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Euromarina / FFPP Conference in Paris 10th November 2006

Every Year a conference takes place, organized by the French Federation of Yachting Harbours at the Senate, Palais du Luxembourg, in Paris.



Organised on a round table basis, the purpose of the conference is allow speakers to foster debate on specific subjects with the intention of aiding promotion of marine leisure.

This year, Euromarina is co-operating with the FFPP to discuss the subject of yacht harbours in Europe. Several speakers will present different aspects of the European Marina Industry at the conference, which will be in turn attended by representatives of the EU Commission and Parliament. The conference programme is attached to this email.

Those wishing to attend should reserve the morning of 10 November, 2006, and send the application to register (attached to this email) to cindymontier@euromarina.org

Baltic Sea Area's Opinion on EU Green Paper

The European Commission has initiated a discussion process on an integrative European Maritime Policy and the respective Green Paper was published on 8 June. This integrative approach can help finding a balance between different EU sectoral policies and can contribute to the welfare not only of coastal regions in Europe. With presenting the Green Paper EU Commission aims to launch a broad consultation process on this new European policy line.

The one-year consultation process includes conferences in the five maritime regions of the European Union. The conference of the Baltic Sea area takes place in Kiel, capital of Land Schleswig-Holstein. Aim of the Conference in Kiel will be the assessment of the Green Paper by the national and regional authorities, the panbaltic organisations and stakeholders of the Baltic Sea area. It is envisaged to adopt a Final Declaration summing up the views and requirements of the Baltic Sea area at the end of the Conference. This Maritime Conference offers the opportunity to the Baltic Sea area of playing an important part in shaping the future European Maritime Policy.



Inauguration of the European Maritime Safety Agency

Friday, 15 September 2006

The installation of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) in Lisbon was celebrated today with the inauguration of its headquarters in the presence of President Barroso, Commissioner in charge of Transport, Jacques Barrot and the Prime Minister of Portugal, José Sócrates Carvalho Pinto de Sousa. EMSA's mission is to provide technical and scientific advice to the Commission and the Member States in order to ensure a high and uniform level of maritime safety and security, thereby preventing accidents and pollution at sea.



Italian Association of Adriatic Marinas calls for reduced VAT on mooring services

Wednesday, 11 October 2006

At a Genoa Boat Show press conference the Italian Association of Adriatic Marinas (ASSO.I.P.T.A.) complained about a possible increase in fees paid by marinas for the use of state property areas. According to the Association's President, Roberto Perrocchio, "it is quite contradictory to increase mooring fees at a time when users are requiring a larger number of marinas with a wider and more qualified offer of services, as well as more environmental awareness".

Another of ASSOIPTA's objectives is a reduction of VAT on mooring services, from the current 20% to 10%. Indeed, the framework law on tourism now considers marinas as tourist enterprises (hotels, holiday villages, etc.) – hence the request to halve VAT. UCINA's general secretary, Lorenzo Pollicardo, added that "the Italian System requires strong support to boost nautical tourism".

The "marinas system" is the 'feather in the Apulia Region's cap' for the next three years. Apulia regional Councillor for Tourism Massimo Ostillo stated that the objective is to reach "18,000 berths", a number that can be achieved by adding to the existing 10,000, the 4,000 currently being built and another 4,000 that will be built in the near future. Mr Ostillo presented the results of the feasibility study for the creation of the regional system; the final project is expected to be completed by the end of this year.



PIANC invites marina designers to submit applications for Jack Nichol Marina Design Award



The Recreational Navigation Commission of the International Navigation Association (PIANC) invites marina designers and owners to submit applications for the "2007 Jack Nichol Marina Design Award" for outstanding marina design.

The Jack Nichol Award was established in memory of the late John M. "Jack" Nichol, honorary member of PIANC and well known marina designer. The Award consists of a bronze plaque suitable for display.

