



Palma prepares for biggest Superyacht fleet EVER..!

Up to 70 superyachts are expected to visit Palma, Mallorca, next year to participate in one of the largest ever superyacht regattas, The Superyacht Cup 2007

the Mediterranean for the 2007 event. We are signing up crew already and looking forward to joining the celebration in Palma," said Wade.

Adding to 2007 spectacle, the event will include its traditional 'New Zealand Day'. For the past six years, New Zealand has sponsored a 'New Zealand Day' as part of The Superyacht Cup. Traditionally held on the second day of the event, the day is always a favourite with participants including the popular 'Kiwi BBQ' held on the dock. At the 2005 Superyacht Cup, participants were greeted on the dock by a traditional haka, performed by a Maori group flown in from England.

For The Superyacht Cup 2007, 'New Zealand Day' will change to the final day of the event – June 19. The yachts will compete for the 'New Zealand Millennium Cup', the third time the Cup has been awarded. The Millennium Cup was first raced during the America's Cup 2000 in Auckland, and then again at the America's Cup in 2003.

New Zealand Export Group Chairman and spokesperson Paul MacDonald is delighted to be bringing the Millennium Cup to Europe for the first time "The New Zealand Millennium Cup 2007 is well underway and it promises to be one of the most significant showcases of New Zealand" continued on page 2



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ELVSTRÖM SUPERYACHT Sailmakers, organisers of the annual three-day Superyacht Cup in Palma announced plans to move the dates of The Superyacht Cup 2007 to June 16-19, 2007. A large number of superyachts are expected to visit the America's Cup taking place in Valencia between May and July next year, and The Superyacht Cup 2007 has been moved to offer the visiting yachts an opportunity to participate in an event of their own at nearby Mallorca. The Superyacht Cup 2007 has been scheduled so that it will take place between the end of the Louis Vuitton Cup Challenger Series (around

June 12), and the start of the America's Cup Match in Valencia on June 23. "So far interest in the 2007 event has been overwhelming," said Patrick Whetter of organisers Elvström Superyacht Sailmakers. "Already yachts are changing their schedules to come to Palma. It will be a spectacular event." Phil Wade, captain of Timoneer, a 54m Dubois design, and winner of The Superyacht Cup in 2002 and 2004, received the announcement of The Superyacht Cup 2007 while cruising in the remote San Blas Islands off the coast of Panama. "The owners of Timoneer are very excited by the news, and we are planning to head back to

Above: Palma Cathedral. Below: the start of the 2003 Millennium Cup in Auckland





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Zealand marine capability undertaken offshore.”

In addition to The Superyacht Cup 2007, separate owner regattas are also being organised during the week by two of the world's most prestigious ship builders and naval architects. Dubois Naval Architects (UK) will host a Dubois Regatta, June 14-15. Royal Huisman Shipyard (Holland) will also host a rendezvous for their owners, June 13-15. Both events will allow owners to join The Superyacht Cup 2007 starting on June 16th ■

For more information visit www.thesuperyachtcup.com or www.millenniumcup.com

Top: the 29m Frers design Bolero at The Superyacht Cup 2005. Above: the Maori perform the traditional haka

The Superyacht Cup '06

October 11-14, 2006, Palma, Mallorca



CELEBRATING its 10th anniversary this year, The Superyacht Cup 2006 in Palma will once again be held at Marina Port de Mallorca from, October 11-14. The Marina is located in the centre of the main Paseo Maritimo, which stretches the full length of the sea-front in the historic City of Palma. Patrick Reynes, of Marina Port de Mallorca, is delighted to host the event again.

“The Superyacht Cup brings some of the world's most prestigious sailing yachts together and we are proud to host the event for a second time. We aim to conserve the unique atmosphere of the Superyacht Cup while providing the highest levels of security, service and facilities expected by the yacht owner's, captains and crew.”
For information and entry form visit our website at www.thesuperyachtcup.com

The Superyacht Cup is pleased to welcome the support of its first sponsors for 2006



New Zealand The New Zealand sponsorship of The Superyacht Cup is provided by a group of five leading New Zealand marine companies (Line 7, Robinson Marine Interiors, Alloy Yachts, High Modulus, Marten Spars), together with the support of NZTE (New Zealand Trade and Enterprise). Sponsor of The Superyacht Cup for six years, 'New Zealand Day' has become a favourite with participants including the famous 'Kiwi BBQ' on the dock. www.nzte.govt.nz



Astilleros de Mallorca Astilleros de Mallorca S.A., has been engaged in the building and repair of all types of vessels since the company was established in 1942. In the 1980s, Astilleros de Mallorca, S.A. started building larger yachts and in 1992, was converted into a superyacht service centre, specialising in the repair, re-fit and maintenance of luxury yachts. www.astillerosdemallorca.com



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yachts. The Future Fibres name is well known in the high performance yacht market with all seven of the Volvo Ocean Race yachts carrying complete Future Fibres PBO standing rigging systems. The company is now becoming an increasingly important player in the superyacht market including the world's largest set of composite standing rigging made for the 147ft Baltic Superyacht Visione. www.futurefibres.co.uk



Vitters Shipyard Vitters Shipyard is a well established and respected custom yacht builder situated in Zwartsluis, The Netherlands. The facility opened in 1990 and has delivered an impressive list of yachts, working with top designers, up to 54.50 m / 180 ft in length. Recent projects

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The Superyacht Cup Antigua 2006, December 13-16, Nelson's Dockyard, Antigua



Antigua awaits...

