

Dinghy Harbour De Kolk

HOSPER

Project



The municipality De Fryske Marren has requested the combination HOSPER-DVJ-Antea to develop a vision and spatial design for De Kolk in Joure. There is a dual purpose: to stimulate more spending on land and to reduce management and maintenance costs. The vision focuses on creating an optimal mooring area for boats combined with a good walking route to the centre (Midstraat).

De Kolk becomes a dinghy harbour

The aim is to make Joure attractive for dinghy sailors and to entice these people to visit the village. The initial draw to the harbour is encouraged by indications on maps, websites, via boat rental points and leaflets.

In addition, the accessibility and mooring facilities should be optimized and the



Site Plan

Joure, The Netherlands

current Tolhuisbrug (Tolhuis bridge), with its long and dark underpass, has been replaced by a slender bridge with a shorter and higher passage creating much more space and light. At the foot of the Tolhuisbrug waterfront terraces have been created that will provide liveliness and an atmospheric entrance to De Kolk.

On shore

Behind the renewed Tolhuisbrug an attractive and pleasant place, that invites holiday makers to go ashore, is created by including the use of green and long benches. By a strategic positioning of the stairs that connect the higher to the lower level, the visitor is guided towards the desired route to the Midstraat.

Joure is an attractive town with a large amount of tourism and leisure opportunities. Due to its proximity to the centre, the friendly atmosphere and the comfortable mooring places in De Kolk, visitors will return often and recommend Joure to other dinghy sailors.

Year-round quality

The overall picture of De Kolk area is beautiful, consistent and cared for. It is appealing in summer, but also in winter when the soft lighting and the practical height of the deck will offer a perfect place to start ice skating tours. Thus Joure will not only offer recreational quality in summer, it will remain a pleasant place for all joustlers in rain and in sunshine, all year round.



Dinghy Harbour De Kolk

Location | Joure, The Netherlands
Client | DVJ for municipality De Friese Meren
Landscape Architect | HOSPER
Partners | DVJ, Antea Group
Designers | Hilke Floris, Marike Oudijk

Photography | Ferry Streng