



Porthclais Harbour Authority

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To Whom It May Concern,

We have supported Câr-Y-Môr for the last 5 years while they have been trialing the two sites at Carn-ar-wig and Porthlyski. We have all worked together ensuring all the requirements of recreational and commercial users of the harbour have been met.

We support the work of Câr-Y-Môr in developing shellfish and seaweed farming in the area, creating all year-round jobs and supporting local fishermen and developing Seaweed fertilisers to help local farmers reduce the use of agro chemicals.

Câr-Y-Môr is an active and respectful user of Porthclais Harbour. When operating in and around the harbour, the team minimise disruption, ensure safe and responsible mooring, and leave no trace after use. They also engage with visitors answering the many questions regarding their Community Business and Shellfish and seaweed farming. They are always ready to assist with harbour-related upkeep. E.g. - When going out to their farms early one morning they found one of the moored boats in the harbour spilling fuel and debris into the harbour as it was sinking. Their crew kindly bailed the boat out, preventing further damage and mess and contacted the harbour master. Such kindness and willingness to contribute positively to the harbour activities is crucial in this small but close-knit community.

From a navigational perspective, over the last five years, the existing farms have been well-marked, charted, and positioned away from primary boating routes. They have not caused any issues to marine users. The Câr-Y-Môr team carry out regular maintenance and inspections to ensure the farms are well-maintained, particularly before and after storm events. Therefore, we do not foresee any issues from the proposed larger sites at these locations

Regarding the anchorage area in Porthlysgi bay - which is used six times each summer by small leisure vessels, we note that the proposed sites take up only a small proportion of available areas and do not interfere with safe mooring opportunities for these visiting vessels.

In terms of visual presence, the farms are designed to be minimally intrusive. The yellow Trinity House navigation markers are required for safety and are visible only when in close proximity, while the farming buoys themselves are low-lying (under 300mm above the surface), making them unnoticeable from a short distance away. Compared to the tankers frequently moored in St Bride's Bay, which are visible for tens of kilometre's, the visual impact of the farms is negligible.

As Porthclais Harbour Authority is committed to the safe and sustainable use of local waters, we recognise the importance of well-managed marine businesses that coexist with existing harbour activities.

Therefore we are pleased to support the continued development of well-managed, sea farms in the area by the Community Benefit Society, Câr-Y-Môr, that has, for the last 5 years shown they operate responsibly always trying to do the best for the local community and especially those who use our wonderful seas and harbours that we are privileged to have here on the St David's Peninsula.

Yours sincerely,

David.Davies
Secretary

25/2/25

justin.davis@carymor.wales

From: nigel@carymor.wales
Sent: 05 August 2023 09:26
To: Owen Haines; Justin Davis
Subject: Fwd: Expansion of Car Mor sea farming / Ramsey/Porthllyscu

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Fwd: Expansion of Car Mor sea farming / Ramsey/Porthllyscu
Date: 2023-08-05 08:34
From: Mick Saunders <micksaunders49@gmail.com>
To: nigel@carymor.wales

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Karen Rees** <trefeiddancottages@outlook.com>
Date: Fri, 4 Aug 2023 at 22:42
Subject: Expansion of Car Mor sea farming / Ramsey/Porthllyscu
To: micksaunders49@gmail.com <micksaunders49@gmail.com>

To whom it may concern. As a St Davids resident and immediate neighbour to Ramsey sound . I have a great respect for the team of Car y Mor for the professional and hardworking attitude they have towards the project they are undertaking.

I am privileged to work on Ramsey Island often crossing whilst Car y Mor are at work. With early starts they are a dedicated team believing that their efforts will not only bring excellent food to local tables but in a truly environmentally way.

The expansion of their two sites will make a huge difference to their production whilst at the same time create a safe habitat for small fish and crustaceans.

It is indeed an increase with winners all round and I am delighted to support them.

