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**MDL Holidays introduces marine lodges at** **Mercury Yacht Harbour and Holiday Park, expanding its appeal as a staycation location**

Expanding its appeal as a staycation destination for boaters, guests and watersports enthusiasts, MDL Holidays introduces floating marine lodges to Mercury Yacht Harbour and Holiday Park’s growing list of attractions.

Fully equipped with a capacity of up to four guests, the first of the three beautifully crafted new self-contained marine lodges will be available at the end of April, just in time for the May Bank Holiday weekend.

“We’re delighted to be able to offer visitors to our Mercury Yacht Harbour and Holiday Park a really unique overnight experience,” says marina manager, Simon Cothill.

“Ideal for families or groups of friends, our stunning new floating lodges offer all the home comforts of a traditional short stay lodge or self-catering apartment, but with the thrill of waking up on the beautiful River Hamble, hearing the sounds of the water and the wildlife along the riverside.

“The lodges are situated on the quiet north-west corner of the marina and are moored in the same way as vessels, using the cleats on the pontoons. It is truly a cabin berth experience for family and friends wanting to get out on the water together, or boaters who don’t have enough berths to accommodate everyone overnight.”

Overlooking Badnam Creek, the spectacular views of both the creek and the River Hamble can be enjoyed from the pods open-air seated decking area created around the entrance to the marine lodge.

“With so many activities now available at the marina and holiday park, the new on water lodges mean that anyone visiting for a sailing course, a paddle boarding adventure with the team at Wesup or dining at our onsite restaurant the Gaff Rigger can extend their stay, enjoying more time in the surrounding area and all that there is available,” continues Simon.

“We’re only a 20-minute walk from picturesque Hamble Village and its independent shops and variety of restaurants, and our riverside location lends itself to amazing walks and cycle rides. And with the marine lodges being fully insulated and having an air-conditioning and heating unit, they’re an idea short stay staycation option all year round.”

Crafted by Trojan Timber Products, working in partnership with Intermarine, the new marine lodges are a bespoke design, created specifically for MDL to blend seamlessly into the marina and its tranquil surroundings.

The marine lodges can be booked via Hoseasons.co.uk and prices start from £150 per night with a minimum of a two-night booking.

For more information on Mercury Yacht Harbour and Holiday Park visit [www.mdlholidays.co.uk](http://www.mdlholidays.co.uk).

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