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EXPLORE NEW HORIZONS

The Caribbean is hotting up for the winter charter season, so now is the time to start planning your next cruise. This issue, we steer you in the right direction with an eight-page feature on the Bahamas and an island focus on Barbados. We've even found a few of the best beach bars to visit while you're there. If you fancy a change of scene, the Red Sea is a fascinating part of the world, with biblical, cultural and natural wonders in abundance.

While you're on charter you may well want to lose all track of time, but if you're keen to keep up to the minute with the latest trends, don't miss our 16-page watch supplement that previews this year's most exclusive timepieces for men and women.

Talking of time, make space in your busy schedule to attend one of the wonderful yacht regattas that are taking the Caribbean and Mediterranean by storm. You might even consider combining a regatta with a charter — check out our round up of some of this year's finest events.

Above all, keep your options open and get in touch with your CNI charter broker as soon as possible to secure the best yachts and destinations. And if you need a little more inspiration, watch out for the latest CNI Charter Annual that will be winging its way to you soon. ■

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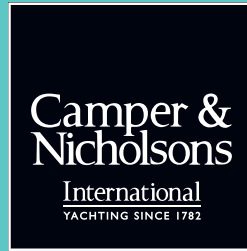
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the world of
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2011'S (SUPER)YACHTING INDEX

The fourth edition of CNI's *(super)Yachting Index* has recently been released. The Index, which was developed in collaboration with www.superyachtimes.com, looks back on 2010's yachting market, comparing figures with previous years, as well as by country and nationality.

CNI's *(super)Yachting Index* analyses data from both sales and charter sectors, and provides enlightening statistics on current trends. The latest statistical report concludes that there has been a continued increase in results and figures across the industry, and highlights themes of interest to anyone involved in the superyachting industry — be it owners, charterers, brokers or employees. The Index also predicts interesting perspectives for 2012.

The fourth edition is now available as an e-book at www.camperandnicholsons.com, so log on to access a copy.



SHOWBOATS DESIGN AWARDS

Boat International Media recently announced the finalists for the 2011 ShowBoats Design Awards and CNI is delighted to report that a number of its yachts made it through to the final round.

CNI finalists include the 56m (187'3) Panthalassa for the Interior Design Award — Sailing Yachts category; the 55.05m (180'7) Kahalani and the 45.6m (150'1) Illusion, both of which are in the Interior Design Award Displacement 30m-59.99m (98'-196'8) category; the 42.48m (138'8) Calliope in both the Interior Design Motoryacht Semi Displacement category and the Exterior Design & Styling Award for Motoryachts category, as well as the Naval Architecture Award for Motoryachts category, for which Kahalani has also been nominated as a finalist; and the 43m (141') Clear Eyes in the Naval Architecture Award Sailing Yachts category.

The winners will be announced — along with the Young Designer of the Year finalist, sponsored by CNI — on the 25 October at the Showboats Design Awards ceremony, which will take place at the Mar-a-Lago Club, Palm Beach, Florida.





CNI expands in the USA

CNI increased its presence in the US this autumn by opening another office on the East Coast. The launch of this new office marks the continued expansion, success and growth of CNI, which now has ten offices located at leading yachting centres around the world.

The Miami office will primarily deal with yacht brokerage, and will have three expert sales brokers offering clients CNI's renowned services and expertise.

LORO PIANA SUPERYACHT REGATTA 2011

CNI once again sponsored the Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta in Sardinia this summer. The event, which is attended by owners, is hosted each year by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda and Boat International Media, along with main sponsors Loro Piana.

Due to strong winds of 30 knots plus, racing only took place on two of the four days. Victorious in the Performance Division was Highland Fling: Irvine Laidlaw's world-

class yacht. Highland Fling also took the event's overall prize, The Silver Jubilee Cup.

In the Cruising Division, Harry Macklowe sailed Unfurled to victory — further enhancing the impressive track record of this fantastic racing yacht.

Next year's event is due to take place in early June, while its sister event will be held in Virgin Gorda in the Caribbean next March, so racing fans should ensure both events are in their diary for 2012.



Illusion



A TRIO OF NEW DELIVERIES

This summer saw the successful delivery of one of the largest yachts ever to have been built. The highly anticipated Serene is an impressive 134 metres (439') in length, making her one of the world's top ten largest yachts.

Built by Fincantieri, this motoryacht is the first ever of its size to be constructed by the shipyard's team. The colossal deal of Serene's construction, which took four years to complete, was brokered by the late Nicholas Baker. Serene has been finished to the highest standards, with each of her seven decks seamlessly combining sophistication with technology. Her striking features include a helicopter hangar, an indoor swimming pool, a beach club, two outdoor retractable cinema screens and an underwater observation room.

Her vast interior space was designed by Pascale Reymond from Reymond Langton Design, one of the most famous designers in the yachting industry.

The new 45.24m (148') displacement motoryacht Follow Me V was also delivered this July. Built by Spanish shipyard Factoria Naval Marín, this project was managed from concept to completion by CNI Palma broker Arne Ploch for a repeat client.

Ploch was responsible for the choice of designer and shipyard, interior distribution, features and design. The resulting build is a high-quality displacement yacht with stunning sleek lines, a steel hull, aluminium superstructure and a modern classic interior.

The new 40m (128') Tri-deck from CRN 5-G is another yacht that recently took to the high seas and has been enjoyed by her new owner in the Mediterranean through the latter part of the summer.

CNI London broker Simon Goldsworthy announced the successful delivery of the CRN 128, which is Hull #6 of the series and capable of speeds of up to 24 knots. With accommodation for 12 guests in five cabins, the yacht was delivered to MCA-compliance, so she can charter if desired.

BOAT SHOW SEASON

FESTIVAL DE LA PLAISANCE DE CANNES

The port of Cannes was once again busy in early September hosting its annual international yacht show. CNI exhibited eight spectacular yachts during the week, including one of the finest examples of the Heesen series, the 44m (144'4) My Petra. CNI's fantastic line up also included the 33.91m (111'3) Jiva from Sunseeker; the 28.3m (92.85') displacement yacht Maca from Benetti; the 27.5m (90'55) Aquila from Sanlorenzo; the 26m (85') La Dolce Vita from Moonen; the 24.4m (80') Elettra from Perini Navi; and the 23.49m (77') Florence from Cantieri Navali Lavagna.



MONACO YACHT SHOW

With 2011's boat show season now well under way, the industry is gearing up for one of the main events: the Monaco Yacht Show. From 21 to 24 September, CNI will display a fantastic selection of yachts, including the 62.5m (205') Icon (co-presented by Merle Wood Associates), the 60m (196'8) Blue Eyes London from CRN, the 55.5m (180') Drizzle from Feadship, the 50m (164') TJ Esperanza from Amels, the 49.9m (163'7) QM of London from Benetti, the 47.55m (156') Princess Too from Feadship, the 43.3m (142'06) Enterprise from Perini Navi SpA, and the 37.14m (121'8) Marflow from Dutch Yacht Builders S.A.

CNI will be hosting social events for guests and owners during the show, including a cocktail evening at the Yacht Club de Monaco and a gala dinner, held in association with Rolls Royce Marine and Barclays Capital. CNI will also have its usual spot at the Miramar Terrace, which will be open to VIP guests during the week.

FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW

The world's largest yacht show is set to celebrate its 52nd event this October. Taking place between 27 and 31 October,

the US's Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show will showcase a range of the industry's most celebrated yachts.

CNI's charter and sales fleet will be adding to the display; details of specific yachts will be released nearer the time.



MYBA'S SEAL OF APPROVAL

As we approach the busiest time of the year for purchasing a yacht, thought should be given to the process. The Monaco Yacht Show is well attended by a plethora of yacht brokers. However, as the choice of brokers is so huge it can be difficult to ascertain which is best, and, crucially, from a reputable company.

A good start is to ensure that they have corporate membership of the Mediterranean Yacht Brokers Association

(MYBA) — the Worldwide Yachting Association of which CNI is a founding member. MYBA ensures its members have Professional Indemnity Insurance and that their clients are protected. MYBA lawyers have developed the sales and purchase agreements over the years and they provide excellent support for all parties.

Look out for the MYBA stand at the Monaco Yacht Show, or talk to your CNI sales broker. www.myba-association.com



BROKERAGE NEW LISTINGS



33.91m (111'3) Jiva,
Sunseeker, 2008

Jiva is a spacious yacht with luxurious accommodation for up to 12 guests in five cabins.

Asking price €7,200,000



33.2m (108'11) Xiphias, Chantier Naval
de l'Esterel 1974

Xiphias is one of the best yachts built by Chantier Naval de l'Esterel and she underwent a full refit and refurbishment in 2009.

Asking price €1,750,000



33.5m (109'1) Revitality,
Baglietto 2005

Revitality offers a spacious aft deck and a large sundeck with ample seating and sunbathing areas, as well as a Jacuzzi

Asking price €5,800,000

RECENT SALES WITH CNI



78.6m (257'1) Princess Mariana,
Royal Denship, 2003

Asking price at time of sale US\$98,000,000



43m (141') Emerald Star,
CRN, 2007

Asking price at time of sale US\$18,900,000



60m (196'1) Blue Eyes London,
CRN, 2009

Blue Eyes London was built to offer her guests the most opulent and comfortable experience at sea. **Asking price** €39,000,000



42.67m (140') Never Enough,
Feadship, 1992

Never Enough is an elegant five cabin Feadship which was completely refitted in 2006 and fully refurbished in 2010. **Asking price** €16,500,000



42.36m (138'9) Il Cigno,
Nicolini, 1985

Il Cigno is a gentleman's yacht with a classic exterior and a stylish and modern interior. **Asking price** €4,500,000



26m (85'3) La Dolce Vita,
Moonen, 2000

La Dolce Vita displays elegant lines while retaining the safety and seagoing characteristics of classic displacement yachts. **Asking price** please enquire



23.50m (77'1) Happy Fish,
Hatteras 2007

Happy Fish is one of the newest and finest sport-fisherman of her size available. She accommodates eight guests in four cabins. **Asking price** US\$4,150,000



23.49m (77') Florence D F M
from Cantieri Navali Lavagna, 1996

Florence DFM has had only two owners since new and has been exceptionally well maintained by her current owner. **Asking price** €1,750,000



31.1m (102') Hero,
Falcon Yachts, 2008

Asking price at time of sale €3,900,000



23.5m (77'1) Dorothea II,
Hatteras, 2007

Asking price at time of sale US\$4,750,000



23m (75'5') Sensation 23,
Sensation Yachts, 2009

Asking price at time of sale €1,200,000

(on charter)

The winter season will soon be upon us and CNI has the perfect antidote — superb yachts available for charter in exotic locations. The following is just a sample of what is on offer in the Caribbean, the Bahamas, the Indian Ocean, Scandinavia, the Red Sea and the South Pacific

A NEW BEGINNING

Patagon is the newest addition to CNI's charter fleet. This family motoryacht from Marlow Marine — equipped with many watertoys, the latest scuba-diving gear and state-of-the-art entertainment systems — offers all the amenities of a much larger yacht. Accommodating seven guests in two king-bedded staterooms, one double and a single, Patagon is the perfect vessel on which to explore the Caribbean in luxurious comfort.

- **Length** 23.7m (78')
- **Guests** 7
- **Cruising area** Caribbean and Bahamas (winter)
- **Prices from** US\$26,000 per week



THE ARTFUL SAILOR

Charterers searching for a romantic, adrenaline-fuelled cruise are usually steered towards sailing yachts. However, this doesn't always narrow the search as they vary greatly from one another in many ways, including performance, comfort, style and space. However, for charterers looking to sail the seas aboard a yacht with a celebrated nautical heritage, while surrounded by stylish, spacious and opulent interiors and entertainment facilities, there's one obvious choice — a Perini Navi. Perini Navi's are renowned for combining style and elegance with outstanding performance, thus they are a perfect choice for the discerning charterer who wishes to sail in style. CNI has a fantastic range of charming and luxurious Perini Navis available this winter in locations where you can really open up the sails and experience the thrill that is open-sea sailing.

PANTHALASSA

Fusing contemporary living with nautical heritage, Panthalassa was launched to great acclaim in 2010. From her naval architecture and engineering to her interior space, Panthalassa combines 21st century innovation with intelligent design. Her flexible, multi-functional spaces offer a host of lounging opportunities for guests.

- Length 56m (183'73)
- Guests 12
- Cruising area Caribbean (winter)
- Prices from US\$200,000 per week



NORTHERN SPIRIT

Combining exceptional performance and charm, Northern Spirit has all the elegance of the classic Perini Navi breed: outstanding performance under sail, fabulous deck areas and a classical interior complete with warm cherrywood panelling.

- Length 37m (121'39)
- Guests 6
- Cruising area West Mediterranean (winter)
- Prices from €52,000 per week



PARSIFAL III

Parsifal III has a proven charter record. Her modern aluminium hull is complemented by an upbeat contemporary interior by Remi Tessier, featuring beautifully crafted woods with hints of leather and stainless steel. She has vast outside space complete with Jacuzzi and barbecue area, ideal for entertaining or sunning.

- Length 54m (177'17)
- Guests 12
- Cruising area Caribbean (winter)
- Prices from US\$245,000 per week



SELENE

Selene sets new standards in design and opulence. The sheer size of her master cabin is stunning, while her sumptuous Art Deco interior allows for luxurious entertaining. Her oversized swim platform is perfect for making the most of the clear waters of the Caribbean Sea.

- Length 56m (183'73)
- Guests 12
- Cruising area Caribbean (winter)
- Prices from €189,000 per week



HELIOS

Helios has all the attributes of her 50m+ (164') sisterships. Her classic interior, featuring bright fabrics and contrasting dark woods, offers ample space for relaxing and lounging in absolute comfort. The raised pilothouse, oversized deck areas and shaded aft deck are ideal for entertaining.

- Length 45.3m (148'62)
- Guests 10
- Cruising area Caribbean (winter)
- Prices from US\$150,000 per week



JEWEL IN THE CROWN

The Caribbean long ago established itself as the ideal destination for winter cruising. With its clear waters, mesmerising marine life, hot temperatures and picture-perfect beaches, it is easy to understand how it has come to claim its 'winter destination' crown. CNI has a fantastic line up of yachts that will be circling Caribbean waters this winter, including the 69.65m (228.51') Sherakhan, the 62.5m (205') Icon, the 60m (196'8) St Ekaterina, the 56m (183'7) Panthalassa, the 56m (183'7) Selene, the 54.2m (177'8) Maraya, the 54m (177'1) Parsifal III, the 53.5m (175'5) Hurricane Run, the 50m (164') Jo, the 50m (164') Lady M, the 49.9m (163'7) Lady Ann Magee, the 49.08m (161') Anjilis, the 41m (134'5) Silver Cloud, the 40.23m (131'9) Monte Carlo, the 39.64m (130') Lionshare, the 36.58m (120') Chosen One, the 35.97m (118') Savannah, the 34.11m (111.9') Symphony II and the 29.35m (96'2) Serenity Now.



