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Alderney's new pontoon offers immediate benefit to visitors and residents



A purpose-built walk-ashore pontoon installed at Alderney Harbour last week is providing welcome benefits for ferry visitors, islanders and yacht tenders ahead of the 2023 summer season.

The expanded pontoon system allows the safe and efficient transfer of foot passengers from small commercial vessels onto a pedestrian bridge to the existing pontoon with its shore access.

Improved passenger landing facilities at Braye Harbour were identified as a priority project during the 2022 season.

The new pontoon is fixed to the southern end of commercial berth number one. It has been designed in such a way that it will be possible to lift it from the water when periods of heavy weather are forecast.

An additional tyre fender will be placed on berth number three on a trial basis to mitigate the loss of mooring space caused by the introduction of the pontoon.

Lin Maurice, Chair of the General Services Committee, said: "I can't thank the Harbour team enough for their help with this project, and the contractors Siteweld Ltd from Guernsey. We're delighted it's now in position and has immediately proved its value to all visitors, especially those using the Causeway Explorer ferry service, and of course our local residents."

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