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**- BURGESS MARINE SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES THE RECENTLY REFITTED
65m SUPERYACHT 'MY SHEMARA' FOR SHEMARA REFIT LLP -**

Britain's largest independent ship repairer, [Burgess Marine](#), has successfully launched the 65m Motor Yacht Shemara from its ship lift facility at the top of Portsmouth Harbour. Shemara Refit LLP completed the refit in just over three years at the ex Vosper-Thornycroft yard in Portchester.

The vessel transited to the lift on Sunday April 13th and was launched today at approx. 1200hrs from Burgess Marine's 1000T [Rolls Royce syncrolift](#) ship lift and has preceded under tow to the [Port of Southampton](#) for final fit out, commissioning and sea trials. The tow has been facilitated by [Williams Shipping](#). Burgess Marine is one of over 200 local subcontractors to have supported Shemara Refit LLP.

Burgess Marine provided specialist support and personnel to Shemara Refit LLP for structural and fabrication works, mechanical works and pipefitting. Mr Peter Morton, the Owner of Shemara Refit LLP comments: "Burgess Marine has been an important partner in this project from the moment we took ownership of the vessel in Lowestoft in 2010".

Burgess Marine's Portchester facility has seen major investment since the company acquired Testbank Ship Repair in January 2013; the channel and syncrolift 'pit' have been extensively dredged by [Jenkins Marine](#) allowing vessels up to a maximum draft of 4.5m to utilise the ship lift. In line with further major investment in [Trafalgar Wharf](#) the wires, bearings and winches have all been overhauled and the sites infrastructure has been significantly improved.

Burgess Marine's General Manager in Portchester, Mr Karl Kerry, comments: "the investment in the site has been well thought through and is substantial - we've spent over £250k on the footprint to both allow increased draft vessels up on to the ship lift and to better support our regular customers".

Mr Nicholas Warren, Burgess Marine's Managing Director goes on to say: "the facility at Trafalgar Wharf is of obvious longer-term strategic significance to us - the increased draft now allows us to seek new customers and better support existing clients. BAE Systems, Serco, the MoD, Wightlink and the Gosport Ferry will benefit from our investment as too will numerous other local and national operators. Portchester, and the South Coast, needs more ship repair custom and I genuinely do hope that this major investment will help, as will the positive publicity surrounding today's successful launch of MY Shemara and the continuing major refit works onboard the 57m MY Tacanuya".

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Burgess Marine

Burgess Marine is at the forefront of the specialised marine engineering industry, having earned a worldwide reputation as experts in all aspects of structural repairs and renewals as well as mechanical repairs both above and below the waterline.

With workshops and offices in Dover, Portsmouth, Portchester, Southampton, Poole, Avonmouth, Devonport and within STP Palma the business is ideally located not only to support the UK's largest passenger ports, but also shipping in general throughout the busy English Channel and Superyacht's based in Mallorca.

From its head office in Dover, Burgess Marine also provides highly skilled teams capable of carrying out planned refits and emergency works worldwide, having worked extensively throughout Europe and the Mediterranean, the Middle East, the Far East, North America, South America and the Caribbean.

The combined marine engineering experience of the Directors and Technical Management within Burgess Marine exceeds some 250 years; it is this level of knowledge and experience, together with complete commitment, that gives customers total peace of mind and Burgess Marine the leading edge.

Burgess Marine is an ISO 9001:2008 British Standards Institute accredited company and holds 'DNV Approved Supplier' status; the company is also a full member of the Association of Diving Contractors. [Click here](#) to view all accreditations and policies.

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