Derek Rees

Trefeiddan Farm
St Davids
Sa62 6PY



Re: Email of Support

From Owen Haines <owen@carymor.wales>

Date Wed 2/19/2025 9:26 AM

To Ifan Price <ifan.price@quinquari.co.uk>

Cc beth@carymor.wales <beth@carymor.wales>; Bethan Price <bethan@voyagesboats.co.uk>

Much appreciated Ifan
Cariad gan

Owen

On 19 Feb 2025, at 05:07, Ifan Price <ifan.price@quinquari.co.uk> wrote:

Good Morning Owen and Beth,

An email of support for the existing 0.1 hectare trial IMTA (Integrated Multi Species Aquaculture) sites at Porthlysgi and Carn-ar-Wig to be replaced with (2-3) hectare shellfish sea farms. I have lived in St David's all my life and generations of my family have worked on the sea, especially out of Ramsey Sound, as we operate a boat building business (Quinquari Marine) and a Wildlife Tour Boat Business, Voyager of Discovery. We keep our vessels on the Porthstinian moorings at St Justinian's so work around these sea farms 7 months every year. Wildlife and the sea has been a big part of my life.

From our perspective the logic of trying to start up a new sea and land farming sector to benefit our community and marine environment is compelling. Therefore I fully support the Community Benefit Society, Câr-Y-Môr's, who worked to first trial sea farming for 5 years, and now scale up these farms to be nursery/training and educational sea farms, so they can lead to the business becoming viable. The stress and hours that i have seen been put into this project it believe it now needs to become financially viable for Car y Mor.

I appreciate the aim is to create future viable sea farms so that fishermen, with all their marine skills and knowledge, can run them - thereby replacing some of the time they fish with sea farming, reducing the pressure on fish stocks. This is what Atlantic Sea farms are successfully doing in Maine, US.

I appreciate there is concern that:

1. the sea bed under the farms could be potentially damaged
2. marine species could be entangled
3. The visual impact will put off tourists

The five years of trials through close monitoring has demonstrated that these concerns do not occur.

Many of the passengers on our tour boats are genuinely interested in the start of the new sector and the potential improvements they bring to marine life and the environment, to the extent that we incorporate the seaweed farms into our boat tours and spend 10 mins on each trip explaining how they work and what the purpose is.

In terms of navigational risk the sea farms are not on the main routes for all the Wild life boats and fishing and leisure boats. The farms are clearly marked and are on the charts. The proposed larger sites are in these same locations that all these marine operators have been aware of for years. Further, like land farms, all the structures are continually checked and maintained - especially before and after storm conditions. In comparison there is often flotsam unmarked, and often just below the surface in the main vessel routes.

In regards to an anchorage facility for small pleasure boats in Porthlysgi Bay - The proposed future site is located on the north side of the bay leaving ample room for several yachts to be safely moored - if ever required.

I believe we all agree mankind has degraded our seas and soils to such an extent we need to actively regenerate them for the sake of the future generations. I think we need to do our best to develop Shellfish and seaweed farming to help with this - therefore I support the development of well maintained and funded sea farms run by a Community Benefit Society committed to benefitting society and the environment.

On a personal note, having watched Car y Mor start their operations in the local area, worked along side them and seen many local people have jobs and careers with them it fills me with a great sense of joy. To gain a access into the sea world can be very difficult but Car Y mor is not only helping future business they are also helping many young people gain a sense of love and respect for our ocean.

I wish you all the best with this application.

Yours sincerely

Ifan Price
Director

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Owen Haines

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Managing Director, and humbled to be one of Câr-y-Môr's 500+ equal members

- Creating year-round jobs in our coastal community
- Privileged to be working with local fishermen and land farmers in Wales
- Developing regenerative sea and land farming
- Connecting our sea and soil to produce more sustainable food
- Providing education and careers for future generations

We invite all to [become members \(£1\)](#), please also consider supporting our latest [Community Share Offer](#)





To whom it may concern,

27 February 2025

Support for the replacement of the existing 0.1 hectare trial IMTA (Integrated Multi Species Aquaculture) sites at Porthlysgi and Carn-ar-Wig with (2-3) hectare shellfish sea farms.

