

CASE STUDY

Multi-stage refurbishment of Ocean Village Marina completed

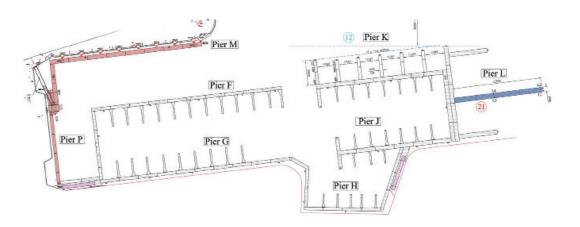
Southampton, UK

A significant project was completed in the summer of 2024 with the last stage of the replacement of end-of-life Walcon pontoons at MDL's flagship Ocean Village marina in Southampton.

The final phase involved the replacement of all the pontoons along the south side of the marina, from piers F to L. The works got underway in October 2023 with the removal of some of the piles, followed by dredging, reinstating the piles and then installing the brand-new pontoons in the same layout as before. This involved installing extensive walkways and over fifty finger berths with the largest capable of taking boats up to seventeen metres in length.

Generous amounts of alongside berthing allow for even larger yachts to be accommodated as does the new pier L. This features pontoons built for vessels up to 50-metres, fabricated by Inland & Coastal with installation assistance from Walcon. Marina Projects oversaw the works.

Harbour Master Wendy Stowe added: "It was a pleasure working with Walcon Marine, which shared our vision for creating a high quality marina in a sustainable manner. We were delighted to be able to welcome berth holders and visitors back to enjoy our market-leading facilities."







This final phase marked the end of an extend and refurbishment project that began five years ago. Built with Walcon's durable System 21 pontoons fitted with composite decking specified by the client, it will be extremely hard-wearing for many years to come. Other high quality features include a striking bow-string bridge that complements

the 5* Harbour Hotel and Spa that is opposite the marina's point of entry.

With its new layout and facilities, Ocean Village today offers 326 berths for yachts up to 90 metres in length, and has set a new benchmark in UK marina design and specification.



Founded in 1963, Walcon Marine is the market leader in the design, construction and installation of marinas, yacht harbours and berthing facilities around the world. As probably the longest established and most experienced company in its field, Walcon Marine is a global organisation with manufacturing facilities in the UK, Australia and Dubai. Its pontoons are now installed in over 30 different countries on five continents.