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**- BURGESS MARINE TAKES OVER THE  
MARCHWOOD SLIPWAYS FOOTPRINT FROM ABP SOUTHAMPTON -**

***Britain's largest independent ship repairer, [Burgess Marine](#), has secured a long-term lease from ABP Southampton for the two slipways at the top of Southampton Water that are currently occupied by [Marchwood Slipways](#).***

The footprint will be renamed Burgess Marine Marchwood; and will be under Burgess Marine's management from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2015.

Mr and Mrs Chandler, who currently operate the slipways will be joining the Burgess Marine team.

The footprint provides two rolling slips - one of 500T and one of 1000T (both slips can support vessels up to 70m LOA), and 183m of jetty with berthing. The site offers opportunities for short, medium and long-term storage, ultra-high pressure water blasting washing and open shot blasting. Burgess Marine will also be providing its 'standard' shipyard services to include project management, structural engineering in both steel and aluminium, mechanical engineering, marine grade electrical engineering and hydraulic repairs and renewals.

The site will be managed by Mr Karl Kerry who also manages Burgess Marine Portchester's 1000T syncrolift and yard at the top of Portsmouth Harbour.

Karl comments: "the site is excellent and we already have good, long-standing relationships with all of the yards key customers - in fact we've at least four dockings already stemmed. We will be both investing and improving health and safety standards in Marchwood; we'll also be changing the way that the site works. We'll subcontract aspects of the works undertaken, for example the paint, but we will be doing the majority of the works in-house. What's key for us is that we maximise the utilisation of the footprint and work in proper partnership with our customers to ensure the best, and most sensible, utilisation of both our footprints in Portchester and now Southampton".

Some of the yards key customers are Red Funnel, Jenkins Marine, Blue Funnel, Williams Shipping and the Sandbanks Ferry.

The primary point of contact for Burgess Marine Marchwood is to be Mr Karl Kerry (T: 07766 100254) E: [karl.kerry@burgessmarine.co.uk](mailto:karl.kerry@burgessmarine.co.uk), or Mr Chris Hems (T: 07713 565045) E: [chris.hems@burgessmarine.co.uk](mailto:chris.hems@burgessmarine.co.uk). The site will continue to be managed on a day-to-day basis by Mr Brian Chandler.

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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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