I am a professional marine ecologist, with over 40 years of research and consultancy experience, based in Pembrokeshire. I specialise in benthic (seabed life) surveys and environmental impact assessment, and have carried out many contract projects for NRW. I have been an investor in and supporter of Car y Mor since early 2021 and have been assisting, on a voluntary basis, with some seabed surveys around St Justinians, Carn-ar-Wig and Porthlysgi.

As human populations increase, and put increasing pressure on marine ecosystems to provide food, we need to find ways to do that sustainably. Seaweed and shellfish are highly nutritious and can grow rapidly on man-made structures with no additions of feed or chemicals. It is now widely recognised, from academic studies in UK and elsewhere, that seaweed and shellfish aquaculture can provide many ecosystem benefits if it is done well. We now need to develop ways to do that on a larger scale. Câr-y-Môr is at the forefront of an industry that is trying to do that. It has a strong environmental ethic and it's community based business model is keeping it at a human scale that doesn't put profit above the environment.

There is a real concern that the infrastructure of anchors and chains that hold the farm in place can damage the natural seabed habitats. My studies have shown that can certainly happen if riser chains are allowed to scour rocky reef, but appropriately sited anchors and ground chains can become stable habitat. I have seen the proposed plans for the extended areas at Porthlysgi and Carn-ar-Wig and can see that Car-y-Mor have tried to avoid the rocky reef and plan to site anchors and ground chains appropriately.

I support the development of well maintained and funded sea farms run by organisations like Car-y-Mor that are committed to benefitting society and the environment.

Yours sincerely

Jon Moore, 28 February 2025

To whom it may concern,

February 2025

A letter of support for the existing 0.1 hectare trial IMTA (Integrated Multi Species Aquaculture) sites at Porthlysgi and Carn-ar-Wig to be replaced with (2-3) hectare shellfish sea farms.

I am born and bred St David's. I'm a licensed fisherman operating from Porthclais Harbour fishing for crab and lobster around Ramsey and have seen all the commitment Câr-Y-Môr has put into their 5 years of operating the trial farms, and all the interest and support they have received.

As a fisherman I'm fully aware of how difficult it is to earn your livelihood working on the sea. Therefore I fully support, the Community Benefit Society, Câr-Y-Môr's to now scale up these farms to be nursery/training and educational sea farms, so they can lead to the business becoming viable.

I also support the Câr-Y-Môr's team's tireless work to build local support for licenses for 50 hectare plots for larger sea farms a few km offshore in St Bride's Bay and off Dinas head. I appreciate the aim is to create future viable sea farms so that fishermen, like myself, with all their marine skills and knowledge, can run them - thereby replacing some of the time they fish with sea farming, reducing the pressure on fish stocks. This is what [Atlantic Sea farms](#) are successfully doing in Maine, US.

I appreciate some people have various concerns about these new sea farms. However from my experience of working around the farms over the years there has not been any mooring movement, mammal or bird entanglement, or instances of vessels/ leisure boats/ canoes being damaged in any way, as they are tucked out the way. Generally people are interested in what is being done and wildlife like fish, seals and birds are attracted to the farms by all the marine life that grows on the ropes and buoys. The position of the farms allows pots to be placed all the way around to take advantage of the marine life they attract - and to put fishing pots in sheltered water when storms are forecast

In terms of future navigational risk of the proposed larger sites, I see no problem as these are in the same locations that all the marine operators have been aware of for years, and are properly marked. Further, like land farms, all the structures are continually checked and maintained - especially before and after storm conditions. In comparison there is often flotsam unmarked, and often just below the surface in the main vessel routes.

In regards to an anchorage facility for small pleasure boats in Porthlysgi Bay - I have seen over the years an occasional vessel anchored overnight - perhaps (0-3) occasions a year. The proposed future site is located on the north side of the bay taking < 10 % of the bay leaving ample room for several yachts to be safely moored - if ever required.

