

# **NEWSLETTER** **TRAFALGAR WHARF GROUP**

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**IT'S A RECORD BREAKER!**



The recent Blade Runner Two is the longest ship we have ever lifted out at our Shipyard.

The ship is 75m long (LOA) and 9.5m wide (beam), but only draws 0.6m.

It is used for the transportation of wind turbine blades, currently 80m long themselves.

It travels between the Isle of Wight (where the blades are made by MHI Vestas) to Fawley old power station.

They are off loaded there for painting, then reloaded and taken to Southampton for re-loading on to larger ships for worldwide delivery.

What proved most Interesting to the Shipyard's LinkedIn connections was the video of our small 3.5t JCB teletruk managing to move 300 tons from the shiplift to the hardstanding.



## **FEELING HOT, HOT, REALLY NOT!**

The barbeque season has been and gone. While Thornham Marina had the most beautiful hot day, Trafalgar Wharf's was a cool, rainy day, but made all the more colourful with the Hawiaan theme. A big thank you to the band Misfits who donated their fee to charity and also to the wonderful dancers Tenacious Twirlers who entertained us with their pom poms and baton twirling. Our delicious barbeque was prepared by The Meat Thief. Andrew Simpson of Watersports Portsmouth provided a chance for customers to try out paddle boarding and kayaking in our marina, even in the rain.



## **FEELING HOT, HOT, REALLY HOT!!**

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August Thornham Marina (our sister site based in Chichester Harbour) held their annual summer barbeque, it was a fantastic day with lots of pimm's, live music and sunshine! Jeanette the Marina Manager said, "Our barbeques are always a great event for us to catch up with all of our boat owners. The team enjoy organising the event, however the weather forecast always keeps us on our toes days before the event."



For more information about Thornham Marina, please give Wendy a call on 01243375335 or visit their website [www.thornhammarina.com](http://www.thornhammarina.com)



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CELEBRATING  
YEARS

In September 2008, Jonny Boys took over the BVT Surface Fleet site and renamed it Trafalgar Wharf. The site is the former VT Halmatic shipyard where many smaller Royal Naval warships, such as the fast patrol boats and Corvettes were built.

BVT Surface Fleet had been formed by the merger of BAE Systems Surface Fleet Solutions a subsidiary within VT Shipbuilding. Itself originating as Vosper Thornycroft.

Below are pictures from 10 years ago showing how derelict the site was. We are incredibly proud of how the site has progressed we have lots of exciting plans coming up in the next year, this is definitely the place to be on the South Coast for storing your boat.



## **Hampshire County Cricket Team visits Boat Club Trafalgar**

Fresh from their Royal London Cup win at Lords, a group of Hampshire's finest cricketers were treated to a blast around the Solent on some of Boat Club Trafalgar's boats.

"It was great to welcome the team here at Boat Club Trafalgar" says Steve Rodwell Boat Club Manager.

What a way for the winning team to spend a day away from training to recharge their batteries. There's nothing quite like a spin on the Solent under blue skies to freshen things up. (Some of the team that went out had never been on the Solent before).



Players James Vince (Captain), Tom Alsop, Rilee Rossouw, Sam Northeast, Ian Holland, Lewis McManus, Gareth Berg, Chris Wood, Kyle Abbott, Colin Munro, Mujeeb Ur Rahman, Jimmy Adams all took part in the event.



The team, who beat Kent by 61 runs lifted the Royal London One Day Cup held on 30th June 2018 at Lord's London.

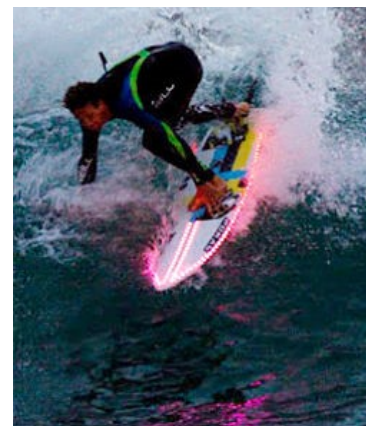
## **LATEST TOYS FOR YOUR SUPER YACHT!**

Pukas LED Surfboard

[pukassurf.com/surfboards/led](http://pukassurf.com/surfboards/led)



When Juan Mari Indo heard there was to be night surfing for a competition in Spain. He struck upon the idea of creating a special board that would light up and put on a show as the surfers did their tricks in the water. The end result was the limited edition LED Surfboards from Pukas, which let the rider programme in the colour cycles and flashing patterns for an exciting personal display on the waves.



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**NEW ARRIVAL-  
WELCOME**

**ANNE-MARIE**

our new

JBT Marine Lead Sales Executive



"After graduating with a degree in Yacht Manufacturing and surveying I went on to work for one of the south coast's largest brokerage firms where I learnt my trade. From there I went onto work with Sea Ray and then Beneteau selling both new and used boats. Most recently I have been in aftersales at Clipper Marine who are the UK and Spanish distributor for Bavaria power and sailing yachts."



