

IGY Blue Haven Marina In Turks & Caicos Islands Open After Refurbishment

Launch of IGY Blue Haven Marina in Turks & Caicos Sets the Stage for a Thrilling Winter Superyacht Season



At the end of December 2022, [Blue Haven Marina](#), Turks and Caicos an IGY destination, announced the completion of its comprehensive refurbishment at a launch event with over 100 VIP guests and government dignitaries. Complete with a Champagne tower and an array of delicacies, superyachts provided the perfect backdrop to celebrate the grand re-opening of this popular winter destination, which now boasts 87 slips, dedicated berthing for vessels up to 73m/200ft, and an incoming channel recently maintenance dredged to 3.6m/12ft (MLW). Leading the team on the ground in Turks and Caicos, Marina Manger Bruce Walker is a South African national and a seasoned hospitality professional. With over 30 years' experience managing top hotels and resorts around the world, including The Royal Cape Yacht Club in Cape Town, Bruce is multilingual and customer-focused, with excellent knowledge of

the islands and wider region.



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IGY Blue Haven Marina in Turks & Caicos

A Unique Caribbean Yachting Destination

‘Beautiful by Nature’, Blue Haven Marina is conveniently located on the northeastern point of Providenciales in the Turks and Caicos Islands of the British West Indies. Part of an archipelago consisting of eight main islands and a further

100 named islands and cays, Providenciales is also home to the third largest barrier reef in the world as well as Grace Bay beach, which has consistently been voted 'Best Beach in the World'.

Marina services built around owners, captains & crew

Now fully operational and led by Marina Manager Bruce Walker, a South African national, Blue Haven Marina is now firmly on the map as a top destination for winter cruising. Committed to meeting the highest demands of owners, captains and crew, the marina offers in-slip high speed fueling (diesel), petrol and diesel fueling docks, electricity (metered power supply up to 3 phase 400Amp), potable water, sewage pump out, waste collection, dedicated crew quarters, excellent WiFi, CCTV and 24-hour security. Visiting yachts also have access to marina pilotage, on-site concierge, customs and immigration, chandlery, dry cleaning, ice delivery, storage, provisioning, a grocery store, deli and coffee shop. Both a marina and a resort – Further enhancing Blue Haven Marina's appeal is a special program giving marina guests access to the amenities offered at two world famous Turks and Caicos Collection resorts, one of which is immediately adjacent to the property. Yacht owners, captains and crew can enjoy an array of dining options, a spa, entertainment, shopping, and a range of local tours, ensuring a truly exclusive experience on the island.

Dockage – book early to avoid disappointment!

A popular cruising destination for transiting yachts, Blue Haven Marina is now *taking reservations* and encourages early booking in view of growing demand. The whole team looks forward to welcoming returning guests and new visitors this season, as we build on our outstanding reputation as an IGY

destination.

About IGY Blue Haven Marina In Turks & Caicos Islands

A secure facility with a private gated entrance, the marina houses a total of 87 slips – 50 in the front marina and 37 in the canal – with dedicated berthing for vessels up to 73m (200ft) For further information or to reserve a slip, please visit: <https://www.igymarinas.com/marinas/blue-haven-marina/>



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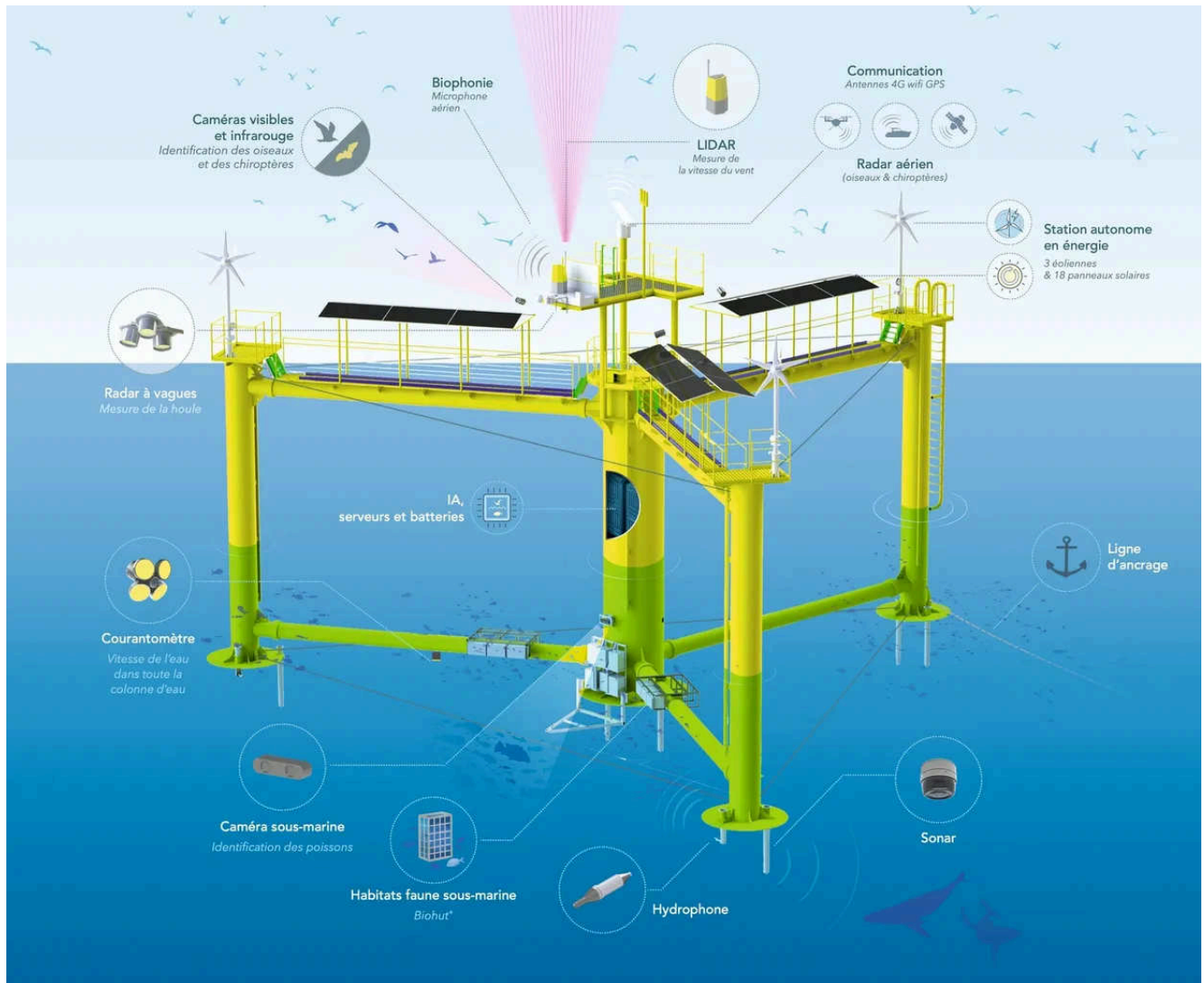
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Croatian Shipyard, Brodosplit Announce Construction Of Innovative Data Buoy