CULTURAL AWAKENING

A cluster of islands that are perfect to sail around, the Bahamas not only offers beautiful reefs and white sands but many of its island shores are brimming with fascinating history. Guests can discover all its attractions aboard one of many CNI yachts heading to the region this winter, including the 64.5m (211'6) Silver Angel, the 51.4m (168'6) Lazy Z, the 40.23m (131'9) Life's Finest II, the 37.85m (124'1) Casuarina, the 34.47m (113') Top Times 113, the 30.48m (100') Insatiable, the 30.48m (100') Georgiana and the 21.95m (72') Lola B.

For information on cruising the Bahamas, see page 54



(alternative destinations)

For those who want to cruise a different course this winter, CNI has a number of yachts in less traditional locations...

HANA IN THE RED SEA

The 43m (141'08) Hana is the perfect charter yacht on which to relax and have fun while cruising the mysterious Red Sea. Her large windows flood her modern interior with natural daylight, and she boasts a gym, an oversized swim platform and an excellent range of water toys.

For information on cruising aboard Hana in the Red Sea, see page 87

- Length 43m (141'08)
- Guests 11
- Charter area Red Sea (winter)
- Prices from €135,000 per week

MEA CULPA IN AUSTRALIA

This stunning yachtfisherman is the perfect vessel on which to explore Australian waters this winter. Her mahogany interior is sophisticated and luxurious throughout, while her outside space boasts a barbecue, Jacuzzi, state-of-the-art entertainment system and full array of water toys for guests to use at their leisure.

- Length 39.6m (129'92)
- Guests 8
- Charter area Australia (winter)
- Prices from US\$120,000 per week



SILVER ANGEL IN THE INDIAN OCEAN

The 64.5m (211'7) Silver Angel is heading to the Indian Ocean this winter. Vast in size, appeal and potential, she is probably the highest-volume yacht of her length in existence and is perfect for world cruising. Her interior is elegant and sleek while her exterior offers an impressive array of dining and relaxation areas.

- Length 64.5m (211'7)
- Guests 12
- Charter area Indian Ocean (winter)
- Prices from US\$450,000 per week



MARGAUX IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

The graceful Margaux is chartering in the South Pacific this winter. Margaux's quality, attention to detail and uniqueness perfectly compliment her remarkable engineering innovations, making her an outstanding yacht for both performance and luxury.

- Length 35.7m (117'1)
- Guests 6
- Charter area South Pacific (winter)
- Prices from US\$59,000 per week

STELLA NOVA IN SCANDINAVIA

After a summer cruising Stockholm's archipelago, Stella Nova's northern Europe voyage is set to continue this winter. Originally built for the prince of Sweden in the 70s, Stella Nova is a distinctive and charming yacht on which charterers can experience the magical Baltic Sea.

- Length 27.22m (89'3)
- Guests 8
- Charter area Scandinavia (winter)
- Prices from €34,000 per week



spotlight on

(Darlings) Danama

Imposing and elegant, Darlings Danama is everything you would expect from a superyacht, and much more



Darlings Danama is a perfect example of what can be achieved when expert construction and clever design come together. Built by CRN and designed by Zuccon International Project Studio — in collaboration with CRN's in-house design studio — this yacht is a resounding success. Boasting a winning combination of vast open areas and light, airy interior spaces, she is the ultimate entertainment yacht. Every inch has been meticulously finished, particularly in her interior, which has been styled to perfection by Alexandre and Cristina Negoescu. The overall feel is minimalist, although Art Deco touches inject welcome warmth and colour into her remarkably clean design.

Despite her pristine finish, Darlings Danama remains inviting and relaxed. The sense that she has been primarily built for comfort and entertainment is reinforced by her outdoor spaces. The impressive main and upper decks are well thought out and offer multiple lounging and dining areas for formal or relaxed occasions. The entertainment theme flows up to her sundeck where a large Jacuzzi, further lounging areas and a bar can be found. Alternatively, each deck can be reached at the push of a button, courtesy of a glass elevator.

Darlings Danama accommodates 12 guests in six cabins, spread over generous deck spaces. Fantastically equipped and beautifully decorated, each cabin is seriously luxurious and secluded, although one cabin does outshine the rest: the full-width owner's suite, which is located on the main deck where it enjoys a private balcony.

With all her features and facilities, Darlings Danama is sure to be a huge hit on the charter market. She will be cruising in Caribbean waters for her first winter season. ■

For information on Darlings Danama, contact your CNI charter broker, see page 6



SPECIFICATIONS

LENGTH	60m (196'8)
BEAM	10.3m (33'5)
BUILDER	CRN
INTERIOR DESIGNER	Negoescu, Paris
YEAR	2011
GUESTS	12
CREW	16
PRICES FROM	€345,000 per week





(on board Top Times)

Michael Foster

The captain of the 34.47m (113') Top Times recalls fond memories of life at sea and offers cruising tips for Caribbean charters

FOSTER ON... HIS BACKGROUND

I began my career at sea running dive charters around the Caribbean's Grand Cayman and Turks and Caicos islands in the late 1990s. But I soon needed more of a challenge, so I hung up my wetsuit, upgraded my licence and landed my first job on the 45m (148') Feadship Lady Sheridan. During four incredible years we travelled from Maine to Tobago, and crossed the Atlantic six times from Costa Rica to Croatia. This first experience of life at sea had me hooked and I went on to work on the 43m (142') Positive Carry, the 56m (184') Allegro and the 47.5m (156') Sea Racer, before joining Top Times.

FOSTER ON...TRAVEL

Among my favourite cruising grounds are the Amalfi Coast, Croatia, the Chesapeake Bay area, St Vincent and the Grenadines and New England. The Bahamas always captivates me because it presents something new, undiscovered and enchanting with each trip. My favourite charter expeditions there include a slow tender ride through the mangroves of Shroud Cay, snorkelling in the Sea Aquarium off O'Brien's Cay, and watching the falling tide recede on the flats at Sampson Cay. On the rare occasions I get to relax ashore with my wife and children, my favourite hangouts are my back garden and the beach. The one region I would most like to cruise around is the South Pacific, particularly New Zealand and Australia.

SPECIFICATIONS

LENGTH	34.47m (113')
BEAM	7.93m (26'2)
DRAFT	2.02m (6'7)
BUILDER	Burger
YEAR	2003
GUESTS	10
CREW	5
CRUISING AREA	Bahamas (winter)
PRICES FROM	US\$70,000 per week



FOSTER ON... BEING A CAPTAIN

I have had a few challenging charters over the course of my career, both as a younger crew member and as a captain. Some charters were definitely more memorable than others, but I cannot recall any clients walking off the boat unhappy or reporting that they had less than an amazing time. It's all about having fun and relaxing with a little spontaneity and adventure thrown in to make sure everyone is on their toes.

The most challenging part of my job is also what keeps me interested in it — and fit. When we're not chartering we run the boat with just three crew, so the mate and I divide our time between engineering tasks, being on deck and managing the bridge. It amazes me how all the work gets done.

FOSTER ON... TOP TIMES

Top Times is a pleasure to work aboard. She is a classic, American-built yacht that impresses guests the moment they set foot inside her warm, inviting interior. We run an exciting programme that keeps things fun and interesting for the guests and crew. Our coolest toy at the moment is the 4m (14') Com-Pac picnic sailboat. It is always popular and is a great way to genuinely escape the whole world and relax. ■

Taste notes with... Patrick Roney

charter cuisine

Patrick Roney, chef on board the 40.23m (131'9) Monte Carlo, talks crab cakes, culinary shows and Michelin stars

Having always been passionate about food and determined to pursue a career in the industry, I trained at The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, back in 1997. Since then I've had an incredible journey — quite literally since 2002 when I first started working on yachts as I've had the opportunity to explore the world while I work.

“Food and travel are great companions. They're both a wonderful way to broaden your horizons and meet people, and cooking for new friends and guests is one of the highlights of my job. Of course, being a chef on a yacht requires a certain mindset. You can't go home after a hard day — you live where you work and your colleagues are also your room mates. This doesn't suit everyone, particularly as some crew are fussy eaters, and of course you have to cater for them as well as the guests. Missing family and friends from home is also a consideration. I'm fortunate because my wife works on board Monte Carlo, so my family travels with me. As an added bonus, you really can't beat the novelty of having a great new view through your 'office' window every day.

“Before I took my career to sea I worked in restaurants in the US. I spent my formative years at One Market Restaurant and the Campton Place Restaurant, both in San Francisco, and following that I was executive chef at an organic fine-dining restaurant called the Flea Street Café in Palo Alto, California.

“Over the years I've evolved my style; I would say my speciality is New American with global influences. I grew up in Maryland, US, so I'd probably vote crab cakes as my ultimate signature dish, but I try to add my own unique twist to everything I cook.

“People always ask what inspires me after years in the industry and the answer is really simple: exceptional ingredients, from freshly caught fish to something as simple as a perfectly ripe tomato. I'm also inspired by adventurous diners who challenge my skills, and I regularly look to the great names in the industry for innovation: Eric Ripert at Le Bernardin in New York, David Kinch and George Morrone all come to mind. As far as restaurants are concerned, in the US my favourites include Manresa (Los Gatos, California), The Restaurant at Meadowood (Napa Valley, California), Sidecar (Brooklyn, New York) and Eleven Madison Park (Manhattan). In Europe, you can't top L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon (Paris, France).

“I also enjoy participating in cooking competitions. One I recall with particularly fond memories is The Pebble Beach Food & Wine Show in 2009. It's the West Coast of America's premier epicurean luxury lifestyle event featuring 100 world-class chefs and attracting around 7,000 visitors. The year I participated, I got to work alongside culinary rock stars, the likes of Eric Ripert and David Kinch, while assisting in cooking and plating for several events,

including a Cristal Champagne dinner. There were 120 magnums of vintage Cristal and each of the seven courses of food were paired with seven vintages of Cristal.

“I love being at sea, but ultimately my plan is to return ashore, open my own restaurant and earn a Michelin star... or two.”

MARYLAND CRAB CAKES WITH BASIL AIOLI



[SERVES 4]

CRAB CAKES

- 3 egg yolks
 - 3oz mayonnaise
 - 2tbsp Dijon mustard
 - 2tbsp Old Bay seasoning
 - Juice of 1 lemon
 - Salt and pepper
 - Chopped chives
 - 1 lb jumbo lump crab
 - ½ cup Panko bread crumbs
1. Mix all the ingredients except the crab and panko crumbs. Then lightly fold these in too.
 2. Press 4oz portions of the mix into ring moulds and dust the top and bottom with bread crumbs.
 3. Saute in butter on a medium heat

until golden brown on both sides.
4. Finish in a 350°F/180°C/Gas 4 oven for 10 mins.

AIOLI

- 2 egg yolks
 - 1tbsp Dijon mustard
 - 2 cloves garlic
 - Juice of 1 lemon
 - Salt and pepper
 - 2 small ice cubes
 - 6oz olive oil
 - 6oz canola oil
 - 2 cup basil leaves
 - 2oz olive oil
1. Blend egg yolks, Dijon, garlic, lemon juice, salt and pepper and ice cubes in a food processor for 30 seconds. With the processor still on, drizzle both oils into the yolk mixture until it becomes thick and fluffy.
 2. Blanch basil in boiling water for 30 seconds and shock in ice water.
 3. Squeeze excess moisture from basil and whizz in a blender for 1 minute with the 2oz olive oil. Strain and whisk into the aioli base.

Serve crab cakes with aioli and French fries, or lightly dressed watercress

Photography: Jérôme Kélegaplan



top yachts

ON-BOARD ENERGY ZONES

Charters generally tend to encourage relaxation and indulgence, but for guests who simply can't sit still certain yachts offer more than enough opportunities to step up the pace



LAZY Z

This 51.4m (168'64) Oceanco yacht is known for her good looks and powerful performance, and thanks to her excellent on-board fitness facilities the same might be said of her guests. Contrary to her name, Lazy Z positively encourages those on board to be active. She has a dedicated, fully equipped gym and a raft of watersports equipment, including two Yamaha wave runners, children's and adults' waterskis, a wakeboard, kneeboard, ski biscuit, banana, snorkelling equipment, diving equipment for seven people, and fishing gear. She also has a beach tent, an inflatable water slide, a volleyball set and beach games.

Lazy Z is available for charter in the Bahamas and Caribbean this winter.

Prices from US\$239,000 per week for up to 12 guests



HANA

Diving enthusiasts are in their element on board the 43m (141'8) Hana. As well as having a proper dive operation with 16 tanks, she also charters in one of the world's finest diving grounds: the Red Sea. If you're not a fan of the underwater world, or simply want to top up your fitness, Hana's waterskis, wakeboards and towable toys ensure you can make the most of being active in the sun. She also has an on-board gym complete with running machine and cross trainer.

Hana is available for charter in the Red Sea this winter. Prices from €135,000 per week for up to 10 guests

ICON

Guests of the 62.5m (205'5) Icon have superlative fitness facilities literally on their doorstep. A mere heartbeat from their cabins, neatly concealed behind glass screens, is a fitness room with running machine, a multi-gym machine and a power plate, along with a day head, shower and scuba-diving room. This area also connects to the transom, which houses a vast 'beach club' area with a bar, settees, deckchairs and sun shades. Guests can combine reclining at leisure with diving off the swim platform, where watertoys await. These include wakeboards, waterskis, scuba pro dive gear, jet skis, inflatables and snorkelling equipment.

Icon is available for charter in the Caribbean this winter. Prices from US\$475,000 per week for up to 12 guests



SHERAKHAN

At 69.65m (228'3), Sherakhan is large enough for guests to stay trim simply by walking around her sizeable decks, but she takes fitness a little more seriously offering a large spa area complete with gym. Even the lazy would be inclined to work out here thanks to its spacious setting, state-of-the-art facilities and welcoming ambience, complete with adjustable mood lighting. Wallow in the indoor pool, soak in the sun in the outdoor pool on the top deck, and wear off a few calories on the treadmill, step machine, bike or elliptical trainer before a relaxing Jacuzzi or sauna. Waterborne fitness can be enjoyed on the jet skis, windsurfers, waterskis, floating trampoline, kayak and surfboard.

Sherakhan is available for charter in the Caribbean this winter. Prices from €395,000 per week for up to 26 guests



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A SWEET RETREAT

Song Saa Private Island Resort in Cambodia is destined to be the ultimate romantic paradise — particularly as the island's name translates as 'the sweethearts'. The resort opens this December and will feature 27 luxury over-water, rainforest and beach villas, all built with sustainable natural materials to seamlessly merge with the beautiful surroundings of the untouched Koh Rong archipelago. Guests will have the rare experience of staying in a pristine paradise while enjoying numerous luxuries, including a spa and wellness centre suspended in the rainforest, a star-gazing platform, and yoga sessions by the infinity edge pool. The serious icing on this white-sand and blue-sky cake will be its world-class restaurant, masterminded by executive chef Neil Wager of Seychelles' North Island fame. www.songsaa.com





AMAZING GRACE

The award-winning Grace Hotels Group has opened its first residence in the US. The magnificent Vanderbilt Grace opened earlier this year in Newport, Rhode Island, and boasts all the facilities you would expect from this successful group, including a spa and fitness centre, indoor and outdoor pools, a cocktail bar and 33 rooms and suites. However, where this hotel really stands out

from its peers is with its fine-dining restaurant Muse, which opened this summer. Created by celebrated chef Jonathan Cartwright — who has previously worked at The Savoy in London, the Four Seasons in Beverly Hills and The Pierre Hotel in New York — Muse delivers a modern take on traditional European cuisine with clever but subtle combinations of local ingredients. www.vanderbiltgrace.com



Saigon serenity

For a vibrant and cultural holiday, reserve one of the new villas at EpiKurean's Saigon River resort on the banks of An Lam Saigon River. Situated on the outskirts of Ho Chi Minh City, this resort is a colourful retreat with tropical gardens. All seven villas are technology-decked havens, with rain showers and bathtubs, full entertainment systems, espresso machines and WiFi access. If you can tear yourself away from the main pool, which provides sweeping views of the river, sign up for one of the many discovery excursions that the resort organises — they offer a fascinating insight into the history of the surrounding villages and communities.

