



## **Harmony II Launch - Press Release**

### **Ship of note to be a floating show case for Pedley Furniture International Ltd.**

The Pedley family stepped one step closer to their dream on Friday the 22nd of July, when they christened their new ship and launched the vessel into the water. Harmony II, a 189ft "mega-yacht" weighing in at 650-tons, has been restored by Pedley Furniture International Ltd.

One hundred and fifty of the Pedley family's close friends and associates came to see the large ocean-liner enter the water for the first time in four years. The launch was the first key event to take place in Harmony II's rebirth, which will be followed up in six months time when the ship entertains her first guests on her opening night.



*Harmony II enters the water*



*Harmony II passes through the lock*

There were a few nerves before the launch, in anticipation of a trouble free day. Swinford Rogers, the shipyard foreman said, "You never truly know how a new ship is going to perform until it hits the water". Prior to the launch Martin Pedley used his speech to pay tribute to the team that had worked on the ship including: Swinford Rogers - the shipyard foreman, Steve Harrison - chief rigger, Richard Hutton - welder, George Potter - ship master, Joe Sadach - engineer and fitter, Trevor Brockwell - engineer, Anthony Barnes - interior designer, Alister Hunter - naval architect and Associated British Ports.

Vera Pedley officially renamed the boat and the omens were good as the champagne bottle smashed first time against the bow of the ship. Within an hour of the launch and having been carefully checked over by her crew Harmony II was safely docked in her new location.

Guests at the launch were treated to an exhibition, which charted the history of the vessel and told the story of her promising future. The exhibition also featured many of the interior designs which gave visitors a chance to see how the vessel would look upon completion.

Following the launch, the vessel will continue to be moored in Ipswich while the interior is fitted, with the project expected to reach completion towards the end of the year. Harmony II is a project that is focused on nurturing the company's international client base, with the vessel acting as a transatlantic showcase for the furniture it produces.



*Harmony II in her early days*

# Reflections of the launch day



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1. Visitors enjoy drinks in the engineer's workshop.
2. Alan Pedley conducts a tour of the top deck.
3. Vera Pedley officially launches Harmony II.



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4. A guest imagines life on the ocean waves.
5. Interior designs and sketches at the exhibition.
6. Some of the younger guests learn about the original Harmony.



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7. Harmony II nestles safely at her new location in Ipswich's wet dock.
8. Guests learn about how Harmony II will be transformed over the coming months.