

Vote for Portsmouth: shortlisted as the UK's most sustainable port

Portsmouth International Port has once again been recognised for their ground-breaking sustainability work, with the port shortlisted for a Sailawaze award.

The awards, which are in their first year, set out to highlight the best in the cruise industry and are based on business initiatives to improve customer experience. All winners are voted for by the public meaning the customer has their say.

A port spokesperson said: "We are genuinely excited to have been shortlisted for a Sailawaze award, and to be the only port nominated in the sustainability category. Being voted for by the public demonstrates our value to the city and we would be very grateful to anyone who takes the time to vote. Sharing the stage for high profile awards puts a spotlight on Portsmouth and further boosts our position in the industry and the port's growth.

Whether you have travelled with us, enjoyed our community open days or are simply just a fan of the port, your vote will go a long way to help us reach our goals. As we are owned by the people of Portsmouth, it's important we do what we can for our city and have invested in our commitment to becoming the UK's first zero emission port.

Past, recent and future projects are transforming the port into a living laboratory of smart green technology including the Sea Change project which will save the equivalent of over 20,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide a year from 2027."

You can vote for Portsmouth International Port here, under the sustainability category: Sailawaze UK | Excellence Awards Voting – Sailawaze UK. Voting closes on Friday 10 May.

Sustainability projects across the port include a cutting-edge solar panel installation which provides 35% of the site's electricity, a carbon neutral terminal boasting seawater technology to heat and cool the building and living walls to purify the air and shore power facilities.

On-site battery storage currently powers plug in facilities for smaller ships, with funding now secured to make this available across Portsmouth's three main berths. The project, titled Sea Change, has the potential to revolutionise the UK maritime sector and will support Brittany Ferries two new LNG-electric hybrid ferries from 2025, which run on a combination of cleaner liquefied natural gas (LNG) and battery power.

With shore power available at the port from the Sea Change project, they will be able to charge their batteries and run on battery power when manoeuvring through Portsmouth harbour, improving air quality and supporting the industry-wide shift to zero-emission shipping.