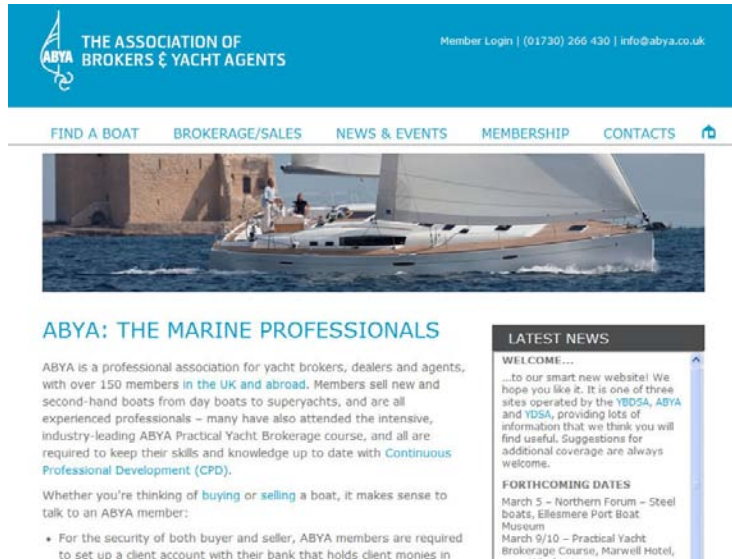


# Press Release

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**ABYA: THE MARINE PROFESSIONALS**

ABYA is a professional association for yacht brokers, dealers and agents, with over 150 members in the UK and abroad. Members sell new and second-hand boats from day boats to superyachts, and are all experienced professionals – many have also attended the intensive, industry-leading ABYA Practical Yacht Brokerage course, and all are required to keep their skills and knowledge up to date with Continuous Professional Development (CPD).

Whether you're thinking of buying or selling a boat, it makes sense to talk to an ABYA member:

- For the security of both buyer and seller, ABYA members are required to set up a client account with their bank that holds client monies in

**LATEST NEWS**

**WELCOME...**

...to our smart new website! We hope you like it. It is one of three sites operated by the YBDSA, ABYA and YDSA, providing lots of information that we think you will find useful. Suggestions for additional coverage are always welcome.

**FORTHCOMING DATES**

March 5 – Northern Forum – Steel boats, Ellesmere Port Boat Museum  
March 9/10 – Practical Yacht Brokerage Course, Marwell Hotel,

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## Fresh look for broker and surveyor websites

*New look, easier to use websites launched by YBDSA, ABYA and YDSA featuring lots of useful information for boat owners, boat buyers and sellers, association members and other industry professionals.*

YBDSA (Yacht Brokers, Designers & Surveyors Association) has completely overhauled its three interlinked websites introducing new features and making them much easier to use. Content of all three should prove invaluable whether you are a boat owner, prospective owner, association member or other industry professional.

At [www.abya.co.uk](http://www.abya.co.uk), the new look ABYA (Association of Brokers & Yacht Agents) website, it's now much easier to search for boats for sale listed by the association's professional brokers and yacht agents. You can also more easily locate a member broker to help you buy or sell a boat. There are very

useful guides for buying and for selling boats, together with up-to-date facts and information to keep on the right side of relevant legislation and avoid well-known boat buying pitfalls.

On the new style Yacht Designers & Surveyors Association (YDSA) website at **[www.ydsa.co.uk](http://www.ydsa.co.uk)** you can easily locate the full list of services available from the association's professional designers and marine surveyors. These services apply to both the leisure marine and commercial marine sectors and include surveys for buying a boat, measuring a boat for British Registration, having a boat built or repaired, certification under the MCA Small Vessel Code of Practice and certification under the Boat Safety Scheme.

Both re-launched ABYA and YDSA sites include a membership section detailing the requirements for, and levels of membership of, the respective associations, along with the regular training events that keep members up-to-date.

The new YBDSA website at **[www.ybdsa.co.uk](http://www.ybdsa.co.uk)** explains the role and objectives of the Yacht Brokers Designers & Surveyors Association, the parent body for ABYA and YDSA, with links to their respective websites and other useful links to partner organisations within the marine industry such as lawyers and finance houses.

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