**News Release**

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**Overseas berthing becomes easier with ‘try before you buy’
from MDL Marinas at Sant Carles Marina, Spain**

MDL Marinas is once again offering boat owners the chance to ‘try before you buy’, with a heavily subsidised weekend trip to explore Sant Carles Marina, Spain, from 140€ per person. Offering superb cruising and exceptional facilities, the marina is a popular destination for both sail and power boat owners and is only 100 nautical miles from the Balearics.

Visitors to Southampton International Boat Show can find out more at MDL’s waterside stand when Nicholas Gonzalez, Sant Carles’ marina manager will be present between the 17th and 20th September inclusive (visit E52).

The weekend trip allows boat owners considering an overseas berth a brilliant chance to explore Sant Carles marina and village. Visitors will enjoy informed discussions with existing berth holders and have the chance to understand the process and benefits of berthing abroad as well as experiencing the area.

Enjoying Catalonia delights, guests will spend two nights in the Miami Mar Hotel (4\* accommodation) and take a guided tour of the lagoon on the marina’s motorboat, Flamingo One, to spot local wildlife and witness the beautiful scenery (including 17 miles of stunning sandy beaches). There’ll also be the opportunity to explore the local towns of Tortosa, the capital of the comarca of Baix Ebre, and Peñiscola, a bustling seaport, which is steeped in history. Nearby, the mountain village of Horta de Sant Joan inspired Picasso, and now features the Picasso Centre with a fabulous display of artworks.

“Start exploring our marina and the area with a weekend away,” says Nicolas Gonzalez, marina manager. “We’re a wonderful marina with a friendly culture and excellent customer service, plus all the team speak excellent English too. You’ll see wild flamingos and eat amazing foods like at Les Noves Algues, a contemporary restaurant located on the harbour.”

The weekend includes:

* Two nights at Miami Mar Hotel with breakfast
* Dinner from a delicious ‘tasting menu’ at Miami Mar
* A one hour guided tour of the lagoon and aperitif at Sant Carles Marina
* Traditional Mariner’s lunch

As well as the wonderful range of activities, visitors will find out about berthing packages which help to make keeping a boat in Europe as straightforward as possible with discussions about boat transportation, flights, transfers and local transportation. The marina also offers lease sales, annual and visitor berthing options and 4-year berthing packages.

Contact enquiries@santcarlesmarina.com or call (0034) 9777 45153 to find out more or go to <http://www.santcarlesmarina.com>.

\*Price per person based on double occupancy. IVA included at the rate of 21% (Spanish equivalent of VAT). Valid from 1st October 2019 to 26 March 2020. Flights not included (booking assistance available). Transport from/to the airport is not included (assistance in arranging transport available).

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**Editors’ notes**

**Images:** High res images are available in the online media centre at maa.agency

**Sant Carles Marina facilities and services:**

* Like all of MDL’s marinas, Sant Carles offers outstanding facilities. Onsite, customers will find an infinity pool, restaurants, bars and a customer lounge.

• Up to 1,150 berths

• Max LOA: 33m

• 75 ton travelift

• 5 ton crane

• 10,000 sq. m of boat storage area

• Infinity swimming pool

• Showers and toilets

• Customer lounge

• Bar and restaurant

• Pressure washing

• Electric Vehicle Charging - Tesla & Universal Type 2

• Storage sheds

• Recycling facilities

• MDL WiFi

• Laundry facilities

• Fuel (petrol, diesel)

• Car parking

**MDL Marinas**

• MDL Marinas is the UK’s leading marina and water-based leisure provider and one of Europe’s largest marina groups, offering members 150 destinations to cruise to in the UK, France, Spain and Portugal through Freedom Berthing. Currently MDL Marinas manage 19 prime marina locations.

• MDL Marinas is proud to be landlords to over 300 marine business companies, with over 260 staff delivering the unique MDL experience to all members, guests and commercial partners.

• The company also advises on worldwide marina developments including Europe and China.

• For more information visit www.mdlmarinas.co.uk

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