I support the development of well maintained and funded sea farms run by a Community Benefit Society committed to creating all year round jobs , supporting fishermen and gatherers and benefitting our seas with the farms being a haven for marine life. Their aim to produce Seaweed Biostimulant to help reduce the amounts of agro chemicals is also a very positive step and deserves all our support

Yours sincerely

Matt Dev
Porthclais Fisherman

Padrig Rees
Chairman of Porthstinian Boat Owners Association
St Justinian's, Pembrokeshire
27th Feb 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

Letter of support for Câr-Y-Môr's farms at Carn-ar-wig and Porthlysgi

As Chairman of the Porthstinian Boat Owners Association, I am writing to support the above.

Câr-Y-Môr's team have worked tirelessly for 5 years to start developing Shellfish and seaweed farming in the area and are supported by many of us in the community as they are providing all year round jobs and are adding to the local economy. They rent two of PBA's moorings and always operate professionally and safely.

We the PBA do not see any issues from a navigational or visual impact perspective of the proposed sites

I also appreciate that Câr-Y-Môr maintains their infrastructure to a high standard, inspecting moorings and equipment regularly, notably before and after storms.

For these reasons, the PBA support the proposed sites at Carn-ar-wig and Porthlysgi shown on attached map.

Yours sincerely,
Padrig Rees
Chairman, Porthstinian Boat Owners Association
St Justinian's, Pembrokeshire



justin.davis@carmor.wales

From: nigel@carmor.wales
Sent: 05 August 2023 09:24
To: Owen Haines; Justin Davis
Subject: Fwd: Re: Fwd: letter of support

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Fwd: letter of support
Date: 2023-08-04 18:53
From: RICHARD MAHER <rickmaher@btinternet.com>
To: Alan Richardson <sianrichardson@mac.com>, Bethan Price <bethan.price@quinquari.co.uk>, Chris Jones <cjoneshuw1987@gmail.com>, Clive Hayes <sales@mccracecars.co.uk>, David Griffiths <davidrhosson@hotmail.co.uk>, Derek Rees <trefeiddancottages@outlook.com>, Mark Staniforth <mark.staniforth007@btopenworld.com>, Mick Saunders <micksaunders49@gmail.com>, Nia Stephens <nia.stephens@rspb.org.uk>, Padrig Rees <info@bluesharkuk.com>, Rhys Price <rhys@quinquari.co.uk>, Steve Rees <steve@robustboats.co.uk>, Tim Brooke <info@venturejet.co.uk>, Tom Sutton <suttontimber@aol.com>, claire Lunt <clairelunt175@icloud.com>, ffion Rees <ffion@falconboats.co.uk>, nigel@carmor.wales

To Whom It May Concern,

As a St Davids householder and member of the Porthstinian Boat Owners' Association, I would like to put on record my strong support for Car-y-Mor's application to enlarge the shellfish and seaweed farms at Carn-a-wig and Porthlysgi. I understand that this expansion is vital if Car-y-Mor is to become a commercially-sustainable enterprise, which is highly desirable for its environmental benefits both locally and globally, as well as providing a much needed boost to local employment.

- Rick Maher, 45 Nun Street, St Davids.

(Is that the sort of thing? Let me know if it needs to be in different format, or addressed differently)

----- Original Message -----

From: "Mick Saunders" <micksaunders49@gmail.com>
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<info@venturejet.co.uk>; "Tom Sutton" <suttontimber@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, 4 Aug, 23 At 10:24
Subject: Fwd: letter of support

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From: <nigel@carymor.wales>
Date: Sat, 29 Jul 2023 at 10:23
Subject: letter of support
To: Micksaunders49 <micksaunders49@gmail.com>, Owen Haines <owen@carymor.wales>, Jess
<jess@carymor.wales>

Nige has asked me to forward his email to you all concerning the Car y Mor farms.

