

**Aberavon**

## Hywel Francis

Press Releases

### THE BIGGEST MARINE EVENT IN WALES 2007

After the huge success of the first show in Margam Park last year, Aberavon MP, Dr Hywel Francis, was delighted that for the first time ever in the running of any boat show in Wales the "South Wales Boat Show" will be returning to Margam Park. They will be building on the same formula as before, of bringing together all aspects of water sports.

Dr Francis recently commented that,

"It looks like a very exciting initiative for the local and the whole of the Welsh marine industry to benefit from and I wish them all the success they deserve"

The feed back from a large number of exhibitors at last years show has given them over 40 firm bookings for this years event. The South Wales Boat show has been supported by the Assembly's appointed Wales Water Sports International who along with South West Wales Tourism Partnership and Tourism Swansea Bay, and many private companies like Swansea Sound and The Wave and national companies like Sailing Today Magazine and our local news papers have all helped in making Wales a serious place to do business in.

The venue of Margam Park was highly commended by both Exhibitors, Press and Public and provides an amazing venue that we in the Neath and Port Talbot area sometimes take for granted it provides the sustainability for the show to grow into in further years. We are lucky, It is ideally situated. Margam Park is only minutes away from Junction 38 of the M4 and between Cardiff and Swansea and is only 90 minutes away from Haverford west and Fishguard.

There has been an explosion of water born activities in South Wales since the Cardiff bay re- development and with a vast cash injection being spent in Haverford west, Swansea and Milford Haven marinas expanding along with the new regeneration of Swansea Docks in SA1 which will make it one of the biggest marinas in the UK!! We must help steer the local economy towards this major development with foresight, we are very lucky in Wales of having the chance to partake in such variety of Watersports right on our door step

Their Web Site <http://www.southwalesboatshow.co.uk/> will be regularly updated. There is a press section for regular updates. Ben Sutcliffe can be contacted on 07796 457307