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## **EUROPEAN APPOINTMENT FOR FALMOUTH HARBOUR MASTER**

Falmouth's Harbour Master Captain Mark Sansom is to represent a national harbour masters organisation at a European level after being appointed to the European Harbour Masters Committee (EHMC).

The EHMC provides a platform through which UK harbour masters voices are heard within the forums that influence European policies concerning ports. Mark Sansom was appointed to the committee for two years by the UK Harbour Masters Association.

Joining the committee of four other members and five deputy members, a chairman and secretary, Mark will attend up to four meetings a year at locations throughout Europe, the first of which will be held early this spring in Dublin followed in May by a meeting in St Petersburg at the International Harbour Masters Association conference.

Serving as Falmouth's Harbour Master for eight years, Mark Sansom's work to champion the port of Falmouth and ensure ongoing viability and future prosperity of the harbour led to him play an instrumental role in the setting up of the Federation of Regional and Local Channel Ports last year.

The Federation brings together a network of regional commercial ports, local authorities and Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Britain, France and Belgium to exchange best practices concerning common issues which includes the promotion of commercial activities and environmental pressures.

Peter Moth, Secretary of the UK Harbour Masters Association (UKHMA) said:  
*"With his experience and qualifications, Mark was our first choice as candidate for the vacant position on the EHMC and his nomination received wholehearted support from harbour masters throughout the British Isles, including some as far afield as Belfast, the Shetland Islands and Tyneside.*

*"It is extremely important that the UK voice is heard in these European debates and we are delighted that Falmouth Harbour Commissioners has agreed to support his participation in the Committee's activities. We are confident that Mark will prove to be an effective representative of the needs of harbour masters and we look forward to receiving his reports in the two years ahead."*

Speaking about his new committee appointment Mark Sansom said: *"My new position on the European Harbour Masters Committee provides a real opportunity to understand the broader European issues that filter down to legislation which fundamentally affects the work of harbour masters in the UK.*

*"Through my membership of the British Ports Association and UK Harbour Masters Association I am well placed to feed through any issues affecting UK harbour masters to a European level where it can be passed on to those making the policies. It will also be good to hear how legislation is being received in other countries in order to share best practice."*

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**Photography**

A photo of Captain Mark Sansom accompanies this press release.

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