**The innovative data collection buoy
at the Croatian Shipyard,
Brodosplit will gather information
that will be used to better
understand everything from wind
turbulence to aerial and marine
life at a project site.**

In the port of the Croatian shipyard, Brodosplit, the launching of OCG-Data, an innovative buoy for the collection of offshore metocean and bio-diversity data, which was built for Ocergie, the French subsidiary of US company Ocergy, was successfully carried out.



About The Project

The pilot unit, part of Ocergy's 'Blue Oracle' (Buoy with Lidar and Underwater Equipment for Ocean Resource Assessment and Characterization of Life in the Environment) project, received the French Prefect Maritime anointment to be deployed for marine planning off the Occitanie region. This project is also being supported by ADEME in the framework of the Program of investments for the future.

"The OCG-Data is not only an integral part of our business plan but is also a first step for us in proving some of the innovative features of our OCG-Wind FOW platform. We have a growing pipeline of pre-commercial projects between now and

2030, until the offshore wind industry deploys large GW scale commercial FOW projects worldwide”, said Ocergy CEO Dominique Roddier. “Ocergy is a young company but our steadfast ambition to be one of the leaders in floating wind foundation design is only matched by the progress we have accomplished over the last few years”

– Mr. Roddier.



Image via [DIV Group](#)

Installing Data Collection Buoy

Installation of this innovative marine data collection buoy will be in the vicinity of one of the floating wind ‘macro-zones’ in the Mediterranean Sea off southern France.

“Despite your current financial concerns, we are very appreciative of the full commitment demonstrated by the Brodosplit team and very pleased by the excellent job Brodosplit has done in fabricating our OCG-Data buoy for our Blue Oracle pilot project. As you discuss with your investors about the various business projects, I believe companies such as Brodosplit have a significant role to play in the energy transition and can be a strong enabler of the commercial FOW industry not just for the Mediterranean projects but throughout Europe entirely”

– Dominique Roddier.

In addition to business, this contract also has strategic importance, because the Brodosplit shipyard is becoming an increasingly serious producer of demanding steel structures for offshore wind farms in the area of the Southeastern Europe and the Mediterranean. By building buoys for Ocergy, Brodosplit is proving its capabilities in the offshore wind market, and it is realistic to expect the signing of new contracts for the construction of platforms soon, which implies the delivery of constructions with yearly project steel throughput of more than 100,000 tons in the period up to 2030.

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Visit The Stunning French Polynesia With Le Sur Measure

[Le Sur Measure](#) are experts in the destination of French Polynesia, a location that offers 118 islands to explore during a yacht charter – offering total freedom, discretion and exclusivity during trips.



Visiting French Polynesia can be an opportunity for yacht crew to be able to take advantage of various activities during downtime and off-charter days. Underwater exploration is rich in life and will leave adventure-seeking visitors speechless.

Stunning Locations

Spread over a large area like Europe, French Polynesia is a vast territory, divided between 5 archipelagos. The Society Islands are home to the popular destinations of Tahiti, Bora Bora and Moorea. Experienced divers will be seduced by the different atolls that make up the Tuamotu Archipelago, and its many lagoons rich in corals and fish.

While in the North of Polynesia, the Marquesas Islands are rich in authenticity and culture. A little further away, the Australs and the Gambier represent traditions and a wild and preserved nature. The infrastructures and equipment established on some of these islands are adapted to the reception of Yachts and SuperYachts. The concierge of Le Sur Mesure has the role of connecting captains and yacht crew with qualified professionals in Polynesia to meet the various technical and logistical needs.

Stress Free Entry Into French Polynesia

To follow up on the Covid 19 pandemic, some new features have been set up for common health protection. In addition to the obligation of a complete vaccination schedule, Polynesia remains easy to access and requires few entry criteria.

No Covid 19 test is required during entry or exit from the territory, and also no quarantine is required. Depending on the country of origin of the visitors, it's recommended to inquire about the entry requirements such as VISA and Covid 19 documents. Commercial flights to Tahiti operate regularly from Auckland, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle. Chartering a private jet is also possible.

[Read More: Top Yacht Agencies In The South Pacific, Australia & NZ](#)

Unforgettable Activities For Yacht Crew

Many activities are available for yacht crew members wishing to enjoy French Polynesia during their downtime. The Society Islands are the most developed. On the main island of Tahiti, there are many exciting activities, between a mix of Land, Sea and Air.

