

Newsletter

Hafan Pwllheli Marina



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Here's what has happened in the Marina during September:

Welcome to the September 2026 newsletter! We have had a busy month, even with the hoist being out of action.

We have reassembled the hoist, we have cleaned all emergency ladders, painted them, we have welcomed Fugro into the marina, and preparing our goodbyes to Liam who is leaving in October.

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Uncrewed Vessel

“Do you have space for a 12m uncrewed boat?” The person on the other line said.

“Uncrewed, absolutely. How much does she draw?”

“2.5m”

This is where all the work started, we found a berth, we checked the depth, we liaised with the company. Then, they asked if we had space for a 20m boat. We got out and started measuring everywhere, we found that the walkway would work.

Now it's the 16th of September. This vessel is huge. It towered over the marina.

We took delivery of both their containers, which you've probably seen in the secure compound. And then the big day. Saturday 19th of september.

“Blue essence 6 ETA 14:15.”

After all the trips to double check depths, to ensure that the underwater sensors would be safe, in rain and wind. We could now see the boat in the bay.

Sarah and Cian went down, stepped onto the launch, with the remote pilot. We headed to the harbour mouth. Where the scottish control room would pass over control to the on site remote pilot.

To say this boat seemed mystical is about right, full of high tech equipment, back ups to the back ups, everything. To then be told:

“It was initially designed to carry truffles from Belgium to the UK, uncrewed”

But to us, this was the first uncrewed vessel to enter the marina in our history.



Hoist

Teamwork is something we pride ourselves on. This was really put to the test during the reassembly of the hoist.

On the 10th of september we got a call from the hoist engineer:

"It's too windy to reassemble..." This was 3pm. The hoist needed to be operational by 7am the next day, the 11th.

This meant we'd all come to an agreement, who would stay later if the wind dies down.

Rob and Helen stayed with the engineer from 16:30 until 6pm. Cian went for a coffee, to get the late afternoon energy.

Cian arrived at 6pm, we all aided the engineer until 7pm. The hoist was done. Reassembled by 7pm. Cian and Helen stayed for a further 45 minutes to ensure that all the tracks had sufficient grease levels.

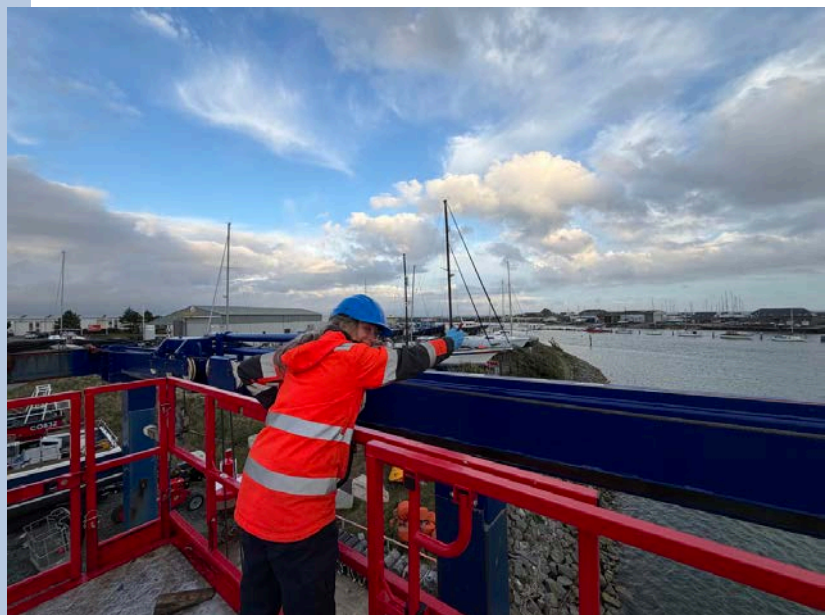
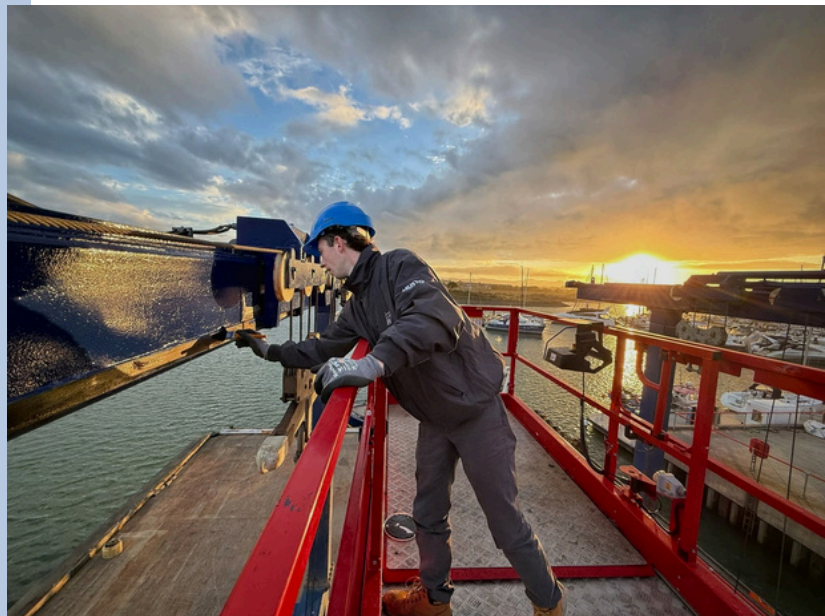
Working together, with each other's trust, we were able to have the hoist operational again by 7am on the 11th of September.

