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**MDL’s Brixham Marina celebrates 30th anniversary with**

**‘Maritime Brixham’ open art competition**

This year calls for a double celebration in Brixham. MDL’s Brixham Marina is turning 30 and to mark the occasion is joining forces with Brixham Art Society, as they celebrate a landmark 70th anniversary, to hold an open art competition on Saturday 7th September.

The theme of this one-day painting challenge is ‘Maritime Brixham’ and is open to amateur and professional artists alike. Entry is free and any painting of any size can be entered provided it has been painted on the day.

“This is a milestone year for us at Brixham Marina and we are delighted to be celebrating with Brixham Art Society who have been part of the community here even longer than we have,” comments Marina Manager, Andrew Millar. “The marina itself is a stunning location for the artists with plenty of subject matter. There are fantastic views across the bay and the backdrop of the town is just idyllic.”

“We felt it would be wonderful to extend our love of art in the form of a competition to encourage people to share in the delights of painting in this beautiful harbour town,” says Julia Lee, Brixham Arts Society. “This joint venture with MDL ties together Brixham’s seagoing tradition with its artistic heritage.”

Julia continues: “Andrew Millar at Brixham Marina has overwhelmed us by his generous support of this unique venture.”

The competition comprises two age categories: 11 to 16 years and 17 years and above and, although titled ‘Maritime Brixham’, entrants are free to paint anywhere in Brixham. Harbour Master, Adam Parnell, who is “delighted and honoured” to be assisting with the judging has also offered the artists use of the harbour to set up their easels. The judging panel also includes Jill Regan, Chairperson of Brixham Town Council.

Registration for the event will take place on the day between 8.00am and 10.00am at the Brixham Marina car park. The competition will close at 5.00pm with judging at 5.15pm. The prizes for the adult category will be £400 for 1st place and £200 for 2nd. The three junior entry winners will receive art equipment vouchers. The prizes are being awarded by MDL Brixham Marina and Brixham Art Society.

To find out more information on the open art competition visit <https://www.brixhamartsociety.co.uk/events-calendar> or for further information on MDL’s Brixham Marina visit [www.brixhammarina.co.uk](http://www.brixhammarina.co.uk)

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