<http://epikurean.ws>



THE WILD FRONTIER

Natural Retreats selects only the most dramatic settings for its rustic escapes, and the pristine wilderness on the banks of the Snake River in Idaho is the perfect spot for its first American venture. Honouring the brand's ethos and dedication to offering guests an unforgettable stay amid true natural beauty, Snake River offers jaw-dropping scenery as well as fresh-air activities the likes of fishing, rafting and horse-riding. The sustainable retreat features a variety of accommodation — sympathetically designed to compliment its surroundings — including guest suites and two-storey family-friendly log cabins, as well as a private four-bedroom residence. There's even an overnight camp for those who want a more genuine wilderness experience. Guests are advised to take full advantage of Natural Retreats' new venture, The Outfitters: a team of expert guides who specialise in all things outdoors, including fly fishing and wilderness safaris.

www.naturalretreats.com



Double impact for Hyatt

With two new openings, it's been a busy summer for the Hyatt group. The company has taken its tried-and-tested formula to new pastures with the launch of the 24-storey Andaz Shanghai. This property is Hyatt's first in China and is located in

Xintiandi, the entertainment district of Shanghai. Special features in the premium rooms and suites include coloured LED lighting that guests can customise to suit their mood. Hyatt has also taken its trademark stylish setup to New York's oldest

borough, Manhattan. Featuring 116 pied-à-terre style rooms and suites overlooking Lexington Avenue, Hyatt 48 Lex promises to be a haven for sophisticated travellers seeking home-from-home comfort. www.andaz.com and <http://48lex.hyatt.com>





PARK LIFE COMES TO LONDON

London opened its arms to a new hotel this September. The Dorchester Collection's 45 Park Lane is Mayfair's latest luxury abode, and with its prestigious location, panoramic views across the city and impressive interior — designed by renowned architect and designer Thierry Despont — it has all the ingredients of a winning establishment. The hotel promises to provide a sleek and personal service and has capped the rooms to 45 in order to ensure it offers the most exclusive experience. But excellent service is not the only thing the hotel will offer. With Wolfgang Puck's CUT restaurant occupying the ground floor, it is also set to deliver an impressive dining experience. www.45parklane.com



Photography: Four Seasons/Gortz, Markus

Four Seasons, 10 million trees

It's party time for Four Seasons, as 2011 marks its 50th birthday. However, it seems this celebrated hotel group is in more of a giving than a receiving mood. To mark its grand age, the company is planting 10 million trees worldwide to demonstrate its commitment to support sustainability. www.fourseasons.com

On course for success

Designed against a Tuscan backdrop by legendary PGA champion Tom Weiskopf, Castiglion del Bosco's new 18-hole Drago Golf Club in the Italian countryside is set to be a sure hit. It offers exclusive use to members and guests of the Castiglion del Bosco estate, and features the longest hole in Europe: the 685-yard 13th.

www.castigliondelbosco.it



EAST TRAVELS WEST

Mandarin Oriental has chosen Paris' most distinguished address as the site for its newest opening. Located on the famously fashionable Rue Saint-Honoré, the hotel is immersed in haute couture. Guests will no doubt be suitably impressed with its luxurious interior. Combining oriental influences with Art Deco touches and Parisian elegance, the décor is pure sophistication. The hotel has 99 luxurious rooms and 39 suites, two restaurants headed by two-Michelin starred chef Thierry Marx, one of the largest spas in the capital and a vast indoor pool. With such a prime location, and a wide array of facilities on offer, this hotel promises to be popular with chic globetrotters planning a stay in the stylish French capital.

www.mandarinoriental.com/paris



Fit for the best

Changing the face of exercise and nutrition in the principality of Monaco is the recently opened Be Fit — a new body management centre offering customised, personal training combined with a range of related services. Experts provide exercise and nutrition programmes to educate clients, highlighting existing issues and habits and helping them maintain the positive results they have worked hard to achieve. Be Fit's studio is equipped with all the latest equipment, and every client is trained individually with tailor-made packages to ensure that each attains the results they desire. The large studio ensures privacy, and a full concierge service combines intensive training courses, nutrition packages, flights and accommodation. www.befitmonaco.com

Amsterdam appeal — ashore and afloat

Away from the hustle of Dam Square, yet within a pleasant stroll of the city's attractions, The Netherlands' leading hotel, The Dylan Amsterdam, occupies the scenic Keizersgracht. A haven of peace, it is discreetly tucked away yet well worth seeking out for its stylish suites, Michelin-awarded Vinkeles restaurant and bespoke boutique charm. Choose a room overlooking the street and canal, or one that faces onto the courtyard — either way, the views and ambience are a delight. Even better, 10 of its 40 rooms (each unique) have just emerged from a complete revamp, leaving this intriguing property, originally dating to 1612, with even greater appeal. Among the finest of the hotel's accommodations are the superior canal-view suites and the signature garden-view Dylan Thomas suite.

During your stay, book a High Wine experience, which offers a selection of gourmet tapas dishes along with the perfect wine to complement each one. Later, dinner at Vinkeles offers charm and epicurean delights in abundance. Alternatively, embark on the hotel's new Vinkeles on the Water experience, where its famous French cuisine is served during a six-course meal and live cookery session aboard a canal boat.

www.dylanamsterdam.com



HIGH FASHION FOR SPAS

The Middle East adds another five-star spa to its collection, this time courtesy of Six Senses. Fresh from its opening this summer, the Six Senses Spa is located on the second floor of the glamorous Hotel Missoni Kuwait and boasts its trademark contemporary style. Within its 13 treatment rooms, including two Hammams, overlooking the Salmiya seafront, the spa offers a range of treatments to suit all guests, drawing on methods and therapies inspired by Arabic treatments. The interior design was overseen by Rosita Missoni herself and demonstrates the stripes, style and textures you'd expect of this iconic fashion house. A membership scheme is available for those who regularly visit Six Senses Resorts & Spas, and offers personal training sessions, discounts on spa treatments, products and refreshments, and access to the hotel pool.

www.sixsenses.com

A Moorish treat

Set in 40 acres of beautiful gardens, the new Four Seasons Hotel Marrakech is a quiet haven amid the hustle and bustle of Morocco's famous Red City. The property offers guests plenty of choice with around 140 rooms and suites, six dining and bar areas, a pool and large spa. Its light and contemporary décor perfectly reflects its peaceful setting, providing guests with calm and comfortable surroundings in which to relax and unwind after exploring this exotic city.

www.fourseasons.com/marrakech



ESCAPE TO THE INDIAN OCEAN

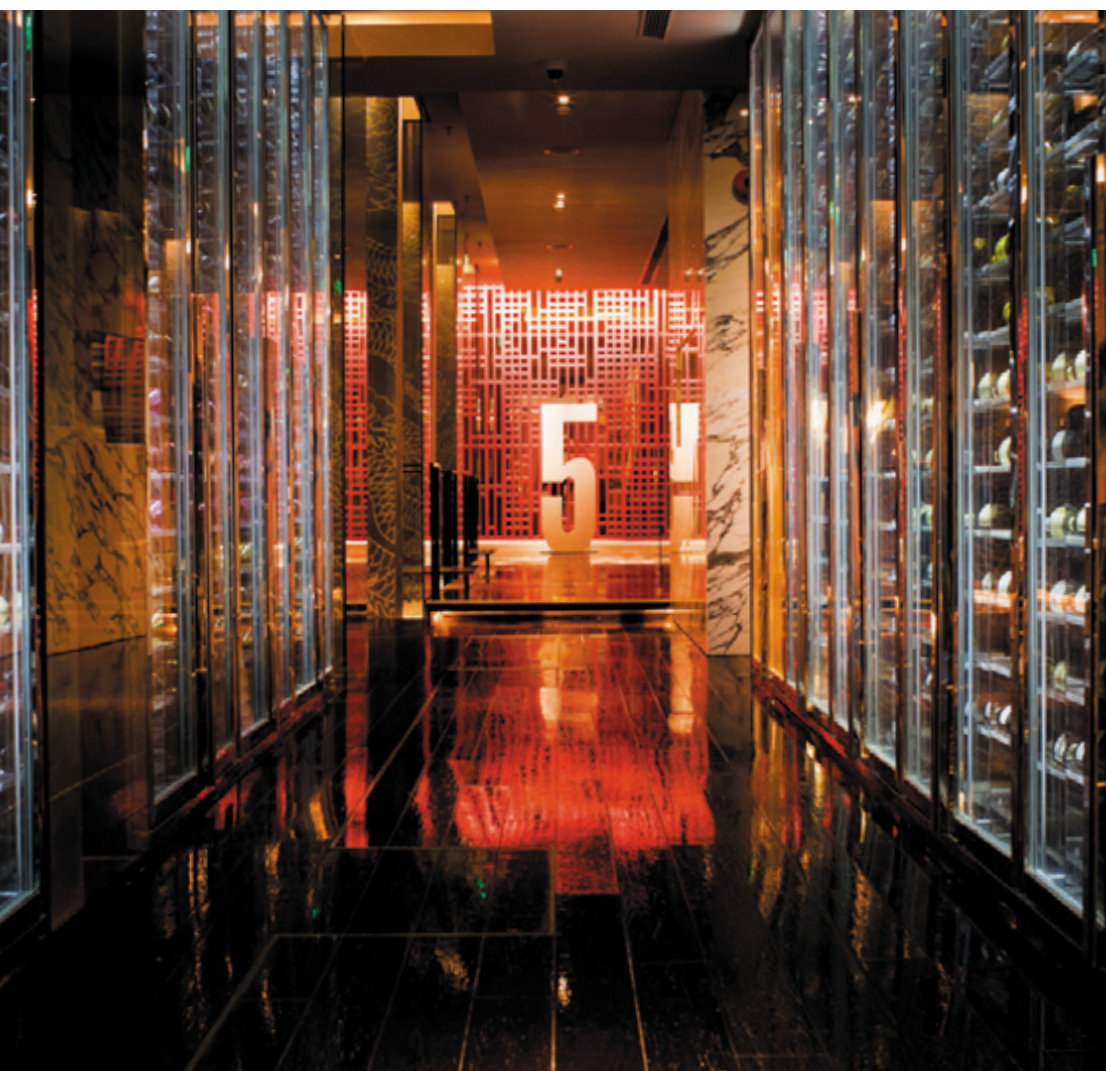
October brings the opening of another luxury resort in the Maldives, this time on the island of Maguhdhuvaa. The Ayada Maldives resort promises all the indulgent luxury that is now associated with this popular holiday destination. Each of the 112 private villas offers breathtaking views, stylish interiors and seclusion, with exclusive pools, terraces and butler service. The resort also provides an array of activities, including water sports and scuba diving to keep sun worshippers entertained, while an ESPA spa and health club caters for those in need of indulgent pampering. The resort also has a fantastic selection of international cuisine catering for any taste, from casual dining to à la carte.

www.ayadamaldives.com

ALL SHOOK UP

The Swatch Art Peace Hotel in Shanghai, China, has opened its doors to the highly anticipated perpetual motion restaurant Shook! Originally launched in Kuala Lumpur, the successful restaurant has set up a new residence on the fifth floor of this chic Renaissance-style heritage hotel. Here, four epicurean chefs take guests on a culinary journey with four distinct cuisines: Chinese, Japanese, Southeast Asian and modern Western. Famous for following seasonal trends, Shook!'s head chef Kevin Cape uses the freshest ingredients to create notable dishes, which include his snow-white dancing prawns and Cajun style seabass. Before dining, take a small detour and swing by The Time Bar, another new establishment within the hotel. Scour its diverse cocktail list then sit back and enjoy your drink while looking out over the Huangpu River.

www.swatch-art-peace-hotel.com



Greek suites

Thanos Hotels demonstrated a whole new level of luxury when it unveiled two new suites this summer. The Aether suite at its Anassa hotel and the garden studio suite at Annabelle are completely unique, but each boast private pools, breathtaking views and expansive terraces.

www.thanoshotels.com



Swede dreams

The Grand Hôtel in Stockholm, Sweden, has invested in the redesign of several of its rooms and suites. All positioned on the first and second floor of the original hotel building, the new rooms are a bid by the management to propel the establishment onto Europe's top ten hotels list by 2015.

www.grandhotel.se



TARA, MONTENEGRO

Following the huge popularity of its previous developments, Porto Montenegro launched its fifth residential building, Tara, in the Balkan state of Montenegro this summer. Situated in Venice Square, Tara comprises studios, one- to three-bedroom apartments, and deluxe penthouses with expansive views overlooking the marina. Over the last few years, Montenegro has emerged as a holiday hotspot and a popular yachting destination, largely thanks to its great beauty and charm — comparable to nearby Croatia but minus the crowds.

*Prices for the development start from €6,000 per square metre (10sqft).
www.portomontenegro.com*



ROYAL WESTMORELAND, BARBADOS

It is not often that a property comes up for sale with 360-degree views, beautiful design and vast spaces. The Royal Westmoreland villa in Barbados is an exception. Located on the Westmoreland ridge of St James, this stunning home is finished to the highest specifications. Designed by Shawna Beechley of Architects Cubed, the villa has strong tropical and Zen influences running throughout, giving it a welcoming, peaceful feel. Spacious living areas open onto sprawling terraces, a large infinity edged pool, a spa, waterfall pools and a slate-lined pond, all of which have been designed to compliment the lie of the land. Inside, there are five en-suite bedrooms, an entertainment room, a gym, a study and numerous bathrooms equipped with exclusive features, including a Picasso bathtub and large limestone tiles imported from Portugal.

