

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the fourth edition of *Cruising Communiqué*. Our newsletter, although relatively new has become a popular communication network for local industry and abroad.

Over the past six months Superyacht Base Darwin has continued to grow. New members have joined and the election of a management team to Darwin Marine Services and Superyacht Base Association Incorporated includes Mr Jeff Dunn (President), Mr Paul Smith (Treasurer) and Mrs Penny La Sette (Secretary).

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NEW NAME AND LOGO FOR DARWIN'S LEADING SHIP REPAIR FACILITY



Graphic supplied by Pearl Marine Engineering (Paspaley Group)

One of the founding members of Superyacht Base Darwin has changed its name. Darwin Ship Repair and Engineering (DSRE) have formally changed its name to Pearl Marine Engineering. As part of the Paspaley Group, the name change is a new branding direction for the company.

General Manager, Mr Tony Thiel announced late last year that the company had purchased the 70 tonne Travelift and associated boatyard equipment from the former Sadgroves Quay Boatyard when it closed in late October 2007. Pearl Marine Engineering has also taken on the FURUNO dealership and service agency left vacant by the departure of Taylor Marine. The company is hopeful of establishing its boatyard facilities during the dry season 2008 with a plan to commence operation of the Travelift in September.

For further details contact Mr Tony Thiel at Pearl Marine Engineering on +61 8 8901 2000

BOAT ASIA 2008



Graphic supplied by TMX Show Production Pte Ltd (Singapore)

Boat Asia 2008 is considered Asia's leading leisure boat show and showcase for the latest yachts and marine technology and services. In a change from previous years, Boat Asia 2008 will switch location to the recently completed Keppel Bay Marina. Event organisers TMX Show Production Pte Ltd (Singapore) have ensured this year will be bigger and better than ever before. Boat Asia 2008 runs from Thursday 24 April to Sunday 27 April starting at 1pm daily and finishing at 8pm. Opening hours have shifted to ensure maximum exposure to the public.

Superyacht Base Darwin has a delegation attending Boat Asia 2008 which includes Mr Jeff Dunn (President), Mr Paul Smith (Treasurer), Mrs Helen Smith (Assistant Treasurer), Mr Tony Thiel (Member) and Northern Territory Government representative Mr Jeff Norton.

This year Superyacht Base Darwin will share an exhibition stand with counterparts from Superyacht Base Western Australia and the Western Australia Government. It is intended that this will be the first of many future shared promotional events, as both jurisdiction consider entering a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between State and Territory Governments toward the mutual promotion of the Top End and Kimberley Coastline to international cruising vessels.

In support and promotion of Darwin's marine industry capability and tourism, the Hon Kon Vatskalis MLA, Minister for Tourism and Business and Economic Development, will visit Boat Asia 2008 on Thursday 24 April. During his visit to Singapore the Minister will also visit the Jurong Island Industrial Park, Australian High Commission, Singapore Government, Raffles Marina and attend the Anzac Day Memorial Service.

For further information on Boat Asia 2008 visit www.boat-asia.com

M.Y. TRITON VISITS DARWIN



Image: M.Y. Triton visits Darwin

During March 2008, the M.Y. Triton visited Darwin en-route to Cairns for some scheduled repairs and maintenance to the vessel and its on-board rotary wing aircraft. The M.Y. Triton is a 49.7 metre composite motor yacht constructed by Delta Marine. It is powered by twin Caterpillar 3508 engines with a 6000 nautical mile range at 13 knots. M.Y. Triton carries a crew of eleven, who enjoyed their short stay in Darwin, but would have loved a longer lay over period in Darwin for some R&R if the vessel could have had its repair undertaken in Darwin alongside a floating berth.

Mr Murray Hird from DBERD met with the skipper Captain Paul Johns during the M.Y. Triton's short stay in Darwin. Clearly Darwin has many advantages for such a cruising yacht passing through our region and the securement of capital investment and a suitable deep water site in Darwin Harbour are critical to the development of a future floating berth, tailored to suit the needs of M.Y. Triton and other similar vessels.

The Northern Territory Government is undertaking the important planning arrangements to ensure such future marina development can take place on the Darwin Peninsular in the near future.

WHATS HAPPENING IN MAY?

There are several events and activities taking place during May that may be of interest to Superyacht Base Darwin Members. The following events will be taking place on the Gold Coast in Queensland:

- 20 May **Marine Innovation Conference**
- Gold Coast Convention Centre
- 22-25 May **Sanctuary Cove Int'l Boat Show**
- Sanctuary Cove
- 24 May **Australian Superyacht Awards**
- Gold Coast Exhibition Centre

Superyacht Base Darwin T-shirts

Members can now purchase classy lightweight polo and professional continental long sleeve shirts with the Superyacht Base Darwin logo embroidered from: DM's Promotional Products in Coconut Grove. Contact Diane on +61 8 8948 4411

NEW WEB PAGE DEVELOPMENT

Local web page developer Sam Bondareff of Digital Mojo is currently in the process of creating a new web page for Superyacht Base Darwin.

The domain name will be www.superyachtbasedarwin.com which is hoped to go live in time for the start of the dry season (May 2008).

The site map and content are near completion and Digital Mojo will provide two separate concepts for consideration shortly. Once the web page is up and running it will be critical for individual web pages to be linked to the new site.

If you have any queries please contact either Mr Jeff Norton +61 8 8999 7984 (DBERD) or Mr Sam Bondareff (Digital Mojo) +61 401 285 575

BIO-FIBRE PRODUCTS



Image: Products made from bio-fibres

The Northern Territory Government is currently supporting an international collaboration to create an Australian Bio-fibre Industry. Bio-fibres such as hemp, flax and kenaf can be used as a means to create recyclable composite materials for use in vehicle interiors such as cars, buses, yachts and aircrafts and have potential uses in textiles, furniture, wood and plastics manufacturing, and construction products.

Composite materials made from natural fibres are not only environmentally friendly, but are also significantly lighter when compared to traditional materials yet remain just as structurally strong.

The Peanut Company of Australia (PCA) is in the process of initiating trials of kenaf and hopes to have its first crop of fibre by the end of October this year. This fibre will then be used by the research centres involved in the initiative to create new composite materials. Evolution Yachts in Perth have already expressed an interest in using some of these materials within their yacht interiors and the Department is currently seeking further expressions of interest from other yacht manufacturers.

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