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## GENERAL NEWS

**Welcome to the sixth edition of the Weymouth and Portland Maritime Newsletter.**

Weymouth and Portland has played host to some fantastic marine based events over the last couple of months including the European Line Class and Boat Angling Championships, held in September. The winner, Heiko Drier retained his title for the second year running, although German born he was fishing for the Irish National Team. The Italian A Team won the

team event with the England B Team coming second. A local Weymouth team of anglers entered the 4 Man Open Event and did us proud by winning the bronze medal.



At the end of June Weymouth had the honour of holding the British Dragon Class South Coast Championships and Edinburgh Cup. The event, hosted by the Yachts Clubs of Weymouth, attracted 20 competitors from the UK and Ireland. The Dragon Class were based in Weymouth Harbour during the event and departed daily for challenging racing in Weymouth Bay, with unseasonal strong winds and big seas making difficult and challenging sailing conditions.

## AROUND THE HARBOUR

**Another summer season draws to an end for Weymouth's Harbour staff.**

Once again Transport Security (Transec) visited the port to carry out an unannounced inspection. The feedback received has been positive about the way the Council manages its obligations. The Councils Port Facilities Security Plan has been updated and approved by Transec.

No.4 berth has been fully occupied with longer term commercial visitors. Visits continue from various commercial craft including

trials vessels, naval patrol craft and Sea Cadet training ships.

Some smaller berths in the inner harbour are being reconfigured to make them larger and therefore lettable. It is anticipated that these berths will be let within a few weeks of completion.

The Town Bridge waiting berth located in the inner harbour has been let out as permanent moorings for two commercial vessels.

Visitors are being asked to complete a questionnaire about the facilities at Weymouth. Plans to update

and improve the Harbour Guide to provide an additional marketing tool to take to Boat Shows is on going.

The Harbour Section continues to encourage and support waterborne events in the shoulder months and successfully hosted the Dragon South Coast and Edinburgh Cup events in June.

The existing water safety leaflet has been improved to give clearer advice and the Harbour sections on the WPBC website have been enhanced to include more information about zoned areas and the permit scheme.

## CHESIL MARINE NETWORK NEWS

**The Chesil Marine Network (CMN) has proven its strength recently by taking action on issues that have affected locally based marine businesses.**

One issue concerned rent increases issued by Crown Estate which saw some rents increase by 160% for local marine businesses.

Crown Estate own virtually the entire seabed around the UK out to the 12 nautical mile territorial limit and around 55% of the foreshore, the area between mean high and mean low water.

There are quite a few local businesses, such as White Motor Boats and the Breakwater Dive Centre, that have piers or jetty's and have to pay an annual rental fee to Crown Estate as it's on their property.

The issue of the hefty rent increases was brought to the

attention of CMN by one of its members who faced a large rental increase.

Negotiations have taken place through Solicitors but a settlement was never met.

CMN decided to take up the issue and contacted Crown Estate direct (as opposed to the agent that the local businesses had been dealing with). CMN established that businesses can ask for an independent evaluator to assess the rental fee on Crown Estate property which will be taken into consideration when determining the rental charge. Local businesses were not informed of this by the agent and are now taking full advantage by seeking independent evaluations.

**The Chesil Marine Network held an open evening, at the Royal Dorset Yacht Club,**

**during the two week Open4Business event.**

Members of CMN were asked to bring along people that they worked with, in the marine sector, in order to encourage more members into the Chesil Marine Network.

The event was well attended, many new faces turned up to see what CMN had to offer. Quite a few registered their interest in joining the network and discussed issues that related to their businesses.

**CMN meets on a monthly basis at the Royal Dorset Yacht Club,** marine businesses are more than welcome to come along to see what issues are discussed, how they may affect the local marine sector or to highlight any concerns that individuals may have. Visit: [www.chesilmarinetwork.co.uk](http://www.chesilmarinetwork.co.uk) for meeting dates.

## BASS FISHING FUNDING UPDATE

**You may recall that I mentioned the successful grant gained by the local commercial Bass fishermen - The Dorset Handliner's Fishermen's Association (DHFA).**

To bring you up to date, the DHFA are currently working on the planning aspect of the building. During the process of establishing the exact location of the site it was discovered that there is no 3 phase power to run the

Ice Machine. Also the building would have to be clad in timber in order to meet planning requirements (the building is to be sited in a conservation area). Further grant funding, in the region of £6,000, is in the process of being applied for in order to cover the extra costs of installing power and timber cladding. This is on top of £36,000 already granted to the DHFA.

Positive feedback has been

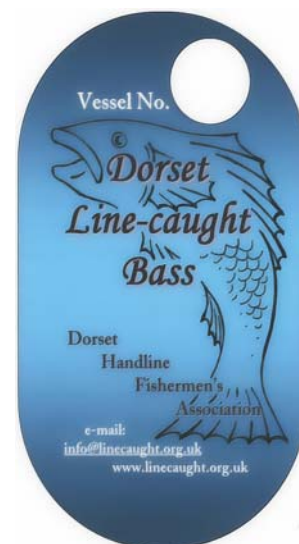
given by the Marine Fisheries Agency and DEFRA with regard to the second application and it is hoped that a definite answer will be given shortly.

The funding for tagging is now in place and it is hoped that you will be able to trace where your Bass came from fairly soon. For further information on the tagging scheme visit: [www.linecaught.org.uk](http://www.linecaught.org.uk).