The purpose of the Award is to recognize excellence in the design of modern recreational boating facilities around the world. Marina owners and designers may submit an application to be considered for the Jack Nichol Award. Applications should be submitted by December 1, 2006.

The Jack Nichol Award is an annual award. Applications will be judged by the Recreational Navigation Commission and the winner announced at the Annual General Assembly of PIANC in May 2007.

The presentation will be made by the chairman of the Recreational Navigation Commission and the winner will be published in the Bulletin and on the PIANC website.

In 2006, the winner of the Jack Nichol Award was the Marina de Portimao (Portugal). The winner was announced at the 31st International Navigational Congress of PIANC in Estoril, Portugal.

The submittal requirements and award criteria can be downloaded from:

<http://www.pianc-aipcn.org/main/awards.html>

Applications should be sent to: Ing. Elio Ciralli E-mail: elio.ciralli@cirallistudio.com

IMC 2008 - May 25th - May 28th

The International Council of Marine Industry Associations (ICOMIA) is pleased to announce that its 6th International Marina Conference will be held May 25-28, 2008; on the Flemish coast off the North Sea in Ostend, Belgium. The Flemish Marina Community and the French Marinas Federation will coordinate the event, popularly referred to as IMC 2008.



The region of Flanders, which encompasses parts of Belgium and France, is ideal for the IMC's return to Europe. Not only is it a hub of recreational boating activity and a show place for marinas, boatyards and yacht clubs, it is a popular crossroad for boaters cruising the North Sea and English Channel. In the sense that it is close to Brussels, the seat of the European Economic Community which is key to the future of recreational boating as a sport and industry in this part of the world, Flanders is at the heart of things. The two-nation field trip planned for IMC 2008, to marinas Dunkerque, France and Nieuwpoort, Belgium, should have strong appeal to those who enjoy the first-hand learning experience of being able to visit local marina's, take pictures and ask questions to marina managers.

Planning the conference program is already under way. Two days of interactive panel discussions, tapping into the expertise of a battery of marina experts in Europe and around the world, will allow plenty of time for questions and comments from the audience. Shortly, there will be a call for papers, addressing selected topics.

As with earlier IMC's, how to operate and manage a marina for success will be of primary interest.

How to evaluate the economic impacts of marinas, for the benefit of private and public sector developers looking for facts and figures to back up their projects, and how to effectively network with allied interests, particularly in the tourist industry, are expected to be other topics. Because the need for this kind of information came out of discussions at IMC 2005, the ICOMIA Marina's Committee has assigned it top priority.

More information in <http://www.imc2008.com/>

Joe Borg addresses maritime policy conference in Malta

11.09.06

Today, Joe Borg, European Commissioner for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs, will be in Malta where he will address a Forum on the Commission's Green Paper on a future Integrated Maritime Policy organised by the magazine "Malta Economic Update".



The purpose of the Forum is to help launch the consultation process in Malta, and the afternoon's debates will be chaired by Dr Ann Fenech of the Malta Maritime Law Advisory Council. Commissioner Borg will deliver the keynote speech on "A European vision for the oceans and seas: giving citizens a stake in the creation of a Maritime Policy for Europe". The Commissioner will use his talk to underline the importance of consultation before formulating innovative cross-cutting policies in such a wide and complex area. He will encourage participants to take part fully in the process so as to make sure not only that their views are heard but also that the Commission is able to benefit from their experience when it comes to preparing concrete proposals.

