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EVENT Support grows for 1st Future of Yacht Chartering conference

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This year's event will be held at Barcelona's OneOcean Port Vell in October

Support for the upcoming Future of Yacht Chartering conference in Barcelona, Spain is said to be growing, with the Barcelona Nautical Cluster and IBI's sister title, *Superyacht Business*, officially backing this year's event.

The conference will be held at OneOcean Port Vell on October 11, 2016, and is a must-attend event for marinas operators, charter brokers, superyacht managers, lawyers, regulatory authorities, yacht registries, captains, industry associations and anyone with a vested interest in the growth of yacht chartering in Spain and other destinations.

"There are still a lot of issues to discuss in connection with yacht chartering in Spain and further afield," explains Lorna Titley, director of Quaynote Communications, which is producing the event. "The conference will discuss what needs to be done to ensure the best experience for charterers, with a particular focus on the service offered by marinas and local tourism; what to do when the demand for yachts outstrips supply; the process of applying for a charter licence, as well as a look at which chartering destinations are set to be the must-see hot-spots of tomorrow."

According to Spanish marine industry association ANEN, the local charter market grew by around 38.3% in 2015 following changes to the country's matriculation tax. AEGY, the Spanish association of superyachts, also reported an increase in the number of 24m-plus yachts registered for charter, from 52 in 2014 to 86 in 2015.

"As opportunities emerge, so do new challenges, with port state control, the customs code and taxation issues raising concern amongst many industry players," says

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Quaynote in a statement. "As charter brokers, managers, corporate service providers and others seek clarification of regulatory changes, a new one-day conference will put the chartering, marinas and destinations under the spotlight.

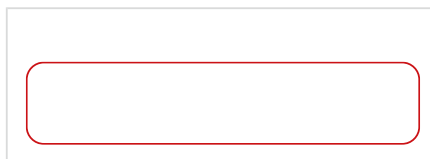
The 1st Future of Yacht Chartering conference will be chaired by Pat Bullock of Network Marine Consultants. Official sponsors and exhibitors include OneOcean Port Vell, whose general manager, Paul Cook, will also be presenting, and local tax experts TaxMarine.

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