Whether it's a helicopter ride, a 4x4 guided island tour, or practising water sports on the lagoons, there is something to do for everyone. Tahiti also offers several friendly restaurants, where you can find local specialities, and also European, American and Asian cuisines. A selection of bars and a few nightclubs will seduce nightlife lovers.

Other more common or specific services are also available such as supermarkets, shopping, tattoo parlours and medical services. The other Society Islands also offer some of these services, although fewer.

About Le Sur Mesure

The role of Le Sur Mesure is to organise tailor-made stays for people wishing to visit Polynesia for leisure or business. Packages include business aviation, Polynesian itineraries, and concierge services. The concierge team are dedicated to assisting clients and crew during their trip with the aim of connecting its network of the best professionals in Polynesia

to meet specific needs. The concierge is at the disposal of captains and clients to answer all requests for reservations, activities, and provision of rental cars or transfers.

Planning a trip and want to know more about French Polynesia?
Or want to know more about the services of Le Sur Mesure?
Visit: [Lesurmesure.com](https://www.lesurmesure.com)

Discover Nautech Group – Yacht Refit & Repair In La Ciotat

Researching where's best to complete a yacht refit & repair in La Ciotat? With facilities in La Ciotat, La Seyne-sur-Mer, Bordeaux, and the Caribbean, [The Nautech Group](https://www.nautechgroup.com) provides fully personalised support to an international clientele.



Nautech Shipyard, La Ciotat.

The Nautech Group proposes, develops and undertakes complex technical solutions, made to measure, within demanding, committed and controlled budgets and deadlines.

The company's core business is to perform complete Superyacht and Megayacht refits and periodic overhauls (such as special surveys of 2.5 years and 5 years). They perform refits of yachts that range from 30 to 140 meters in length and sometimes handle some sailing yachts. More than 30 boats receive services per year.

Read More: [MB92 La Ciotat Celebrate Inauguration Of 4300-Tonne Shiplift](#)

'Spacious Workshops For Repairs And

Refits'

Since June 2016, the shipyard has been based in La Ciotat, employing around 30 highly qualified people ranging from engineers to specialised technicians. The main families of jobs carried out are, on the engineering side, project management and, on the production side, logistics (reception, handling, landings, etc.) and mechanics (small boiler-making, engines, small fittings, etc.).

Nautech in La Ciotat works with a series of experts in all areas to fully meet each vessel's needs. The La Ciotat Shipyard and refit services department includes:

- Yacht Project Management
- Yacht painting
- Interiors – outfitting – Carpentry
- Metal Works
- Yacht protection
- Concierge services
- Electrical – Entertainment – Communication
- Yacht Engineering



Yacht Haul Service At Nautech Yard

The company has two spacious workshops for repairing and refitting marine engines. Their skilled technicians are

available daily to assist clients anywhere in the Mediterranean and the Caribbean.

Since September 2021, Nautech has employed eleven brand-new recruits, complementing teams with varying profiles that are tailored to the needs of each vessel.

Nicolas Bruni, CEO of Nautech Group, La Ciotat, states that:

“Our turnover is growing rapidly through the years as the yard’s related investments. We are fully mobilised in La Ciotat where new tools installed or to be installed on the site, coupled with our desire to grow, encourage us to continue in the direction of a strong involvement”

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MB92 La Ciotat Celebrate Inauguration Of 4300-tonne Shiplift

A formal inauguration of the newly built 4,300t shiplift was conducted on November 22nd by MB92 La Ciotat, one of Europe's leading superyacht refit groups.

There to witness the inauguration of the shiplift were over 350 local institutions as well as many of the individuals who worked on the project. MB92 as well as representatives from La Ciotat Shipyards, La Ciotat City Hall, Région Sud, Département des Bouches du Rhône, and Region Sud christened the platform.



Image by MB92

Jean-Marc Bolinger, CEO of MB92 Group, hailed the inauguration as:

“a historic moment for our shipyard and for the local people. It's the beginning of a new era and we are excited to

be a part of the continuing development of the site so that it can secure its position as the world's leading centre for superyacht refit."

[Read More: Damen Shipyard Group Announce Major Expansion In 2023](#)

A Boost to local area

As a result of the new platform, which represents a total investment of 47.5 million euros, eight yachts have already been accommodated for work. The new shiplift is set to boost the shipyard's activity, which in turn will have a positive knock-on effect on local employment, whether directly with MB92 or indirectly through the growing network of local subcontractors.

Additionally, local businesses such as restaurants, hotels, and shops are expected to see a big boost in business, due to the additional employees on site and the increase in crew staying at the facilities.

Furthermore, by 2024, the shipyard is expected to employ more than 900 full-time people (737 directly and indirectly at the shipyard, 168 at local businesses), a 50% increase compared to 2021.

Ben Mennem, CEO of MB92 La Ciotat,

added:

“MB92 is firmly rooted locally, with deep ties to the sea and a strong maritime heritage. The shipyard plays a central role in developing career opportunities for young talent and works alongside educational establishments to strengthen this link with our traditions and raise the technicity and professionalism of the local workforce.”

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Pendennis Vilanova: A Yacht Crew Guide

In this article, we speak to the team at Pendennis about their continued investment into Vilanova Marina, Barcelona – Discussing everything from the facilities available for

Superyachts to the events and opportunities on offer to visiting yacht crew.



[Pendennis](#) was founded in 1988 in Falmouth, Cornwall. Today the 14.5-acre waterfront site in the UK remains its main base of operations. The company is globally known for both its custom Superyacht builds and refits and has over 460 full-time skilled tradespeople on its books. Pendennis operate in the 30-60m new construction market and in addition, is capable of undertaking substantial restoration/remodelling projects, routine class surveys, and refit works and supports clients all over the globe through their dedicated after-sales program.

