



Slipway mat with wash water collection

French company CarenEcolo, the developer of a mobile system for collecting and filtering wash water contaminated by antifouling paint, has released a special hard rubber slipway mat.

Influenced by the traditional way boats are hauled and cleaned in Brittany, the submersible mat can be

used on any hard surface whether flat or sloping.

In Brittany the tide is used to bring

a boat to the slipway and the time between high and low tide used to clean the hull and apply antifouling paint. This system has been in use for as long as slipways have existed as it costs nothing and there is no need for trailers or cranes.

With the CarenEcolo product, the boat settles on the hard rubber mat and is high pressure washed. The wash water is collected and pumped into a tank or a mobile filtration unit. Paint is applied before the tide comes in to take the boat off the slipway.

The mat is manufactured from three-ply rubber to protect the boat hull and can be set up in marinas easily and inexpensively. The system can also be moved when and where needed.

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Mussel power for cleaning water

Çeşme Marina in Turkey is working in cooperation with the Akua Group and Dokuz Eylül University to help clean seawater through the use of mussels.

The marina is increasing the number of mussels living inside its waters as they are known to filter the water around them when searching for phytoplanktons to eat. Research shows that one mussel can filter 150 litres (33 gallons) of water per day depending on type and environmental conditions.

During the first phase of the project, Çeşme Marina secured a total of 80 sacks of Mediterranean mussels in strategic locations around the marina. The ratio of heavy metals inside the mussels will be regularly checked and an academic report will be published after one year.

Can Akaltan CMM, general manager of Çeşme Marina, says: "We are excited to conduct this project and aim to become a model for Turkish and European marina companies. If we can succeed we will recommend this to all marinas."

Çeşme Marina, a joint investment of Camper & Nicholson's Marinas and IC Holding, is located in the Çeşme region of Izmir and has 400 wet berths and capacity for 100 vessels ashore.



ICMS to distribute Seabin

Inland and Coastal Marina Systems (ICMS) has been appointed exclusive distributor for Seabin in the UK and Ireland.

The product (reviewed in *Marina World* January/February 2018) has been put to test around the world to collect plastic waste in harbours and marinas.

Developed by two Australian surfers Pete Ceglinski and Andrew Turton, Seabin is manufactured by Poralu, which oversees sales and distribution.

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