



Registration is open to join Karpaz Gate Marina's free online training talks

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## Karpaz Gate Marina Launches Free Online Training Talks Offering Tips and Guidance for Boaters

<u>Karpaz Gate Marina</u>, home to the first Royal Yachting Association-recognised Training Centre in North Cyprus, has launched a series of free online training talks for boaters looking to improve their sailing knowledge.

The <u>Five Gold Anchor-rated marina</u> is running the <u>webinars</u> this spring to help attendees prepare for the season, with many people across the world still required to spend more time at home due to travel and social

restrictions.

Led by Karpaz Gate Marina's RYA Training Centre Chief Instructor, Mr Erez Ben Eshay, from Ocean-Yachting, the English-language lectures offer a special virtual opportunity to learn more about a variety of sailing topics, such as modern navigation, weather, ocean crossing, and licensing and insurance.

The Karpaz Gate Marina series of Zoom webinars launched with the first talk on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, discussing Modern Navigation for Boaters. The next lecture scheduled is on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March and entitled Licensing and Insurance for Boaters, covering the UK's Brexit, the EU introduction of the ICC coastal and inland skipper license, and how insurance is becoming more dependent on weather areas and skippers' and owners' knowledge and experience. Anyone interested can register for the webinar here: https://bit.ly/3ewGnh9

The useful talks serve as an introduction to the specialist expertise and range of RYA training courses offered at the 'Ocean Yachting – Karpaz Gate Marina' RYA Training Centre based at Karpaz Gate Marina, in North Cyprus, including: RYA Start Yachting, RYA Competent Crew, RYA Day Skipper, RYA Coastal Skipper, RYA Coastal/ RYA Yachtmaster™ Offshore shorebased and RYA Yachtmaster™ Ocean shorebased, as well as specific courses for Radar and more.

An experienced sailor and RYA instructor with a passion to teach new generations of sailors, Mr Ben-Eshay, PhD, is an RYA Yachtmaster™ Ocean and Yachtmaster Instructor and is a PADI dive instructor. He has completed several competitive global circumnavigations, including the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race and single-handed Volvo Ocean Race, and has logged more than 120,000 miles at sea.

All upcoming lectures take place on Mondays at 16:00 (UTC), 18:00 local time, and will be announced on the marina's <u>Facebook page</u> along with the registration link. Attendance numbers for the free webinars are limited and on a first come, first served basis. Recorded versions are available on request.

Anyone interested in learning more about RYA training courses at Karpaz Gate Marina or the free spring lectures, can email <a href="mailto:sailingclub@karpazbay.com">sailingclub@karpazbay.com</a>.

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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 2020

- 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\*: 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 \*Terms and Conditions apply