Morning Mick

Please may I update you on the Câr-Y-Môr trial farms at Porthlysgi and Carn ar Wig.

For the last three years we have been trialing what can be grown in both these 1/4 acres test sites. We are delighted that both are excellent for growing mussels, oysters scallops and seaweed - giving the potential of producing viable amounts of wonderful healthy seafood at these locations if we can now increase the size of the sites. Both sites have been tested for 7 months giving A grade shellfish classification. We attach a chart showing the existing and proposed site sizes and locations. We propose Carn-ar-wig will become a 3 acre farm and Porthlysgi a 7 acre farm. We will just farm shellfish at these sites. To give an idea of scale 10 acres is 1.5% of the area of Ramsey Sound. Everyday continues to be a learning day - we have made lots of mistakes and am sure will make many more - We've learnt that New Zealand mussel ropes appear best for these locations, the best anchors for the moorings, and different depths best for the lanterns with different shellfish - how to trim the seaweed so that we can get several cuts per year

I'm sure we have lots more to learn but these years of testing has given us the confidence to take the next step and try and scale up to allow us to be commercially viable. We also are becoming more efficient with our transport and harvesting methods and cannot foresee any sizeable increase in traffic or harbour usage.

Mussels – They take 2 years to grow to size - We hope to harvest the first tonne this autumn- we have lots of customers waiting patiently to purchase. Second hand equipment has been fitted onto the work barge for grading and re -socking making a viable process.

Scallops – They take 5 years to be saleable - 50,000 * 2 mm seed was stocked at Carn ar Wig only 1 Month ago and are now up to 15mm. Again selling them will not be a problem if we can master the farming.

Oysters – .

These take 4 years to reach market size. We have another 2 years to go. However we have recently sold a small quantity to oyster restoration projects in the UK

Seaweed has annual harvests – and grows naturally on all sites - Here is some being harvested this year.

We hope to have a refinery set up and starting to produce Seaweed Biostimulants for pembrokeshire's farmers in 2024

Working with wildlife boats

Just last week we had a successful trip alongside Thousand Islands with WWF and Nature Friendly Farming showing them our multi species sea farms – We hope to develop our collaborative work with the tourism boat companies to spread the word about how we are helping to tackle climate change and grow sustainable sea food and Seaweed biostimulant for our land farmers, all whilst helping the local economy and providing year round jobs for local people.

Working with local fishermen

Employing a team of 5 processing and selling our Seaweed and local fisherman's crab/lobster/velvets/mackerel etc – This gives an opportunity for Pembrokeshire's Seafood to be enjoyed here in Wales and the UK - rather than all being shipped abroad. As soon as Câr-Y-Môr gets the farming to be viable our aim is to help fishermen utilise their marine skills and diversify into running their own Seaweed and shellfish farms with Câr-Y-Môr providing all the seed and the market.

All at Câr-Y-Môr are committed to becoming Commercially viable in the next two year and to continue its aims of improving the marine ecosystems and and securing the local full time jobs - and reducing our reliance on grant funding and volunteers.

Membership of Câr-Y-Môr is open to all who support its aims and costs just £1. - All members are equal owners of the society who democratically run the business to benefit our society.

Please could you consider if you could send me an email of support for our application to enlarge Carn ar wig and Porthlysgi to help the society become sustainable - this would be much appreciated.

For your information:

Currently Câr-Y-Môr employs the following 15 from the local area :

St Davids: Jess, Ella, Meg, Ronan, Joanne, Rowan, Johannes

Fishguard: Tom and Alice

Haverfordwest: Fergus, Zoe, Leon

Penparc: Tracey and Anna

Carnhedryn: Nige

and has people who regularly Volunteer/ advise from :

