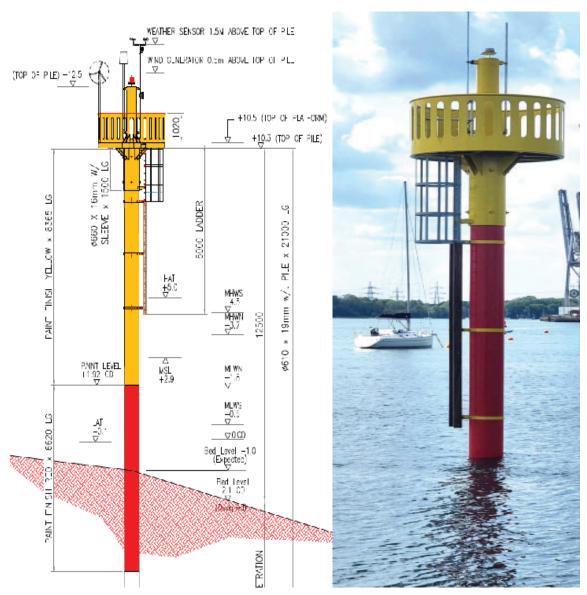


CASE STUDY

A new weather platform for AB Ports (Southampton)

Southampton Water, UK



In the summer of 2024 Walcon built and installed another weather pile for ABP Ports (Southampton) off Marchwood at the top of Southampton Water. weather sensor positioned at the highest point, 1.5 metres above the pile itself. The diameter is 61 centimetres.

The steel pile, installed by the Walcon Wizard piling barge, measures 21 metres in height including the

The wind generator that provides the power to the sensors is positioned 500mm lower down.../

The $180 \times 75 \text{cm}$ curved PFC access platform is fitted with 10 mm curved sheet handrailing. It is reached by a six-metre ladder with timber fender protection and a safety cage around the upper section.

The platform floor is made from 23mm GRP minimesh decking.

Other instruments and fittings include an electronic tide gauge together with a top mark and navigation lights. Telemetry feeds through to SotonMet, a comprehensive weather information system that measures weather conditions in Southampton Water. This can then be accessed by Vessel Traffic Services Operators and other users to support safe navigation.

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