Carbon Offset - 25.7 tonnes CO₂e (Carbon Dioxide Equivalent).

Environmental Award winners revealed

Now in their seventh year, the awards honoured exhibitors at the Southampton International Boat Show who went beyond the baseline requirements of the show's Environmental Charter, embedding sustainability into their operations, products, and show presence, with top honours going to Marine Hygiene.



Blue Boat Horizon International Life Cycle Assessment Project

British Marine continued supporting the international Blue Boat Horizon project alongside the International Council of Marine Industry Associations (ICOMIA), National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) and European Boating Industry (EBI). The project is developing a globally recognised Life Cycle Assessment framework for recreational vessels under 24 metres, helping provide the marine industry with improved environmental benchmarking, lifecycle emissions data and evidence-based pathways towards lower carbon boating.

British Marine also continued supporting wider sustainability collaboration through participation in the Composites UK Sustainability Group.

Supporting electrification and alternative propulsion technologies

British Marine continued supporting the industry's transition towards cleaner technologies through new technical training initiatives covering lithium-ion batteries, electric propulsion systems and future marine technologies. These programmes help businesses prepare for the increasing adoption of electrification and alternative propulsion solutions across the marine sector.



Driving development of ISO standards

British Marine and our British Marine Electric and Electronics Association (BMEEA) members have actively participated in the development of the small craft ISO including the recently published ISO 16315:2026 Small craft - Electrical systems used for electrical propulsion. Other standards supporting decarbonisation currently being developed include ISO/DTS 25128 Small craft - Craft main propulsion system energy consumption assessment of moving small craft and ISO 13297 parts 1-3 small craft electrical systems.



Department for Transport Decarbonising Smaller Vessels Call for Evidence webinar

British Marine hosted a dedicated webinar supporting members with the Department for Transport's Decarbonising Smaller Vessels Call for Evidence. The session helped members better understand the consultation process, identify the type of information required and contribute towards shaping British Marine's coordinated industry response to future maritime decarbonisation policy.



Informing national decarbonisation policy

British Marine's technical and public affairs teams continued to inform national decarbonisation policy through:

- Responses to Department for Transport (DfT) consultations, notably on the decarbonisation of smaller vessels
- Ofgem's review and consultation on the resale of electricity
- Industry representation across technical and environmental working groups

Informed and influenced by British Marine, the Climate Change Committee continued to state the important role electrification and biofuels must play in the decarbonisation of smaller vessels - a critical point that British Marine continues to champion with the Department for Transport.

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

British Marine continued to play a leading role in supporting technical standards, innovation and future technologies throughout 2025/26, helping members navigate increasingly complex regulatory and technological change.

Leading technical representation and standards development

British Marine continued representing the industry across a broad range of national and international technical committees, working groups and standards forums.

This included ongoing involvement with:

- ISO Small Craft standards development
- BSI mirror committee chairmanship
- Boat Safety Scheme Technical, Advisory and Standards Forums
- Domestic Passenger Ship Safety Group
- MCA Maritime Labour Convention Tripartite Working Group
- MCA Large Yacht Qualification Panel
- MCA's Post Implementation Review of Boat Masters Licence (BML) working group
- Recreational Craft Regulations stakeholder group
- EBI and ICOMIA technical groups
- RCD III discussions and regulatory development



British Marine also contributed towards new Boat Safety Scheme working groups examining non-private vessels and high-voltage considerations, supporting the industry's growing focus on electrification and operational safety.



15th Annual Superyacht UK Technical Seminar

The 15th Superyacht UK Technical Seminar in March, brought together over 90 leading superyacht professionals, regulators and technical experts for a full day of technical insight, regulatory updates and industry networking. Widely recognised as a must-attend event within the superyacht sector, the seminar explored topics including decarbonisation, cyber security, large yacht code developments and future regulatory change.



'The Art of What is Possible' – exclusive AI member event

In partnership with Elite Dynamics, British Marine hosted an exclusive member event exploring the practical applications of artificial intelligence within business operations. Titled "The Art of What is Possible", the event examined how AI is beginning to influence customer engagement, efficiencies, marketing and operational processes across the marine sector.

