

7 COCKWELLS LAUNCHES BOATBUILDING ACADEMY

RIGHT The Cockwells Academy will offer excellent training opportunities in the boatbuilding industry

Cornwall-based boat and custom superyacht tender builder Cockwells has launched The Cockwells Academy. Set up in conjunction with Falmouth Marine School, The Cockwells Academy is aimed primarily at students who have taken GCSEs this summer. It involves enrolling on a full-time course at Falmouth Marine School and attending specific work-experience days and masterclasses at the company's Mylor Creek Boatyard for one academic year.

"Up to ten applicants will be selected to benefit from real-time work experience as well as access to our highly skilled craftsmen and elements of the boatbuilding process that it may not be possible for them to encounter during their studies at college," explained Cockwells' Training Manager, Jonny Mills.

Managing Director Dave Cockwell added, "This collaboration is a win-win situation. It

creates a pipeline of talented individuals who are passionate about the industry, which, in turn, empowers us to offer them career opportunities."



8 FAIREY OWNERS CELEBRATE 60 YEARS



RIGHT Fairey Owners' Club members enjoying the celebrations at Hamble Point Marina

Seventeen boats, including an example of every Fairey motor boat produced, turned out for the Fairey Owners' Club celebration of 60 years of the Fairey Huntress. Held at MDL's Hamble Point Marina, the barbecue was attended by 65 club members and their boats.

Developed from a Ray Hunt deep-vee design in the late 1950s and constructed from hot

moulded mahogany, the Huntress was the first boat built by Fairey Marine in response to a demand for fast motor boats. It spawned a series of fast seaworthy motor boats built at Fairey's Hamble Point facility. At the time Fairey was the world's largest boat manufacturer outside of the United States, selling up to 1,000 boats a year across the range.