



Winds of Change crew

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KARPAZ GATE MARINA HOSTS FIRST TRAINING MEET OF WINDS OF CHANGE SAILING PROJECT TO ENDORSE YACHT TOURISM IN CYPRUS

Karpaz Gate Marina in Northern Cyprus welcomed organisers and team members from the Winds of Change project to the marina resort this week as they embark on the first of a series of training and team building sessions.

Hosted by Karpaz Gate Marina, young Greek and Turkish Cypriots have come

together for a common goal as part of the historic "Winds of Change" voyage, which aims to promote peace, connection, and transformation via sailing. Karpaz Gate Marina is delighted to facilitate this groundbreaking project to produce the first unified Cypriot sailing team to sail around the divided island of Cyprus as one integrated team.

Event founder, [Sophia Papamichalopoulos](#) and the crew of 12 have recently concluded a four day training exercise on the southern coast of Cyprus and will be arriving at Karpaz Gate Marina on Thursday 10th August to continue their training pursuits.

Working towards a circumnavigation around Cyprus that is scheduled for early September, the crew will continue their team development sessions, selections and action-packed training sessions. The team is thrilled to be hosted by the Marina and utilise their state-of-the-art leisure and marina facilities including: technical centre, accommodation, restaurant, conference rooms and gym.

On commencement of their training, Sophia commented; "Over the course of the coming week, team members will participate in both theoretical courses and practical sailing sessions here at the Karpaz. As the majority of the teammates have never sailed before, this specialised training led by a bi-communal team of sailors and trainers, including an Olympian, aims to bring the group to a level where they can function as crew members on a yacht, feel safe and comfortable on the water and thrive as a team."

Karpaz Gate Marina recognises the need to promote yacht tourism opportunities and shares the Winds of Change mission to contribute to peacebuilding, reaffirming its position as a positive force in the future growth of yachting and travel tourism for the entire island.

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Notes to Editors

Winds of Change venture was officially launched back in April 2023 in celebration of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP).

Originally, the intention was to choose only six people to advance to the next steps of the project, but owing to everyone's incredible engagement and efforts, another crowdfunding campaign was launched by the Winds for Change group, which granted the project enough funds to advance all twelve participants to the second phase.

For live updates and content on the Winds of Change project see [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

About Karpaz Gate Marina Resort

Our Vision: Karpaz Gate Marina's mission is to introduce the less travelled areas of the Eastern Mediterranean to lead the development of this region to create a unique Home, Haven and Heaven on Earth for guests by land and sea.

To achieve the high standards required and to be able to realize our vision, we recognize the importance of upholding the dedication and commitment of

our **well-trained, motivated and enthusiastic team of employees.**

We are committed to **making a difference**, both for all of our clients as well as for our local community in the remote and beautiful area of the Karpaz.

We are Different, Better, Special.

- **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, 2019, 2021 and 2022, and the 2017 International Marina of the Year Winner; TYHA's rating of 5 Gold Anchors was received in July 2013 and the rating of Platinum and Clean Marina status in April 2023; 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
- **Yacht Club:** boat owner and crew meeting place with lounge, kitchen, play area, meeting room
- **Yacht Charter:** sailing yachts and motorboats available for full and half day trips
- **RYA Training Centre:** Ocean Yachting RYA Training Centre offers theory and practical courses
- **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
- **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
- **2023 offers*:** packages include a free haul out, hull wash and anti-fouling application with 21 days hard standing for annual berth holders; Easy Come Easy Go 'Freezing Option' to suspend annual contract; Flexible packages to berth in water or dry dock; Technical Package; Discounts for renewing clients *Terms and Conditions apply
- **Hotel:** on-site boutique Karpaz Gate Marina Hotel featuring nautical design, with 52 cabins, each with terrace or balcony views, including 44x32sqm Standard Cabins, 4x58sqm Family Corner Cabins, 4x58sqm Corner Suite Cabins
- **The Gallery:** 20m indoor pool, jacuzzi and gym are exclusively available for marina and hotel clients; 2 x corporate meeting rooms with tables, chairs, audio and visual equipment
- **Hamam and Spa:** treatment rooms, saunas and tradition hamam
- **Beach Club:** with 33m Infinity pool, watersports centre providing kayaks and SUPs, private beach with cabanas, children's pool and play area, restaurant and bar
- **Hemingway's Resto-Bar:** serves international and traditional cuisine all day on the promenade
- **Fitness studio:** for pilates, yoga and other classes
- **Events and occasions:** music events, weddings, parties, business meetings
- **Shore services:** on-site mini-market, chandlery, laundry room, international currency ATM
- **Concierge:** airport transfers and border pass assistance, transportation around the island, tours, activities, car rental, all personal assistance
- **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

- **Sustainability:** solar plan, recycling, on-site vegetable and herb garden, green house and nursery
- **Hotel and activity packages include:** Golf & Relaxation; Gourmet; Wellness; Sail; Pilates, Yoga and Mindfulness Retreat

Karpaz Gate Marina won booking.com's Traveller Review Awards 2023; two LUXLife awards, a Restaurant Guru award for Hemingway's and a TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice award

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North Cyprus sites and attractions include: Karpaz National Park, Golden Beach, St Hilarion, Kantara and Buffavento Castles, Apostolos Andreas Monastery, the ruins of Agia Trias Basilica (Siphai Village), the Ancient City of Salamis, Famagusta old city, Kyrenia (Girne) old harbour, Kyrenia Castle and the Shipwreck Museum, Nicosia (Lefkosa) old city, Alagadi Turtle Beach, Bellapais Village and Abbey, Five Finger Mountains and Ayios Philon Church. An abundance of shops and restaurants and interesting attractions are available at the main hubs of Famagusta (Gazimağusa), Nicosia (Lefkoşa) and Girne (Kyrenia).