



The Boat DIGEST project needs you



The spectacle of an old dilapidated recreational craft, either rotting away in its berth or half sunk with masts poking up from the murky water, is a site that is unfortunately becoming all too familiar in marinas throughout Europe. Abandoned vessels lead to pollution of the environment, navigational hazards and removal costs to marinas, ports and ultimately innocent recreational craft owners.

In order to address this issue, which will ultimately be applicable to over 6 million recreational craft throughout Europe, the Boat DIGEST project, with the support of EU funding, is developing an awareness initiative to promote responsible end-of-life behaviour, in addition to making owners aware of disposal options.

The project is currently in consultation with recreational craft owners, recyclers, boatbuilders and traders, marinas and ports throughout Europe. As part of this dialogue, two questionnaires were developed which aim to collate current end-of-life practices of recreational craft owners and dismantlers.

Other stakeholders are also welcome to provide their views and can do so by giving their opinions and providing the Boat DIGEST project with their knowledge by accessing the following link:



Your valuable feedback will be priceless in providing Boat DIGEST with a detailed overview of current practices and attitudes.

Join the Boat DIGEST national workshops in Turkey, Spain, France, Italy & UK



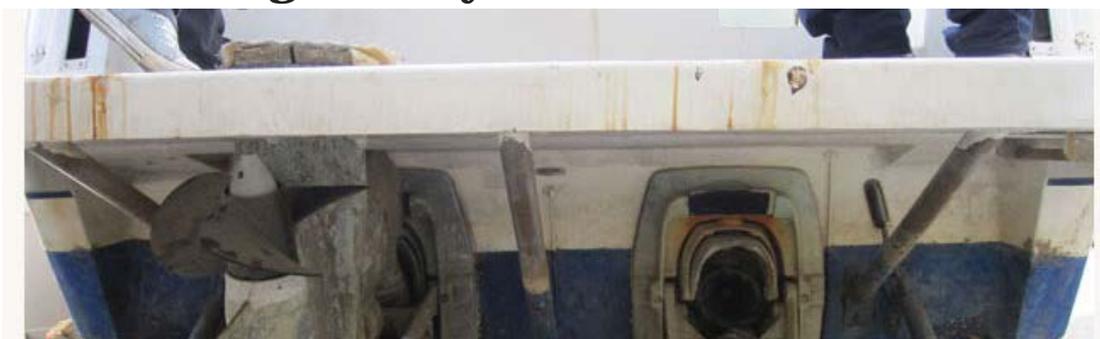
As more and more recreational craft reach the end of their useful life, instances of abandoned craft in and around marinas and ports have been increasing, possibly causing danger to the environment, people and generating extra costs. To tackle this issue, Boat DIGEST will carry out in February and March a series of workshops in 5 countries using the methodology of a “focus group”.

There will be two kinds of workshops, those targeted to recreational craft dismantlers and those for the owners. The aim of both is to gather together with other stakeholders involved in the end-of-life of boats and recycling practices (such as boatbuilders, traders, marinas, public administration, etc.), so they can discuss the current level of knowledge concerning disposal activities. The workshops will be a platform for sharing experiences, discussing problems and identifying the needs of those involved in dismantling.

Participation in the workshops is free and open to any interested party. Please check the Boat DIGEST website for further information on each focus group and for registration.

WORKSHOPS FOR DISMANTLERS		WORKSHOPS FOR RC OWNERS	
 TURKEY	7 February 2014 city and address (DokuzEylül University Campus)	 SPAIN	To be confirmed
		 ITALY	CNR Piazzale Aldo Moro ROME
		 UK	Date/Place to be soon announced on our website

Identifying the players in the boat dismantling activity



There are several companies and organisations throughout Europe that already dismantle and recycle recreational craft. Some started to carry out these activities several years ago and some are brand new. The profiles of the organisations are quite diverse, from commercial recycling companies through car dismantlers to newcomers set only for dismantling recreational craft.

Boat DIGEST is currently gathering information on both individuals and organisations that are active within the boat dismantling and recycling business throughout Europe. This information will provide an overview of the locations that exist in different countries and will also bring light to how recreational craft is dismantled at different facilities and in certain countries.

If you know of any company which dismantles or recycles recreational craft, please let us know by email:

contact@boatdigest.eu

or tell this company to get in touch with Boat DIGEST. This way they can be registered and have an opportunity to participate in the project by attending some of the workshops (focus groups), answering anonymous questionnaires or by being a part of the pilot training for dismantlers.



Boat DIGEST at boot 2nd international conference (Düsseldorf, Germany)



From the left: Nicholas Forsyth, Pierre Barbleu, Lola Rodriguez, Adjiedj Bakas, Mirna Cieniewicz, Goetz-Ulf Jungmichel, Robert Marx

This year's boot Düsseldorf boat show held its 2nd international conference on 22 January 2014 under the theme: "Disposal and recycling of recreational craft in Europe: current situation, prospects and opportunities". The event gathered over 50 professionals, including naval architects and designers, boatbuilders, recycling companies, users, and journalists. The attendees had a chance to listen to and engage in the presentations given by the guest speakers: Adjiedj Bakas (trendwatcher at Trend Office Bakas), Nicholas Forsyth (3D designer at Ladida), Pierre Barbleu (President of French boat dismantling network APER) and Lola Rodriguez (Boat DIGEST / LEITAT Technological Centre).

The Boat DIGEST project which works on health & safety issues for employees in dismantling plants, as well as on information and awareness issues for boat owners and professionals was presented to the participants during the conference. The current state-of-play of recreational craft dismantling in Europe, recycling processes, legal, environmental and safety issues linked to dismantling were also described.

The speakers and attendees discussed the future of boating, sustainability and life cycle approach, sharing rather than owning, recycling and upcycling, and changing perspectives on the way we do things. The participants were invited to fill in the **Boat DIGEST online questionnaires**, **join the national workshops to be held in February/March 2014** as well as future trainings to be organised by Boat DIGEST.

The presentations and the videos from the conference are available on the European Boating Industry and boot Düsseldorf websites: <http://www.europeanboatingindustry.eu/news> <http://goo.gl/ePGJJj>



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