St Davids: Francois, Steve, Bill, Martin, Owen, Chimene

Solva: Alma, Rich

Carmarthen : Craig

Saundersfoot: Phil,

Tenby: Neil

Three Crosses; Rob

Cardiff: Geoff, Chris, Frank, Sara

Swansea: Paul, Jon, Sara

Bangor: Julie, James, Rowland

London: Dom, Dom

Ipswich: Colin

Bristol: Craig, Ella

Angelsea : Christian Dani

Abergavenny: Alex, Stephen

Scotland: Judith, Nick, Janet

Morecambe: Kelsey
Netherlands: Nikki, Dirk, Roy

Nige Robinson/ Jessica Goggin

Employees and Volunteers

Câr-y-Môr
For the Love of the Sea

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Câr-y-Môr is a registered **Community Benefit Society**, a community of people built around **two key aims**: to improve the coastal environment and to improve the well-being of the local community, through **regenerative ocean farming and sustainable job creation**.



NRA MEAC Decom v1.1

From Planning <planning@rya.org.uk>

Date Thu 2/20/2025 4:31 PM

To beth@carymor.wales <beth@carymor.wales>

Good afternoon Beth,

We received your email on 30 of January and after a thorough examination we have no further comments on your application.

Kind regards,

Rita Ungvarszki

External Affairs Administrator

Royal Yachting Association

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February 2025

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I have lived in St David's all my life working on and sometimes under the sea, especially in Ramsey Sound, as I'm a boat builder, diver and mooring engineer. I'm also a licensed fisherman operating from one of the Porthstinian moorings at St Justinian's so I fish and work around these sea farms all year.

Due to the above experience I'm fully aware of how much more expensive, and how difficult it is to farm in the sea as opposed to the land. Therefore I fully support the Community Benefit Society, Câr-Y-Môr's, work to first trial sea farming for 5 years, and now scale up these farms to be nursery/training and educational sea farms, so they can lead to the business becoming viable.

I also support the Câr-Y-Môr's team's tireless work to be able to breathe life back into the two derelict listed life boat stations at St Justinian's and continued work to build local support for licenses for 50 hectare plots for larger sea farms a few km offshore in St Bride's Bay and off Dinas head.

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I appreciate there is concern that the sea bed under the farms could be potentially damaged by moorings moving and from the seabed being suffocated and shaded by the seaweed and shellfish growing above. From the mooring and diving maintenance, I confirm I've seen no damage to the sea bed, or signs of depletion due to the above.

Further from regular mooring diving inspections, over years on the farms, and from discussions of several other local divers, we can all confirm that under these small trail farms, and notably the 3 hectare St Justinian site there is surprisingly more marine life - especially part grown Crab and lobster - so these sea farms are acting as new reefs of marine life and nursery areas, due to no fishing under them and the additional food and habitat sustained by marine life settling and growing on the farm's ropes chains and buoys.

Also the sea farms have not damaged any marine species through entanglement, even though they certainly attract the seals in search of the marine life they are sheltering. Many of the tour boats now stop at the sea farms as the public wish to know about them and understand the benefits they bring.

In terms of navigational risk the sea farms are not on the main routes the tour boats and fishing and leisure boats take and are clearly marked and are on the charts. The proposed larger sites are in these same locations that all the marine operators have been aware of for years. Further, like land farms, all the structures are continually checked and maintained - especially before and after storm conditions. In comparison there is often flotsam unmarked, and often just below the surface in the main vessel routes.

In terms of visual impact - the yellow trinity house marks on each corner need to be seen a few hundred meters away in good visibility for navigational safety, however as all the other farming buoys are < 300mm above the seas surface they soon disappear from view as you travel just a couple of hundred meters away from the farms in any vessel. Meanwhile tour boats, fishing boats, and leisure boats can be seen for many kms and the tankers moored in St Bride's Bay can be seen clearly from 10's of km - especially at night when they are illuminated like football stadiums.

