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## Inland & Coastal sponsors Autism On The Water for 2024

The pontoon and water access specialist, Inland & Coastal Marina Systems, is thrilled to announce its sponsorship of Autism On The Water for 2024. In conjunction with Boatfolk's Rhu Marina, they have also secured favourable berthing for the year, ensuring smooth sailing for all the charity's endeavours.

Autism On The Water (AOTW) is a registered charity committed to raising awareness of the autistic spectrum through sailing, taking part in some of Scotland's top regattas. As well as raising awareness, the charity is geared to helping autistic people access the world of sailing, bolstering their confidence, as well as cultivating greater problem solving and social skills.

The sponsorship reflects Inland & Coastal's dedication to supporting organisations that make a meaningful impact and are hoping their latest partnership with AOTW will help create greater positive change in the sailing community and beyond.

"All at AOTW are delighted to welcome Inland & Coastal as our newest sponsor," says Murray MacDonald, Director and Founding Trustee of AOTW. "Our charity is growing every day and is one of the only charities in the UK that specifically caters for autistic sailing in the UK."

"The sponsorship from Inland & Coastal has enabled us to secure a reduced marina berth at Rhu Marina for our new Impala 28 race yacht, which we plan to campaign at all the big regattas in Scotland such as the Kip Regatta, Scottish Series, Round Mull race, West Highland Yachting Week and the Scottish Two-Handed Race around the Isle of Man."

"We are so grateful to our new sponsors, and it's especially great that we have been able to pair it with the team at Rhu Marina who have supported AOTW for quite some time."

Suzanne Bell at Boatfolk's Rhu Marina comments: "We believe in the transformative power of sailing for individuals of all abilities. By providing AOTW with a marina berth, we're not just offering a place to dock, we're providing a home for their mission to flourish."





"Our collaboration with Inland & Coastal and Autism On The Water underscores our collective dedication to breaking barriers in sailing. By offering a reduced berth rate, we're extending a welcoming hand to all sailors, regardless of background or ability."

The partnership with Rhu Marina further exemplifies Inland & Coastal's dedication to supporting maritime endeavours. By funding the marina berth for AOTW's race yacht, the marina systems manufacturer not only demonstrates its commitment to providing practical support but also underscores the importance of community collaboration.

"It's a charity close to all our hearts at Inland and Coastal, and we are so pleased to be able to support Murray to ensure he can continue his fantastic work," says Oliver Shortall, Managing Director at ICMS.

"We are thrilled to be a part of the journey in forging a path towards a more inclusive sailing community, where everyone, regardless of ability, can find their place on the water."

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  Main Contractors.
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