

Uplifting news for Amble Marina!

Amble Marina has successfully completed the construction of a new dock and boat hoist, capable of lifting up to 40 tonnes, securing its future and providing an essential service for its 250 plus annual berth holders and hundreds of visiting boats.

Amble Marina, situated on the stunning north Northumberland coastline, is a small, family run business providing high quality berthing facilities to leisure and commercial customers

Marina customers have previously relied on local lift out facilities but with the future of these facilities under threat the company had to face the very real possibility that customers would relocate to other marinas. This would present significant risk to the future of the Marina and have wider ranging consequences – for the fishermen who need these services and for the local businesses that are supported by marina customers.

Managing Director Karl Brunton said: “We found ourselves facing a very difficult situation but we are committed to our customers, business and region. This development required the biggest investment we have made in our 25 years and was the most technically challenging due to the geology of the site. We are delighted we have successfully completed the project – it is excellent news for our customers and is fundamental to the longevity and success of the business.”

CMP Thames, the main contractor, had the experience and expertise required to complete the project from start to finish and the project was completed on time and to budget. The Marine Management Organisation granted a license to build in summer 2016 and inspected the work throughout the course of the project ensuring compliance and that necessarily rigorous standards were met upon completion in November 2017.

The new dock and hoist has a pontoon on each side giving worry free access to any vessel ready for lifting or launching. In addition, as a straddle hoist, boats can be lifted out of the water for a hull inspection without the need to move the boat onto dry land. “Our annual customer satisfaction survey overwhelmingly showed support for the build and this new development ensures we can continue to provide the highest quality service.” Mr Brunton said.

Future plans include offering a full range of services to customers in order to assist them with their boat maintenance and repair. The Marina aims to have a number of specialist contractors working on-site who offer the high level of knowledge and skill customers require.

