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Volunteers help Islander return home after treatment

Upon hearing of a patient who was unable to fly back from Southampton after receiving medical treatment in the UK, Guy and Julia Hands along with Rubis Channel Islands made sure that she was able to safely return home.

The patient, who does not wish to be named, received treatment at Southampton hospital which meant she was unable to fly back to Guernsey.

Mr and Mrs Hands offered their boat, motor yacht Julia Caroline, to make the round trip to ensure the patient could return home safely. When Captain Chad Murray ordered the fuel for the trip, Rubis Channel Islands immediately offered to supply fuel for the journey.

Chad Murray, speaking on behalf of Mr & Mrs Hands, the owners of the Julia Caroline said:

‘These are challenging times for our community but the one thing that has been demonstrated time and time again is the willingness of Islanders to support one another.

Mr and Mrs Hands were pleased to be able to support the patient who needed to return by boat as air travel was unsafe following treatment.’

Ben Mahy, Business Development Manager, Rubis Channel Islands said:

‘Rubis would like to congratulate Guy & Julia Hands, and their Captain Chad Murray, on this successful volunteer medivac. As a company Rubis was pleased to be able to help this patient by supplying 50% of the fuel for this trip free of charge.

Rubis has already donated £20,000 in fuel vouchers to frontline staff at this difficult time as community support in the Channel Islands.’

All other costs associated with the trip were covered by Mr & Mrs Hands.

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