

IGY buys Montauk Resort

Island Global Yachting (IGY) of Ft Lauderdale, Florida, has acquired Montauk Yacht Club Resort & Marina on New York's Long Island. Acclaimed as one of the USA's top resort marina facilities, the club encompasses over 35 acres and includes a 232-slip full-service marina that accommodates vessels up to 175 feet. In addition, the property features 107 deluxe guest rooms and villa suites, restaurants and lounges, a spa and private beach.

"We are thrilled to bring the legendary Montauk Yacht Club into the IGY collection of world-class marinas," said Island Global CEO, Andrew Farkas. "The club has such a historic legacy in the Hamptons and we are dedicated to further enhancing that reputation and elevating the overall experience for everyone who visits the resort."

For nearly four decades, the resort has been a favourite playground and actually began as three separate estates. The original club house was built in 1928 by entrepreneur Carl Fisher, the master builder who turned Miami from a sleepy backwater town into a thriving resort city. The club's original membership included Vincent Astor, J.P. Morgan, Nelson Doubleday, Edsel Ford, Harry Payne Whitney, Thomas Eastman, John Wanamaker and Harold S Vanderbilt. Among the many guests was famed aviator Charles Lindbergh who often flew his seaplane into the harbour to dock at the marina.

Spanish isle lures bigger yachts

After launching its new superyacht berths in March 2006, Puerto Calero in Lanzarote, Canaries, has enjoyed more than double its previous number of superyacht visitors.

According to the marina, it has witnessed an 'astonishing rate' of extended occupancies within the 25-50m (82-164ft) bracket. Captains have praised the quality and range of services available to private yachts commenting most particularly on the warm welcome, professional help and clean, safe berthing on offer.

When Puerto Calero added 20 extra superyacht berths last year, it complemented the construction with a new range of services including specialist food deliveries, competitively priced bunkering, catering and chauffeured car hire. Current plans comprise three new shopping areas, independently located on the estate and covering a wide retail spectrum; a yacht club complete with sailing school, gym and swimming pools and an 18-hole golf course.

Yacht Haven Grande is now fully open for business.



Grande opening in St Thomas

Island Global Yachting (IGY) officially opened its first luxury yacht development – Yacht Haven Grande – on 17th March in the US Virgin Islands (USVI). Over 50 megayachts were in attendance and dignitaries from the USVI, including Governor John P DeJohng, and heads of state from around the Caribbean islands also attended. Celebrities and executives from all over the world flew in for the festivities.

Yacht Haven Grande (see *Marina World* Vol 6, Issue 3) broke ground in 2004 and has since become the most comprehensive advanced marina and upland facility in the Caribbean. Dubbed a 'playground by the sea', the marina has already played host to some of the world's most luxurious megayachts. IGY CEO, Andrew Farkas, sums up: "Yacht Haven Grande offers unparalleled service to the owners and crews of the world's most luxurious megayachts while also providing a new shopping and dining destination to the tourists and residents of St Thomas. As the jewel in the crown of the IGY network, YHG brings the latest technology and the glamour of the Riviera to the USVI."

The property includes an esplanade with three restaurants and 80,000 square feet of

retail space, which is open to the public. Nowhere else on St Thomas can a cruise ship visitor, tourist or resident enjoy waterside dining and shopping in such a luxurious environment.

The marina at YHG, planned, designed and engineering by Applied Technology & Management (ATM), offers world-class amenities such as high-speed in-slip fuelling, pump-out and waste oil removal; up to 600 amps of three-phase power; WiFi; 24-hour security; side-to-berthing for yachts up to 450 feet and beyond; and 18ft concrete docks and piers. Facilities for crew, owners and guests are beautifully designed and appointed and include comprehensive nautical provisioning, catering, laundry, florist and ships' chandlery.

Puerto Calero offers attractive superyacht berthing facilities in the Canary Islands.