NEW Boat Builders Technical Forum

A new Boat Builders Technical Forum was introduced during the year, bringing together representatives from leading boatbuilders to discuss technical developments including small craft standards, the new Sport or Pleasure Vessel (SPV) Code, environmental legislation and international compliance issues. The group agreed to meet quarterly moving forward to continue addressing shared technical priorities.



REPRESENTATION

Representation remained one of British Marine’s most significant areas of impact throughout 2025/26, with major lobbying successes, increased Government engagement and continued advocacy across key industry issues.



Superyacht UK announces new strategic partnerships

Superyacht UK expanded international collaboration opportunities for members through a number of new strategic partnerships with:

- The British Business and General Aviation Association
- Cluster Yachting Monaco
- Barcelona Cluster Nautic

These partnerships are helping to unlock new international commercial opportunities while strengthening collaboration across the wider luxury maritime and aviation sectors.

UK Boat Production Estimates 2021–2024 published

British Marine published the UK Boat Production Estimates 2021–2024 report, providing members and stakeholders with a unique insight into the UK boatbuilding market and broader industry trends, supporting evidence-based industry understanding and business decision making.

Martyn’s Law guidance and templates

British Marine provided members with guidance and template documentation relating to the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, commonly referred to as Martyn’s Law, helping businesses better understand potential responsibilities and compliance requirements.

Secured lower business rates for marinas in England

One of the year’s most important wins came following British Marine’s sustained lobbying over changes to Retail, Hospitality and Leisure (RHL) business relief rates. Following British Marine’s representations, the Treasury amended its legislation so that marinas in England were not excluded from benefiting from the new lower multipliers used to calculate business rates for RHL properties. This win equates to an estimated annual saving of £1.42m for marinas.



UK Marina & Moorings Market Report 2025 published

The publication of the UK Marina & Moorings Market Report 2025 provided members with valuable market intelligence and insight into marina operations, berthing trends and wider market conditions across the UK marine sector.

Inheritance Tax Reliefs and Succession Planning Webinar

Collaborating with Family Business UK and others, British Marine helped persuade the Treasury to raise the cap on Business Property Relief from its planned £1m to £2.5m and get an assurance that any unused relief can be transferred to a spouse. To further support members navigating these inheritance tax changes, we partnered with PKF Francis Clark to deliver a dedicated webinar series focused on succession planning, business continuity and taxation considerations for family-run marine businesses.



Celebrating 60 Years of The Yacht Harbour Association

2025 marked the 60th anniversary of The Yacht Harbour Association, celebrating six decades of supporting marina standards, professionalism and operational excellence across the international marina sector.

Safeguarding inland waterways and marine tourism

British Marine continued extensive work supporting inland waterways and marine tourism throughout the UK. This included:

- Launching BM Scotland’s “Giant Opportunities 2026 -2030” - a new strategic framework to help grow Scotland’s marine tourism economy
- Working with the Canal & River Trust and directly lobbying the Welsh Government, British Marine helped avert an imminent threat to the much-loved Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal, securing up to £400,000 per year in government funding over the next five years to help safeguard its future.
- Raising members’ concerns about inland waterways navigation services and associated infrastructure with government and its agencies, including executives at the highest levels of the main navigation authorities. This has helped deliver more targeted investment and improved communications with the trade.

British Marine continues to influence outcomes through its membership on the Canal & River Trust National Council, the Environment Agency’s National Waterways Forum and the Broads Authority Safety Management Group, where it advocates for our members’ interests.

Government engagement across key departments

Throughout the year, British Marine continued to strengthen relationships with key Government departments including the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, DEFRA, the Department for Transport and the Department for Business and Trade, alongside ongoing engagement with regulators such as Ofgem to support the industry’s sustainable growth and long-term development.

