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## **BURGESS MARINE SIGNS THE DOUBLE**

**- BOTH WIGHTLINK AND THE GOSPORT FERRY COMMIT TO PORTCHESTER -**

***Britain's largest independent ship repairer, [Burgess Marine](#) has scored 'a double' by signing long-term contracts with two local operators: both [Wightlink](#) and [Gosport Ferry Limited](#)***

The company refits both [Wightlink's](#) high-speed craft and the [Gosport Ferry Limited](#) four ships, locally, on the [1000T Rolls Royce](#) ship lift in Portchester, at the top of Portsmouth Harbour.

Having signed Wightlink for five-years and Gosport Ferry Limited for three-years Mr Brian Needle, Burgess Marine's Technical Director (Commercial Marine and Defence) comments: "this is great news for the site and really great news for the business - Wightlink and Gosport Ferry are arguably our most important local customers and it's fantastic news that they've shown us a long-term commitment to both the Portchester site and Burgess Marine. We're all extremely excited, grateful and very proud that they've agreed to come back year after year".

The cumulative contract value likely exceeds £5mGBP and helps to secure many ship repair jobs in Portchester for the immediate refit season and the coming years.

Mr John Burrows, of Wightlink comments: "the facility is ideal and the experience in-house within Burgess Marine is second to none. I'm 100% confident that this is exactly the right move for Wightlink; long-term deals secure not only commercial rates but also high levels of service commitment - we look forward to working with the team at Burgess Marine both on and off the Portchester footprint well into the future".

Capt Keith Edwards, of Gosport Ferry Limited, goes on to say: "the location really is ideal, it couldn't be bettered - by making a long-term commitment to Burgess Marine and the ship-lift we can plan our schedules and manage our budgets better, and also develop a formal working partnership with Burgess Marine to the obvious benefit of both parties. Longer term it's a win-win situation and really positive news for the local economy here in Hampshire".

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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 ([Rolls Royce Syncrolift](#)), 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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