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Gib Port and Maritime Administration attend Cannes and London boat-shows

The Gibraltar Maritime Administration will be taking part in this year's edition of the prestigious Cannes Yachting Festival (September 9-14 2014) – one of the leading international events of the nautical calendar in Europe.

The festival which brings together some of the most prominent maritime companies in the industry, has long been established as a global showcase for the presentation and promotion of a wide diversity of yachting products and services.

It will also provide an excellent opportunity for the GMA to carry out networking activities in the French Riviera, to expand business relationships and forge new contacts with key players in the sector.

Gibraltar will be represented by a delegation led by Maritime Administrator Richard Montado and the Registrar of Yachts Diana Soussi Avellano, the Gibraltar Port Authority and five private companies: Gib Oil, Allabroad Sailing Academy, Ibex Insurance, Register a Yacht and World Marine Services.

Also present will be the Captain of the Port, Commodore Bob Sanguinetti.

Mr Montado declared that this will be the first time the GMA is participating at an international event as exhibitors.

He said: "At our stand we will also have co-exhibitors representing Gibraltar's maritime industry, where we will be able to provide expert advice and a general overview of Gibraltar's facilities for yachts and its owners."

As their presence will coincide with Gibraltar National Day on September 10th, the local delegation will be having its own celebrations including drinks for VIP guests and the release of some red and white balloons at 12 midday.

On September 12th, the Gibraltar contingent will be hosting a party for High Net Worth Individuals and industry VIP's, followed by a briefing on the Gibraltar Maritime Register, the services it offers and new developments and upcoming projects.

Minister for Tourism, Commercial Affairs, Public Transport and the Port Neil Costa MP, welcomed Gibraltar's participation at this exclusive event renowned for its world-wide premieres.

He said: "The Gibraltar Government is keen to give maximum exposure to our nautical industry, to our privileged geographical location and the sterling work carried out by the Gibraltar Maritime Administration and Gibraltar Port Authority. Promoting the port and the professional services available to yacht owners at such a distinguished event is in keeping with our proactive marketing strategy to further enhance the Rock's growing reputation in this field."

Prior to attendance at the Cannes event, Mr Montado accompanied by the Captain of the Port, Commodore Bob Sanguinetti, will be travelling to the London International Shipping Week that is held every year in the British capital. This is one of the most important events for the global shipping community, bringing together Government ministers, ship owners, operator and leading stakeholders in the industry.

Messrs Montado and Sanguinetti will take advantage of their presence in London to meet senior members of the international maritime trade to further promote Gibraltar as a major business centre for port related activities.