In the latter part of 2018 Pendennis announced that it had secured a majority share holder in Vilanova Grand Marina, Barcelona. The investment in Vilanova represented the companies unwaveringly commitment to its international growth and the expansion of its offering to its global client base.



Pendennis Vilanova: Everything you need to know for 2022

Back in 2018, Pendennis announced a major investment into Vilanova Grand Marina Barcelona, offering long-term yacht support for the Superyacht fleet in the

Med. We ask has this been successful, and how is 2022 looking for Pendennis Vilanova?

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Our investment in [Vilanova Grand Marina](#) has proved to be very successful. We are into our 3rd full year and both the marina and technical service centre are performing well. The marina has seen an increase in traffic with yachts using their facilities for winter berthing, pit stops, and waterworks. Whilst the adjacent technical service centre has already undergone a two-phase infrastructure program that has seen the installation of a 620-tonne travel hoist and the expansion of the hard standing to 30,000sqm. Currently, both the marina and technical service centre have healthy occupancy rates through into the late Spring, as well as good inquiries levels for the Winter of 22/23.

What are the main advantages of Vilanova Marinas location?

One of the advantages of the Vilanova locations is it's 45 minutes from the centre of Barcelona and 30 minutes from the international airport. Along with the easy access both from land and sea, the marina is protected and safe. The location is flexible; it's perfect for both pit stops and Caribbean stopovers as well as haul-out and hard-standing options.

Can you tell us more about the facilities on offer at the marina?

On the Spanish coast and only 45 minutes away from the centre of Barcelona, Vilanova Grand Marina is set in a protected and safe harbour with calm and clean waters. It has 48 superyacht berths for yachts ranging between 25 and 130 metres and with a maximum draught of 6.5 metres. Each mooring is serviced by a pedestal complete with decalcified water, electricity supply, and a private telephone line.

The facilities on offer at the marina are substantial enough to cater to personal and yacht needs, with 24-hour security, and surveillance that is ISP compliant on hand for peace of mind. The multilingual hospitality team will ensure a warm welcome. There is private parking in front of moorings and easy access to heavy vehicles. Land and air links offer easy access to the marina.

Other facilities include:

- Toilets and changing rooms, laundry services, free gym for crew
- Helipad
- Bar/ restaurant
- Waste management areas
- Direct access to the Pendennis Vilanova Technical service centre (With a 620-tonne travel hoist and a smaller 200-tonne travel hoist)



Beyond the array of facilities for yachts, what does Pendennis Vilanova offer the crew while at the Barcelona shipyard?

Vilanova is only 45 minutes from the hustle and bustle of Barcelona, and Vilanova's location is coastal with access to great beaches and clean water. The town itself is vibrant with plenty of local bars and restaurants. It's also only 2 hours away from the mountains with access to the ski slopes in winter.

Onsite there is a gym, bar, and restaurant and the team at the Marina runs a series of crew socials throughout the year including:

- The Acrew mentorship event
- BBQs
- Participation in local sports events (including the Vilanova half marathon)
- Yoga every Wednesday
- Fitness sessions during the summer

- Beach training and yoga sessions



With the shipyard in Falmouth, and Vilanova Marina looking busier than ever, what is Pendennis's vision for the year ahead?

Our focus across both our facilities in Falmouth and Vilanova is sustained growth and investment. Both businesses have performed well over the last few years, and we have been encouraged by the level of new enquiries we continue to receive. Keeping this momentum going is of paramount importance, and a major component of this is through our investment in our facilities and people.

We are currently recruiting for our next intake of apprentices in Falmouth who will start with us in July. As a company, we are excited to see the applications come in – particularly the talent and passion from these young people looking to start their careers with Pendennis! We are also actively recruiting skilled tradespeople across all trades as demand for our services grows and our experienced team continues to expand.

Lastly, will we be seeing the Pendennis team attend any yachting events this year?

The Pendennis team will be attending the following [yacht shows](#) in 2022:

- Antigua Superyacht challenge
- St Barths Bucket
- Palm Beach Yacht Show
- Palma Yacht Show
- Monaco Yacht Show (Stand)
- FLIBS
- METS (stand)



For enquiries about Pendennis Vilanova, contact info@vilanovagrandmarina.com

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Marina Port Vell: Why You Should Visit Barcelona by

Superyacht This Winter

Marina Port Vell, Barcelona

The Mediterranean is gaining popularity as a winter destination, and of all the cities that make for an amazing winter visit, Barcelona is one of the best, with Marina Port Vell having become the preferred port for Superyachts. With many events and activities to do during the winter, Barcelona should be on every Captain and crew's radar. It's particularly good for those that want to escape the winter cold and reside in a location with good weather, all year round. Read on to discover everything Barcelona, one of the most desirable places to visit, has to offer during the winter months, and find out more about [Marina Port Vell's](#) winter berths.

Why Should You Consider Marina Port Vell Winter Berths for 2022/2023?



Marina Port Vell, which is conveniently located in central

Barcelona. Credit: Marina Port Vell

The perfect base to experience Barcelona

Marina Port Vell boasts an amazing location right in the heart of the ever-bustling Barcelona. With Barcelona being the 2nd most luxurious city destination, it makes the Marina a must-visit for any Superyachts travelling in the Mediterranean. As a city with a rich culture, crew can immerse themselves in the array of fine art, culture, and food available. You can always find something exciting to see and do in Barcelona, thanks to attractions such as the iconic Sagrada Familia and Park Guell.

When Captains and crew have time off, we recommend venturing beyond the reaches of the city and discovering a world of natural beauty. National parks, coastal and countryside trails, and wild tracks are perfect for any adventure-seeking yachties that are passionate about hiking, cycling, and exploring. Barcelona is a doorway to a range of environments, from Costa Brava's 200km sun-soaked coastline to the Pyrenees, which offer cool climates and exciting winter activities like skiing.

