

PRESS RELEASE: Revolutionary new floating dry dock arrives in Dubai

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Sealift2 International Limited, announces the installation and commissioning of its unique rolling deck, floating dry dock platform at Dubai Maritime City. Owned and operated by Palm Marine Yacht Services, the Sealift2 platform will lift 50 ton boats and yachts in less than 5 minutes. Boat owners can now enjoy a service which lifts their boat, cleans the hull, enables general below waterline maintenance such as anode replacement and re-launches in less than an hour.

“In Dubai they build new islands in order to create waterfront land so the very last thing they want to do is to use this valuable space as hard standing for boats. The sealift2 platform is a self contained floating dry dock which requires no land based infrastructure, which makes it perfect for this market”, said Richard Bayley, Managing Director of Sealift2 International Limited.

There are plans to build 55,000 new berths in Dubai over the next few years so there is a growing market for lift and clean services. It is important, therefore, that Dubai also maintains a healthy marine environment and this is where Sealift2 can help. The Sealift2 dock is an eco-friendly platform which collects all wash off and disposes of it strictly in accordance with local environmental laws.

“We wanted to enter the marine services market with an eco-friendly platform but without the usual delays associated with constructing the land based infrastructure needed for conventional travel lifts. Sealift2 offered us that flexibility” said Curtis Hodder, Chief Executive at Palm Marine Yacht Services. “We saw the dock in Cowes, Isle of Wight in April this year, ordered in May and it was shipped and commissioned on time in August.”

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. The rolling deck design lifts boats up to 18m in length (17m waterline) with a maximum beam of 5.5 metres. It has been certified by Lloyds British Testing Limited to lift boats weighing up to 50 tons. Larger models are available on request.

Palm Marine Yacht Services is a full maritime service company based at Dubai Maritime City. Comprising of a group of international marine experts and state of the art equipment, the service and maintenance teams provide professional attention and advice, together with emergency repairs, warranty issues, refits and renovation of existing craft along with any additional alterations.

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