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Blue skies and fair winds for the launch of the Low Carbon Lifestyle Tour

The Low Carbon Lifestyle Tour got off to a good start on Easter weekend as Mukti Mitchell launched his 15ft microyacht "Chance" into Clovelly bay for the start of his epic journey around Britain.

"It was fantastic to have so many smiling faces there at the launch - it's a memory that will stay with me all the way around Britain" said Mukti.

MP Geoffrey Cox officially launched the tour and paid tribute to Mukti's courage and dedication for taking on the task of sailing round Britain without an engine in order to highlight the benefits of low carbon living.

Some of the tours' key sponsors were also present although those from further afield chose to stay away in order not to contribute further to their carbon footprint.

For Mukti Mitchell this was good news. "I'm delighted that some sponsors took an active decision to stay away because this shows that they are thinking about their carbon footprint. It's in the spirit of the tour to visit a location near by - that's why I'm going around Britain." Mukti continued.

Chance now has her new low energy communications system up and running. Mukti powers his laptop, phone and navigation lights through a battery charged by a solar panel which makes his boat a self-sufficient home and office.

After the launch Mukti and his crew for the first leg, William Tanner, an engineer from Clovelly, sailed over to Ilfracombe and then took advantage of the fine weather to head on up to Swansea.

"We've been given a fantastic reception here said Mukti. "Jo Mullett, Swansea City Council's Nature Conservation Education Officer has been coordinating events, the RNLI came out to meet us and show us to our mooring at the Mumbles Yacht Club - it was a very warm welcome" he went on.

Mukti will be giving a talk at the Mumbles Yacht Club at 7.30pm on Saturday 14th April - before heading on towards Tenby.

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