Marina Port Vell's prime location lets yacht crew step off the dock and into the heart of Barcelona and all the beauty there is to be found in the bustling city.



Credit: Kaspars Upmanis

A strong sense of community

Due to many yachts returning every year, [Marina Port Vell](#) has fostered a family-like community of Captains, crew, and marina staff. These interpersonal relationships are very important for both personal and professional reasons.

Crew wellbeing is another key part of the Marina. There are many elements that aid in the well-being and development of crew at the marina, including yoga classes, crew training sessions, and a variety of fun [crew social events](#) to help yachties unwind and build lifelong friendships with one another.

Networking and maintaining strong relationships with others in the industry is one of the most wonderful parts of being a yachtie, and Marina Port Vell is ensuring they have a space where building such connections is possible.

Find out the dates for the 2023 MYBA Charter show [here](#)

Facilities for Captains and crew:

Reception

Visitors can stop by the reception to get assistance from a team of multilingual staff. They can help with everything from restaurant and entertainment bookings to car hires and transfers. Other services include Wi-Fi and a laundrette.

Business Hub

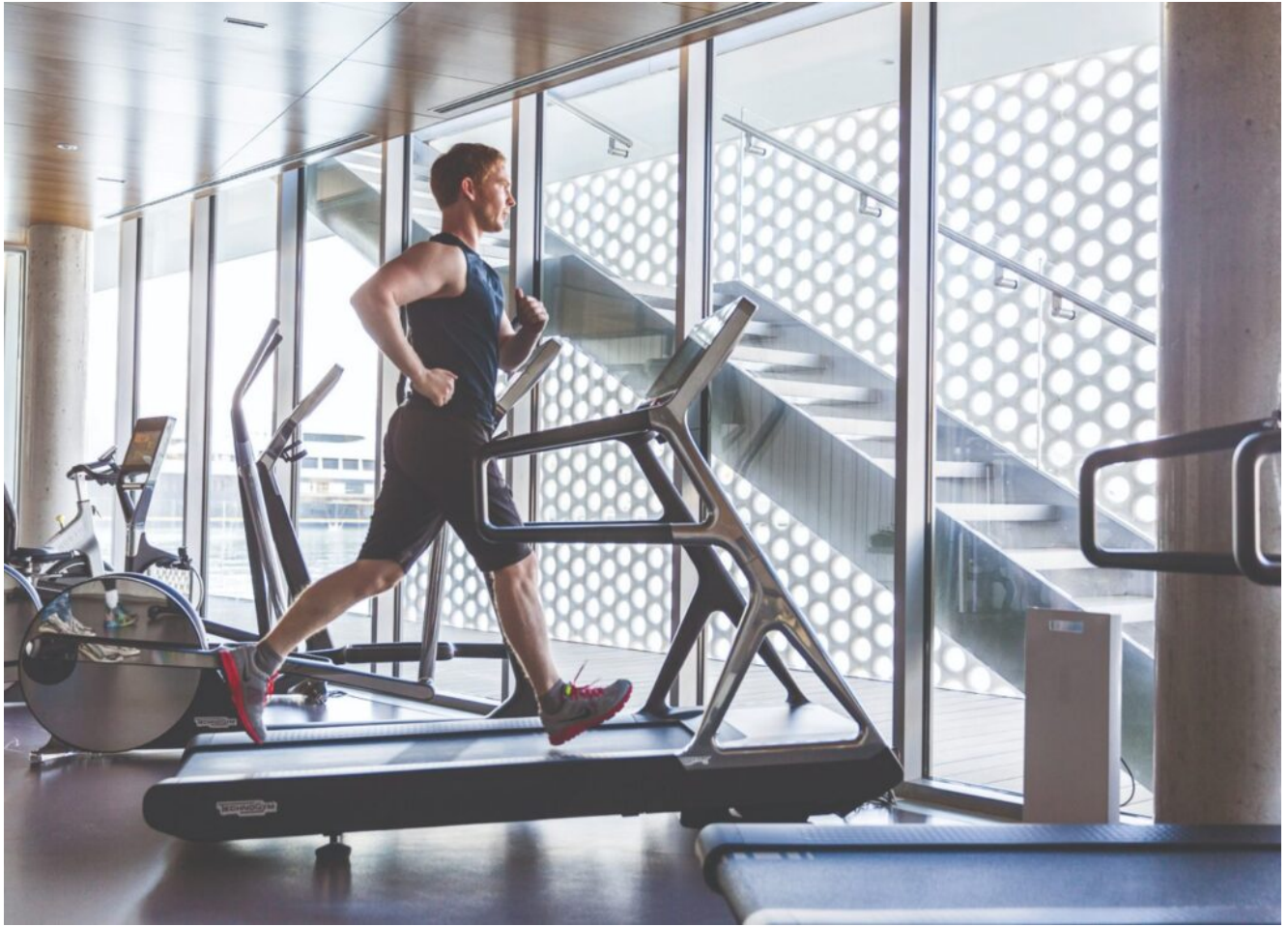
Marina Port Vell's Business Hub is a great place to knuckle down and get work done during off-time. With offices to rent, event and meeting spaces and a boardroom with video and IT facilities, it provides an amazing space for yacht crew busy working on their side hustle.



Inside the Business Hub at Marina Port Vell

Gymnasium

For those who use exercise to unwind or just love to keep in shape, the on-site fully-equipped gym is a must-visit. Also, with treatment rooms and a pilates and yoga room, it's sure to make you feel your best.



The on-site gym

Gastronomy

Enjoy a superb gastronomic selection that focuses on regional, seasonal foods and seafood specialities in a chic setting.