The asking price is US\$5,500,000. www.knightfrank.com



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VILLA AKASHA, CAP ESTATE, ST LUCIA

Villa Akasha is a villa unlike any other and makes for a unique Caribbean rental. Situated on a scenic hillside on the Cap Estate, overlooking the crystal clear Caribbean Sea, this Miami-style villa is St Lucia's most decadent. Along with its four luxurious bedrooms, it has a private cinema room, a games room, swimming pool, Jacuzzi, external bar and dining area. The property also has a custom-designed audio-visual system to impress even the most technologically minded guest. The design of the villa has been planned to perfection and every feature has clearly been very carefully considered — even the windows are strategically located to let a cool breeze pass through the property.

www.pureholidayhomes.com

THE BEACH HOUSE, KOH SAMUI, THAILAND

SJ Villas prides itself on its impeccable collection of rental villas, so you can expect great things of its new Thai beach house on Koh Samui. Based directly on beach at the heart of a fisherman's village, this contemporary, elegant holiday home offers beachfront living at its best. The property features five double bedrooms, a designer kitchen, an infinity pool and two living rooms with breathtaking views of the sea. If you can steal yourself away from vistas of the Gulf of Siam, a concierge is on hand to organise entertainment and activities, including Thai cookery classes, spa treatments, watersports, sightseeing, trekking and diving. www.sjvillas.co.uk



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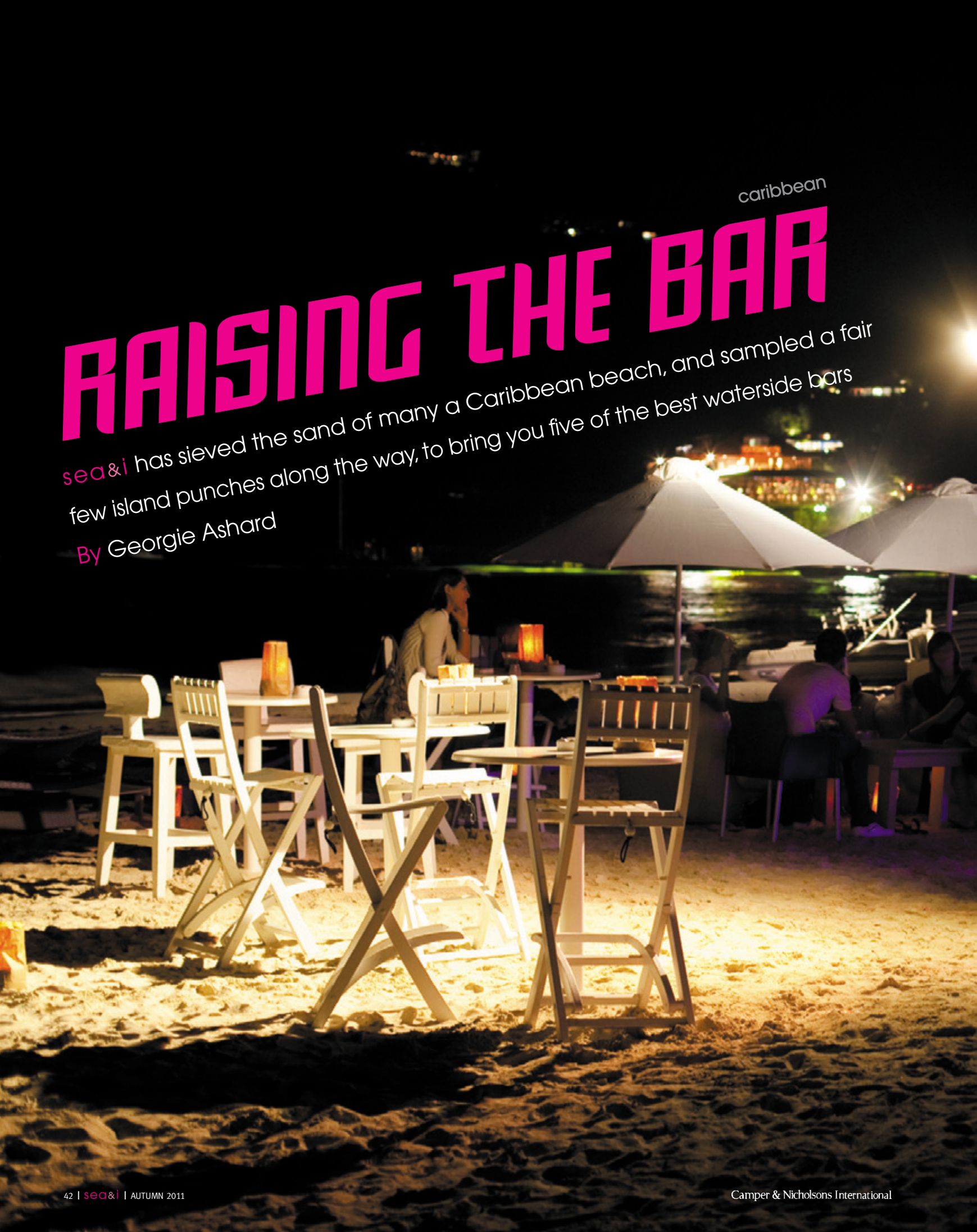




caribbean RAISING THE BAR

sea&i has sieved the sand of many a Caribbean beach, and sampled a fair few island punches along the way, to bring you five of the best waterside bars

By Georgie Ashard





PINK PARROT, ST BARTH'S

For an unforgettable taste of barefoot island life, sample the specials at the Pink Parrot. Located at the Tom Beach Hotel on St Jean beach, this bar is more casual and relaxed than many of its peers but earns points because of it. A fantastic selection of rum cocktails are expertly mixed to quench your thirst, and the bar's idyllic situation on the beach means you can take full advantage of sipping the irresistible creations with the sand between your toes — what more could one ask for? www.tombeach.com

TOP TIP Nip down to the beach for a muscle-soothing massage in between cocktails



BASIL'S BAR, MUSTIQUE

Named after its larger-than-life proprietor, Basil's Bar has become something of an institution, both within and beyond the Caribbean waters of Mustique. Its legendary punch has wet the whistles of the rich and famous for the last 30 years but its delicious cocktails are not the only reason this bar has earned an international reputation. Situated on stilts on the water's edge with incredible ocean views, Basil's Bar perfectly reflects the charm of the Caribbean and its relaxed, welcoming atmosphere ensures people keep coming back for more.

www.basilsmustique.com

TOP TIP Don't miss the Mustique Blues Festival at Basil's from 25 January to 8 February 2012



NIKKI BEACH, ST BARTH'S

Nikki Beach (a club concept that graces many of the most desirable water fronts worldwide) has brought its luxurious beach-lounge formula to the Caribbean. Its setup on St Jean beach may be more relaxed and smaller than its international counterparts yet this is perhaps the most famous and exclusive of all its venues. Low beds, teepees, plush pillows and an abundance of white make this one of the most chic places to sunbathe and socialise. It also has an extensive cocktail list, delicious cuisine and a truly contagious party atmosphere.

www.nikkibeach.com/stbarths

TOP TIP After hours, head to the nearby Casa Nikki supper club to dine and dance until the early hours





FOXY'S, JOST VAN DYKE

Foxy's is the quintessential Caribbean beach bar. Its regular barbecues and live music sessions have helped the establishment cement itself as a firm favourite with island guests — drawing loyal repeat visitors and curious first-timers alike. It is known for serving great fish dishes, with lobster being a particular favourite with diners. Foxy's also has a tempting selection of cocktails: the ultimate Dutch courage to get the ever-enthusiastic audience participating in the colourful musical evenings for which the bar is so celebrated.

www.foxysbar.com

TOP TIP The Annual Foxy's Wooden Boat Regatta, now in its 38th year, runs each May



STANIEL CAY YACHT CLUB, BAHAMAS

Staniel Cay Yacht Club — on the Exuma Cays in the Bahamas Island chain — has been welcoming seafaring visitors since 1956. This legendary watering hole has a wonderful Caribbean ambiance and is a place where you'll find locals, guests and neighbouring residents engaging in deep conversation and tall tales while the rum cocktails keep on flowing. The food also makes a trip here imperative if you're cruising nearby.

www.stanielcay.com

TOP TIP Treat yourself to a plate of the tasty conch fritters and homemade island bread

windward islands

SNAPSHOT BARBADOS

With the Atlantic Ocean bordering its east coast and the Caribbean Sea to the west, Barbados is wonderfully situated and famed for its scenic landscapes, beautiful coral reefs, ancient caves and rich history



For information on chartering around Barbados and the Caribbean, contact your CNI charter broker, see page 6

North Point

The Grenade Hall Forest & Signal Station is a communication post dating back to 1819. Originally a lookout point, today it remains a perfect vantage point to spy across the island from on high. Later, wander the paths through a forest famed for its healing plants, and then head to the nearby Barbados Wildlife Reserve to mingle with monkeys, birds and reptiles.

Little Bay is a natural haven where the passage of time and the force of the waves have carved a swimming pool among the rocks. Bathe to a background chorus of blowholes spouting sea water high into the air. Nearby, Cove Bay is a scenic spot where you can picnic on the beach beneath coconut palms, listening to waves crashing against the lofty cliffs.



ATLANTIC OCEAN

Speightstown

One of the island's finest restaurants is The Cliff in St James, where candlelight, art and fine cuisine combine. You can dine to a chorus of crashing waves and wonderful views of the Caribbean Sea. Also in St James is The Tides — a rustic restaurant on the water's edge with a tropical garden and an art gallery.

St Nicholas Abbey is set in a Jacobean mansion — one of only three remaining in the eastern hemisphere. Surrounded by park-like gardens and cane fields, you can tour the great house that was built in the mid 17th century, wander through Cherry Tree Hill — a stunning avenue lined with Mahogany trees and tropical flora — and relax in flower and herb gardens brimming with orchids, roses and avocado, mango and breadfruit trees.

Mt Hillaby

Fitts Village, originally a fishing hamlet, is a great spot for snorkelling. Read a book under the palms on the beach, picnic under the Casuarina trees, and later wander into the village for a Caribbean dinner.

Nature-lovers and hikers alike love Welchman Hall Gully, where tropical plants and trees flourish in their natural environment as they have for hundreds of years. Spot green monkeys as you wander along shaded woodland trails lined with coconut, clove, nutmeg, bamboo and cacao trees. Nearby Harrison's Cave is one of the Caribbean's most famous natural history sites. The vast cave features stunning rock formations and shimmering pools and streams. A tram escorts you amid stalagmites and stalactites to lofty cathedral-like spaces beneath the island.

Ragged Point

Barbados has been perfecting the art of rum-making for more than 350 years. Head to Mount Gay for a tour and tasting, and then to the nearby Malibu Beach Club and Visitor Centre for a distillery tour followed by a relaxing lunch at the beachside bar and restaurant.

Belair

CARIBBEAN SEA

Bridgetown

The entire west coast is a feast of fun for divers. The southern area has some particularly great shipwrecks to explore, including Ce-Trek, Eillon and Berwind, and winding among them you'll discover tropical fish, eels and seahorses. For snorkelling, try Carlisle Bay Marine Park.

St Lawrence

In the southern parish of Christ Church, the Barbados Golf Club has a PGA-approved 18-hole links course that has been beautifully landscaped to provide a truly challenging and scenic round across rolling hills, open fairways, lakes and coral-waste bunkers.

St Patricks

Crane Beach is considered to be one of the best in the world with pale pink sand, rolling dunes and waves changing from turquoise to lapis to azure blue. Make dinner reservations at the acclaimed and stylish Thai and Japanese influenced Zen Restaurant at The Crane Resort overlooking the beach.

South Point

CALIFORNIA

san francisco

The seafront home of stately mansions, car-chase crazy hills and eclectic arts and culture, San Francisco is one of the US's most appealing West Coast cities

By Kate Rigby

The vertiginous appeal of San Francisco has soared ever higher since the days of the Gold Rush. Despite its fortunes having risen and plummeted as dramatically as its trademark hills, it remains one of North America's best loved cities.

Variouly home to the Beat Generation, the 'summer of love' hippies and dot-com entrepreneurs, this West Coast gem reflects an appealing mix of nationalities, cultures and qualities as a consequence of its rich history. This is a city that in 1906 was decimated by an earthquake. It later survived the Great Depression with a flourish, as it was during this time that the legendary Golden Gate Bridge, still one of the world's most famous and best-loved bridges, was opened in 1937 amid a week of celebrations.

Today, San Francisco honours its vibrant heritage and blends cosmopolitan and artistic culture with a charismatic, modern vibe. Its waterfront setting, in particular, highlights its laidback appeal, and the entire city is small enough to explore during a long weekend. Tour the museums, wander around Nob Hill with its rococo palaces recalling yesteryear's railroad and silver kings, dig into clam chowder, tune into the San Francisco Symphony, and toss a Frisbee in Dolores Park.

PILLOW TALK

Among the big players here, the likes of the **Ritz Carlton**, **Four Seasons**, **Fairmont** and **Mandarin Oriental**, is the **St Regis** in the

SOMA district, featuring a historic building and a new 40-storey tower offering incredible city views. Its choice location offers pleasing distractions, from the acclaimed San Francisco Museum of Modern Art alongside to the Yerba Buena Gardens opposite. **The Clift**, home of serious style, is worth a visit. It has an old-world elegance thrown together with a Philippe Starck designed interior starring an eclectic collection of furniture and décor. It is located just by Union Square and Nob Hill, so rest assured you'll be among good company.

At the base of the Golden Gate Bridge is **Cavallo Point**, which offers a pleasing mix of historic lodgings and contemporary hotel rooms. For historical appeal, stay in the former officers' residences of Fort Baker (once a US Army post) where family suites are luxuriously appointed yet homely. Alternatively, more modern rooms and suites can be found on the hillside above the Fort where they afford incredible views of the Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco Bay.

The Huntington Hotel on Nob Hill has crowned one of the city's highest perches since 1924 and →

HIGH



still remains a great favourite thanks to its impressive location, rich history and endearingly elegant private-home ambiance.

EAT, DRINK, DANCE

With over 3,000 choices, it's no wonder San Francisco is known as the US's finest restaurant city. **Perbacco Ristorante and Bar** is a classy Italian with a touch of Provence thrown in. Try the chef's table to sample the finest food fresh from the local Farmer's Market. The Michelin-starred **One Market** at the San Francisco Embarcadero provides a benchmark for sophisticated dining, while Japanese lovers should try **Bushi-tei**, where a blend of Asian and French influences result in pure art on a plate.

After-dinner hours are well spent at the **Redwood Room** at the Clift Hotel. Recently restored, it still has its original redwood panelling and enormous bar along with digital artwork on huge screens. **Sip Bar & Lounge** is a welcoming urban cocktail venue on Broadway Street. **Fisherman's Wharf**, meanwhile, has a range of eateries and bars in one scenic waterfront location. Its **Parlor Bar, Lounge & Club** is great for cocktails, music and yesteryear appeal. **Harry Denton's Starlight Room** at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel offers 1930s' glamour, cocktails and wraparound views. Order a VIP booth for a truly exclusive experience.

SEE, SHOP

Union Square is a vast shopping plaza with one of the largest collections of department stores, boutiques, galleries and

salons in the US — as such it's one of the world's most exciting places to shop. Union Square also refers to the neighbouring blocks that accommodate numerous hotels and the theatre district. **Pier 39** is an entirely different kettle of fish. One of San Francisco's leading visitor attractions, it is a waterfront hub of shops, restaurants, nightlife and museums. Head to the wharf to savour award-winning clam chowder served in sourdough bread bowls, rent a bike to see the sights ashore, then hop on a sportfishing boat for an afternoon in the bay. Don't leave without seeing the sea lions that cluster around the west of the pier. For alternative colour and charm, the **Farmer's Market** at Ferry Building Marketplace is a must for gourmands on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

If you're limited for time, the **Inner Richmond** is a microcosm of the city with its vast urban parks, tree-lined streets, cuisine and shopping, embracing Thai, Korean, Russian, Japanese, Irish and Chinese cultures. Museums and galleries to visit include the **San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA)** and the **California Academy of Sciences** with its aquarium, rain-forest and natural history museum.