British Marine and member representatives also joined the Environment Agency’s Thames Navigation team on a series of river inspections. Enabled by British Marine member vessels, they inspected sections of the River Thames between Lechlade and Godstow Lock, to identify priority actions in terms of infrastructure and navigation services.

British Marine meets with DfT Minister Mike Kane MP

British Marine representatives met with Department for Transport Minister Mike Kane MP to discuss the Government’s smaller vessel decarbonisation agenda and how the UK marine industry is supporting the nation’s 2050 net zero targets. The meeting reinforced British Marine’s ongoing role in representing the leisure marine sector within key environmental policy discussions.

British Marine also continued informing national decarbonisation policy discussions, emphasising the important role electrification and biofuels will play in decarbonising smaller vessels through consultation responses, technical engagement and industry evidence.

British Marine joins European Boating Industry

British Marine officially joined European Boating Industry (EBI) as a full member, strengthening the UK marine industry’s voice within European policy and regulatory discussions while improving access to EU-level advocacy and legislative updates. A new monthly EBI EU update in MarineTalk, helps members stay informed on legislation, consultation activity and wider European marine industry developments.

Music Licence Guidance

Working with PPL PRS Ltd, the company that issues the music license for businesses to legally play and perform music, we agreed updated guidance to make sure marine businesses are not charged inappropriately. Crucially British Marine secured clarity that hire boat companies, with boats that have onboard facilities to listen to recorded music onboard, are not required to purchase TheMusicLicense.

Scots Law Template Contracts range expanded

British Marine further expanded its portfolio of Scots Law Template Contracts, providing members with access to practical, sector-specific legal documentation tailored to Scottish legislation. Helping members reduce legal costs, improve compliance and strengthen business confidence.

Reviews of template contracts for the Boat Brokers & Retailers Association are also currently underway.

UK Export Finance webinar

British Marine hosted a dedicated UK Export Finance webinar in partnership with UK Export Finance (UKEF), the UK’s export credit agency, providing members with practical guidance around export opportunities, funding support and international trade assistance available to marine businesses.

PARTICIPATION

British Marine continued delivering a busy programme of events, conferences, networking opportunities and international showcasing activities throughout 2025/26, helping members connect, collaborate and raise their business profile across the sector.

Strong programme of networking and member engagement

Throughout the year, British Marine and its regional and group associations delivered a wide range of UK and international networking events, including business breakfasts, receptions, conferences and industry gatherings designed to strengthen member engagement and industry collaboration.

Among the highlights: South & Isle of Wight Rum Regatta VIP Experience at Cowes Week | British Marine Midlands Pimms & Polo Event | PSA / South West Summer Marine Mixer | British Marine Boat Retailers & Brokers Annual Dinner 2025 | Passenger Boat & Commercial Marine Conference | Midlands Association members event at E.P. Barrus | British Marine Boatbuilding drop-in session | Superyacht UK Christmas Lunch & Drinks Reception | BMSW / SYUK Drinks Reception at Southampton International Boat Show (SIBS) | Propulsion & Equipment Association Networking Breakfast and Annual Dinner at SIBS | Access to Boating networking breakfast at SIBS | Passenger Boat Association Annual dinner at SIBS | Professional Services Annual lunch at SIBS | South & Isle of Wight Association Summer Party | British Marine Scotland AGM, Membership Information & Networking Day | BRBA & ABYA members breakfast | TYHA SIBS stand party | South & Isle of Wight drop-in session | SYUK drinks reception at Monaco Yacht Show | TYHA Christmas Lunch | South West Marine Meet | Inland member event at E.P. Barrus | Professional Services Marine Mixer | Members networking at Crick | Electrics & Electronics drop-in session | Commercial Marine Networking Breakfast at Seawork | British Marine Networking drinks at Seawork | Access to Boating member event | TYHA networking events at SIBS, Metstrade and BOOT Düsseldorf ...

Southampton International Boat Show 2025

The 56th edition of the show welcomed over 91,000 visitors, saw over 9,500 people take to the water, 350+ exhibitors, 700+ brands and over 500 watercraft of all shapes and sizes. The event continues to provide exhibitors with extensive exposure to customers, networking opportunities and industry engagement while reinforcing its position as the UK's flagship boating festival.