Fully gated marina with 24-hour security

High-tech security includes controlled access through three guarded entrances. The marina is monitored from a vantage point with over 50 CCTV cameras with thermo-graphics. International Ship and Port Security (ISPS) compliant. Rest assured, you and the rest of the people aboard your yacht are safe as can be.

Read about Marina Port Vell's new award-winning gallery [here](#)

Winter Activities To Attend In Barcelona

1. See Barcelona's most famous sights

Barcelona is one the best destinations for escaping the winter cold, with its pleasant weather throughout the entire year

making it a winter hot spot. Take a leisurely stroll through Park Güell or witness the magnificent Sagrada Familia – which is still in the process of being built.



Park Güell which UNESCO included with other Gaudí works in its World Heritage Site List. Credit: D Jonez

2. Take a gastronomic tour – From Tapa Bars to Michelin Star restaurants

Barcelona is home to over 30 Michelin star restaurants, with some of the best chefs in the world calling the city home. For this reason, going on a gastronomic tour of the city is a great way to invest your time.

Barcelona hosts an array of gastronomic tours that entice crew when porting at Marina Port Vell, including those offered by [Secret Food Tours](#). With unbeatable fine dining experiences and some of the world's most exquisite wine tours on offer, there

is something for everyone. Marina Port Vell are experts in helping guests pick the right tour for both themselves and other crew members. Relax this winter with friends and experience the delicious local food and drink that Barcelona has to offer.

3. Attend the Sitges Carnival

Similar to Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Sitges Carnival is an exciting festival that takes place every year near the end of winter not far from Barcelona. You may expect exhilarating parades, flamboyant costumes, and never-ending entertainment.



The Sitges Carnival. The colourful celebration is held at the end of winter every year.

4. Enjoy Barcelona's vibrant social agenda

Barcelona has an incredibly vibrant social agenda with events that bring millions to the city. Here are some of Barcelona's

top events:

- The Moto GP: Motorcycle aficionados don't need an introduction to the Barcelona-Catalunya region, which captures the interest of millions of fans worldwide. The always-anticipated MotoGP usually takes place in June.
- F1 Spanish Grand Prix: The amazing Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya is now the site of the Spanish Grand Prix, a Formula One race. The race, which is among the oldest in the world and is continuously run, turned 100 years old in 2013.
- Football events: Undoubtedly one of the busiest stadiums in Europe is the home of FC Barcelona. When there is a game, you can feel the excitement in the air, and since it is an integral part of the city, you won't want to miss it.
- World-renowned music festivals: Barcelona is a destination for many of the world's top artists, with many of them playing at Barcelona's festivals. With music festivals like Sónar and Primavera Sound, there is something here to satisfy even the most avid music fans.



5. Head out of the city for some skiing

Due to its close proximity to mountainous regions, Barcelona is a great base to go skiing. La Molina and Masella are the ideal destinations for a day excursion for yacht crew. These popular ski resorts are located two hours from Barcelona. It is easily accessible by bus and costs about 40 euros per person. The resort offers ski equipment for rent, so visitors can travel light.



La Molina's many trails.

Another of the most popular ski resorts in Spain is Baqueira Beret. Located in Valle De Aran, Baqueira boasts one of the biggest and top-rated ski areas in the Pyrenees. The ski season typically starts in November and lasts until the end of April because of the location's consistent snowfall. With 160 km of slopes and 5 km of ski routes available, it is a great option for thrill-seeking yachties looking for an adrenaline rush during the off-time. For those wishing to stay overnight, there is accommodation in the village of Baqueira.

6. Enjoy a day out in Montserrat

In Catalan, Montserrat translates to "jagged mountains." The most well-known mountainside is where the renowned Santa Maria de Montserrat Abbey is located. Visitors have to ride the cable car to get to the monastery, which offers beautiful

sunset views from the mountain's summit. In the off-season, this is one of the most tranquil places for hikers to visit, making it perfect for yacht crew docked at Marina Port Vell. Every hour, a train leaves from Placa d'Espanya station for Montserrat, making travel simple. The 50km travel from Barcelona takes roughly one hour.



Montserrat's beautiful rocky landscape is perfect for a day of hiking. Credit: Ian Kelsall

More information on Marina Port Vell winter berths and specifications:

[Click here](#) to see Marina Port Vells' technical plan.

Marine Port Vell is one of the few marinas in Europe with a TPA permit, enabling non-EU Superyachts undergoing repairs and maintenance to benefit from tax exemptions. All the berths are

fully prepared and offer all the facilities vessels and crew may need upon arrival. Barcelona's leading marina is an ISPS port facility and has the ISO14001 y EMAS environmental certifications. All of Marina Port Vell's winter berths include shorepower, potable water, sewage discharge and fibre-optic internet connection.

Note -Vessels with masts equal to or higher than 53 meters must inform the marina staff when making a reservation as entry beneath the cable car line across the marina will need to be arranged in advance.

Yacht services include:

- Safe, secure, and sheltered berthing up to 190m
- Alongside and stern-to berths
- Power to each berth up to 1000 amps/400 volts
- Single and three-phase powers with multiple socket outlets
- Fibre optic internet to each yacht
- Potable water for each berth
- Collection of hazardous waste (MARPOL)
- Fuel bunkering services and fuel station
- Floating work platforms

Shoreside services include:

- 24-hour mooring assistance
- Electric golf cart transport available and delivery service
- Car parking
- Storage facilities adjacent to berths
- Recycling facilities
- Container áreas
- Crew facilities
- Electric car chargers and Tesla car chargers

For inquiries regarding Marina Port Vell winter berths, and reservations, please email bookings@marinaportvell.com or visit [Marina Port Vell](#).

