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Blue Funnel's Ocean Scene finds new home at MDL's Shamrock Quay this summer

MDL Marinas is delighted to announce that Blue Funnel's MV 'Ocean Scene' and MV 'Jenny Blue' will be moving to a new permanent home at Shamrock Quay Marina in Southampton this summer.

A familiar sight on Solent waters, *Ocean Scene* has been operating from Town Quay since 2017, after relocating from MDL Marinas' Ocean Village. This summer, the vessels will begin their exciting new chapter at Shamrock Quay, further enhancing Blue Funnel's renowned local passenger cruises and boat tours.

Upon completion of the move, the vessels will benefit from a dedicated pontoon at the recently acquired Millstone Point site. This strategic relocation will consolidate Blue Funnel's entire operation at Shamrock Quay, offering a seamless and enhanced experience for passengers.

Blue Funnel's boats: *Ocean Scene* and *Jenny Blue*

Designed for comfort and versatility, *Ocean Scene* features a spacious open deck and comfortable indoor seating, making it ideal for sightseeing, private charters and special events throughout the year. With its new home at Shamrock Quay, passengers will be able to embark directly from one of Southampton's most vibrant marinas, making it easier than ever to explore the region's stunning coastline and maritime attractions. The smaller *Jenny Blue* offers shorter local excursions and docks tours and is also available for private hire and ferry services.

"We're thrilled that *Ocean Scene* and *Jenny Blue* will be permanently berthed at Shamrock Quay this summer," says Tim Mayer, Sales and Marketing Director at MDL Marinas. "It's fantastic to welcome Blue Funnel's operations to our marina. Shamrock Quay offers exceptional amenities that will significantly enhance the customer experience, including excellent parking facilities and a variety of eateries."



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"Visitors can also enjoy a selection of shops, including a gentleman's outfitter, fresh food outlets and marine providers. Shamrock is a great starting point for exploring the Solent, and we're really proud to be part of their journey."

Lee Rayment, Operations Director at Blue Funnel, adds: "Shamrock Quay will be the perfect home for *Ocean Scene* and *Jenny Blue*. The facilities are excellent, and there's a great marina atmosphere. Having everything in one place means we can offer an even better experience for our customers."

Shamrock Quay

The relocation is supported by MDL Marinas' recent acquisition of a 3.2-acre waterfront plot at Lower William Street, now designated as Millstone Point.

Located on the River Itchen, Shamrock Quay is steeped in maritime heritage and home to a thriving boating community. The 255-berth marina offers a wide range of services and facilities including refit and boat-building services, specialist marine trades and a 70-metre superyacht berth. It is also home to the popular dining venue, The Bistro Shamrock Quay.

With significant recent investment and further improvements planned for 2025 – including upgraded pontoons and enhanced security – the addition of *Ocean Scene* and *Jenny Blue*, along with the strategic development of Millstone Point, considerably enhances Shamrock Quay's appeal as a hub for maritime experiences.

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