DO, DISCOVER

Top of the list has to be crossing the **Golden Gate Bridge**. You can walk or cycle across this mammoth of acclaimed engineering and have your photo taken on one of the most photographed objects on Earth. The cable cars have been

Clockwise from top right: the Fairmont; an aerial view of the city; the Ritz Carlton; serious curb-side appeal; sweet dreams at the Four Seasons; catch a tram ride while you're in town; the Coit Tower; the Golden Gate Bridge; the San Francisco skyline



ploughing up and down the city's trademark hills since 1873 and demand a ride. You'll hear their iconic bells clanging from blocks away, and they promise a great view of the city.

Chinatown, as in most countries, is a colourful city within a city, with its heart occupying the oldest street in San Francisco: **Grant Avenue**. Marvel at all the exotic shops, markets, temples and herb shops and treat yourself to fortune cookies for the ride back to your hotel.

Journey to the middle of **San Francisco Bay** to discover the intriguing island of **Alcatraz** and its infamous former prison, from which no inmate ever escaped. The stories have fuelled books, films and legends, so see 'The Rock' for yourself with a cell-house tour. If you have a morning free, head to the Italian quarter at **North Beach** (confusingly, not a beach at all) and wander the cafés and shops before making your way to the **Church of Saints Peter and Paul**, and the **Coit Tower** on **Telegraph Hill**, where you'll enjoy a great photo-opp of the bridges and bay. The 1,000-acre **Golden Gate Park** is also a great day out with its gardens, carousel, lakes, 4,000 species of trees, and museums — including the city's oldest: the **de Young Museum**, which is showing masterpieces from Picasso until October this year. **The Mission** is also a charismatic neighbourhood for arts and culture with its medley of streets full of food vendors, galleries and theatres. Buy yourself a treat at the Tartine Bakery and walk to **Dolores Park** to enjoy it while watching the world go by. ■



AT A GLANCE...

Best travel time: June and July are peak tourist months, and March to May and September to early November are ideal for mild sunny days. San Francisco Bay will host the 2013 America's Cup Finals and the Louis Vuitton Cup (America's Cup Challenger Series). This will be the first time the America's Cup has been hosted in the US since 1995

Currency: US dollar

Language: English

Vibe: for lovers of art, culture, sport, literature and cuisine, the city deals out serious attractions with effortless style



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TAKE IT FROM

Wherever in the world you plan to travel, the CNI charter brokers are on hand to provide expert knowledge of the yachts and cruising destinations available. Here, three members of the charter team offer their advice

SUSSIE KIDD, CNI ANTIBES

AUSTRALIA

When it comes to considering your next charter destination, Australia might not immediately spring to mind but for me it has unique appeal, particularly as it's my homeland. It's a country that offers a real sense of freedom and excitement. The unspoilt coastlines that surround it are stunning, as are its offshore waters, which are bursting with coral reefs and marine life. These reefs and the nearby beaches are a huge draw and you can visit some of the best of them during a cruise of the Whitsundays islands, which sprawl at the heart of the Great Barrier Reef.

But the vast distances between the country's highlights mean you need to plan in advance. Take advantage of the land-based culture and diversity by spending a couple of days in Sydney or Melbourne before joining your yacht. Also try to head inland to the outback areas, which are brimming with Aboriginal heritage. Wherever you choose, you'll be amazed by the variety of attractions this vibrant cruising ground offers.



THE EXPERTS

cruising destinations

DIANA LEE MARES, CNI PALM BEACH

GRENADINES

The Grenadine Islands in the Caribbean are a fantastic playground for charterers, and with so many isles waiting to be explored the region is especially suitable for active guests. Vast reefs, the most impressive of which can be found at Tobago Cays, offer fantastic snorkelling, and the clear waters are perfect for swimming and watersports. Visitors wishing to explore the islands can either hike or hop on a horse — both are wonderful ways to see the exotic plants and trees that thrive in these beautiful landscapes.

Those seeking pure relaxation and postcard-perfect beaches should head straight for Palm Island, where they'll find Casuarina with its unbelievable white sand beaches. Food throughout the Grenadines is generally highly regarded and reflects a variety of cuisines, from local Caribbean dishes to more continental fusion style. I highly recommend booking a table at Firefly on Mustique, where you can indulge in classic American dishes with a Caribbean twist.

TANDY DEMARCHELIER, CNI ANTIBES

ST BARTH'S

For me, the best island in the Caribbean is St Barth's. It has all the offerings of other top cruising destinations — blue skies, white beaches, clear waters — but what really sets it apart is its relaxed, friendly atmosphere. It is perfect for those who want to enjoy a slower pace as life here isn't taken too seriously; in fact, the only thing that appears to be a concern is looking after the island's guests.

You'll find the food is creative and delicious, with fresh-fish dishes gracing many a restaurant menu. There are also plenty of bars in which you can sit back and absorb the island's relaxed vibe. My favourite is the Pink Parrot (see page 43) as it serves a mouth-watering rum punch and provides the perfect platform from which to catch a magical Caribbean sunset. The water here also lends itself to idle cruising and it is crystal clear, so fantastic for snorkelling and diving, plus there's plenty of space to tear around on watertoys. ■



REMOTE POSSIBILITIES

bahamas

Providing the perfect combination of fun and laid-back charm, the vibrant and colourful Bahamian chain is perfect for a winter charter

By Miriam Cain



Scattered over 100,000 square miles of iridescent blue shoal waters, more than 700 Bahamian islands and cays lie in a gentle east-west curve just 50 miles south of the US coast of Florida. Most of the cays are deserted and surrounded by unspoiled reefs, shallow fishing waters and a plethora of dive sites, while a handful are inhabited. From the cosmopolitan capital of Nassau to the quaint, laid-back Exumas and the shallow waters of the Abacos, the Bahamas offers high style with Bohemian living.

Begin your charter in Nassau, before sailing off to the 100-mile string of pristine cays known as the Exumas lying to the southeast of Nassau. For those on a longer charter, Harbour Island, to the east of Nassau, and the Abacos further north are also prime cruising grounds.

Sun-drenched sands

New Providence Island and Paradise Island are bustling neighbours with vibrant nightlives and an abundance of duty free shops, casinos and restaurants. Board your yacht in the world-class Atlantis Marina on Paradise Island and relax into life aboard as you begin your cruise towards the Exumas. Over the next few days your yacht will glide from idyll to idyll as you chill out on board, snorkel, dive, swim, fish and play with the numerous watertoys.

First stop is Allan's Cay, which is a haven of calm. The three islets that make up this cay have a perfect anchorage at their centre, so take the tender from here to Leaf Cay and feed bananas to the local family of wild iguanas before returning for your first evening



Above: the Bahamas' immaculate pastel-painted houses are almost as appealing as its natural landscapes
Opposite page: put your feet up and relax on a charter through the Bahamas

on board. On the second day you will discover Compass Cay, a natural paradise of 450 acres with 15 beaches to explore, the most spectacular being the long Crescent Ocean Beach. For a unique marine adventure, throw hot dogs to the nurse sharks that swim around the shallow waters and then dive in to swim with these incredible creatures. The less adventurous can step ashore and discover the many scenic trails, or go with the crew by tender to bonefish in the shallow creek meandering up the centre of the island. Spend the evening berthed in Compass Cay Marina and take the tender around to the spectacular horseshoe beach on the east side. While the crew set up a sunset picnic, relax in the islet's natural Jacuzzi known as Rachel's Bubblebath. The deep, →



SUGGESTED ITINERARY

- Day 1** Paradise Island to Allan's Cay (35nm)
- Day 2** Allan's Cay to Compass Cay
- Day 3** Compass Cay to Staniel Cay (10nm)
- Day 4** Staniel Cay to Warderick Wells Cay (20nm)
- Day 5** Warderick Wells Cay to Hawksbill Cay (10nm)
- Days 6** Hawksbill Cay to Highbourne Cay (20nm)
- Days 7** Highbourne Cay to Paradise Island (45nm), or on to Eleuthera Island and the Abacos (45nm)

crystal-clear lagoon on the northwest of the island is one of the finest swimming holes in the Caribbean.

From Compass Cay, take the tender to the mangrove-edged archipelago known as Shroud Cay. Snorkel through the crystal-clear creeks that connect the islands for a view of the sanctuary fish, or if you manage to catch high tide this is the place to try the famous Mangrove Run aboard a jet ski. At the end of the run there is a hill you can climb to enjoy spectacular views over the surrounding cays. While you're there you can also take a moment to inspect all the mementoes that have been left by yachties who have previously visited this now-famous spot.

Back on board, cruise on to the baby-soft sand beaches of Staniel Cay for a cold margarita before diving in to discover the Thunderball Grotto of James Bond fame. The grotto is a hollowed-out island and, tides permitting, you can jump in and feed the plethora of colourful fish, including a number of stingrays, as you swim and snorkel through the water. Later, take an air tour of the island, or feed the wild swimming pigs on Big Major's Beach. Spend the evening ashore at the Staniel Cay Yacht Club for a rum punch and conch fritters.

Your yacht can then deliver you back up the chain to a protected anchorage off Big Major's Spot, ideal for waterskiing and other watersports. From here, anchor off Warderick Wells Cay, one of a cluster of islands that make up the Exuma Land and Sea Park. Often referred to as the Garden of Eden, this natural marine preserve is home to brilliant coral reefs and exotic marine life. For the non-divers in your party, there are many species of tropical birds to be spotted on the islets and

cays, or you can step ashore to Warderick Wells Cay and trek the numerous hiking trails dotted around the island. Still within the park, Hawksbill Cay is one of the most attractive spots in the Exuma chain and is well worth exploring.

From here it is a short hop to the popular yachting outpost of Highbourne Cay, which offers rolling hills, beautiful beaches, great snorkelling and diving. Directly off the cay is a drop off that faces the Exuma Sound — a vertical, 22-metre (75-foot) fall that is populated by all manner of sea life. Deep-sea fishing trips for mahi-mahi, wahoo, tuna and marlin can be arranged, so set off in the tender for an early morning adventure. Those left behind can berth among the spotted rays in the port of Highbourne Cay.

From here, return to Paradise Island for disembarkation, or for an extended itinerary head east to a handful of the Outer Islands, which include Harbour Island, Eleuthera, the Berry Islands and the Abacos.

The Outer Islands

Harbour Island is the place to find the pretty pastel-coloured houses and pink beaches that you so often see representing the Bahamas on postcards. It's also home to some of the best nightlife in this Caribbean group. Eleuthera is, like most of the Bahamas, ideal for snorkelling and diving. Particular hot spots include the Current Cut channel, the inland saltwater lake known as the Blue Hole, and the Train Wreck.

The Berry Islands can also be incorporated as part of an extended Abacos cruise from Nassau. →





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The Abacos are a chain of islands located 185 miles north of the Exumas, and therefore most suitable for a two-week charter incorporating both island groups. This small, boomerang-shaped, archipelago, often referred to as the ‘top of the Bahamas’, is 130 miles long and is made up of Great Abaco, Little Abaco and a sprinkling of cays. The islands are a world apart from Nassau; a lazy spot where the pace of life drops almost to a standstill. There are no resort developments and no nightclubs (unless you count the weekly jump-up with music from local band The Hope Town Islanders), and bicycles and dinghies far outnumber cars.

The cruising grounds around this region have shallow waters and therefore are not suitable for yachts with deeper drafts, but that also means there is a distinct and welcome lack of cruise liners. However, for the right yachts, the Sea of Abaco offers sheltered cruising, protected from the wild Atlantic by a chain of barrier islands.

Cruise around the islands of Great Abaco and Little Abaco, and anchor off the many scenic cays that surround them. From the main town of March Harbour on Great Abaco, cruise across the Sea of Abaco to Elbow Cay and step ashore in Hope Town. There are just two narrow streets here, charmingly named ‘Up Along’ and ‘Down Along’, along with one of the most iconic landmarks in the Bahamas: a candy-striped lighthouse. This is also the place to head if you want to see the islands’ famous clapboard-cute, pastel-coloured houses surrounded by white picket fences.

In the evening, take the tender to Cracker P’s and join the locals at their legendary full-moon parties.

A short hop across the water is Man-O-War Cay. Step back in time on this island, which has a long tradition of boat building and is a pretty settlement for an afternoon stroll. Alternatively, divers in your group can explore inland blue holes, coral reefs and underwater gardens, along with marine preserves and ancient shipwrecks that abound to the east of the cays. Or stay above the water and join anglers from all over the world as you fish for blue marlin, kingfish, dolphinfish, yellowfin tuna, sailfish, amberjack, grouper and wahoo. Great Guana, which lies between Green Turtle and Man-O-War Cay, in particular should not to be missed if you’re a fan of fishing.

Finally, cruise north to Treasure Cay off Great Abaco’s east coast. Here you will find some of the best beaches in the Bahamas and one of the finest marinas in the entire region. The island also boasts a scenic 18-hole golf course at the Treasure Cay Golf Club.

After your crew has replenished the yacht’s provisions, spend the afternoon at Green Turtle Cay. Often referred to as the jewel of the archipelago, the tiny island is surrounded by deep bays and vast stretches of beach. The interior is rich with forests, gentle hills and secluded inlets that can all be enjoyed during a short hike. Alternatively, the water depths around here seldom exceed 20 feet and coral gardens teem with marine life, making this a great spot for snorkelling.

You can fly directly to Nassau in the Bahamas from many US cities, including Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach, as well as from many international destinations. For further information on chartering in the Bahamas, contact your CNI charter broker, see page 6

Opposite page: beach life in the Bahamas
Below: the Atlantis resort on Nassau

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Whether you consider yourself to be an avid collector, a trend-setter in the horological stakes or a stylish individual who is never fully dressed without your favourite watch, *Time & Tide* brings you a selection of the latest timepieces on the market

By Miriam Cain

Key design trends of 2011

THE SQUARE COMES AROUND

If this year's mammoth Baselworld watch fair is anything to go by, it is increasingly hip to be square — or at least to have a few sharp edges to your timepiece. Perhaps the most famous square model is the iconic TAG Heuer Monaco, as worn by the legendary Steve McQueen. Originally known as the Heuer Monaco, this piece was as groundbreaking as it was stylish as it was both the world's first automatic chronograph and the first chronograph in a square case. Recently re-released, the *TAG Heuer Monaco Heuer Calibre 11 Chronograph* looks as good today as it did in the 1971 *Le Mans* film.



UPDATED ICONS

This year has seen a number of fresh updates to special originals, including the Royal Oak from Audemars Piguet. The watchmaker has made all manner of adaptations to its legendary Royal Oak since it was launched in 1972, but the new *Offshore Grand Prix* version is one of its most radical versions to date. It features a forged carbon case that won't scratch, chip or dent, and a 365-part chronograph movement. The carbon case ensures it is light on the wrist, and because of its resistance to salt spray, it is an ideal sailing watch. Just 1,750 versions are available, including 650 in rose gold and 75 in platinum.



MOVEMENTS ON DISPLAY

Often a watch's intricacies are concealed, but the last few years have seen ever increasing numbers of watchmakers revealing the horological mastery beneath skeletonised dials. Zenith's *Open Power Reserve El Primero Chronomaster* is one example that reveals the heart of the timepiece. It features a 42mm open case that presents the watch's movement. Another technical dimension to the piece is the heart of the movement, which has been displaced slightly to the ten o'clock position on the dial. The watch is available in steel or 18ct two-tone or rose gold, with a silver or black sun-burst dial and a brown or black alligator-leather strap.