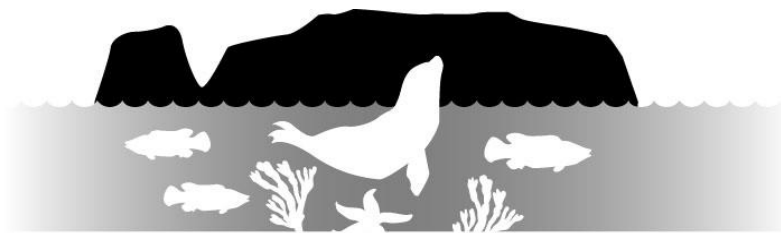
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Yours sincerely

Sp rees

Stephen Rees
Director Robust Boats Ltd & Local fisherman



SIR BENFRO FOROL PEMBROKEHIRE MARINE

Ardal Cadwraeth Arbennig Special Area of Conservation

<http://www.PembrokeshireMarineSAC.org.uk>

28th February 2025

To Whom it may concern,

This is a letter from myself as SAC Officer and not the wider RAG Group as that would not be appropriate as individual members are involved in various licensing applications and decisions. I, however, am not involved in licensing, but the more proactive management of the SAC, projects to improve the condition of features, and wider education and awareness raising.

I have involvement with Car-y-Môr through a native oyster regeneration project that I am working on with the Marine Conservation Society, but also as they operate within the SAC and do much to raise awareness of the need for a healthy and diverse marine environment.

Car-y-Môr work hard with the local community to educate users and local people about the wider marine environment. This is in addition to their primary work to farm and so relieve pressure on wild stocks. Well-managed shellfish and seaweed farms play a crucial role in restoring marine ecosystems, providing economic opportunities, and promoting environmental resilience. Personally, I have no objection to low-impact buoyage to mark farm areas. These and the infrastructure required to farm native species can have beneficial impacts to marine wildlife in sediment areas.

I am pleased to be able to give my support to Car-y-Môr as their work aligns well with objectives of my own work programme. This includes education and awareness raising and promotion of sustainable activity. Building appreciation for the marine environment, whether that is from an aesthetic point of view or from an economic perspective is incredibly important. Appreciating the marine environment ensures that people then value and protect it. Marine conservation is a difficult subject area as so much of it is 'out of sight, out of mind'. Working with varied commercial partners really helps to reach different audiences. Successful management of the marine environment requires a coordinated effort.

I am excited and hopeful to have the opportunity to continue working with Car-y-Môr and other partners to deliver meaningful and impactful management of the SAC. I wish them success in obtaining the funding they need to build upon their momentum and laudable aspirations.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SE Burton'.

Sue Burton (Pembrokeshire Marine SAC Officer)

From: Will Chant
St Davids RNLI – Station Coxswain
St Justinians
St Davids
Pembrokeshire
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A letter of support for the existing 0.1 hectare trial IMTA (Integrated Multi Species Aquaculture) sites at Porthlysgi and Carn-ar-Wig to be replaced with (2-3) hectare shellfish sea farms.

18th February 2025

To whom it may concern,

I've lived in St Davids all my life and have been a member of St Davids lifeboat crew for 29 years. I have worked as a skipper on the passenger vessels that operate from St Justinians for over 15 years and I'm now the Station Coxswain at St Davids Lifeboat Station and have been in this role for 3 years. I have a BSc in maritime studies and marine geography.

I understand that there are concerns around the increased navigational hazard posed by expanding the sites at both Carn-ar-Wig and Porthlysgi.

At Porthlysgi the anchorage in that bay has only ever been suitable for vessels under 25 meters. The proposed expansion of the farm in the bay would still leave adequate room for vessels of up to this size to anchor there overnight. In my 30+ years of operating around this coastline I've only ever seen small yachts use it on a handful of times. (in the 7-13m range)

The proposed expansion at Carn-ar-wig would no impact on how routine traffic navigates through Ramsey Sound's Southern channel. Nor would it have any impact on how we access the lifeboat station and how boat operators access their moorings at St Justinian.

I understand that Car y Mor are looking to have these sites marked with illuminated special markers. This would ensure good visibility of both sites by both day and night.

My view is that both proposed expansions would have little or no impact on maritime operations in the Ramsey Sound area.

Yours Sincerely

Will Chant