**CMN**  
**CHESIL MARINE NETWORK**

For more information on joining the other 30 members of the Chesil Marine Network visit:  
[www.chesilmarinetwork.co.uk](http://www.chesilmarinetwork.co.uk)



## MARINE SKILLS TRAINING UPDATE

**Weymouth College in partnership with Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) have started delivering BTECs in Sport (Sailing and Watersports) for 25 local secondary school children aged 14 and 15.**

The course for students, from Wey Valley, Budmouth and Royal Manor, will allow them to gain RYA sailing, windsurfing and powerboat qualifications whilst studying the BTEC programmes. The students will be released from school to attend WPNSA to have lessons afloat and ashore. The students will learn how to handle a safety boat, be introduced to sailing and windsurfing, and potentially gain RYA coaching qualifications.

Programme leader for the college, Dr Holly Henderson said: "As Weymouth and Portland prepare to host the 2012 Olympic sailing

events, Weymouth College and Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy is pleased to offer these local students the opportunity to gain sailing and watersports skills within the BTEC programme. The Sailing Academy is an awesome and inspiring venue and the students are very lucky to be able to have an element of their education delivered at the Academy."

**Two Weymouth College Students, Luke McAvooy and Joe Worley, were lucky enough to spend the last week on work experience at the RYA Sail for Gold Regatta,** at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

Both Luke and Joe are on the Entry to Employment Course in Sailing and Watersports being run by Weymouth College at WPNSA. Both Students started on the 18-week course in July and have now

learnt how to handle a safety boat, developed skills in sailing and windsurfing, and are currently progressing on to RYA coaching qualifications and further Adult Skills qualifications.

When asked about their work experience at the Sail for Gold Regatta Joe Worley said: I really enjoyed myself. Luke McAvooy added: It was great fun. Sailing Curriculum Development Officer for Weymouth College Dr Holly Henderson said: "This was a fantastic opportunity for both Luke and Joe to gain work experience at such a high profile Regatta. Both students have excelled during their time on the course here at Weymouth College; in fact they both have 100% attendance and achievement. This experience has only further developed their understanding of the breadth of opportunities in the Marine Sector."



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## LOOKING TOWARDS 2012

**In less than a year the Olympic torch will be passed to London, but what's in it for Weymouth & Portland?** Here's a summary of the benefits already stacking up:

- \* Regeneration and development projects worth an estimated £350m to the local economy
- \* A strengthened marine business sector - powerboat giants Sunseeker

opened premises on Portland this March

- \* Inspired a commitment to get local young people out on the water - hundreds have braved the waves with the 'Sail for a Fiver' scheme
- \* Made the Weymouth Relief Road a reality, after almost fifty years of campaigning
- \* Won Regional Assembly approval for a unique £18m

bid to improve local transport infrastructure

A 'Team Dorset' logo has been created for the use of local companies and organisations working towards securing a positive legacy from the area's involvement in the 2012 Games. To request the logo and keep up with the latest London 2012 sailing news visit [www.weymouth.gov.uk/london2012](http://www.weymouth.gov.uk/london2012).



## MARINE-EX ON THE QUAY

The new shore-based exhibition organised by Weymouth & Portland Marine Directory was run for the first time this year. It was held during the Weymouth Regatta weekend 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> August 2007 with the concept of creating an event to grow and be on the lines of the very successful Dartmouth regatta.

The area used for the event was Commercial Quay, for those not familiar with Weymouth Harbour - it is the raised quay across the harbour to the lifeboat - conveniently close enough to the RDYC for exhibitors not to run dry.

Around 20 companies exhibited and all reported

that the exhibition was very successful and all keen to come back next year, the excellent weather, unusual for this summer, and a full harbour helped give the inaugural event a great atmosphere and a positive vibe.

Next year's event will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> of July and will be part of a group of events around the harbour during the weekend along with the Regatta. Plans are already underway for next year's show which will take up a more shore side space and to take advantage of the several companies interested in taking berths to run demonstration boats with a floating pontoon

planned from Berth 4.

Along with the many businesses interested in taking stands next year space will be provided by the organisers for both the R.N.L.I & the MCA both of which drew a lot of interest this year and provided invaluable information to the many visitors.

To register your interest in receiving information on **Marine-Ex on the Quay 2008** please phone Weymouth & Portland Marine Directory on 01 305 82 35 86 or e-mail [john@wpmd.co.uk](mailto:john@wpmd.co.uk). More information will be on the directory website as and when it becomes available: [www.wpmd.co.uk](http://www.wpmd.co.uk).



Weymouth Harbour during Marine-Ex 2007

## MARINA DEVELOPMENTS



### WEYMOUTH MARINA

The planning application for the redevelopment of the Pavilion Peninsula has moved a stage further when Councillors approved the review into the impacts of the development.

A study, provided by Consultants HR Wallingford to Weymouth and Portland Borough Council's Management Committee reported into the affects the proposed marina would have on Weymouth beach.

The study demonstrated that there would be no material

adverse impact from the development. Four key areas were looked at and included wave disturbance, flow and flushing, sedimentation transport and beach impacts.

### PORTLAND MARINA

**Plans to build a 560 berth marina with facilities for athletes taking part in the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Sailing Events have been approved.**



Weymouth and Portland Borough Council has given planning permission for the multi-million Portland Marina Development at Osprey Quay.

Work on the new development has begun and is due to be completed by the end of 2008. The plans include a marina, sheltered by a stone breakwater made largely from Portland Stone. Shore side facilities include a reception centre, washrooms, showers, laundry facilities and a restaurant bar overlooking the Harbour.

If all goes to plan, Portland will be the first venue in England to build a permanent venue for the 2012 Games.



The entrance to Weymouth Harbour, the site is to be redeveloped including a new marina



Portland Harbour - work on the new 560 berth marina at Osprey Quay has just begun.