Trade-focused highlights included:

- Trade Tuesday
- Careers and apprenticeships activities
- Member networking events
- Sustainability discussions
- Government engagement opportunities
- Marina and inland boating showcases



NEW Trade Ticket introduced for Southampton International Boat Show 2025

A new Trade Ticket initiative was launched for Southampton International Boat Show 2025, helping improve accessibility for marine professionals and encouraging increased business engagement across the show. The initiative supported greater attendance from trade visitors, industry stakeholders and networking delegates.

The return of Trade Tuesday

Trade Tuesday once again returned to Southampton International Boat Show. The sold-out event brought together marine professionals from across the industry for a full day of networking, expert insight and discussion around key industry challenges and opportunities.



Women in Marine

The annual Women in Marine Panel and Networking Event attracted over 130 attendees, making it the biggest Women in Marine event to date at the Southampton International Boat Show. The event provides an important platform for networking, discussion and celebrating female talent and leadership across the marine industry.

Marine Showcase returns to the Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show 2026

British Marine members returned to the Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show 2026 at the NEC Birmingham, with the Marine Showcase making its fifth consecutive appearance at the event. The showcase continues to help introduce boating and waterside lifestyles to wider consumer audiences while supporting participation growth across the marine sector.

British Marine Inland Conference

The British Marine Inland Conference once again brought together inland waterways businesses, operators and stakeholders for a packed programme of insight, discussion and collaboration. The speaker line-up featured Campbell Robb, the new CEO of the Canal & River Trust and John Packman, CEO of the Broads Authority, alongside senior representatives from the Environment Agency, Visit Thames and specialist fire investigators. The 120+ delegates received clear, actionable insight into market trends, navigation and funding challenges, tourism opportunities, safety and compliance updates, alternative fuels, training initiatives and future operational priorities directly impacting the inland waterways sector.

Royal visit to Southampton International Boat Show

For the second consecutive year, the Southampton International Boat Show welcomed a visit from HRH The Princess Royal. During her visit, HRH attended the Green Blue's 'Protect Our Playground' Reception, before engaging directly with exhibitors and leaders in maritime innovation across the Show, helping further raise awareness of the UK marine industry and its contribution to innovation, sustainability, skills and economic growth.



Commercial Marine & Passenger Boat Associations' Conference 2026

The sold-out Commercial Marine & Passenger Boat Conference brought together operators, regulators and marine professionals at RNLI Headquarters to explore the future of the sector. Hosted by the British Marine Passenger Boat Association and Commercial Marine Association, the conference covered key topics including safety management, the Sport & Pleasure Vessel Code, low emission engines and alternative fuels, sustainability, technical updates and evolving regulatory priorities, with insight from organisations including the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and Environment Agency.

PARTICIPATION CONTINUED...

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITING OPPORTUNITIES & SHOWCASE EVENTS

- Superyacht UK continued supporting members exhibiting at the Monaco Yacht Show, helping UK businesses strengthen international visibility, build global relationships and showcase British expertise within the international superyacht sector.



- British Marine and Superyacht UK once again supported members exhibiting at Metstrade, the world's leading leisure marine trade exhibition. With 36 members in the British Pavillion and 5 in the newly developed SYUK Pavillion within the Superyacht Zone, which for the first time included a dedicated SYUK team presence, the show provided valuable opportunities for UK businesses to strengthen export relationships, generate new leads and showcase products and services to an international audience.



- Superyacht UK announced a new partnership with SEAQUIP, the Mediterranean Yacht & Marine Equipment Trade Fair, to further strengthen opportunities for members within the global superyacht supply chain while supporting increased international collaboration and business development opportunities.
- British Marine continued supporting Women in the Marine Industry International activities at Metstrade, welcoming over 160 attendees the event helps promote greater diversity, inclusion and networking opportunities across the global marine industry.