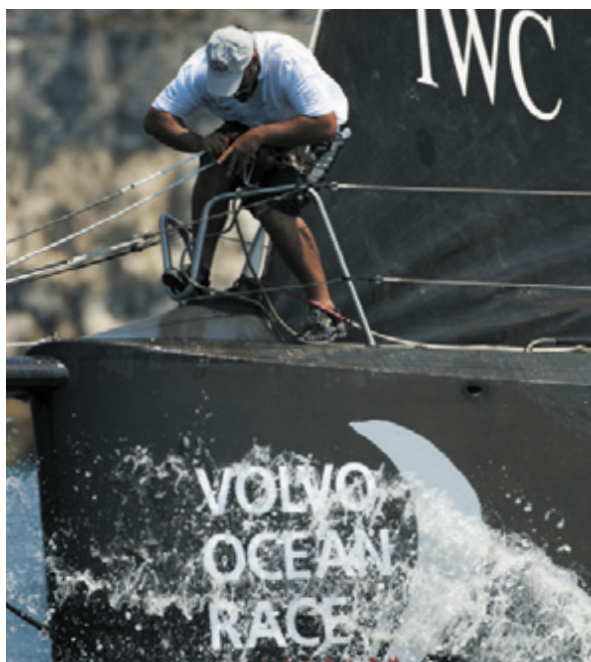


COMPLICATED COMPLICATIONS

From jumping hours to patented moon phases to split-second chronographs, some of the most elaborate complications to date have been launched this year by master watchmakers. One such model comes from Harry Winston, which first launched the *Histoire de Tourbillon* collection in 2009. This year, for its second edition, the master has paid tribute to the undisputed star of complications with an exclusive new model issued in a limited series of 20 pieces. Featuring an ingenious construction that makes light of established conventions, the model includes a bi-axial flying tourbillon. All the displays are isolated in independent offset sub-dials, with running seconds at nine o'clock, minutes at six o'clock, and hours with day/night indication at two o'clock. The case is partitioned in different levels, with eight sapphire crystals punctuating the glass. The white-gold structure measures 48.5mm in diameter. Powered by a mechanical, hand-wound movement exclusively developed for Harry Winston, *Histoire de Tourbillon 2* showcases a supreme complication in a setting worthy of this watchmaker's stature.

Another elaborate piece comes from TAG Heuer. The first and only mechanical wrist watch to display time to an accuracy of one-thousandth of a second, the *Mikrotimer Flying 1000* from TAG Heuer uses an ultra-high frequency spring to vibrate at 3,600,000 beats per hour, 125 times faster than most chronometers. It uses two different power chains, one to drive the watch during normal operation and one to drive the motion needed for high-speed chronograph timing, and features a combination of hands and dials to provide a clear way to read the chronograph.

Not to be outdone, Patek Philippe's *Triple Complication (Ref 5208P)* is a remarkably complex timepiece, featuring a minute repeater, a monopusher chronograph, and an instantaneous perpetual calendar. The mechanical complexity of the watch necessitates over 700 individual parts — all of which are concealed beneath a characteristically elegant and understated dial.



IWC SPONSORS THE VOLVO OCEAN RACE TEAM

IWC has signed up with the Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority to become the first major sponsor of its Volvo Ocean Race 2011/12 team: the Abu Dhabi Volvo Ocean Race Team. The 39,000 nautical mile round-the-world race begins this October in Alicante, Spain, and ends in Ireland in July 2012, with a total of nine stopovers, including Abu Dhabi in December/January. The race will cover six continents and four oceans.

IWC's CEO, Georges Kern, comments, "For more than 140 years, IWC has epitomised values such as engineering, excellence, perfection, pioneering spirit, quality and passion. We are proud to put these attributes to the test as the Official Timekeeper of the forthcoming Volvo Ocean Race, and to share them with the Abu Dhabi Volvo Ocean Race Team."

Ocean going

The worlds beneath and above the surface of the ocean have long attracted watchmakers. This has resulted in dive watches being designed to plunge to great depths — the likes of Rolex's Submariner, Omega's Seamaster, Blancpain's Fifty Fathoms and Panerai's Radimor — as well as ocean-going regatta special editions (such as Corum's Admirals Cup, the IWC

Portuguese Yacht Club, the Hermès Clipper, and the Breitling Superocean). In the past, almost every brand has jumped on board to add yet another bigger and better piece to its collections, but in 2011 it seems the trend has become more discreet as today we are seeing a return to slimmer, scaled-down timepieces.

KEY TRENDS FOR 2011

This year, ocean-going timepieces were abundant at both the Salon International de la Haute Horlogerie in Geneva, Switzerland, and at the Baselworld watch show. *Time & Tide* selects ten models inspired by the sea



CLASSIQUE HORA MUNDI, BREGUET

Breguet's *Classique Hora Mundi* has the ability to flit between two time zones. It is available in three different models that feature outlines of the Asian, European and American continents. Set it to your chosen two time zones and the hands will alternate to display the time in either region. The watch also synchronises the date and the day and night indicator, and will display a named city from a choice of 24. The 44mm case is made of 18-carat red gold with a hand-engraved case-back, and the watch has an alligator-leather strap.



AVENGER SEAWOLF CHRONO BLACKSTEEL, BREITLING

The Breitling *Avenger Seawolf Chrono Blacksteel* is designed to be used in and around the sea. Water-resistant to more than 900m (3,000ft), the timepiece has magnetic push pieces that enable the chronograph function to be used under water. It is available in a black, carbon-based finish with a black face and luminescent hands and hour markers. There is also a wind rose marked on the bezel for basic navigation.

CHRONOMAT GMT, BREITLING

The latest version of Breitling's iconic aviation watch is the *Chronomat GMT*, which features a chronograph and the ability to move easily between two time zones — simply pull out the crown and turn it forwards or backwards as required. This sizeable watch has a 47mm case, 47 jewels, sapphire crystal and a 70-hour power reserve.



500 FATHOMS GMT, BLANCPAIN

Blancpain's love affair with the water continued at this year's Basel show with a demonstration of the beefed-up underwater legend Fifty Fathoms. The latest, limited edition *500 Fathoms GMT* is guaranteed to be waterproof to over 900m (3,000ft), and features a second time-zone indicator. Its nautical credentials are further enhanced by the automatic winding rotor in the shape of a propeller, and a strap made from sail canvas.



IWC PORTUGUESE YACHT CLUB CHRONOGRAPH, IWC

The Portuguese Yacht Club Chronograph is one of the most famous sailing-inspired watches. Reviewed in last year's *Time & Tide*, the piece was originally produced in 1939 and was the brand's most successful watch through the 1960s and 70s. Today, IWC has revived the Yacht Club model, and the 45.4mm *Portuguese Yacht Club Chronograph* is available in steel or rose gold, with a rubber strap.



YACHTMASTER II, ROLEX

This year at Basel, Rolex announced an update to one of its most famous brands: the Yachtmaster. The Rolex *Yachtmaster II*, in a mixture of steel and yellow gold, is an elegant upgrade to an earlier design classic and is now the largest Rolex the company makes, sporting a 44mm case. It also features a timer for regattas — a chronometer function that allows you to count-down as you get into position for the start of the race.

MAXI MARINE DIVER, ULYSSE NARDIN

Ulysse Nardin is famous for its marine chronometers and its passion for high precision chronometers carries through to its wristwatches, which often have a nautical theme. One of the latest is the *Diver Black Surf*. Guaranteed water-resistant to around 200m (650ft), this limited-edition piece has a rose-gold case fitted with rubber strap that is available with either rose-gold or ceramic links.





RADIOMIR REGATTA 1/8 SECOND, PANERAI

One cannot talk about ocean-going watches without including the *Panerai Radiomir Regatta*. Every year Officine Panerai creates a Special Edition piece for the Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge. Designed for the 2010 Challenge (just 500 pieces were made) the chronograph is precise to an eighth of a second. Ideal for regatta racing, the watch can time two simultaneous events, and features a scale for calculating speed in knots. Available in brushed titanium with a fine polished bezel, the 47mm case is watertight to 10 bars.

LUMINOR SUBMERSIBLE 1950 REGATTA 3 DAYS GMT AUTOMATIC TITANIO — 47MM, PANERAI

For the 2011 edition of the circuit, Officine Panerai created the *Luminor Submersible 1950 Regatta 3 Days GMT Automatic Titanio* — 47mm, a professional diver's watch, water-resistant to 30 atmospheres (about 300m/1,000ft), and fitted with a rotating bezel with a graduated scale for calculating the time in a second time zone. The solid case is made of brushed titanium, and the rotating bezel carries raised dot-shaped titanium markers and black line markings. The blue dial is simple and classic, coated with SuperLumiNova to ensure maximum visibility underwater. As with the 2010 Panerai Radiomir Regatta (see opposite page), the Luminor Submersible 1950 Regatta 3 Days GMT Automatic Titanio is available in a limited edition of just 500 pieces.



ADMIRAL'S CUP BLACK HULL AND THE ADMIRAL'S CUP SEAFENDER 46 CHRONO DIVE, CORUM

A popular piece in the nautical world since it was first launched in the 60s, Corum's Admiral's Cup is instantly recognisable with its large, 12-sided case and naval pennants on the dial. The latest addition to the collection was available in a number of different themes, including the *Black Hull 48 Diamond Chronograph*, of which just ten were made and have now been sold.

Corum has also released the *Admiral's Cup Seafender 46 Chrono Dive* (pictured left). The model introduces the chronograph into the range. Water-resistant to over 270m (900ft) and topped by a 120-toothed unidirectional bezel, the model is made from grade 5 titanium. Its dial is surrounded by an inner bezel ring with the 12 nautical pennants that have contributed to the collection's reputation.

Top five to take



ROYAL OAK OFFSHORE, AUDEMARS PIGUET

Audemars Piguet's Royal Oak Offshore has to be the ultimate playboy watch — perfect for wearing ashore in St Tropez or joining the yachting crowd on Pampelonne Beach. The latest *Offshore Grand Prix* is one of the most radical versions to date (see p74).

SEA DWELLER, ROLEX

The *Sea Dweller* by Rolex has to be one of the ultimate beach watches. Produced in 2008 for the 50th anniversary of the Italian State Police Divers Unit, so naturally water-resistant, only 78 pieces were made, making it one of the rarest pieces Rolex has ever produced.



FORMULA 1, TAG HEUER

This is the workhorse of the watch world. Looks great, lasts forever and is great value. One of the most popular watches on the market, Tag Heuer's Formula 1 has been released this year in a number of new editions, including military colours, the *Calibre S Chronograph* (pictured), the *Grande Date Watch Gulf Edition*, and the *Orange Indexes*.



on board

KING POWER TOURBILLON AYRTON SENNA, HUBLLOT

The commemorative *Hublot King Power Ayrton Senna* edition was launched in memory of the driver on what would have been his 50th birthday. Proceeds from the 500 limited editions go to a charitable foundation set up in Senna's name. The ceramic bezel has multiple holes representing a disc brake, and the strap is the same fibre as a Formula 1 driver's flame-retardant suit.



SEAMASTER PLANET OCEAN CHRONOGRAPH, OMEGA

A watch for the adventurous James Bond type, the Omega Seamaster is a design classic. Having defined naval style for decades, the latest edition in the Seamaster line does not disappoint. This solid, impressively engineered timepiece features a new watch movement and ceramic bezel, and has been engineered to meet the needs of divers. Omega's *Seamaster Planet Ocean* is water-resistant to around 600m (2,000ft), a depth at which you would implode, and is ideal for messing about in the water and on the beach thanks to its chunky case and rubber strap.



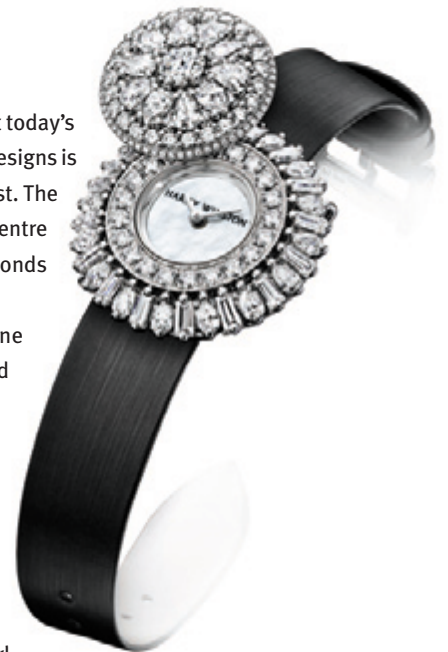
Ladies timepieces

Recent collections have seen more and more precious gems finding their way into the finest timepieces. This year saw several brands introducing a new generation of ladies' watches that combine elegance with technical advancement. Some of the trends that have been successful to date are simply evolutions of existing models, others are new, but one thing that stands out is that the complications seem to be getting more and more complex every year.

JEWELS THAT TELL TIME

Ladies timepieces were once just a piece of fine jewellery, but today's collections show that the technology behind the intricate designs is as impressive as the variety of precious stones they boast. The *Rosebud* by Harry Winston is one such example. At its centre is a diamond surrounded by a corolla of pear-cut diamonds that pivot to reveal a mother-of-pearl dial.

Van Cleef & Arpels High Jewellery timepieces are fine pieces of jewellery set with diamonds, rubies, sapphires and emeralds. Part of the Van Cleef & Arpels collection that has been a speciality of the house since the 1920s, the latest in the offering is the *High Jewellery Timepiece makis décor*, which closes the brand's voyage into the jungle. The elegant design of the white-gold jewellery bracelet is based on a jungle scene, with two wide-eyed cavorting makis monkeys clinging to looping foliage and exotic flowers made of diamonds, blue and white sapphires and onyx. The central flower is mobile and protects the mother-of-pearl dial and the case, which is white gold set with diamonds.



THE WHITE CHOICE

A number of collections include white this year, making it this year's go-to neutral colour. The new *Arceau Chrono Colors* collection from Hermès includes a white version with saddle stitching and soft, white Epsom calfskin straps to honour the company's tradition of leather craftsmanship. The three counters and date are harmoniously arranged on the dial framed by a 43mm-diameter steel case. The chronograph hands and the seconds at three o'clock discreetly display the signature Hermès orange.

The *Cat's Eye* collection from Girard-Perregaux marries feminine curves with precious mechanisms. This year the manufacture introduced a new facet to the collection that follows the Cat's Eye's form, but is housed in a gold case with an intricately worked dial in white mother of pearl. The date is illuminated by a halo, and the small second is situated at nine o'clock and enhanced by a ray motif on the dial. Each of the hour indexes is a precious stone, with numerals in gold wire.



DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

Whether they're dressing up the cases, dials, buckles, straps or, in some cases, the entire watch, diamonds are a hot trend for a number of new collections

PIAGET'S LIMELIGHT TONNEAU

This sparkling new addition to the *Limelight Garden Party* collection features the watch masters 526P movement housed in a classic tonneau shape. Baguette-cut diamonds line the bezel, while a further 542 brilliant-cut 8ct diamonds are embedded into the onyx dial alongside white-gold counters.

