

The Future of Yacht Recycling.

***A one day conference - 'Powered by METS.'
At Amsterdam RAI Elgium Centre.
Monday 16th November 2015 - Part of METS Week.***

AGENDA

(Subject to change.)

08.30 Registration, coffee, croissants and sponsors exhibition.

A flexibly timed 3 hour period for arrival of overseas delegates. Incorporating an exhibitors 'open house' to view and discuss concepts, processes and business opportunities connected with the End-of-Life boat fleet.

Session One – Welcome to the conference.

11.30 - Conference organisers opening remarks.

11.35 - Welcome and introduction from the conference chairman.

11.45 - Welcome speech from senior representative of the Dutch Water Sports Industry.

11.55 - Keynote Presentation.

Why the global yachting industry has to seriously engage in the process of dismantling and responsibly recycling the boats of yesterday, in order to make way for the boats of tomorrow. And how other industries have already adapted and shown the way...

12.10 – Questions and discussion with delegates.

Session Two – The scale of the challenge presented by End-Of-Life Boats.

12.30 - Presentation and panel discussion highlighting why the EOL bubble has occurred. How many yachts are involved, how they break down into size and material of construction. Specific regional data, and anticipated future time scale for the build up of fleet redundancy.

12.50 – Presentation and panel discussion illustrating the environmental affects of abandoned and sunken EOL boats, with practical examples and case histories.

13.10 – Questions and discussion with delegates.

13.30 – Lunch. Sponsored by METS.

Session Three – The yacht dismantling process.

14.30 – Presentation and panel discussion covering the practical aspects of dismantling an EOL yacht. Which materials can be effectively recycled or refurbished and resold? What licences and approvals are required? How can traceability and environmental regulatory certification be assured? Case histories, and examples of existing successfully operating schemes.

15.10 - Questions and discussion with delegates.

Session Four – GRP/ Composite material Recycling; The big challenge!

15.30 - Presentation and panel discussion reviewing the history of GRP, and why its composite structure has presented challenges for effective recycling. Lessons learned from other industries using similar materials. Case histories and examples of processes currently under evaluation, and/or presently being commercially offered to the yachting industry.

16.10 - Questions and discussion with delegates.

Session Five – Transportation and sectioning of large structures.

16.30 – Presentation and panel discussion looking at the logistics of moving yachts to dismantlers and bare hulls to recycling plants. What are the practical options for cutting up GRP or steel hulls into smaller more transportable sections.

16.50 - Questions and discussion with delegates.

Session Six – Finances...for business development and for future cost of recycling.

17.00 - Presentation and panel discussion. What is there in the way funding and EU/ Government grants or business loans that are available for entrepreneurs and SME's.

17.20 - Presentation and panel discussion. How can the yachting industry adapt to get owners to accept the cost of disposal of EOL boats? Assessing suggested schemes: via taxation, insurance, crowd funding, increased harbour dues, etc.etc.

17.40 - Questions and discussion with delegates.

18.00 – Chairman's closing remarks.

18.15 - Cocktail Party.