She then worked for 12 hours to ensure all the necessary work in support of boat sales, southampton boat show and other customer needs could be met.

The hoist then went back into the maintenance crew's hands on monday. They started to strip it all down, prime it and paint it. This is an enormous job, that is crucial for the longevity of the hoist.

The hoist has then been operational one day a week since, and you will all be glad to know, that we are almost there. Almost at the day where the hoist is handed back to us.

Please, give us a call to make your bookings.



Emergency Ladders

Throughout this month we have been out cleaning all the emergency ladders. Liam, Cian and Helen went around ensuring all rungs were clear for future use.

Tony and Mike went around to paint the ladders yellow. We are keeping an eye on all the ladders in our regular checks. We found two ladders that needed to be replaced after our regular monitoring. This was a long and difficult process to get all 64 ladders done. We'd start by scraping barnacles off, then with a deckbrush we'd clear all of the green growth. Then the rest of the team would go around painting the ones that we'd completed.



Goodbye Liam

In the middle of October we will be saying goodbye to Liam. The bosun who has been here for 2 and a half years, after a 5 year run at Blue Water Marine, straight out of college. Liam says that he will take valuable skills such as the ability to tow boats, he will take the enjoyment that he had for working with the team and driving the launch every day, the people and the location of the community with him as a happy memory. He cannot say who has been his favourite berthholder, as all interactions have been great with everyone. Again, he cannot answer what was the strangest request he ever heard whilst working here... "No Comment" he said.

This is why we will miss him, his work ethic and his dry humour made every day a pleasure being here. From singing "On the road again" by Willie Nelson, on the launch. To towing boats in a lot of wind, and his colleagues laughing. "Do you do anything but laugh?!" He'd say. But now, this is one winter less where he will be drenched by the rain!

So, goodbye Liam, it's been a pleasure having you here. Huge luck for your new role.



Lost Property



After such a busy summer you won't be surprised to learn we have many items of lost property.

Please remember we do only keep lost property items for three months. After this time items will be disposed of appropriately.

We currently have clothing, jewellery, water bottles, torches and even a lone water ski. We hope to reunite you with your belongings so please get in touch as soon as possible if you are missing anything.



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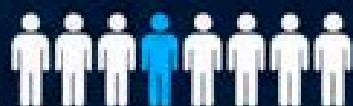
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