**News Release**

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### Intrepid sailor to champion Inland and Coastal’s pontoons at Harbour Masters’ AGM at Seawork 2025

Inland and Coastal Marina Systems is pleased to confirm its attendance at the 32nd UK Harbour Masters’ Association (UKHMA) Annual General Meeting and Members’ Summer Luncheon, taking place on Wednesday 11 June during this year’s Seawork Exhibition at Mayflower Park, Southampton.

Attending this year as a valued UKHMA member, Inland and Coastal looks forward to reconnecting with Harbour Masters and marine professionals from across the country at this essential annual event.

As part of the AGM’s programme, author and sailor Mark Ashley-Miller will give a special talk celebrating the release of his new book, *Harbours and Their Masters*. The book chronicles Mark’s ambitious 9,000-nautical-mile voyage to meet every harbour master in the UK – a five-year journey during which he visited 310 harbours and interviewed 256 harbour masters, capturing their stories, challenges and traditions.

As part of his talk, he is keen to highlight how Inland and Coastal’s sturdy pontoons made the world of difference on his voyage when it came to docking and mooring safely, an ethos central to Inland and Coastal’s Get Onboard Safely campaign.

“Time and time again, I witnessed first-hand the critical role pontoons play – offering a lifeline between sea and land,” says Ashley-Miller. “I can recall countless occasions where the robust design of an Inland and Coastal pontoon made docking in tricky weather conditions safe and straightforward. Whether it was in the rough seas of Scotland or the tidal challenges of the English Channel, the pontoon manufacturer’s innovative engineering shone through.”

Jon Challis, Sales Manager at Inland and Coastal, adds: “Mark’s project has shone a spotlight on the vital role harbour masters play and the operational challenges they face daily. At Inland and Coastal, we’re proud to support these professionals with dependable water access infrastructure built to withstand the toughest marine environments – so everyone can walk to work safely.”

Members attending the AGM will also have the opportunity to meet Mark and learn more about *Harbours and Their Masters*, which features a foreword by HRH The Princess Royal and raises funds for The Seafarers’ Charity, with all author royalties donated. The book will be officially launched at the Southampton International Boat Show on 19 September 2025.

To learn more about *Harbours and Their Masters* and read a preview of the book, visit [www.fernhurstbooks.com](http://www.fernhurstbooks.com)

To explore Inland & Coastal’s commercial pontoon solutions or arrange a safe access consultation, visit <https://inlandandcoastal.com> or contact sales@inlandandcoastal.com

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* Inland and Coastal Marina Systems specialise in the design, manufacture and installation of marinas.
* Inland and Coastal Marina Systems is the official UK SeaBin supplier.
* Clients include local and regional Government, Port and Fishery Authorities, Marina Operators, Sports and Recreational Clubs, Development Consortiums, Consulting Engineers, Architects and Main Contractors.
* Inland and Coastal Marina Systems work internationally and have three offices: Banagher in Ireland, Lossiemouth in Scotland and Southampton, England.
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* 34% of lost time injuries reference: *Port Industry Incidents Statistics 2022*

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