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NEW DAWN FOR BARCELONA

The MYBA Charter Show relocates

One Ocean Port Vell was awarded the 2017 MYBA Charter Show, beating 16-year veteran Genoa and new entry Nice to host the popular event in its city centre harbour. The show will run from April 24-26, 2017.

The show will be held over four locations in the marina: Spanish Quay, Barceloneta Quay, Deposit Quay and Sota Muralla Quay. The marina, which completes its final eight berths in August, opened in 2014 following an

€80 million investment. Sixty-eight berths ranging from 22 to 190 metres are on offer, which should appeal to larger yachts – Dilbar visited for a week in June.

Paul Cook, general manager of OneOcean Port Vell, said: "It is a great honour for OneOcean Port Vell (OOPV) to be appointed as host of the prestigious MYBA Charter Show from 2017, and we would like to thank MYBA for their confidence in us. Barcelona is

one of the world's leading cities, and with OOPV it is now a prominent superyacht destination with unrivalled marina facilities and infrastructure. This, combined with the easing of legislation on Spanish charters that has had a positive impact on the demand for chartering and cruising in the region, ensures that OOPV and MYBA are positioned to deliver the next evolution of this event in 2017 and beyond." www.oneoceanportvell.com



RISE OF THE SHADOW BOATS

Showcase for support vessels

One interesting facet of the forthcoming Monaco Yacht Show is the number of support yachts and concepts on display, suggesting this type of vessel is firing the imagination of the latest generation of yacht owners. The idea is not new – HRH Prince Khaled bin Sultan had Golden Shadow in the 1990s – but is certainly a growing one. Among the yachts on

show at Monaco is Fast & Furious, a 56-metre Damen Yacht Support 5009 (shown) featuring a dive station, heli-operation platform and sliding hangars. Piriou is showcasing its YSV range of support vessels up to 63 metres, and Lynx Yachts will have its YXT 20-metre on the dock at Monaco. * see our Monaco show preview, starting on page 10



DIAMOND SAFARI

South African tour

Ellerman House has partnered with Benguela Diamonds to create a bespoke day tour of the mineral-rich coast of South Africa's west coast. Guests will leave Cape Town by private plane, with onward travel by limo to a villa with a private chef. Benguela's team of experts will then take guests through the grading process. Priced from R215,000. www.ellermanhouse.co.za



RICHARD EARP

Broker award

Fraser Yachts has set up the Richard Earp Award in honour of the broker Richard Earp, who died earlier this year. "Nominees from the brokerage industry will be judged on Richard's attributes of transparency, ethical behaviour, charisma and style," Fraser says. The award will be presented at the Monaco show. fraseryachts.com



EDMISTON GOLF

Four course challenge

Edmiston has established the Edmiston Golf Cup, in which three friends or family will be joined by a Tour pro to play on three courses in either the Caribbean, Thailand or the South of France, with a yacht (the ultimate 19th hole) taking you from place to place. "It can be as friendly or competitive as you like, but our guess is that bragging rights will soon be of the highest importance," says Edmiston. www.edmiston.com



MONTENEGRO

Unveiling of Portonovi

Designs for a new development of high-end apartments and town houses, Europe's first One&Only hotel resort, a 220-berth marina and an Andrew Winch-designed yacht club were unveiled at an event in London's Sky Garden. The first phase of the €650 million, 60-acre development will open in the second half of 2017. Portonovi enjoys a prime location in Montenegro's popular Bay of Boka Kotorska. www.portonovi.com

SPOTTED AT SEA

The 162.5-metre Eclipse was spotted off Beaulieu in the south of France, enjoying the shelter of the bay of St Jean. The 2010-built Blohm+Voss yacht dwarfed her neighbours, and her busy helicopter and wealth of toys indicated the yacht was experiencing an action-packed summer.

