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With the recent cold snap behind us lets all look forward to a sunny spring and a great boating season. We launched our new website in August 2009 and we hope that you have found it interesting and informative, our aim through the website is to keep you in touch with all our news, services and special offers.

[The Repair Shop](#) has almost finished a major refit of the rib tenders from the Mayan Queen IV (pictured below).



The Mayan Queen is 92 metres long and has a displacement of approximately 4,000 tonnes. On completion of the refit the rib tenders will be shipped to Barcelona.



Our skilled workshop team are on hand to carry out all your needs when preparing your vessel for the coming season. Please contact Tim or Dave if you require a quotation or advice on 01803 867922 or email: tim@balticwharf.co.uk or dave@balticwharf.co.uk

[Our Sales Centre](#) has proven successful and we are now in the process of listing all the boats at Baltic Wharf on our web page. So do not forget if you are selling your boat and wish us to place your details on our website please contact the office. We have on site Baltic Wharf Brokerage and several other brokerages are listed on our website www.balticwharf.co.uk



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[The Boatyard](#) has been kept very busy this season and we would like to thank all our customers old and new for their continuing support. We are striving to offer the best possible customer service during your stay with us, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff for any assistance you may require.



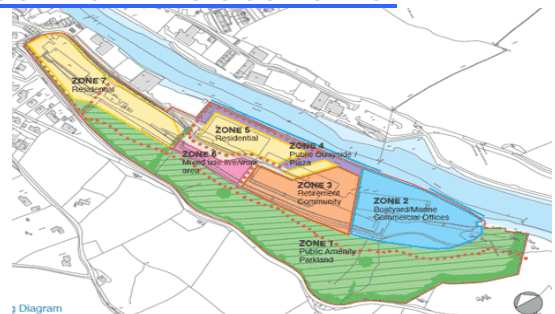
In addition to our wide range of services, we now offer collection and delivery of your vessel from Dartmouth. In response to the demand of deep drafted and larger vessels we have purchased some new 20 tonne cradles. More information is available on request.

[Our Great Summer Deal](#)

Make a note in your diary beginning from the 4th May ending on the 31st August 2010. Pay for your lift out and re-launch and receive up to one month's storage ashore and a pressure wash free.

[Our price freeze continues](#) into the year and we will have more money saving offers helping you to keep the cost of preparing your boat for the coming season down.

[Baltic Wharf Riverside Revival](#)



The SHDC planning members refused the outline planning application submitted for the revival of Baltic Wharf at their meeting in January by 11 votes to 7.

There was however widespread support for the principles of the scheme, which included a retained boatyard of similar scale with more space for marine industry, a massive jobs boost which quadrupled the numbers of jobs on site, a retirement village, 250 homes and an opening of a riverside walk, public plaza and 12 acres of open space to the public.

The owners Baltic Wharf Ltd/TQ9 Partnership are considering their options at the time of writing - more news to follow!

Team Baltic Review



The 2009 season was a fantastic learning curve for all the team. We ended 2008 with a lot of positives to take into this season, and with a busy racing schedule ahead of us we were able to apply ourselves against some very experienced teams who have been sailing together and on J80's for many years.

Our main event of the year was Cowes week, where we posted a highly encouraging 5th place of 21. The Solent fleet is the largest and most competitive in the country, going up against these local boats meant we were faced with difficult opposition, often we found our lack of local knowledge of the tidal currents let us down at key areas. Needless to say our boat speed which was within the top 3 throughout kept us in the game, and going into the last day in second place was a fantastic achievement with our youth crew.

Dartmouth Week was also a decent yardstick in which we could measure our progress. Last year we came 5th of 10, 3rd local boat. This year however, against stronger opposition, with one J80 team made up of 3 previous owners and a professional, all who have been sailing in the class for years, competing in Worlds, Europeans and Nationals we actually managed to win the event, beating them by just one point. This success was a great for the team as often we felt that at key times in regattas throughout the season we had just fallen short of the chance for silverware at the last hurdle, but not on our home waters!

2009 Results: 5th of 21 Cowes Week
1st J80 and 1st Sportsboat Dartmouth Week
2nd Overall fast handicap Wednesday night series
4th J Cup Torbay

Plans for next year/team development

Next year we hope to build further towards putting together a strong local youth team to take on the world's best in the 2012 World Championships held in Dartmouth. For this we need to start racing against some of Europe's best sailors, to work harder on our boat speed element as well as training/racing in big fleet style of racing. In order to do this our main events for next year are:

J-Cup 2010, 2nd June - 5th June, Hamble
European Championship, 21st June - 26th June, Malcesine, Lake Garda
Dartmouth Royal Regatta, 26th August - 29th August, Dartmouth, Devon

Henry Bomby As an update, 2009 has been very successful in means of getting out on the water training as well as participating in some racing, I took part in the Classic Channel Regatta which left from my home port of Dartmouth. Sailing on 'Gerunuk' my Contessa 26, double handed with a friend of mine,. We won the 110 mile race to Paimpol in France and our class (modern classics) overall.

Work off the water has also progressed massively. Due to the influx of more sponsors both product and financial, I now have a title sponsor for the voyage, 'The Seahorse Restaurant' in Dartmouth, I have also teamed up with my charity for the voyage, Toe in the Water. Having seen first

hand the incredible work they do whilst racing against them in the J80's I decided to use the project to raise both awareness and funds for them.

I have launched from Baltic Wharf for the final time before carrying out a training voyage to the Helford River and heading off in June. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at the yard for their help over the last year and a bit. I have absolutely loved going up to the yard to work on the boat and to have the expert support of everyone up there has been fantastic. Many thanks to everyone and here's to a great 2010! For progress report go online www.henrybombsailing.co.uk

Baltic Wharf's Docking-Solutions have enjoyed a busy year to date with various projects, some of the recently finished projects have been a bridge and bankseat for Debut on the MOD site at Ernesettle, a grounding pontoon at Kew Marina for berthing Thames barges and a landing craft pontoon for the Marine Base at Turnchapel. More information is available on their website www.docking-solutions.co.uk



This year a friendly team building challenge was set between the staff at Baltic Wharf and Docking-Solutions to an afternoon of go-karting, it was a great success and a fun time was had by all, the winner was surprisingly none other than our managing director Ian Dennis.

Team Proper Job - Julyan Bayes and Ian Dennis left on the 7th January taking part in the Plymouth to Timbuctu Charity Challenge, a car rally covering 4000 miles, which according to the rules is totally unsupported and must be completed in a car costing no more than one hundred pounds.

While having their adventure they hope to raise money for a couple of UK charities; Rowcroft Hospice and The Make A Wish Foundation. Once they reach their destination their 'rally' car and all of our equipment will be auctioned off with the proceeds going to local African charities in Mali. Please donate to the charities using the Just Giving links.

To follow their progress go online www.teamproperjob.co.uk



The South Hams now has its very own special brand of yacht brokers thanks to the arrival of Boatshed.com, to be based from the beginning of February in an office at Baltic Wharf covering the whole of the River Dart and Salcombe Harbour. The owner of Boatshed Dartmouth is Paul Singer who is widely experienced with all types of boats.

"I am delighted to be coming to Baltic Wharf with the well known Boatshed brand," said Paul. "The new used boat sales area at Baltic Wharf has been a great success already with one boat selling within a day of me listing it on the Boatshed website." For further information on Boatshed Dartmouth please visit www.boatsheddartmouth.com or telephone 07710 426754 to speak with Paul.