D-Marin Launches Two Minute Online Booking Platform For Marina Berthing

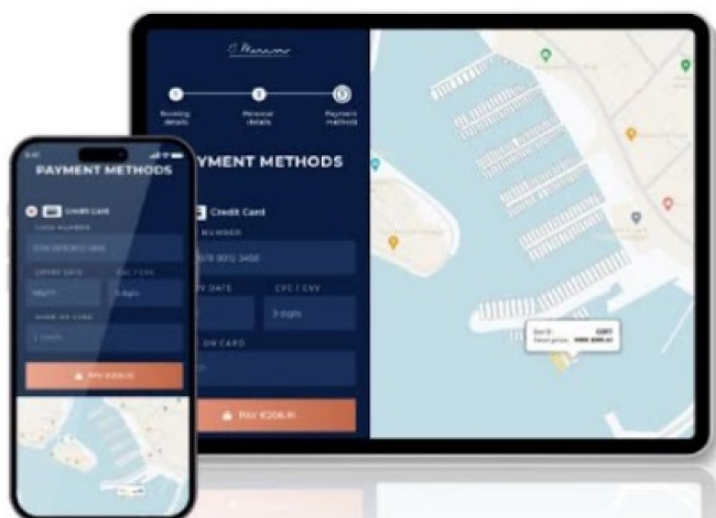
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D-Marine has unveiled its new online booking platform which enables its customers to choose and book their preferred berth in any of its marinas in less than two minutes. Since the rollout began, more than 35% of new berth bookings have been made via the new digital platform.

The introduction of the online booking system is part of the Group's Connected Marina strategy, following the company's commitment to delivering a market-leading premium service, that provides an exceptional yachting experience for all its clientele.

READ MORE: [D-Marin Acquire Punt Faro Marina, their first Italian Marina](#)



Image by D-Marin

Matthias Gehring, Chief Digital Officer, D-Marin said:

“The online selection of a specific berth with instant booking capabilities and immediate confirmation is a unique industry solution enabled by the full integration of our operational systems. Our special approach allows us to offer this effortless service to all our customers so they can enjoy the sunset instead of queuing, waiting, or worrying about being able to get a berth in the marina. We are delighted at how quickly D-Marin customers have adopted the new digital services with more exciting plans on the horizon. So far, their feedback on marina berthing has been incredibly positive.”

For more information on marina berthing, please visit:
www.d-marin.com/en/new-online-services/

World Leading Superyacht refit and repair facility in the UAE (Dubai) Announced



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Al Seer Marine, MB92 and P&O Marinas, to Create World Leading Superyacht Service Centre and Refit Shipyard for the Gulf Region

Al Seer Marine, [MB92 Group](http://www.d-marin.com/en/new-online-services/) and P&O Marinas announce that they have signed a memorandum of understanding in view of setting

up a joint venture to develop the first dedicated Superyacht refit and repair facility in the UAE (Dubai). This new high-capacity shipyard will provide superyacht owners with a customized world class refit service in the Gulf, the first of its kind in the region.

The shipyard construction is scheduled for completion in 2026, with the joint venture offering its Superyacht repair and refit services from next year in 2023, as the start of this strategic plan.

[Al Seer Marine](#) has been looking to develop a world class Superyacht refit and repair facility in the UAE since 2019 and after discussions with [P&O Marinas](#) in Dubai, found the perfect strategic partner to realize the project. Now with MB92 Group as the third partner and the chosen operator of the shipyard, this new facility will deliver the unrivalled quality of service the customers in the region need.

Pioneering technology, shipyard efficiency and sustainability are key drivers for the three partners, with the unique ability to apply this mission and objectives at the very conception of the facilities, all the way through to the environmental impact of the projects themselves. The final result will be a unique, future proofed, world-class superyacht shipyard, setting new benchmarks and standards in the refit and repair sector.



Gunther Alvarado, Chief Operating Officer of Al Seer Marine said, "Leading this powerful partnership is part of Al Seer Marine's overall investment strategy and vision for the Gulf Region, with some of the most complex superyachts owned and operated in the region, we will have a world class facility with leading suppliers and subcontractors, that will serve their requirements."

Hamza Mustafa, Chief Operating Officer of P&O Marinas, a DP World company said: "The UAE is the ideal location to service the Gulf region's growing number of superyacht owners. Dubai has developed its reputation over the years as a top destination for luxury yachting with the creation of several high-end marinas. We already look after some of the most exclusive and advanced yachts at Mina Rashid Marina. With the development of a new service centre and refit shipyard, the UAE and Dubai's offering as a hub for yacht owners will be even more attractive."

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Jean-Marc Bolinger, CEO of MB92 Group, added: “Creating a world-class refit shipyard from scratch, in the dynamic hub of Dubai and the Gulf, represents a very exciting and unique opportunity for our Group, which has been on our strategic agenda for several years. It will enable us to expand the foot print of our first-class facilities and provide our clients in the region with the same level of service and support the receive and expect in Barcelona and La Ciotat. We look forward to presenting the details of this exciting joint venture to our key stakeholders in the coming months.”

For more information on the latest world-leading refit and repair facility in the UAE (Dubai), contact:

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Keel of Freire Shipyards 100m+ Superyacht explorer has been laid



The keel of Freire Shipyards 100m+ Superyacht explorer | Image by Freire Shipyards

In August 2022, Freire Shipyard laid the keel of a new 100m+ expedition yacht. The shipyard, located in Vigo, Spain announced that behind the keel laying, there is a great deal of design and engineering work carried out in conjunction with the shipowner's team.

"We are proud of the extremely efficient hull that went through an extensive tank design and testing program, to make

it one of the most stable and fuel efficient hull designs,” – Explains the representative of the shipowner.