AWARDS & INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

- A number of British Marine member companies achieved recognition and award success during Metstrade 2025, in both the prestigious DAME and Boat Builders Awards, highlighting the strength, innovation and global reputation of UK marine businesses on the international stage.



- British Marine introduced the new Sector Association Awards with the first winners announced for the Inland Association at the Inland Conference. The new awards included Product or Service of the Year, Sustainability Award and Business of the Year. Awards have also been presented for the Passenger Boat and Commercial Marine Associations, Professional Services, Access to Boating, Propulsion & Equipment, Electrical & Electronics and Boatbuilding & Brokers Associations. National winners will be announced at the 2026 MTA Dinner in September.



- The TYHA Marina of the Year Awards once again celebrated excellence across the marina sector, recognising outstanding customer service, operational standards and marina experiences across the UK and internationally.



- British Marine presented the 2025 Lock Keeper of the Year Award to Adrian Honeybill in recognition of his exceptional contribution to the inland waterways' community. The award, which has been running for almost 30 years, celebrates the dedication of volunteers and lock keepers who go above and beyond to support boaters, businesses and waterways users.

- British Marine members Dura Composites and Solent Rib Charter were recognised with prestigious King's Awards for Enterprise, with Dura Composites receiving its fourth award for Sustainability, Solent Rib Charter honoured in the Innovation category for CRC Walrus and Wetwheels Hamble for Voluntary Service.



MEMBERSHIP YEAR AT A GLANCE

JULY

- Inheritance tax & succession planning webinar equips members for future business transition
- New SIBS carbon offsetting scheme launched, supporting more sustainable exhibiting
- First BMET technical course delivered in Ireland, expanding training reach
- Midlands Pimms & Polo Day combines premium networking with member engagement
- Summer Marine Mixer brings together Professional Services & South West members
- South & Isle of Wight Summer Party connects members in a relaxed setting
- Advocacy efforts support the long-term future of the Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal
- Technical team represents superyacht sector at MCA working group, influencing regulation
- British Marine & global marine bodies unite to call for fair trade, protecting member supply chains

AUGUST

- British Marine Scotland launches National Skills Drive to address workforce gaps
- New partnership with Cluster Yachting Monaco Association creates new international opportunities for SYUK members
- South & Isle of Wight Association host Cowes Week Rum Regatta VIP experience enhancing member engagement
- British Marine hosts PKF Francis Clark Inheritance tax webinar series supporting business continuity planning
- NEW Introduction to Lithium-Ion Battery Installations on Small Craft and Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) courses launched to equip members for evolving technologies

SEPTEMBER

- 56th Southampton International Boat Show delivers flagship industry platform, welcoming over 90,000 visitors
- Women in Marine hosts largest-ever panel and networking event
- Over 100 marine professionals attend sold out Trade Tuesday at SIBS driving industry learning and opportunities for business connections
- New SIBS Trade Ticket launched to improve accessibility for marine professionals and encourage increased business engagement across the show
- Apprentice recognition ceremony and Apprentice of the Year award winner 2025 announced celebrating future industry talent
- British Marine hosts biggest ever Careers Evening at SIBS promoting marine careers to new entrants and career changers
- Winners of the SYUK Young Designer competition revealed showcasing emerging talent and innovation in superyacht design
- BRBA & ABYA announce new Certified Professional Broker Career Pathway to support professional development in the sector
- Winners of annual TYHA Marina of the Year Awards announced recognising champions of marina excellence
- Celebrating sustainability leadership, winners of the SIBS Environmental Awards announced
- British Marine South West and SYUK networking drinks reception at SIBS strengthens opportunities for member connections
- British Marine/Global Marina Institute Certified Marina Manager CPD/Networking during SIBS25
- AMM course delivered in Venice expands global training footprint
- SYUK members attend Monaco Yacht Show showcasing UK superyacht expertise on international stage, with dedicated networking drinks reception hosted by SYUK

