



**News Release**  
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## **MDL Marinas achieves highest Cyber Essentials Plus certification for its digital infrastructure**

MDL is proud to confirm that it has been awarded the Cyber Essentials Plus certification, a government backed scheme to validate businesses that operate at the highest level of cyber security.

Organisations achieving this level of certification must demonstrate they are in control of their user accounts and all privileges that allow access to their organisational data and services, including third party accounts.

MDL Marinas has worked incredibly hard to attain this level, after being awarded the Cyber Essentials certification in December 2023. Through dedication and perseverance, the marina operator has developed a clear picture of its cyber security across its entire IT infrastructure and put in place key protection measures to prevent future cyber attacks, offering peace of mind not only to its team members, but also to its stakeholders, berth holders and other businesses using MDL's IT services.

From its online visitor berthing booking system and Otium Rewards scheme to its new Falco Smart Wireless Technology, MDL Marinas' operations are increasingly online based. The decision to better secure its IT systems against cyber attacks will prove a vital one as the business moves towards a digital set-up for the majority of its user-based systems.

Cyber Essentials is a government backed scheme that helps organisations protect themselves against a whole range of the cyber attacks. These can come in many forms, although the majority are quite rudimentary, carried out by unscrupulous individuals with limited skills; the digital equivalent of a thief attempting to break into your home, they are becoming increasingly sophisticated and are used by organised criminal groups to steal money, information or simply cause business disruption.

Having the Cyber Essentials Plus certification shows that MDL Marinas guards against cyber threats ensuring its customers can rest assured their data and information are safeguarded with the utmost diligence.



“We are incredibly proud to have been awarded Cyber Essentials Plus certification backed by the UK government and National Cyber Security Centre,” says Keith, Head of IT, MDL Marinas. “This achievement underscores our steadfast commitment to the highest standards of cybersecurity.”

“This is a huge accomplishment and testament to all the hard work performed on our cybersecurity and support of the wider business in putting these in place. This certification not only demonstrates our dedication to protecting sensitive information but also enhances trust and confidence among our valued customers and partners.”

For more information on MDL and its 18 UK waterside destinations, premium berthing, boatyard services, holiday parks and eco gyms visit [www.mdlmarinas.co.uk](http://www.mdlmarinas.co.uk)

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**Notes for editors:**

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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.
- MDL Marinas Group is proud to be landlords to over 500 marine businesses, with over 260 staff delivering the unique MDL experience to all berth holders, visitors and commercial partners.
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