



KARPAZ GATE MARINA CELEBRATES WITH LANDMARK WEEKEND

TRNC Prime Minister is among the guests as Northern Cyprus marina hosts Season Opening Party and welcomes 50 yachts from the EMYR and local rally

Karpaz Gate Marina, one of the Mediterranean's most significant recent marina developments and an historically important foreign investment in Northern Cyprus, hosted the largest event in its history on Saturday, June 7.

Attended by hundreds of visitors and special guests, the Season Opening Party, Piri Reis Ancient Maps exhibition unveiling and EMYR (East Mediterranean Yacht Rally) welcoming reception confirmed Karpaz Gate Marina's status as a unique, exciting venue and premium facility for locals and visitors alike. The occasion also provided recognition of the political and geographical value achieved by the creation of a new Port of Entry for the TRNC, with marina managers emphasizing their on-going commitment to protecting and enhancing the unspoilt Karpaz region in the years ahead.

His Excellency TRNC Prime Minister Özkan Yorgancıoğlu and the Turkish Ambassador to Cyprus Halil İbrahim Akçanın were among the VIP guests invited to enjoy the ambiance, setting and hospitality upon which Karpaz Gate Marina has built its reputation.

In addition, around 50 yachts from the EMYR (East Mediterranean Yacht Rally), together with the TRNC Sailing Federation Caretta Caretta rally, were also welcomed, with Karpaz Gate Marina hosting their colourful annual flags ceremony and presenting special plaques on the promenade before the rally moved onwards to Israel.

Liza Singer, owner's representative of Karpaz Gate Marina, addressed the guests and outlined plans for the continued success of the luxury destination.

She said: "It is very important that the TRNC government support this foreign investment which has provided a new Port of Entry allowing us to welcome un-embargoed, international tourists. I am therefore extremely excited to have among us the TRNC Prime Minister and the Ambassador and accept their recognition and appreciation of what we have done here in the Karpaz thus far."

The season opening event also served as the official unveiling of the third exhibition to be hosted by the Karpaz Gate Marina Gallery – The Piri Reis Ancient Maps. Displaying detailed navigational information and charts of the important ports and cities of the Mediterranean Sea, the Piri Reis Exhibition showcases the Book of Navigation of Captain Piri who sailed the Cypriot coastline 500 years ago. The exhibition is open at the Karpaz Gate Marina Gallery until July 4.

Liza Singer continued: “We wish to reinforce with this exhibition our deep respect for the long-lasting historical heritage of the region, as well as to emphasize our wish to blend with and absorb the culture of the local community and nation. We are committed to this objective and to continuing to bring novelty and international flair while never forgetting to preserve this place and take it forward, as times require.

“We anticipate this unique and historically fascinating exhibition will convince locals and tourists alike 'to go the extra mile' and visit the Karpaz – to enjoy the exhibition and the laid-back atmosphere of Karpaz Gate Marina, as well as the magnificent Karpaz historical sites and surrounding nature.”

Following the cocktails, opening addresses and exhibition unveiling, the gates to the Beach Club opened at 8pm with Cuban band Onelia Manzano and one of the best DJs from Istanbul, Suat Ateşdağlı, entertaining the crowd and creating a laid back, beach party atmosphere. The setting was completed by the video art work of Turkish talent Di Lala, with the revels party continuing until late as visitors enjoyed the dancing and refreshments.

The 2014 season at Karpaz Gate Marina looks set to be the best yet with attractive berthing offers and benefits, and even more activities, leisure services and technical assistance on offer at the 5-Gold Anchor-rated, duty-free destination.

For more information and photos from the party, go to www.facebook.com/karpazgatemarina. For full details on all of Karpaz Gate Marina’s attractive incentives and berthing packages for 2014 or to book your stay, please telephone the marina office on +90 392 374 5155, email info@karpazbay.com or visit the website at www.karpazbay.com.

Ends

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Liza Singer welcomes guests to Karpaz Gate Marina



Exhibition curator Ali Rıza İşipek (left) explains the displays in the Piri Reis Exhibition to guests, including Turkish Ambassador Halil İbrahim Akçanın (third from left) and TRNC Prime Minister Özkan Yorgancıoğlu (fourth from left), at the Karpaz Gate Marina Gallery



Guests enjoy the season opening party at Karpaz Gate Marina



Yachts from the EMYR in Karpaz Gate Marina

Notes for Editor:**About Karpaz Gate Marina**

- The Yacht Harbour Association's top rating of 5 Gold Anchors was awarded to Karpaz Gate Marina in July 2013.
- ICOMIA Clean Marina standard has been achieved by Karpaz Gate Marina in July 2013.
- Karpaz Gate Marina is one of the Eastern Mediterranean's most attractive destination ports.
- Karpaz Gate Marina is located on the northern shore of the Karpasia Peninsula in Northern Cyprus (known as the "pan-handle" of the Island) and Turkey is just 48 miles away.
- Karpaz Gate Marina has 300 berths accommodating up to 55m vessels, including 10-12 berths for superyachts.
- Karpaz Gate Marina has 18,000 square metres of dry storage area, with modern and fully-equipped workshops and a 300-ton travel lift.
- Karpaz Gate Marina is a Port of Entry and has Duty-Free status.
- There is a pump-out station and Karpaz Gate Marina has its own treatment centre for waste. The marina produces its own freshwater on site.
- 24/7 CCTV and security personnel throughout the marina as well as access control and access cards for each marina area.
- WiFi access is available and is currently complimentary for berth holders.
- Shore services include an on-site mini-market, chandlery, laundry room, international currency ATM and Cyprus Yachts brokerage and new boat sales office
- Leisure facilities include Karpaz Gate Marina Beach Club, with 33m infinity pool and watersports centre, Hemingway's Resto-Bar, fitness centre and Mephisto Diving Centre.

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