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- Association events and AGMs strengthen sector engagement including Propulsion & Equipment Association breakfast and dinner events and BRBA annual dinner event
- British Marine attends MCA's Large Yacht Qualification Panel supporting future standards, structure and qualification pathways
- British Marine meeting with Department for Transport (DfT Minister Mike Kane MP) advances dialogue on decarbonisation targets
- Broads Hire Boat Federation members networking event builds member collaboration
- TYHA host marina networking social at SIBS25 sponsored by IGY Marinas

OCTOBER

- New TYHA Code of Practice launched at ICOMIA World Marina Conference to strengthen marina standards
- "The Art of What is Possible" AI member event in partnership with Elite Dynamics explores practical business applications of new technology
- South & Isle of Wight Association regional drop-in session supports direct member engagement
- British Marine Scotland AGM, Membership Information & Networking Day, sponsored by Elite Dynamics connects and informs members
- British Marine, British Marine members and Environment Agency's Thames Navigation team inspect the river between Lechlade and Godstow Lock supporting environmental and operational insight
- New lithium-ion course launched supporting safe adoption of emerging technologies

NOVEMBER

- Popular BRBA / ABYA Practical Yacht Broker course returned with expert-led training and networking, delivered by industry experts
- Successful Metstrade for British Marine members exhibiting in the British Pavilion and new Superyacht UK Pavilion

- Women in the Marine Industry International Panel & Networking Breakfast returned to Metstrade 2025 with exceptional success, uniting professionals from across the global marine sector for a morning of insight, connection, and inspiration
- Sold-out British Marine Inland Conference delivers a full day of strategic insight authoritative sector updates and high-value networking with more than 120 delegates in attendance
- British Marine Sector Association Awards launched with the Inland Association leading the way as the first sector to recognise and celebrate its outstanding members
- Lock Keeper of the Year Adrian Honeybill - Braunston Locks announced at the Inland Conference
- Inland Association host networking supper ahead of the Inland Conference
- The Yacht Harbour Association celebrates 60th anniversary
- Successful AMM course delivered in Dubai expanding international training reach
- NEW Port Marine Safety Code training course launched
- BRBA and ABYA series of webinars designed to inform and support marine professionals across the retailers and brokerage sector
- Broads Hire Boat Federation merges with British Marine Inland Association
- British Marine Podcast, produced by Ben Taylor, nominated for a Maritime Media Award
- TYHA and Marina Projects host CMM & CMP networking at Metstrade

DECEMBER

- British Marine publishes UK Boat Production Estimates 2021–2024 providing key industry data and insight
- New Marine Batteries – Lithium-Ion Essentials for professional advisers course launched to build technical capability
- Government funding agreed to safeguard the future of the Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal following pressure from British Marine and the Canal & River Trust

JANUARY 2026

- CEO transition announced, marking next phase for British Marine
- Latest Marina & Moorings Report delivers critical market intelligence
- Treasury amends 'retail, hospitality and leisure' legislation following British Marine representation
- Passenger Boat & Commercial Marine Conference addresses safety, sustainability and innovation
- Winners of the British Marine Sector Awards, Professional Services and Commercial Marine Associations' announced
- British Marine joins European Boating Industry (EBI) to strengthen UK voice in EU advocacy
- TYHA and IGY Marinas host CMM & CMP networking at BOOT Dusseldorf

- TYHA Code of Practice Tour gets underway updating on changes and driving adoption across regions
- British Marine Scotland launches 'Giant Opportunities' strategy framework setting out growth vision
- Retail, Hospitality, and Leisure (RHL) relief success delivers financial benefit to members
- Inland Association hosts member event at E.P. Barrus
- First ever Electric Propulsion Systems course a great success supporting the transition to cleaner technologies
- Boatbuilder Association host drop-in session to encourage sector collaboration
- SYUK partners with SEAQUIP to aid opportunities for European market access
- British Marine attended the Canal & River Trust National Council to discuss the future strategic priorities of the Trust as they develop their next 10 year plan
- GMI online CPD for Certified Marina Managers, Professionals and Operators