This email is from one of our lovely Drystack customers Chris Simpson updating me on his adventures.

"Hi Corinne

I hope that all is well with you and all at The Drystack. If you remember, I said that I was going to give up boating (for the time being, anyway) and return to flying small aeroplanes. Anyway, I have spent the last 14 months or so building an aeroplane from a kit and I am glad to say that it flew for the first time last week from Goodwood.

With very best wishes to you all. Chris"

Chris owned a boat called Samanda which was a Scarab 165 and was with us for a couple of years before leaving to take up this exciting project.

Chris has promised to do a flypast next time he is up in the air.

## **Trafalgar Wharf helps rowers with trans-Atlantic challenge.**

**Trafalgar Wharf has signed up to help a team of four intrepid rowers take on the Atlantic this December.**

The Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Challenge is the world's premier rowing event covering 3000 miles from La Gomera in the Canary Islands to Nelsons Dockyard in Antigua

"Justin Eveleigh is a good friend of mine" said Jonny Boys MD of The Trafalgar Wharf Group.

"I think this challenge starting in December is pretty mad"

When Justin asked if we could store their boat and be their pre-race base, of course we said we would help, especially as they are raising money for charity"

"The team at Trafalgar Wharf are great" said Justin.



"It really helps us having a base like this before we start our row. We will be doing a few training rows on the Solent which we hope will prepare us for the Atlantic and get us used to our special boat.

We are raising money for the Starlight Charity which helps terminally ill children fulfil their dreams.

We know that this event is going to be extremely tough so we are delighted that along with our sponsors Land Rover and JLT, Trafalgar Wharf has become a very valuable part of this team"

Team—OAR INSPIRING

Country—UK

Number —27

Rowers—Caspar Thorp, Toby Thorp, Justin Eveleigh and George Blandford

Charity —Starlight Childrens Foundation

Website—[www.oarinspiring.com](http://www.oarinspiring.com)

[www.taliskerwhiskyatlanticchallenge.com](http://www.taliskerwhiskyatlanticchallenge.com)



## **The old ones are the best!**



What do you do if you boat is ill or sick ~[Take it to the docs.](#)










There was a big paddle sale at the local store ~ [It was quite an oardeal.](#)



A boat carrying red paint crashes into a boat carrying blue paint ~ [The crew were marooned](#)

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**Southampton Boat Show 2018** was a great success. Trafalgar Wharf Group hosted the stand for 10 days and battled through all that the weather could throw at us, wind, rain and sun.



We held prize draws to win a years free Drystack storage plus a years free membership to Boat Club Trafalgar or a Slam sailing jacket from JBT Marine.

The Lucky winners are:-

Stefan Jacobs who won the years free Drystack storage.

Tim Little who won a platinum membership with Boat Club Trafalgar

The Slam sailing jacket was won by Rob Howlett of Hengistbury Outdoor Education Centre.

Well done to all the winners.

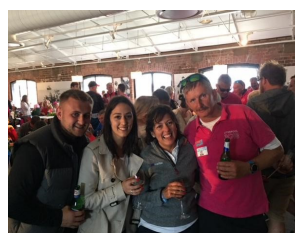
Stefan and his wife collecting their prize from Corinne, Sales Manager (left)



## ROUND THE WORLD IN 'PINK PANTHER'



Get a load of this! Heather, who works at our RIB sales company JBT Marine, is married to one of the skippers who has returned from the Round the World Race. She, along with some of the guys



from JBT Marine took their Ballistic RIB's up to Liverpool to welcome

Lance (her hubby) and his crew on Liverpool 2018 (affectionately known as the Pink Panther because of the colour) and all the other crews back from their long and tiring journey.

The competitors set off from Albert Dock, Liverpool on the 20th August 2017 and visited many places along the way. Uruguay, Cape Town, Freemantle, Sydney, Hobart, Whistundays, Sanya, Qingdao, Seattle, Panama, New York and Derry-Londonderry. Finally returning to Liverpool in August 2018.



1st place went to Wendy Tucker, she is the first female skipper to win a Round the World Race. Wendy is from Sydney Australia

2nd place went to Nikki Henderson. She is the youngest person to skipper the race and had her 25th birthday just before the race finished.

Lance's boat came 7th, having had to divert to New Foundland along the way. Well done Lance and crew. Lance's crew also won Team Spirit for the complete race.

Well done to everyone who took part in this race, whether on the boats, arranging the event or waiting patiently back home for their loved ones to return. Great effort.

**THE CAPTAIN'S BREAKFAST.** Our Beach Hut Café, recently introduced a yummy full-English breakfast together with the smaller 1st Mates breakfast they are served all day at our waterfront café.

The café now opens Wednesday to Friday 9am to 4pm, Saturday and Sunday 9am to 5pm.



Come and enjoy our Beach Hut Café serving a range of refreshments including delicious cakes, salads and sandwiches.

