

# Call for Papers One °15 opens two years early

**BELGIUM:** The Marinas Committee of the International Council of Marine Industry Associations (ICOMIA) has issued a call for papers for its 6th International Marina Conference (IMC) event.

The conference, co-sponsored by the Flemish Marina Community and the French Marinas Federation, will be held in the Media Centre, Ostende, Belgium 25th-28th May 2008.

With a major theme of 'alliances for progress', topics will include:

- strengthening bonds between marinas and nautical tourism interests in government and industry
- recommending new and innovative approaches to marina profitability
- determining which investments in marina facilities and services produce the greatest returns in customer satisfaction
- convincing government, the community and investment capitalists of the significant economic impact of marinas
- holding down the regulatory costs of doing business
- preserving space for marinas in multiple waterway use management planning and competitive bidding with non-water dependent users for waterfront property
- making the case that marinas are environmentally friendly

If you are interested in submitting a paper or require further information, contact Steven Desloovere on email [steven@imc2008](mailto:steven@imc2008) or Ron Stone on email [ron\\_stone@msn.com](mailto:ron_stone@msn.com). Information is also available on [www.imc2008.com](http://www.imc2008.com)

**SINGAPORE:** Marina pontoons at Sentosa Cove's One °15 Marina Club have been completed a full two years ahead of schedule. The marina has opened to members.

Under the lease agreement with Sentosa Cove Pte Ltd., 100 berths were scheduled to be on line by September 2007, including ten megayacht berths. As of 5th November last year, the marina already had 130 completed slips, 30 more than the number required by the lease.

The marina has also welcomed its earliest superyachts. As the only marina in Asia that is purpose-built to berth up to ten megayachts at any given time, it has already received visits from large vessels from around



*Yachts already moored up at One °15 Marina.*

the world. This month (January) it also expects a visit from the Clipper 05-06 flotilla including the Singapore racing yacht 'Uniquely Singapore'.

With the pontoon system complete and open for business, Kim Seng Heng Engineering has been appointed as contractor for the construction of the marina club house, following the recent completion of foundation piling.

After a successful early-bird membership sales drive that was extended by a further week to cater to overwhelming sales enquiries from the public, membership fees have now been raised. Arthur Tay, chairman and managing director of One °15 Marina Club, explained: "The realisation is rapidly growing that One °15 will form the centre for Sentosa Cove's leisure and social milieu and a high proportion of those snapping up waterfront properties at the development are investigating club memberships, giving us the makings of a real community in the truest sense of the word." The club will comprise just 4,000 members.

## Marina projects for JJR

**USA:** Planning, design and engineering firm JJR has been awarded two new marina projects: the South Seabrook Marine District Waterfront Development Study in Seabrook, Texas and the rehabilitation project for Waukegan Harbor Marina in Waukegan, Illinois.

For the first contract, the company is preparing a strategic plan for a general project area that includes a highway commercial marina development, waterfront residential and mixed use/commercial area known as Old Seabrook. JJR will analyse and prepare a vision to transform the district into a desirable waterfront destination offering: cultural diversity; employment opportunities; an improved tax base; protection for the environment; shoreline improvements; and appropriate sustainable economic development.

Public/private investment opportunities will be explored, with the understanding that the final plan and development strategy must be economically sustainable and comply with local, regional and regulatory agency development requirements.

In Waukegan, JJR is providing design and engineering services to replace the ageing fixed dock marina with a floating dock system. Around 750 of the existing 1,000 slips will be replaced in the next three years with updated docks and support utilities.

## Billion dollar resort to be largest in Europe

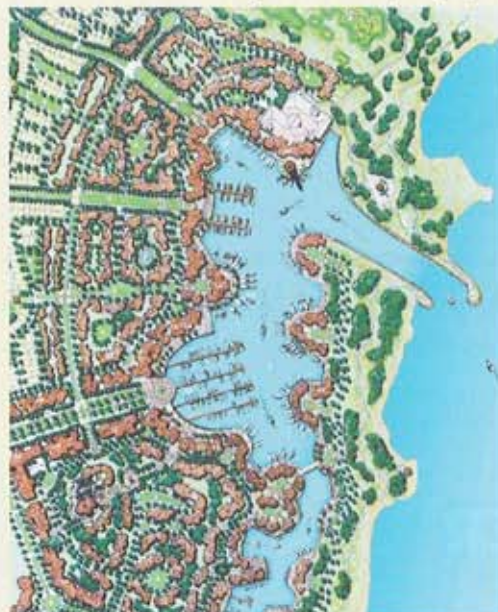
**SPAIN:** Over US\$4 billion will be spent developing a mega tourist resort in Murcia, scheduled to be the largest resort of its type in Europe. Marina de Cope will cover 5,000 acres including a 69-acre innovative themed marina basin.

The proposed marina basin is divided into several sectors with their own design, style and functional characteristics in order to meet the needs of different segments of the nautical, tourist and residential market. Sectors include a marina village, ultra luxury superyacht centre, residential marina, sailing club and dry storage facility.

Planning of the marina basin and boating infrastructure is being jointly undertaken by Applied Technology & Management (ATM) of the USA, internationally renowned planning and landscape architecture firm EDSA and Landmark Land Co., of Spain.

The resort will cater for 20,000 hotel guests, have 9,000 residential units and two mixed-use town centres; a marina village entertainment district and a cultural civic centre. A high quality sports complex intended to capture an international market will offer five golf courses, tennis, soccer, cricket and polo.

"Marina de Cope will have an extraordinary impact on Spain's future tourism development," said Jose Jaguan, associate principal at EDSA. Construction should commence in 2007 with an estimated 15-year timeline.



*Marina de Cope, as the plan shows, features several marina basins designed to meet different customer needs.*