



SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM

17th January 2026



The 3rd Sustainability Symposium will take place on the weekend of 16/17th January 2026. There will be an informal supper on Friday 16th and the main talks on Saturday 17th commencing at 10:30, with lunch at 13:00 and aiming to finish the day with a panel Q&A ending by 17:00.

The Symposium will explore five important and fascinating topics, looking into a range of incredible innovations that are reshaping our relationship as yachtsmen with the marine environment and how these practical ideas and projects offer real hope in our drive for a sustainable and thriving ocean.

‘Pushing the Boundaries of Sustainable Technologies’ with Hugo and Ross Turner. The Turner Twins



are British adventurers best known for their pioneering expeditions undertaken to advance our understanding of human performance and technological innovations. Their talk will focus on their 2022 expedition to sail to the Atlantic Pole of Inaccessibility aboard a modified Class 40 yacht, conducting a plastic pollution survey while also trialling hydrogen fuel cell technology to power the electric motor. They will take

audiences behind the scenes: from the challenges of converting the vessel to run with zero emissions and the promising technologies that could help redefine the future of clean marine exploration. Please find out more about this remarkable duo [here](#)



‘The Impact of Boating on Coastal Ecosystems’ with Dr Corina Ciocan and Angie Richard. Corina is the principal lecturer in Marine Biology at the University of Brighton. She will explore the escalating environmental crisis posed by abandoned fibreglass (GRP) boats and highlight how degrading vessels release toxins into coastal waters. You can find out more about Corina’s work [here](#).

Supporting her talk is storyteller and researcher Angie, the Co-founder of [Floating Stories Lab](#). Angie will share her hands-on citizen science initiatives including the Regenerative Tides project and community mapping efforts in Brittany and elsewhere.



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‘Recycling Composites: Anywhere Anytime’. After their inspiring talk two years ago, Cowes-based brothers Sam Penhaul and Dr. Joe Penhaul-Smith will bring us up to date with the remarkable developments of the [Extricko process](#) – a sustainable method using green chemistry and biotechnology to breakdown and recover fibres and resin from composite materials. When we first met them, they were at a very early stage of the business and it will be fascinating to learn just how far they have come.



‘From Racing to Sustainability: America’s Cup Tech Driving Maritime Innovation’. Lauren Eatwell, head of [WindWings](#) at Bar Technologies will tell the extraordinary story of how the AC design and philosophy is being applied to commercial vessels to deliver inventive, high-efficiency solutions to cut fuel consumption and emissions, including rigid wing sails for bulk carriers. Lauren has a Master’s in mechanical engineering and is named in 2024 on the TIME100 Climate list, being recognised globally as one of the most innovative leaders in the future of sustainable business.



‘Solent Seascape Project: Innovation in Habitat Restoration and Protection’. Bringing us back closer to home, Louise MacCallum, the Solent Seascape Project Manager at the [Blue Marine Foundation](#) and Sara-Jane Skinner, Head of Partnerships at Blue Marine, will present the work of the project, a pioneering £5 million, 5 year initiative launched in late 2022 to restore fragmented coastal habitats across the Solent and share ways in which we can all get involved to support this important local project.

Please do book in for this daytime event using the [online booking form](#), Non Member guests are extremely welcome.