FEBRUARY

- British Marine announces preparations to launch a new online training academy, expanding future training provision
- South West Association Marine Meet strengthens regional connections
- UK Export Finance webinar supports members trading internationally
- Sold out Marine Showcase at Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show at the NEC introduces marine products and services to new consumer audiences
- British Marine adopts Certified Marina Operator (CMO) route, expanding professional certification framework
- Nominations open for 2026 Apprentice of the Year Award
- British Marine shares Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 (Martyn's Law) guidance and template for marine premises

APRIL

- SYUK and the Barcelona Cluster announce strategic partnership to expand international collaboration
- TYHA Code Tour continues in Southwest, Solent and Scotland
- Next round of Sector Award nominations open for BRBA, BBA and SYUK
- Earle Stanner takes the reins as new British Marine CEO

MAY

- Hire Boat Code Stability testing course strengthens hire boat safety standards
- TYHA Code Tour concludes with Grande Finale in London & Thames Valley following nationwide engagement
- 2nd annual Global Women's Walk promotes inclusion and raises funds for Room to Read
- Crick Boat Show networking boosts member visibility
- Marine Mixer connects Professional Services Association members

MARCH

- Over 90 industry professionals attend 15th SYUK Technical Seminar sharing expert insight and innovation
- Government meetings with DEFRA and Department for Culture, Media and Sport to raise sector priorities

JUNE

- Seawork Pavilion showcases member expertise and capability
- Commercial Marine networking breakfast at Seawork strengthens sector connections
- MoD, British Marine and Workboat Association event at Seawork connects members with MoD purchasers and supply chain partners
- Lithium-ion Introduction and Essentials for professional advisers training course continue to build technical expertise
- British Marine Boatbuilders & Brokers Association Sector Award winners announced



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FROM OUR MEMBERS...



Working with British Marine has been a genuinely valuable part of our growth journey at Tack and Jibe. The level of support, insight, and industry connection they provide is exceptional. Their internal and external communications are consistently clear and relevant, while publications like MarineTalk keep us informed and engaged with what's happening across the sector. It's clear that a huge amount of effort goes into ensuring members stay connected, informed, and supported.

"Beyond this, the events and networking opportunities they facilitate have been incredibly beneficial for our whole team. They create an environment where meaningful relationships can be built and ideas shared, which is invaluable in a fast-moving industry. Being part of British Marine gives us confidence that we're not only staying aligned with the industry, but actively contributing to it alongside a strong and collaborative community.

Leon Coates, Co-Founder, Tack and Jibe



This is my first time at Trade Tuesday and I was really impressed. The sessions were relevant and forward-thinking, and the chance to meet so many industry colleagues in one place was fantastic. I'll definitely be back next year.

Jess Armstrong, Manager at Elephant Boatyard Ltd



I found the Superyacht UK Technical Seminar really useful and informative. The event was very well attended, and it was great to hear what was going on around the industry with useful insights from various key stakeholders, as well as interesting topics such as cyber security. The main highlight for me was the networking and to be able to meet so many people. The day was rounded off with an excellent talk on the discovery of the wreck of the Endurance.

Andy King - CEng FRINA, Director, Stability and Statutory, Houlder



The Commercial Marine & Passenger Boat Associations' Conference was the best conference I have attended presented by British Marine. I learned so much given the workboat section is really not in the marine sectors we usually target, but I also met some great people and learned more about the RNLI. Thank you for your planning, efforts and warm hosting of this event and I'm sure we will see each other soon at another BM function.

Suzanne Blaustone, Barton Marine

GALLERY

The Year in Pictures



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Please note: Not all core benefits are available to International Members

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- ✓ Access to networking events throughout the year
- ✓ 24/7 legal support
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- ✓ Access to statistics and market intelligence reports
- ✓ Affordable access to international shows
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- ✓ Sustainability best practice advice including guidance on net-zero targets
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- ✓ British Marine member referral scheme
- ✓ Member to Member Benefits Hub
- ✓ NEW FOR 2026 - European Boating Industry (EBI) Membership
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