



Karpaz Gate Marina in North Cyprus

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## Karpaz Gate Marina Announces 'Back2Boating' Packages as North Cyprus Opens its Borders

*Award-winning marina offers safe berthing outside the EU for British boat owners impacted by post-Brexit rules including the Schengen 90-day limit and VAT liability for returning boats*

Karpaz Gate Marina has announced special berthing packages to welcome UK boat owners to the spectacular shores of North Cyprus as the region opens its borders with new entry requirements for international visitors.

Effective from 3<sup>rd</sup> June, the travel criteria allow quarantine-free entry to North Cyprus from low-risk (green, orange and yellow) countries, with no test requirements for vaccinated visitors from the lowest risk areas. The status of each country will be updated on a weekly basis by the Ministry of Health and will be posted weekly on the Karpaz Gate Marina [website](#).

The UK is currently rated as 'Orange', which means vaccinated visitors from the country are not required to quarantine or take a test after arrival. A negative PCR test is required within 72 hours before the flight.

Award-winning Karpaz Gate Marina is introducing its 'Back2Boating' campaign to attract new clients and returning berth holders over the summer and beyond, offering the perfect berthing solution as a safe, hassle-free and peaceful home port for owners seeking to escape the crowds.

For UK boat owners seeking a new base due to post-Brexit rules, the marina is a well-placed haven, close to expansive Mediterranean cruising grounds but outside the EU. The European cruising plans of many sailors have been impacted firstly by the 90-day rule, stating that UK citizens can only travel to Schengen countries for 90 days in any 180-day period. VAT liability is the second key issue affecting owners, as those who bought vessels in the EU that have not been located in the UK during their current ownership will have to pay UK VAT on their boat if they want to bring it back to the UK, even if they have paid EU VAT.

The special [Back2Boating deals](#) are available from June and include discounted annual packages, with options for a lift-out service for hull check and technical work or three months' flexibility to sail elsewhere within the contract. There are also short-term deals for new clients, with the potential for an extended stay.

Liza Singer, Managing Director, Karpaz Gate Marina, said: "It has been a challenging year for everyone, with limited travel and many other restrictions. However, there is positive news regarding the vaccination program and the pandemic in the TRNC and clear travel guidance in place, so we are looking forward to welcoming boats once again and starting to see the buzz of excitement in the marina.

"It has already been seen over the past year that boating is the perfect activity during these times, as a safe way to enjoy the freedom of the ocean



and spend time with friends and family. At Karpaz Gate Marina, we are committed to combine all that is required for safe and enjoyable travel - safe mooring, peace and quiet away from the crowds, natural surroundings, and also our full-service capabilities, technical service centre, hassle-free procedures and leisure amenities. More than ever before, North Cyprus is the perfect place to select as the next home base for your boat or to visit while cruising. We can't wait to greet old friends and new visitors by sea to experience our special haven at Karpaz Gate Marina.”

Karpaz Gate Marina's berthing services, Hemingway's Resto-Bar, Beach Club and gym facilities, as well as its extensive technical department and dry dock, are now open in compliance with the local business and social COVID-19 guidelines.

This year, the marina marks a decade in operation and celebrates a significant milestone in the transformation of North Cyprus as an accessible cruising region for the yachting community. Winning five-star reviews from berth holders, the marina has built a strong reputation due to its unique and idyllic location, and immaculate berthing, technical and leisure facilities. The launch of the new Karpaz Gate Marina hotel, hammam and spa later this year is the latest development at the 5 Gold Anchor marina in North Cyprus, adding exceptional accommodation to its full-service capabilities.

### **Karpaz Gate Marina Back2Boating Packages**

(Available from June 2021)

#### **Category 3 boats (9m and over):**

- **Back2Boating Technical Package**

Offering incredible value for money, this special deal for returning boat owners on an annual berth will allow a hull check with a discounted 2-hour lift-out or a discounted lift-out onto the dry dock for any maintenance or service work. Boat owners visiting Karpaz Gate Marina for the first time can opt for the same special travel lift discounts for any mooring period contract.

- **Back2Boating Easy Come, Easy Go Package**

For boat owners looking for a safe, secure home base who wish to have some flexibility to sail further afield, this discounted Back2Boating ECEG package is the perfect solution. This unique deal allows up to an aggregate of 3 months' sailing within an annual mooring contract term.

