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Oceans apart from any other boat lift Sealift2 opens its new SD model floating dry dock in Cowes

Sealift2 International Limited is proud to announce the opening of its new shallow draught (SD), floating dry dock operation in Cowes, Isle of Wight.

The new Sealift2/SD **doubles the lifting capacity** of the RD model which was previously installed in Cowes. Sealift2/SD lifts 60ft motor boats and yachts weighing up to 50 tons in less than 5 minutes, enabling hull cleaning, anode replacement and re-launch in under an hour. The new dock **includes a full on board water treatment plant** which removes all oils and dissolved metals from the washoff and discharges clean water back into the river.

“Sealift2 already has docks installed in UK and the UAE, but the availability of the new SD model marks a major step forward for the company as it has been optimised to reduce shipping and installation costs and this opens up the international export market for us” says Richard Bayley, Managing Director of Sealift2 International Limited.

The floating dry dock was itself launched by a massive 1,600 ton floating barge crane, which travelled across from Portsmouth Harbour, providing locals travelling on the chain ferry linking East and West Cowes with a bird’s eye view of the entire launch program.

“The launch and installation of the new dock went like clockwork” said Gareth Nicholls, Production Manager at Sealift2. “Once the units were launched it took less than half a day to tow them to site, join the two main sections and drive securing piles”.

This was followed by testing, certification and training of staff in the operation of the new dock.

With a throughput of 10-12 boats per day Sealift2/SD yields excellent returns on investment when compared to traditional alternatives such as travel lifts and cranes. Returns can be further improved by reserving the last lift of the day for longer jobs such as overnight antifoul painting. Installation is straightforward, without the need for expensive civil engineering works usually associated with installing a travel lift.

Sealift2/SD also enhances marinas with travel lifts already installed, by enabling them to offer fast cleaning, diagnostic and surveying services whilst optimising the use of existing, shore based facilities for longer term jobs such as re-fits and engine replacement – a combination that will attract more boat owners and increase customer satisfaction levels

Sealift2 International Limited is a privately owned company based in Cowes, Isle of Wight which specialises in designing and building eco-friendly pneumatic dry docks which deliver the fastest lift times available in the industry.

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