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Since the last report I wrote for you my skills, knowledge, confidence and responsibility in the workplace are developing very well and are continuing to grow.

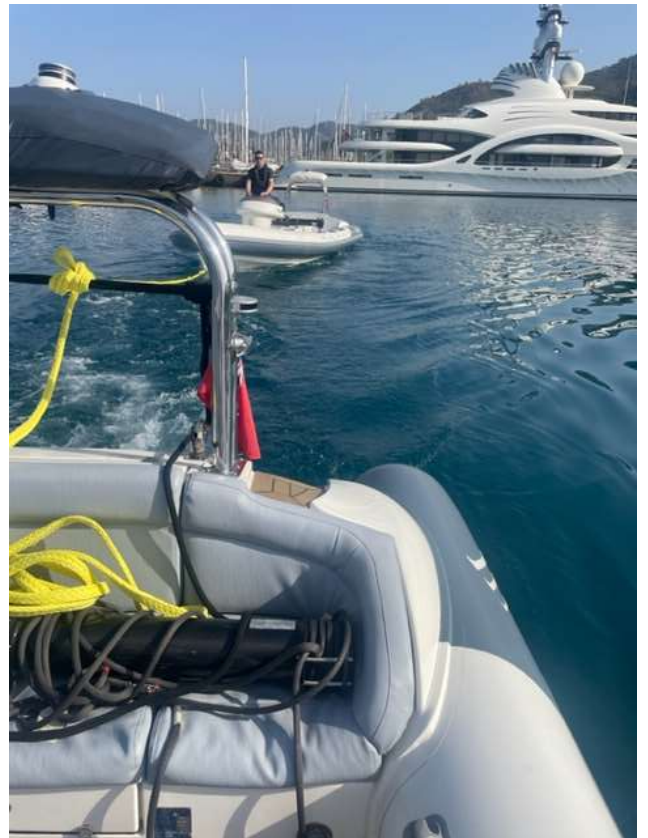
A couple of weeks after the report in February, I travelled to Hamburg to assist a 77m superyacht that was coming towards the end of their refit with some GRP work on a jacuzzi. The jacuzzi had multiple chips in the gelcoat and was heavily scratched due to the amount of use. My job was to polish the entire jacuzzi, repair the chips and to remove the scratches by lightly wet sanding them. The knowledge that I have gained allowed me to complete this job with confidence even though I had never stepped foot onto a superyacht of this size with multiple teams working around me and with the crew onboard.



have also been working alongside Josh helping with a tender refit for a superyacht that has been based in Turkey, the project started in May and is very nearly complete. I was given more of a leading role in the refit project this has been a great opportunity for me to learn and gain the knowledge of the processes that occur during such a project, this opportunity allowed me to be a part of the project from start to finish. We met with the companies that were going to be working onboard the tender along meeting the captain, chief officers and chief engineers of the yacht at the start of the project where we discussed the logistics, engine removal, diagnostics, servicing of onboard systems, storage facilities and completion dates.

Josh and Myself flew back out to Turkey mid project in July to see the progress that had been made, we met with the chief engineer and bosun to discuss the work that had been carried out and show them around the tender and the engine that was being rebuilt. The tender has now been rebuilt and sea trails taking place ready for handover.

With lots more to learn and with projects on the horizon I'm aiming to develop more responsibility on each new project throughout the future with the end goal of running a project by myself.



I have also been given more responsibility with dealing with our clients in UK, sending them updates of work being carried out on their yacht, helping with the planning of request and demands of the boats will look after in Torbay. This is something I enjoy doing as am I learning how to manage the work that is being carried out on different boats. I am in individual group chats with Josh and the boat owner if there are any inquiries that I am unsure off I can always ask Josh for guidance when speaking with the owner. This is something that I have been doing for the last few months now and I'm gaining more and more confidence as the time goes on.

I completed my first year of college back in June with distinction and merit grades, which I'm really happy with. I am still waiting for my final result of the year, and I will hopefully receive this within the next few weeks. South Devon College hosted an end of year apprenticeship award, I was nominated for Marine apprentice of the year to which I was awarded runner up. I am also very close to starting my second year in September which will be my first year of level 3, I understand this year I will be more challenged but I'm looking forward to the year ahead as I will be learning about boat building with more depth.

I have a couple of courses that I will be attending within the next few months which I will benefit from in the workplace. My scissor lifting training is planned for September which will allow me to work at heights. I also have a ADHOC course to attend from South Devon College which I'm hoping to complete in autumn. My colleagues and myself will also be attending a health and safety refreshment course around Christmas time.

I hope this report has been informative and that you can see that I'm progressing well with Zenith Marine as I'm really looking forward to growing my future at Zenith in the oncoming years.

I hope to catch up with you soon Andy.

All the best,

Jack