RAYMOND WEIL WOMEN'S PARSIFAL IN 18CT YELLOW GOLD

Within the re-launched *Parsifal* collection from Raymond Weil are a number of ladies' timepieces, including the 18ct yellow-gold Parsifal. Equipped with date function and water-resistant to more than 90m (300ft), the steel and yellow-gold timepiece comes with a diamond casing and mother-of-pearl dial.

DE GRISOGONO'S BLACK FOREVER OCCHIO

de Grisogono is celebrating 15 years of the Black Diamond. The rare, high-quality black diamonds used in the model have become de Grisogono's emblem and have adorned the wrists of Hollywood elite on the red carpet. The latest model is the *Black Forever Occhio*. Limited to just five pieces, the model is 18ct white-gold with a matt black coating, and is set with 167 black diamonds. The titanium dial features Arabic numerals in silvered script and the hands are 18ct white gold. The strap is black alligator, with an 18ct matt-blackened white-gold buckle.

CHOPARD'S IMPERIALE FULL SET

The *Imperiale Full Set* is the first watch from Chopard to house a movement entirely developed and produced in the Fleurier Ebauches workshops. The piece beats at a frequency of 28,800 vibrations per hour while the barrel ensures a 60-hour power reserve. The 40mm case in 18ct white or rose gold is covered with diamonds, including diamond-set dials. A piece of genuine haute horlogerie and haute joaillerie.

LIMITED EDITIONS

Limited-edition and one-of-a-kind designs have never shone more brightly than they have in the 2011 collections. One that particularly stands out is the *Talisman Suntime Riviera* from De Beers. With such a name, this jewellery watch must have been designed with yachting in mind, although it is more suited to sundowners on deck than helming, with its 357 baguette-cut diamonds set in a white-gold case. Instead of conventional hands, the watch indicates the time with a pair of hour markers around the outside of the bezel. Just one has been made, so this really is an exclusive timepiece.



Only Watch

Under the High Patronage of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, 40 of the most prestigious Swiss watch manufacturers will auction exclusive timepieces for the fourth biennial of the Only Watch Auction this September

Organised by the Association Monégasque contre les Myopathies (AMM) the Only Watch auction collects funds to support long-term, in-depth research into Duchenne muscular dystrophy. The auction will take place on the 22 September during the Monaco Yacht Show. The collection has been showcased around the world prior to the Monaco event and the tour finishes with a two-day exhibition at the Monaco Yacht Show, culminating with the auction by Antiquorum Auctioneers, who will brandish the hammer at the Hotel Hermitage at 4pm on the 22 September.

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Hidden depths and ancient lands

the red sea

The biblical landscapes and remarkable underwater worlds around and beyond the Gulf of Aqaba make for an unusual and enchanting charter at the northern tip of the Red Sea

By Kate Rigby

Catch the sunset over the Gulf of Aqaba at just the right moment and you get a gist of why the Red Sea is so aptly named. As the sun catches on the scarlet mountains towering either side of this ten-mile wide stretch of water, the sea simmers deep red with their reflection.

At the very heart of the world, the Red Sea promises an intriguing charter. It has the inviting waters, sandy beaches and

diving appeal of the Caribbean, along with the cultural and historical allure of the Mediterranean. There are near-deserted islands and fascinating offshore reefs to explore, calm bays for watersports and bustling markets as vibrant with local character as they are with exotic spices and jewels. Cruising from Aqaba in Jordan down the Gulf of Aqaba, which slithers between Egypt and Saudi Arabia, the route is edged with vast deserts and mountain landscapes, the climate remains favourable year-round, and the welcome of the locals is equally warm.

An ardent fan of the region's charms is Hani Jabsheh, owner of the 43m (141'8) Hana, launched in 2008 from the CRN yard in Italy. "At the time [of Hana's launch] we were familiar with Jordanian waters and the Gulf of Aqaba but we knew little about the cruising conditions," Jabsheh explains. "For the past two winters we have been able to explore on board Hana, and we have been very pleasantly surprised by what we've discovered."

Hana's winter berth is at the Tala Bay Marina in Aqaba — an ideal place to begin a cruise of the area. You can fly into King Hussein International Airport, just a few miles away, and stay at one of several five star hotels, including the Radisson Blu Tala Bay Resort or the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Tala Bay Aqaba. If you have time to extend your break a few days, many of the highlights →



SPECIFICATIONS

LENGTH	43m (141'8)
BEAM	8.65m (28'3)
DRAFT	2.3m (7'5)
BUILDER	CRN
YEAR	2008
GUESTS	10
CREW	9
CRUISING AREA	Mediterranean (summer); Red Sea (winter)
PRICES FROM	€135,000/week





of Jordan are easily accessible by car. You can follow in the footsteps of Moses on Mount Nebo as you gaze towards Bethlehem and Jerusalem; visit Madaba, city of mosaics; speed over the haunting landscapes of Wadi Rum, where Lawrence of Arabia based his headquarters during the First World War; or discover the world-famous Petra — the lost city carved into rock by the Nabataeans more than 2,000 years ago. It is now a Unesco World Heritage site and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.

Exploring the gulf

Hana awaits in Tala Bay Marina, from where you leave the historic shore-based wonders of Jordan behind and drift into the Gulf of Aqaba, flanked by Saudi Arabia to port and the Sinai Peninsula to starboard at the northern tip of the Red Sea. From here, there are numerous highlights to absorb en route as your cruise takes you southwards.

Nuweiba is one such attraction. This coastal town in the eastern region of the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt is thought to be the site where the ancient Israelites crossed the Red Sea in biblical times. Its beaches still remain a draw, so you can step ashore to sunbathe and have a leisurely cocktail at the Hilton Nuweiba Coral Resort, or arrange a day trip to Petra if you didn't visit this genuine wonder while in Aqaba. Alternatively, head to Saint Catherine's Monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai. Now a Unesco World Heritage Site, this is believed to be where God spoke to Moses from the burning bush. It also contains priceless works of art and a vast collection of magnificent manuscripts.

While enthusiasts of both culture and history will be in their element during this cruise, diving fans can spend days exploring the wonders beneath the waterline. Ras El Shetan (Devil's Head) is one of the best-known sites in the region, and is a place where you can encounter hard corals, octopus, puffer fish, moon groupers, lemon goby and the blue-green puller.

Ras Mamlach in the Abu Galum National Park is another highlight. The reef has a beautiful coral garden where barracuda, jackfish, groupers, striking rock formations, coral gardens, emperor fish, crocodile fish, turtles and puffer fish abound. Dive deep enough and moon-like formations will enchant you.

Also on your cruise route, the small town of Dahab, formerly a Bedouin fishing village, is one of the world's most respected diving areas — particularly thanks to its canyons and Blue Hole, where you can spot a wealth of unusual fish.

If you fancy a trip further south, many miles offshore are the Brother Islands (considered to be one of the top three shark-diving sites in the world). These two pinnacles of undersea rocks rise out of the Gulf about 60 miles offshore. Part of the Marine Park Islands National Park, they offer stunning wall diving, soft corals, gorgonians, tuna, barracuda, snappers, jack fish, hammerheads and even white-tip sharks. Wreck divers, meanwhile, should take advantage of the opportunity to delve down to see the 82m (270') Aida II, which sank in 1957, and the cargo ship Numidia, which sank in 1901. You can also explore what is arguably one of the best wreck dives in the world →

Opposite page: the 43m (141'8) Hana
Above, clockwise from left: Saint Catherine's Monastery; exploring the Red Sea; the waterfront of Dahab



Above: striking landscapes abound in this part of the world
Opposite page, clockwise from top left: the waters of the Red Sea are clear and inviting; step ashore to explore exotic communities and deserted beaches

nearer to Sharm El Sheikh — SS Thistlegorm, discovered in the fifties by Jacques Cousteau.

While divers explore the underwater world, the rest of your charter party can make the most of Hana's attributes. Accommodating 10 guests, she features a full-beam owner's stateroom on the main deck, complete with a private terrace and balcony. Other highlights include an on-board 'beach' area for the ultimate in private sunbathing, and a gym for more active guests. "Charters are a very relaxed affair," confirms her owner, who considers running into the locals and other divers one of the most appealing aspects of a cruise in this region. "As chaotic as the Egyptians are, they are some of the most hospitable and friendly people on earth. They have always genuinely welcomed us."

Venturing further from the Gulf of Aqaba, why not consider a stop at Zabargad island, about 75 miles south of Marsa Alam just north of the Sudanese border, where there is an international airport. The island is uninhabited and you'll most likely not see another boat for miles around. While not a classically pretty spot, it has a certain appeal.

"Zabargad is the farthest south we have ever been," says Jabsheh. "I could not believe the colours I saw in the ultra-clear water. I have been to the Caribbean and lazed around in its turquoise waters and soft sands, but this really was something else. On one cruise we took the tender and jet skis across to the lagoon for a day on the beach. It was bliss. The sand was like nothing I have ever experienced; the clear air and contrasting colours of the sea and land stunned the senses; the temperature of both the sea and air was perfect, and our picnic

— washed down with some delightful Domaines Ott rosé — was all one could ask for."

Towards the open sea

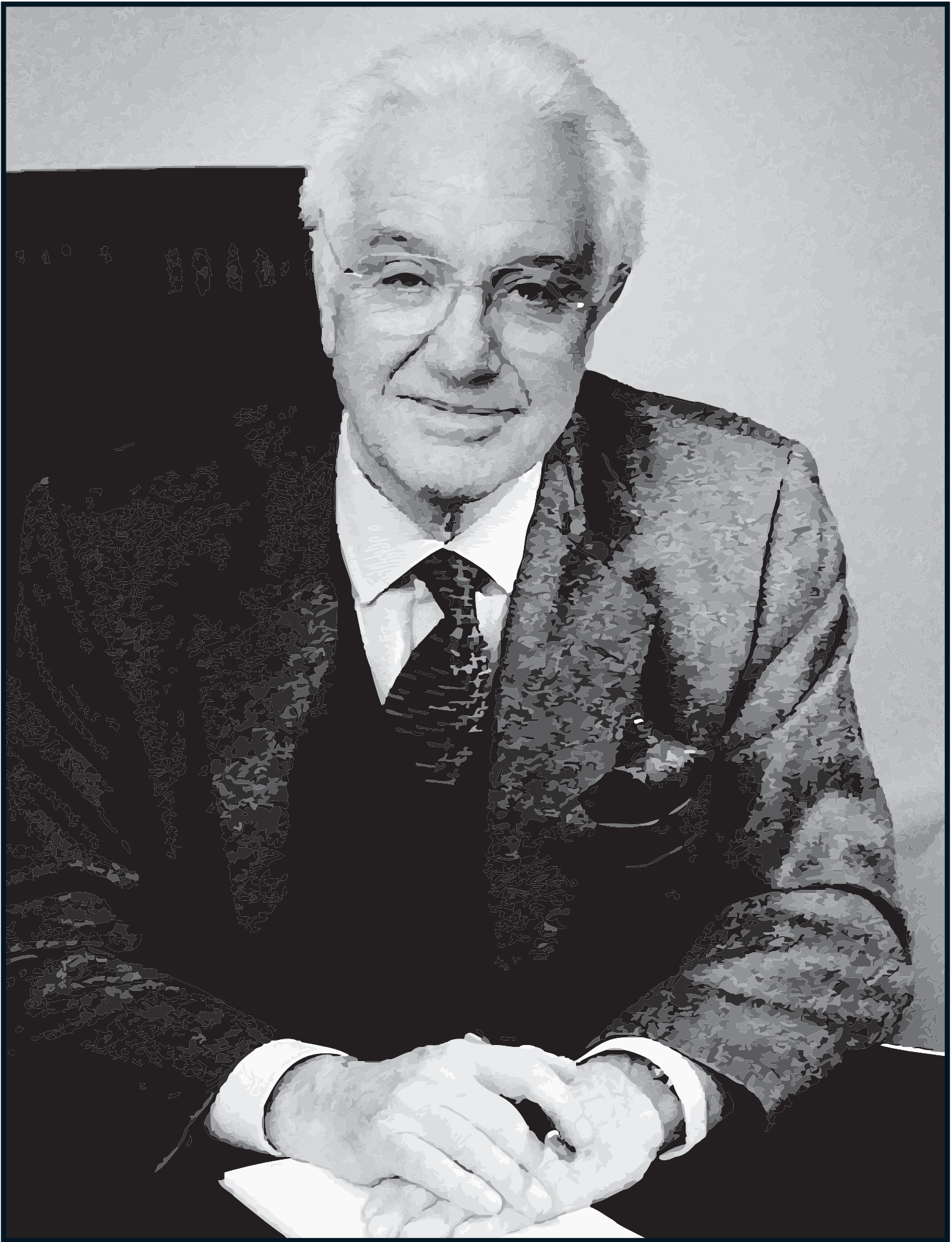
As Hana guides you down the Gulf, and further south towards the Tropic of Cancer, with regular stops for diving, swimming, picnics and trips ashore, you can appreciate the leisurely pace of life and will have plenty of time to lounge on the deck being waited on hand and foot while reading up on the history of this fascinating part of the world, or simply dozing in the sunshine.

One place you should allow to disturb your reverie is Nabq. Its coastline is fringed with mangrove forests, and its coral reefs are extraordinarily rich. Step ashore to explore the fascinating lagoons, or climb aboard a camel to venture into the desert. Ras Mohammed — a marine and terrestrial park surrounded by stunning, world-famous coral reefs — is also a beautiful spot to visit with more than 1,000 species of tropical fish.

Finally, your cruise can deliver you to the very southern tip of Sinai at Sharm El Sheikh, or nearby Naama Bay. Sharm is the place that made the Red Sea famous for diving, so you can squeeze in a final dive to see the remarkable corals, marine flora and fish, or simply relax on the white sandy beaches. Enjoy a final meal aboard Hana, before venturing ashore to sample the nightclubs and casinos in this lively region. The following day, your crew will transport you to the Sharm El Sheikh International Airport, leaving behind the natural, cultural and biblical wonders of the intriguing Gulf of Aqaba and the Red Sea. ■

Hana is available for sale. For information, contact CNI broker Simon Goldsworthy at sg@lon.cnyachts.com





CNI focus Founding Force

George Nicholson established CNI on behalf of Camper and Nicholsons Ltd in 1961. After a few years taking a back seat in the company, he recently resumed a more active role. Here, he relives the past and predicts the future

What does your new role at CNI mean for you and the company?

The Rodriguez Group, which incorporates CNI, recently restructured its management in a manner better suited to a public company. I am happy to be on the CNI board and plan to help put in place a new management team. Times have changed and companies today need to be more proactive and geared to the modern business climate, as well as making the most of the internet. It's also crucial to keep a close eye on emerging countries, such as Brazil, Russia, India, China and other Asian markets. We will be looking at joint ventures and franchises, as well as wholly owned offices. CNI was the first yacht broker to have a website. We have lost some of our innovation since those days, but I anticipate we will soon be back at the top.

Is the industry completely different nowadays, or is there still a similar vibe?

I have seen many changes over the years. When we started in 1960 there were no private harbours and such 'superyachts' as there were (either built before the war or smaller warship conversions) were all in Cannes or Monaco. The old Roman port of Antibes was tiny and Monaco did not have its sea wall — it was a bad place to be in winter.