Brand new for 2006, the first Superyacht Cup Antigua will take place in Nelson's Dockyard, Antigua, December 13-16, 2006. The Superyacht Cup Antigua has been announced following popular demand from many of the yachts scheduled to participate at the annual Antigua Charter Yacht Meeting from December 6-11. Supported by the Antigua & Barbuda National Parks, the event will take place directly after the charter show providing an ideal opportunity for owners to participate in a fun regatta before the Christmas break.

The event will follow the same format as The Superyacht Cup in Palma with a welcome reception on December 13 followed by three days sailing off the famous Shirley Heights landmark. A prize-giving dinner will be held on Saturday, December 16, in the beautiful setting of English Harbour. ■

For more information visit www.thesuperyachtcup.com



Top: aerial view of English Harbour. Above: superyachts Sojana (right) and Nephele. Above right: Nelson's Dockyard Right: Adele



Superyacht Cup racing

explained



THE CONCEPT of starting a fleet of anywhere up to 20 super yachts on the same start line is a daunting experience, not only for the race committee but also for the owners. The Superyacht Cup has developed a unique racing format based on the principles of 'Pursuit Racing'. The Pursuit system is based on an elapsed time and points system calculated over the three day event. The Superyacht Cup operates a 'low points win' system. By adjusting the start times of each yacht per day based on the previous days performance, the system allows for the yachts to be rated as fairly as possible, and ensure a close finish to the event by Day 3. This is how it works:

DAY 1

- Start times are set for competing yachts by the committee. Start times are based on a yacht's estimated performance over the course.
- All yachts start at intervals (staggered start) advised by the committee. The slower yachts start first and the faster yachts follow.
- The objective of Pursuit Racing is simply to pass the boat/s in front of you!
- All yachts complete the set course and the

'course time' of each yacht is recorded by the committee over the finish line.

- Your finishing position and points are simply in the order in which the boats cross the finish line i.e. 1st place = 1 point
- Each position is then multiplied by a variable points factor of between x0.1-0.9 at the committee's discretion. This low points factor is designed to avoid yachts 'going slow' on purpose on Day 1 as the points factor will increase on Day 2 and Day 3. For example:
1st place, 1 point x 0.1 = 0.1pt
2nd place, 2 points x 0.1 = 0.2pts
3rd place, 3 points x 0.1 = 0.3pts and so on...

DAY 2

- Start times for Day 2 are calculated by taking the difference between the finishing times of all yachts on Day 1. For example:
If Boat A finished 30 minutes ahead of Boat B on Day 1, then Boat A will start 30 minutes behind Boat B on Day 2. If Boat C finished 15 minutes ahead of Boat B on Day 1, then Boat C will start 15 minutes

behind Boat B on Day 2.

- The start sequence would be
1. Boat B. 2. Boat C (+15mins).
 3. Boat A (+30 mins).

- As Day 1, the finishing positions and points are allocated in the order in which the boats cross the finish line. However on Day 2, a higher points factor of x1 will be applied.

For example:

- 1st place, 1 point x 1 = 1pt
- 2nd place, 2 points x 1 = 2pts
- 3rd place, 3 points x 1 = 3pts

- These points are then added to the Day 1 points.

DAY 3

- Start times for Day 3 are calculated by taking the difference between the finishing times of all yachts on Day 2 (see above example Day 2).
- Since by Day 3, all yachts will be as closely rated as possible, a points factor of 1.5-3 points will be applied to the finishing positions. For example:
1st place, 1 point x 1.5 = 1.5pts
2nd place, 2 points x 1.5 = 3pts
3rd place, 3 points x 1.5 = 4.5pts
- All points from Day 1, Day 2 and Day 3 are added to determine the final standings and overall winner of the event ■

SUPERYACHT CUP SCHEDULE FOR 2006/7

EVENT	DATES & LOCATION
The Superyacht Cup Palma 2006	11-14 October, 2006 Palma, Mallorca
The Superyacht Cup Antigua 2006	13-16 December, 2006 Nelson's Dockyard, Antigua
The Superyacht Cup Palma 2007	16-19 June, 2007 Palma, Mallorca

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