

Y Glas Gwyrdd Cymru

The Green Blue Wales – end of a chapter

Well, at the end of September, The Green Blue Wales will be without a project officer. After 3 years, I am leaving The Green Blue. It is an interesting time for Marine conservation in Wales with the imminent passage of the Marine Bill but it is hopefully a positive time when the seas around Wales start to get the protection they deserve. Wales has a beautiful coastline with a rich wildlife both above and below the water



I have enjoyed my time here with Welsh Yachting Association and The Green Blue. WYA have given me great support and have really taken on board the environmental issues related to sailing. With leaflets and posters in both North and South WYA, TGB literature ends up at lots of sailing events. Lots has happened here in Wales, with attendance at boat shows, regattas, activity weekends at Cardiff Harbour, club open days and coach training. Everyone sees the importance of The Green Blue and helping to keep Welsh waters in as good a condition as possible. Feedback has been great with coaches and club officers thinking about how they can make their training and activities more environmentally aware.

Presentations to organisations such as the Welsh Assembly government's Marine unit, and Inland Waterways has made sure that other organisations involved in looking after Welsh waters know about

us and what our goals are. It was important to be a key player in marine and inland water conservation. Wales has a lovely coastline and Welsh waters are an important part of Welsh life. TGB wants to help keep them for future generations. Thanks to all the sailors and recreational boaters in Wales who are concerned about the environment and make sure that what they do is right for the environment.

So although no longer employed by The Green Blue, I won't stop working to protect the marine environment and the amazing wildlife above and below water, here in Wales.



And to all at Welsh Sailing – I know I don't need to say this - keep up the good work.

Gwneud yr amgylchedd yn ail natur

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