Boat Show October - November

Genoa International Boat Show

Fiera di Genova/UCINA,
Genoa, Italy Piazzale J. F. Kennedy 1, 16129
Genoa, Italy **7-15 October 2006** info: Tel:
+39 010 539 11 www.fiera.ge.it/salonenautico

Barcelona International Boat Show

Fira de BARCELONA (Gran Via II)
info: 902 233 2365 **4-12 November 2006**
www.salonnautico.com

Yacht Harbours in Europe

FFPP-EUROMARINA Senat PALAIS DU
LUXEMBOURG **PARIS 10 November 2006**
info: +33(0)140600701
www.euromarina.org info@euromarina.org

Marine Equipment Trade Show METS

FFPP-EUROMARINA Senat PALAIS DU
LUXEMBOURG **PARIS 10 November 2006**
info: +33(0)140600701

NAUTICAL TOURISM – FOREIGN VESSELS FOR LEISURE AND SPORT IN 2005 - CROATIA

The total number of coastal navigation licences issued in the Republic of Croatia in 2005 amounted to 54 290, which means that it increased by 1.5%, as compared to the year 2004. In 2005, the number of persons registered on these vessels was 297 600.

According to the mode of arriving in the Republic of Croatia, 23.5% vessels arrived by sea, 62.2% by land and 15.8% stayed in Croatia through the winter from the last year.

By flag of vessels, the largest number of licences for coastal navigation in 2005 in the Republic of Croatia (89.5%) was issued to Germany (32.1%), Italy (27.0%), Austria (14.0%), Slovenia (8.7%), USA (3.2%), the Czech Republic (2.6%) and France (1.9%).

By length of vessels, the largest number of licences was issued for vessels up to 6 meters long (52.5%), then for vessels 6 to 8 meters long (16.0%), for vessels 8 to 10 meters long (10.5%), for vessels 10 to 12 meters long (10.6%) and for those 12 to 15 meters long (7.3%).

By nationality, the largest number of persons on board (86.2%) in 2005 were Germans (24.4%), followed by Italians (24.1%), Austrians (15.1%), Slovenians (14.9%), Czechs (3.3%) British and Hungarians (2.2% each).

Most persons (98.6%) were on board in the period from April to September.

By flag of vessels, the largest number of licences for staying in a port, landing place, or a marina to be guarded in the Republic of Croatia was issued to Italy (23.5%), Germany (21.1%), Austria (21.0%), USA (5.5%), Slovenia (6.3%) and to Great Britain (4.9 %), which makes the total of 82.4%.

New Members

Thanks to all this Harbours for their adhesions:

- Port de la Rague (France)
- Port de Menton Garavan (France)
- Port d'Argeles (France)
- Marina Port Vell (Spain)
- Tomas Maestre-La Manga (Spain)
- Saint Quay Port d'Armor (France)
- Le Havre (France)
- Samos marina (Greece)
- Larnaka Marina (Cyprus)
- Port Esportiu de Tarragona (Spain)
- Port Saint Valery sur Somme (France)
- Port Napoleon (France)
- Port de Saint Vaast la Hougue
- Port de Beaulieu sur Mer (France)
- Port Medoc (France)
- Port Calafat (Spain)
- Port Camargue (France)

To apply for membership please fill in the application form on www.euromarina.org "Membership"
More information: cindymontier@euromarina.org

Newsletter

We would like to know what is happening in your marina or business.

Please add info@euromarina.org and cindymontier@euromarina.org to your newsletter list so we can pass the information on to others in the marina industry.

It is vital that a strong and vigorous independent European marina industry is represented by an organisation with a distinct identity of its own that can unify its members and promote their interests from a position of strength in fields as diverse as the promotion of standards for recreational harbours and boating to lobbying EU institutions.

Euromarina provides a recognised platform for the associations it represents through its contacts with regional and national governments and in the offices of the European Commission. At the end of 2005, the decision was taken to allow individual harbours to join Euromarina, as well as companies or individuals active in the design, construction, equipment and management of marinas. Single members of the Federation, including consultants, experts, engineers, etc, who share similar goals, are now welcome to become part of its Europe-wide network of marina operators and professionals working in the industry.

A wide range of advice and help is available from Euromarina and every member receives the Federation's official magazine, 'Euromarina Review', gains full access to its website: www.euromarina.org and can participate in the European Marina Conference.

Marinas across Europe are proud to fly the Euromarina flag as it indicates that the operator shares the Federation's commitment to high standards of service, safety, security and environmental responsibility.