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This project represents for Freire Shipyard its second reference in Superyacht projects of more than 100 meters in length and strengthens its position in this, which is the most demanding segment of the industry. The new construction contract came into force in 2021 and cutting of the first steel plates began in May 2022. The news of the keel of Freire Shipyards 100m+ Superyacht explorer means another milestone has been reached.

Completion of the hull and superstructure is scheduled for August 2023.

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Free Berths At Porto Montenegro During The Acrew Awards

Free Berths at Porto Montenegro for crew award nominated vessels

The Crew Awards ceremony is just around the corner, with this year's ceremony taking place in Porto Montenegro. The 5th edition of [The Crew Awards](#) will take place from the 14th – the 16th of October. Seven vessels were entered into the “best charter crew award” category, and after a series of votes, three vessels were selected to become finalists: M/Y ROMA, M/Y TRIUMPH, and M/Y SKYFALL. And as a part of the award-winning marinas [crew award packages](#), they are offering free berths at Porto Montenegro for Captains and Crew of nominated vessels throughout the 2022 awards ceremony.



“Here at Porto Montenegro Marina, we have several berths available from 35m upwards for those still interested in attending the 2022 ACREW crew awards in October. Our marina staff is confident we can find berthing for a range of different vessels with different needs. We are passionate about ensuring that our Captains and crew are well catered for during their stay, which is why we will offer Free berths at Porto Montenegro for the crew on board award nominated vessels.” – Porto Montenegro Marina staff

Porto Montenegro remains a favourite Superyacht marina amongst captains and crew to berth in throughout the winter season. Vessels are welcome to extend their stay for a longer duration than the [ACREW Crew awards](#) ceremony at the full-service Superyacht marina. “For yachts interested in berthing at Porto Montenegro this winter, we recommend booking your berth as soon as possible. Our luxury marina is on track to have very positive occupancy for Winter 2022 with berths available for vessels over 30m, while berths up to 25m are now booking up quickly.”

The award-winning marina currently has some unmissable winter

berth offers for Captains and Crew, including tailor-made premium and platinum berthing packages, offering the chance to pay for five months and stay for seven. Shipyard specials – To find out more, contact the Porto Montenegro reservations team. A designated representative will help you find a suitable bespoke package according to your vessel's needs.

READ MORE: [Captains and Crew, it's time to book your Porto Montenegro Acrew crew awards package](#)

This years 'Best charter yacht crew' ACREW finalists:

1. M/Y SKYFALL



M/Y SKYFALL is a 2010, 57.91 m Motor Yacht, built in the United States of America by Trinity Yachts. Designed by Geoff Van Aller, the luxury Superyacht can accommodate up to 14 guests in 6 staterooms, with 14 crew members on board.

2. M/Y ROMA



The 62m M/Y ROMA was delivered in 2011 by the Viareggio Superyachts yard, with naval architecture by Espen Oeino. She has an impressive 17 crew members and accommodates up to 12 guests, in six staterooms.

3. M/Y Triumph



M/Y Triumph is a 65.4m Superyacht, launched and delivered to its owner by the Italian Benetti shipyard in 2021. The yacht features an exterior design by Giorgio M. Cassetta, with interiors by Green & Migarelli. In collaboration with Benetti's in-house team, six luxurious staterooms with ensuite bathrooms were designed for up to 12 guests. There are also 16 professional crew members on board.

READ MORE: [Porto Montenegro Acrew Crew Awards Finalists Revealed](#)

For more information on booking your free berth at Porto Montenegro for crew on award-nominated vessels, get in touch at marinabooking@portomontenegro.com or visit their website [here](#).

You can see what they currently have running at the Crew Club by joining their Facebook Group here, [Porto Montenegro Crew Club](#), or following them on Instagram, [@portomontenegrocrewclub](#).

D-Marin Acquire Punt Faro Marina, their first Italian Marina

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L-R Dean Smith, Chief Commercial Officer of D-Marin, Gyoza Lantos, Head of Mergers & Acquisitions of D-Marin, Oliver Dörschuck, CEO of D-Marin, Paola Piovesana, Director of Punta Faro Marina, Mr Eugenio Piovesana, Greta Dus, Head of Commercial of Punta Faro Marina

D-Marin, a premium marina network, hosted an exclusive press event at Punta Faro Marina yesterday (5th September 2022), to officially welcome the marina to its expanding network. D-Marin completed the acquisition of Punta Faro on 1st August 2022, becoming its 16th marina to join the group and its first marina in Italy.

Attended by local dignitaries and media from across Europe, Oliver Dörschuck, CEO of D-Marin highlighted the importance of the Punta Faro Marina acquisition to the D-Marin network by providing an additional cruising destination for D-Marin customers. He announced the company's willingness to devote a seven-digit investment in Punta Faro Marina which includes the

introduction of a high-speed wireless network and intelligent pedestals using innovative, eco-friendly technology and plans to completely revamp the marina's sanitary units along with improvements to the existing piers. The event will also include unveiling an inscribed marina bollard to mark the occasion.

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Oliver Dörschuck, CEO of D-Marin, said:

"We are delighted to welcome Punta Faro to the D-Marin network and celebrate our first marina acquisition in Italy as we continue to grow our offering across the Mediterranean and Gulf regions. We are committed to investing in the marina as part of our mission to create sustainable and advanced marinas for today and future generations. New technology will provide improved customer experiences through increased digitisation including the rollout of advanced online booking and boat security systems. We see ourselves as an integral part of the local community."

Paola Piovesana, Director, at Punta Faro Marina added:

"It was wonderful to see all our guests enjoying the hospitality at the marina. I am very excited about our new partnership and working with the team at D-Marin. I look forward to our customers benefitting from its customer experience focus and enjoying the highest professional

standard of service.”

For more information on ‘D-Marin Aquire Punt Faro Marina,
their First Italian Marina’, please contact [d-
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