



TRANSEUROPE MARINAS

Minutes of the meeting held online at 14.00 WEST hours on Tuesday, 19th January 2022

1.0 Jean-Michel Gagné, chairman of the group, welcomed all present.

2.0 Attendees:

Representative	Marina
Jean-Michel Gagné (JMG) (Chairman)	
Mieke Vleugels (MV)	Jachthaven Wetterwille
Maarten Desloovere (MD)	VY Nieuwpoort
Rob Vanderbergh (RV)	Blankenberge
Manon Marolt (MM)	Calais Marina
Melanie Symes (MCS)	Secretary
Graham Richardson	Hull Marina
Teresa Vereterra Pérez de Rada	EBI
David Golin	Pick a Pier

3.0 Apologies

Representative	Marina
Kerrie Gray	Poole Quay Boat Haven
Roberto Perocchio	Marina del Cavallino
Peter de Regt	Marina Port Zélande
Nienke Zetzema	Jachthaven Waterland
Julien Lebas	Le Havre Plaisance
Amanda Daniel	Beaulieu River / Buckler's Hard

4.0 The Minutes of the last meeting held online on the 26th April 2022 were approved.

5.0 Membership matters:

- 5.1 **Membership application from Hull Marina.** The application was supported and approved unanimously by the members present. Hull has been added to the website. Please find the new members map attached with the Minutes.
- 5.2 **Update on post-Brexit channel crossings.** MM described how Calais had also created a localised form together with the border police, facilitating the entry procedure for UK visitors. Members agreed that boater confidence was greater than before and that few issues had arisen over the course of the summer months.
- 5.3 **Potential projects with TransEurope Marinas' involvement** – MS described working on a potential project for TransEurope Marinas, together with EBI, EMODnet and Pick a Pier. The project seeks to foment environmental engagement and ocean stewardship in



marinas, via the implementation of various actions, including oceanographic and atmospheric sensors, citizen science projects and biomonitoring. Any marinas interested in becoming involved should write to info@transeuropemarinas.com

- 5.4 **Southampton boat show** – both MV and JMG expressed interest in retaining the TYHA panel at the Southampton show. JMG has since negotiated a very good rate for the promotional panel and after consultation with the committee, this has been confirmed. The meeting will take place during the meeting. More details will be sent to members shortly.
- 5.5 **New Member User Guide** – MS showed members the new User Guide – attached with the Minutes.
- 5.6 **Next newsletter** – MS asked members for articles for the next newsletter, due out mid-August.

- 6.0 David Golin from the Pick a Pier team gave a short presentation on recent updates to the digital membership programme. A new release is expected in a week's time, which will incorporate the suggestions made at the meeting – see attached presentation.

- 7.0 Teresa Vereterra from EBI presented information about the the new EnviroNaut (ENVIRONmental Officer in the NAUTical Tourism Industry) course, a free environmental qualification for people in the boating industry. The presentation is attached. Members are invited to complete the short questionnaire that will help shape the content for the course: <https://bit.ly/3zfbDtC> With any further enquiries, please contact Teresa directly: tvp@europeanboatingindustry.eu. See attached presentation.

- 8.0 AOB:
 - 8.1 JMG spoke about his proposal for an IMG meeting in Slovenia-Venice. ICOMIA have since amended these plans, relocating the meeting at METS.
 - 8.2 JMG also mentioned next year's World Marina Conference, to be hosted in Vilamoura, Portugal. TransEurope has been invited to host a meeting there and ICOMIA is waiting on our response. The dates are from the 9-11 October and the conference features two days of presentations and one day of marina visits. The date for our meeting is not yet set, although if we go ahead, it is clear that given the dates, this would replace our 2023 September meeting at SIBS. We would expect to hold a hybrid version of the meeting for those that weren't able to attend. There would be a (subsidised) delegate fee for attending the conference. Comments are welcome.

- 9.0 Date and place of next meeting, our first in-person gathering since the pandemic, is set for Wednesday 18th September, at 12 noon, at the Southampton Boat Show (exact location TBC)