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PRESS RELEASE

Great Yarmouth Port Authority makes new Board appointments

Great Yarmouth Port Authority (GYPA) has announced several changes to its Board, with Alastair MacFarlane taking over as chair from Roger Arundale and three new Board members appointed.

The Port of Great Yarmouth is a Trust Port, administered by GYPA and operated under a 99-year licence by Peel Ports. GYPA is the Statutory Harbour Authority and Competent Harbour Authority for the Port of Great Yarmouth and the reversionary landlord of the port estate.

Alastair MacFarlane, has been a Board member of GYPA for four years and has served since March 2023 as vice-chair. He takes over as chairman from Roger Arundale, who is stepping down after nine years' service, the latter four years as chairman. Current Board member, Martin Swinley will take Alastair MacFarlane's place as vice chair.

New appointments to the Board are: experienced general counsel and company secretary, Andrew Garner; master mariner, harbour master and pilot, Richard Musgrove; and Trust Port corporate affairs and strategy specialist, Alistair Gale. They will take up their new roles from the start of March 2025, taking over from Roger Arundale and other Board members, Patrick McNamara, and Ashley Harrison who are also stepping down after nine years with the Authority.

Commenting on the changes, Alastair MacFarlane said:

"We went out to recruit new Board members last year and attracted a strong field of candidates interested in joining GYPA. Andrew, Richard and Alistair will bring strong maritime, legal and Trust Port expertise to the Board which will be critical as we discharge our duties over the coming years."

"As we welcome our new appointees, we also take the opportunity to pause, thank and share best wishes with those leaving the Board after a collective 28 years of service, especially Roger for his contribution as chairman."

Andrew Garner is an experienced general counsel and company secretary. He started his career as a corporate lawyer at Linklaters before moving in-house, working in a variety of different industry sectors and roles over more than two decades, including working in the aviation sector, working for Wincanton Logistics and 14 years as general counsel and company secretary with Associated British Ports.

Richard Musgrove has enjoyed a varied maritime career, initially at sea with Shell Tankers and CP Ships. After coming ashore, he worked in a variety of roles as harbour master, pilot and marine manager across ports in East Anglia, including Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Harwich Haven and King's Lynn. Richard is volunteer chair of the Lowestoft Lifeboat Management Group.

Alistair Gale is chief executive of UK Flour Millers, the trade association that represents the UK flour milling industry, a role he took in May 2023. Prior to that he spent 16 years on the executive committee with the Port of London Authority (PLA), which oversees operations in the UK's largest port. The PLA is a Trust Port and Alistair led on engagement with stakeholders from large shipping lines to companies with riverside operations and recreational river users. He concluded his time at the PLA developing the long-term strategy for the river, Thames Vision 2050.

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Notes to editors:

- The Port of Great Yarmouth is a multi-purpose port on England's east coast, handling supplies for industries such as offshore energy, automotive, decommissioning, agri-bulk, timber, steel, project cargoes, and aggregates.
- The Port's Outer Harbour is able to accommodate vessels up to 220 metres long and 10.5 metres in draught.
- In 2007, GYPA leased the Port of Great Yarmouth to the Great Yarmouth Port Company Ltd. (GYPC), for 99 years, pursuant to Section 43 of the Great Yarmouth Outer Harbour Act of 1986. In 2015, GYPC was acquired by [Peel Ports](#)
- GYPA's non-executive board is appointed under the terms of the GYPA (Constitution) Harbour Revision Order (HRO) 2015. On the 12 June 2015, the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) made a reconstitution order which revised the board appointments.

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