- **Back2Boating Newbie Package**

This is a special opportunity for new boat owners discovering the charms of North Cyprus and Karpaz Gate Marina for the first time. Those owners are offered a month's stay at a discounted price, during which time they are welcome to extend their package to any of the 6-month or annual packages.

**There are also special prices available for June for Category 1 & 2 boats.**

Berthing quotes are available now by emailing [info@karpazbay.com](mailto:info@karpazbay.com) or by WhatsApp and calling +90 533 833 7878.

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## **About Karpaz Gate Marina**

**Our Vision:** Karpaz Gate Marina's vision is to introduce the less travelled areas of the Eastern Mediterranean to the yachting sector, to lead the development of this region to create a widely recognised and attractive yachting tourism destination, and to establish the marina as the leading homeport in the Eastern Mediterranean.

- **Location:** the northern shore of the Karpaz Peninsula in North Cyprus, 20nm west of Cape Andreas and 48nm east of Girne (N35 33.5' E34 13.6')
- **Awards:** Karpaz Gate Marina was named The Yacht Harbour Association's (TYHA) International Marina of the Year Runner-up in 2018 and 2019, and the 2017 International Marina of the Year Winner; TYHA's rating of 5 Gold Anchors was received in July 2013; ICOMIA Clean Marina standard achieved in July 2013
- **Berths:** 300 accommodating up to 60m vessels, including 15 berths for superyachts
- **Berth services:** power and fresh water available for every berth; TV connection; high speed Wi-Fi to all areas of the marina
- **Security:** 24/7 CCTV and security personnel throughout the marina as well as access control and access cards for each marina area
- **Boat Yard:** 18,000 square metres of dry storage area, with modern and fully-equipped workshops and a 300-ton travel lift accommodating yachts with a beam up to 10m. Services include: yacht painting, carpentry, hull repairs, anti-fouling (including Coppercoat application), polishing and varnishing, teak work, engine and reduction gear servicing, rudder system servicing,

navigation equipment servicing, electrical works

- **Fuel:** Euro diesel and gasoline available
- **Duty Free status:** includes duty-free prices on fuel, technical services and supplies, as well as berthing fees
- **Leisure facilities:** include Hemingway's Resto-Bar; Beach Club, with 33m Infinity pool, watersports centre, private beach, children's pool and play area, restaurant and bar; Cinema / Art Gallery; Mephisto Diving Centre; fitness centre/gym
- **RYA Training Centre recognition:** Ocean Yachting – Karpaz Gate Marina opened in 2020
- **Accommodation:** an on-site luxury Hotel, Hamam and Spa will open in 2021
- **Cruising locations:** there are miles of sandy beaches, coves and bays along the north east coast of Northern Cyprus, with Famagusta (67nm) and Girne (48nm) a short sail away. The nearby southern Turkish coastline includes the harbours of Alanya, Antalya, Marmaris and Bodrum. In just under 300 nautical miles it is possible to reach Rhodes, gateway to the Greek Islands
- **On-site activities:** include private Gallery Club, music and movie nights, BBQs
- **Shore services:** on-site mini-market, chandlery, laundry room, international currency ATM
- **Marina office services:** include online weather updates; concierge and VIP service; airport collection service to/from nearest airports of Larnaca and Ercan
- **Freshwater:** produced on site

- **Pollution controls:** waste water collection and treatment plant; solid waste collection stations; bilge water collection service; waste engine oil collection stations; independent desalination plant on site
- **Port of Entry:** marina office provides full assistance with clearance procedures
- **Group membership:** ICOMIA Marinas Group (IMG); 'Destinations', a network of exclusive marinas established by ART Marine Marinas
- **Contact:** Marina Office on VHF Channel 10 'Karpaz Gate Marina'. The marina also listens on Channel 16
- **2021 offers\*:** Special Back2Boating packages available from June 2021; other packages include a free haul out, hull wash and anti-fouling application with 21 days hard standing for annual berth holders; VIP care package; 'Freezing Option' to suspend annual contract; Flexible package to berth in water or dry dock; Stay 1 week, pay for 5 days; Fuel costs incentives  
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