The industry is very different now. The number of superyachts is increasing all the time and the widespread, high-quality infrastructure is just about keeping pace with the number of yachts. One concern is the pressure on the infrastructure in the western Mediterranean, but with development in the eastern Mediterranean the load can be spread. This also applies to the Adriatic, where the new Porto Montenegro marina will have a big impact.

The vibe is still there. People are passionate about yachts. The increase in the number of large sail boats is nice to see; the notion that they are greener probably helps. Today's round-the-world racing is remarkable, and now that the America's Cup has switched to dramatic multihulls it's bound to widen the scope for really high-performance sailing.



Above: Porto Montenegro
Left: George Nicholson

The proliferation of large power boats is what has driven the business end of the large yacht industry. This is where most of the money is, in both building and charter. Since the early 1960s, when Jon Bannenberg was just about the only designer dragging yacht construction into the modern era, there has been a proliferation of talented designers. What is surprising is that in the power-boat world the interior architects are now better known than the naval architects. This is not so apparent in the sailing yacht world. The challenge lies in the ability of the top yards to design, build and deliver these ever-more sophisticated yachts, and to find highly talented subcontractors to deliver the requirements of the owners and their architects. →

The real challenge lies in the ability of the top yards to design, build and deliver these ever-more sophisticated yachts

What is most surprising about the changes in the yachting world?

The number of megayachts is amazing. To be in the top hundred largest yachts today, a yacht has to be over 72.5m (238'): huge! The values are vast, too. Charter has truly come of age. Not just because of the quantity, quality and worldwide spread of yachts, but because of the professionalism of crew, which has improved dramatically. This has been driven by the highly competitive yacht charter industry and the mandatory crew qualifications that go with commercial yacht registration, such as MCA and ISM. I am quite sure that many yacht owners are far better served on their yachts than in their homes.

How do the best things about the industry 40 years ago compare with the best things today?

I like the old-fashioned word allure. Manners were different when we started out and it was possible to do deals on a handshake. Today we are surrounded by all types of legal advisors, even for the simplest tasks. I do not remember having to pass a brokerage deal or a new build contract through lawyers until the mid 1980s.

On-board luxury and safety have come on in leaps and bounds since the early post Second World War days but today's large yachts are not comparable with the classics of yesteryear. There is a lovely feel and 'allure' about classic yachts, and it's nice to know that these older boats are still good at sea even if the stabilizers fail. They were built to be dependable sea boats before stabilizers were invented.

In your opinion, what are the most groundbreaking yachts to have launched in the past 10 years?

I think the most significant advances in naval architecture and build techniques have been made in sailing yachts. The hulls, rigs and materials used in a wide variety of sailing yachts puts power-boat development in the shade. I

do not think that size alone is necessarily ground-breaking. As a rule, size usually makes problems easier to solve, albeit more costly. Maltese Falcon's rig is extraordinary. But will this rig be adopted by many others? That is surely the true test of success.

I thought that ECO would be ground-breaking, but the foil that kept her on an almost even fore and aft trim from zero to 35 knots has not been adopted by others. One still sees yachts with planing hulls with their bows up in the air pushing mountains of water in front of them and leaving tons of inefficiently burned fuel behind. I would enjoy a round-table discussion with leading designers, Espen Oeino and Philippe Briand, among many others, to hear their views on what they think has been truly ground-breaking.

CNI has long been at the top of its field — to what do you attribute its success?

It takes a long time to build a lasting brand. CNI can thank my ancestors for that. In spite of the trade unions being largely responsible for the closure of the big yacht-building yard in Southampton in 1975, the smaller historic Gosport yard kept going until about 2000. A lot of boats were produced and the quality was such that most are still afloat. The closure of the Southampton yard freed up CNI to place orders in other yards. The rest is history. When the Southampton yard closed we thought it would be prudent to have a sales office in London as the UK was, and still is, a major yacht-owning country. Our presence in Palma was the result of the Club de Mar being opened. This was the first private yacht harbour in Spain and was an immediate success. An office in Palma seemed a good fit. At the time few Spanish owners put their yachts under the Spanish flag. Our office helped buyers overcome these problems. Our US offices came later.

What memories from your yachting background stand out as being particularly special?

I had terrific times on ECO. Crossing the Atlantic using the gas turbine, and refuelling from our own bunkering tanker mid Atlantic was really special. So was sailing from Sydney to Hobart, and then on to Chile and the Antarctic on board Adix.

Signing the book at Cape Horn is also one of my most significant memories. With hindsight, winning the Burton Trophy in 3.6m (12') National Dinghies and crewing for my brother Peter in 1958 in awful weather in the UK, have to be among my top sailing achievements. My brother Peter is a brilliant helmsman. I think it was the thought of a nice hot bath followed by succulent roast grouse at the end of a day's sailing that kept us going for the week.

I was the founding commodore of the Gstaad Yacht Club (GYC) and am delighted to be involved with some exciting times ahead for the club. This year the GYC, together with the organisers of Les Voiles de St Tropez, are organising the Centenary Challenge. Out of the 30 or so yachts that have been identified as eligible, eight are Camper & Nicholson's builds. The GYC is also active in the 2012 sailing Olympics, and I hope that our Star boat, and Laser Radial, will make the Swiss team for the Olympics. Exciting times for our mountain yacht club.

I also sail a Tofinou 9.5m (31') when I'm on holiday in Greece. This is the perfect small boat — good as a single-hander or for four people; I love it. ■

Opposite page, clockwise from top:
Eco; Adix; Maltese Falcon





THE RACE IS ON

regattas

Sailing yacht regattas pepper the globe and unite the yachting community.

Ellie Brade reviews some of the key events to note on your calendar

No matter how big or how elaborate a motoryacht might be, there is one thing that sailing yacht owners have that motoryacht owners don't: regattas. Superyacht sailing regattas have increasingly gained in popularity over the years, featuring more and more frequently on the yacht owner's schedule. Little wonder as they are the ultimate way to enjoy a sailing yacht — racing against other like-minded owners in some of the most inspiring surroundings in the world.

The sailing yacht fraternity is known for its enthusiasm and sense of community. These qualities come to the fore

in regattas to create hugely enjoyable events with atmospheres that are second to none. [sea&i](#) reports on some of the best events worldwide.

BUCKET REGATTAS

The Bucket regattas celebrated their 25th anniversary this year, highlighting their continuing popularity. The St Barth's Bucket, hosted by the Caribbean island of St Barthélemy, welcomes record numbers to its fleet each year. In March 2011, the 25th anniversary event saw the biggest ever fleet of 40 yachts taking part. The small town of Gustavia was transformed into a racing village as



superyacht owners, their guests and crew members descended upon the island for three days of racing. St Barth's is not the only host of Bucket regattas; the sister regatta, the Newport Bucket, takes place annually in August in Newport, Rhode Island. Fun is the main item on the agenda and organisers are keen to stress that this will always remain the key focus. www.bucketregattas.com

LES VOILES DE ST BARTH

Les Voiles de St Barth is also hosted from the idyllic island of St Barth's, and planning for the third edition — due to take place on 2 to 7 April, 2012 — is well under way. The 2011 event saw four days of racing, with 48 yachts participating across five classes. Notable participants in the 2011 event included Rambler, Sojana and Highland Breeze. Organisers are confident that the enjoyment of those who attended the 2011 event will guarantee similar success for next year's regatta.

www.lesvoilesdesaintbarth.com

PANERAI CLASSIC YACHTS CHALLENGE

Antigua Classic Week is the first in a series of regattas that form the Panerai Classic Yacht Challenge. The regattas, which take place from mid April through to the end of September, take place on both sides of the Atlantic, from the Caribbean to the Mediterranean, the waters of the Solent (UK) and those of New England on the East Coast of the United States of America. The Challenge is the leading international regatta circuit reserved for classic and vintage yachts, and more than 500 classic sailboats are involved. www.panerai.com

LORO PIANA SUPERYACHT REGATTA

First held in 2008, the Loro Piano Superyacht Regatta, hosted by Boat International Media Group in collaboration with the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda and Loro Piana, opens the Mediterranean racing season. Hosted in Porto Cervo, Sardinia, the event follows a semi-pursuit format, with yachts →

Clockwise, from top left: Superyacht Cup 2011; Maltese Falcon; the Millennium Cup; Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta



Regattas are the ultimate way to enjoy a sailing yacht — racing against other like-minded owners in some of the most inspiring surroundings in the world

departing at three-minute intervals. Unlike the Bucket and Superyacht Cup events, handicaps are added after racing is complete. Five races over five days combine with a busy après-race social schedule. www.loropianasuperyachtregatta.com

SUPERYACHT CUP

The Superyacht Cup team, part of The Informa Yacht Group, organises a series of regattas around the world for yachts of 26 metres (85 feet) and above. The fun regattas are raced

across two categories. Destinations for the event have included Palma de Mallorca and Antigua. Next year will see Superyacht Cup regattas in Palma on 20 to 23 June, and in Cowes, Isle of Wight, on 22 to 25 July. www.thesuperyachtcup.com

MILLENNIUM CUP

First held in 2000 (as one might guess from the name), the Millennium Cup, held off Auckland, New Zealand, is now an annual fixture and its organisers intend to make this the pre-



mier superyacht regatta in the South Pacific. The event features a variety of harbour and passage races. Motoryachts are also welcome, with the schedule including a motoryacht race around a set course. The 2012 edition of the Millennium Cup, held from 15 to 18 February, will conveniently tie in with Auckland's Volvo Ocean Race Stopover from 8 to 18 March 2012. www.millenniumcup.com

THE 2012 REGATTA SERIES

Next year's busy regatta schedule will include a series of races in the UK, to coincide with the London Olympics. Events will kick off in May with the Rum Race, where participants take part in races from Falmouth in Antigua to Falmouth in the UK. This will be followed by the Westward Cup, held in Cowes, Isle of Wight, from 11 to 19 June. A J-Class regatta will then be hosted in Falmouth, UK from the 26 to 30 June, followed by the third edition of the Pendenis Cup, also in Falmouth, UK, from 2 to 7 July.

A second J-Class Regatta (www.superyachtuk.com) will be hosted in Cowes between the 16 and 21 July.

Other regattas worth a mention include a number of builder and designer-specific events. For example, The Dubois Cup (www.duboiscup.com) is a regatta for owners of Dubois-designed yachts, and precedes the Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta, while the Perini Navi Cup (www.perininavi.it/it/perininavi-cup) is created exclusively for the Perini Navi fleet. The 2011 edition, held in September, will welcome 20 yachts from Perini's 50-strong fleet to participate in three days of racing. This year also saw the inaugural Nespresso Cup, a regatta designed for the Wally Yachts fleet.

This is just an overview of the many superyacht regattas around the world, but one thing is certain — the range of events means that there is a regatta for everyone. ■

To charter a yacht for a regatta, speak to your CNI charter broker, see page 6

Above, from left:
the Millennium
Cup; Loro Piana
Superyacht Regatta



MARKET PLACE ^{index} INTRODUCTION

The fourth edition of CNI's (*super*) *Yachting Index*, released in August, looks back at the year 2010. The Index reports positive market conditions and figures, which, for the most part, are heading back to the figures witnessed in 2007.

BROKERAGE AND CHARTER

The global superyacht industry was worth US\$13.63 billion in 2009 – the figure in 2010 stood at US\$15.12 billion, up by just under US\$1.5 billion. The main challenge in both the pre-owned sales market and the charter market continues to be the availability of yachts – the high inventory of the global fleet has increased by over 50% since 2007.

In 2010, 33% more superyachts were available for sale compared to the crisis times of 2008 and 2009. On the charter side of business, the number of units available continues to significantly increase as more owners look for revenue to support costs. As a result of this influx the charter market is currently operating under very competitive conditions.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

In 2009 there was a decrease of 18% in both the number of new superyachts, as well as the total length of all completed supery-

achts. While the number of new completions in 2010 was still down by 8.5% to 195 vessels, the total length of all completions was only down to 8,649m (28,375'). Italy remains the major force in superyacht construction with a 33% market share (based on total length of all completions). Interestingly, over the last four years the top five countries (Italy, Netherlands, Turkey, Germany and the United States) have been responsible for approximately 80% of all completions.

The Index also reports an increase of 27% in new orders, climbing from 90 new contracts in 2009 to 114 new contracts in 2010. Despite this increase it will not be sufficient for all shipyards in the industry to survive. In the past two years approximately 100 shipyards delivered new superyachts, and 57 shipyards in 2009 and 66 in 2010 signed these new orders. Even though times in the superyacht building industry have been difficult, many shipyards still have orders and the majority of shipyards that did go into liquidation have been taken over by →



financially stronger companies. Thanks to these acquisitions, money is still invested in shipyards and the construction of new superyachts. Although this is a positive sign, we are not out of the woods yet; with most of the pre-crisis contracts (contracts before mid-2008) delivered or on the verge of delivery, it is going to be a decisive period for shipyards without any new orders and without the financial capacity to start a project on speculation.

NEW MARKETS

This year the *(Super) Yachting Index* also compared the regions from which superyacht owners hail, using data compiled by the Forbes Billionaires List. It is interesting to note that 25.4% of the world's billionaires come from Asia, while clients own only 4.5% of all superyachts delivered in the last three years from Asia. This leaves room for growth in the Asian market.

CONCLUSION AND OUTLOOK

The global superyacht business significantly increased in 2010. New build orders were up by 27%, and the pre-owned brokerage business saw a 24% increase in the number of yachts sold. This did, however, have a knock-on effect on the charter mar-

ket, which saw a decrease in charter bookings of 9% from 2009, due to the number of yachts available compared to demand.

There are now even more yachts on the high seas (5,742 yachts reported in 2010 which is a 51.9% increase over 2007 figures), and therefore almost all yachting services experience improved business performance in 2010, compared to 2009.

The trends and rules have changed and the market has learnt a great deal from the crisis. There are more superyachts available to purchase and therefore more choice for buyers; in 2007 only 27% of the superyacht fleet was available for sale, in 2010 this had risen to 32%.

Presuming the industry doesn't experience another crisis, though many threats still remain and the situation is still relatively unstable, we expect a decent increase in brokerage business, but not to the same levels as experienced in 2010. Charter business should, by all accounts, follow the same trend with the emerging markets coming progressively into yachting. New construction remains a difficult market to predict as there is such a varied choice of yachts available to purchase at reasonable prices. We will, no doubt, see some spectacular new orders making a big splash. ■





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Describe your ideal holiday

It would be somewhere I feel totally free, such as at sea. Whenever I am on a yacht I get a sense of complete unbridled freedom that I have yet to experience on any other type of holiday.

Where is your favourite place to escape to?

My house in Saint Moritz. I head there with my family during the winter. It's a fantastic bolthole where I can completely unwind.

What do you usually do for your summer holiday?

I gather together my family and we sail on our yacht, exploring the beautiful Mediterranean coastlines of countries such as Turkey, Greece, Sardinia and Corsica.

What do you look for in a holiday destination?

I love small islands and quiet resorts — peaceful places where I can enjoy silence and the simple pleasures of life, such as swimming in crystal-clear waters.

Where would you most recommend the discerning traveller to visit?

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Do you relax on holiday or try to jam in as much as possible?

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Pier Luigi Loro Piana, chief executive of luxury Italian clothing company Loro Piana, outlines his travel essentials



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