

Superyacht Cup: Hyperion to defend title in Palma

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Hyperion, the powerful 46m Frers sloop, winner in the Cruising Class of The Superyacht Cup 2008, has confirmed they will be taking part at the Horus Superyacht Cup in Palma this June. Hyperion was built by Royal Huisman and launched in 1998. She has taken part in several Superyacht Cup events over the years, and Captain Mark Stevens and his crew always ensure the yacht is immaculately prepared and very well sailed. "We are really looking forward to this year's Superyacht Cup. The owner and his guests really enjoy the sailing and the atmosphere of the event, and we get the chance to sail the boat hard and very competitively. We have spent most of the winter in Palma having refit work done and this is a great way to start the season."

Plans are now being finalised for the new venue at Muelle Viejo in the centre of Palma, where a 30m diameter round tented structure, with a roof which can be raised and lowered, will provide shade on the dock and the focus for the evenings' social activities. Each afternoon after racing as the yachts return to the dock the traditional Superyacht Cup parties will kick off; 'Happy Hour' (or two) is a good incentive to join the socialising early and each evening there will be a different themed party for everyone to join in.

Pantaenius comes onboard again

Long-term supporter of The Superyacht Cup, Pantaenius, is returning once again to join the festivities and to offer their expertise to the event. Harald Baum, the company owner, explains; "Our commitment to this top-class event now goes well beyond the customary financial support. Pantaenius will add further value by undertaking an advance check of participating yachts' insurance policies. Superyacht events like these require appropriate insurance cover, in addition to the customary regatta third party risk insurance. The large number of additional people on board means exceptionally careful choice of the correct personal liability insurance and verification that a sufficiently high sum is insured. This requirement is, in most cases, generally much higher than the hull value of the yacht concerned. Pantaenius has invaluable experience in this field and we are very happy to be able to offer our assistance to all the yachts taking part in The Horus Superyacht Cup."

There are good reasons why Pantaenius has such a good understanding of the requirements of participants of the Superyacht Cups: Baum himself, together with his son and chief executive Martin Baum and many Pantaenius personnel, all sail aboard different vessels participating in the regatta, sometimes as crew and sometimes as invited guests. "Whilst these privileged opportunities make the job fun they also enable us to offer the greatest possible service to our customers", added Baum.

North Sails @Superyacht U' seminar

North Sails return as silver sponsors of The Horus Superyacht Cup and as part of their preparations for the June regatta they are organising an informal evening of discussion on superyacht sail trim and rig tune, to be held at their Palma loft on June 1st.

Charity 'Joves Navegants' benefit from the Horus Superyacht Cup

The official charity for The Superyacht Cup, Joves Navegants will receive 500 euros from each yachts' entry fee and it is anticipated other fund raising activities during the regatta will further boost this local charity's much needed funds. Created in March 2003 after 12 years as an

association, Joves Navegants was formed to promote a Youth Sail Training Scheme for underprivileged children in the Balearic Islands. Every year, an average of 300 youths (mostly from orphanages or residential homes for children with special needs) are taken out for a day of adventure.

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