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MDL Marinas installs solar panels at Poole marina as part of multi-million pound roll out across its network

Supporting its commitment to sustainability and further investing in its green infrastructure, MDL Marinas has installed a new system of solar panels at its Cobb's Quay Marina in Poole, Dorset.

Part of a multi-million pound roll out across its UK marina network, the new 34 KW PV (photovoltaic) system at the 1130 berth marina in picturesque Poole Harbour will produce circa 31,500 kwh of electricity each year, saving over 9500 kilograms of carbon and the equivalent of planting 425 trees.

Installed by specialist solar energy contractor Your Eco on the roof of the main facilities building, these 82 new solar panels join the 120 panels installed at Cobb's Quay in 2011 and the 270 installed in 2021, bringing the total number of solar panels across MDL's network to 1134.

Converting the sun's energy, the electricity generated by the new solar modules will be used to power MDL's activities and services. Giving live, measurable data, MDL's website will display the total power now generated at Cobb's Quay, and its other marinas, along with the total Co2 emission saved.

"Our aim is to power our marinas through on-site generated renewable energy," says MDL's Estates Director, Simon Welch. "We'll continue with the multi-million pound roll out of solar panel installations across our other marinas, as we work through our planned green investment programme.

"As the UK's leading marina group, we want to set an example and encourage other businesses in the marine industry to undertake similar projects. The solar panels are another step forward in our mission to become the UK's most sustainable marina group, and we're very excited about the positive effect on our carbon footprint.





"Climate change affects us all, and our buildings play an important role in providing clean energy for our marinas and helping reduce our Co2 emissions. The installation of solar panels is just one way we're continuing our commitment to reduce our impact on the environment."

"By investing in solar at its marinas, MDL has afforded long- term energy security from a renewable source, future-proofing the company's energy supply," says Nick Spicer of Your Eco. "It's been a pleasure to work with such a forward-thinking business and we look forward to working with them on more installations across their marinas."

For more information on MDL and its 18 UK waterside destinations, premium berthing, boatyard services, holiday parks and eco gyms visit <u>https://www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/</u>.

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- MDL Holidays is part of the MDL Marinas Group, offering waterside holidays in luxury lodge and holiday park accommodation.
- New to the MDL Marinas Group, MDL Fitness is a range of green gyms where the fitness equipment converts human kinetic energy into electricity.
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