

# APSA TELEGRAPH

Asia-Pacific Superyacht Association

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### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, the US and Worldwide yachting industry,

As the yachting world gathers in Fort Lauderdale Florida, we are happy to let you know that the Asia Pacific Superyacht Association is also gathering pace.

Just 4 weeks ago we were in Monaco, where APSA's "THE ASIA SUPERYACHT NIGHT" our annual Monaco party was more than twice the size of last year with around 200 people in attendance. This brought together members and special guests from the top tiers of the global yachting industry, to enjoy a terrific evening of entertainment and networking sponsored by YACHTZOO, TAHITI TOURISM, HAWK YACHTS and HILL DICKINSON. This event which is held the night before the show starts and utilizes the rooftop of the Monte Carlo Novotel, with spectacular day and night-time views over the principality, has now become one of the core "to be seen at" events in Monaco.

Some of the great comments that poured into us after the event were:

Some of the "Love the People, Love the Passion, Love the Party..." Martin Redmayne from The Superyacht Report/Group; "Thank you so much for showcasing Asia in Monaco" Patrick Medecin, Monaco's Ambassador to Japan.

In the two weeks following Monaco two new members joined us; **Hong Seh Marine** in Singapore and **Gold Coast City Marina & Shipyard**, Australia. We are pleased to have these fantastic new members onboard and recognizing the importance of being members of APSA.

This event has become so successful that we are now planning to have "THE ASIA SUPERYACHT NIGHT – SINGAPORE EDITION" at Asia's flagship show, the Singapore Yacht Show in 2019.

Other news is that our all new and updated **APSA Guide** has been distributed at Monaco and will be distributed to all yachts and companies exhibiting at FLIBS, SYS, APSA members and major marinas worldwide. The hugely successful **APSA Quarterly Drinks** will be held in Hong Kong during **International Cruise & Yachting Festival** (November 2018), please look out for APSA's press releases and social media for updates on this event. And there's more plans for 2019 coming soon.... APSA has never been so strong and had such momentum. Stay Tuned!

But now it's FLIBS and the American market seems bullish... APSA wishes everyone good success in Florida and onwards toward 2019.



**Nigel Beatty,**  
Chairman

### ASIA SUPERYACHT NIGHT IN MONACO



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**Cruising Indonesia: 'Orangutans in the Wild'... a last look?**

Asia Pacific Superyachts Indonesia is delighted to be welcoming back our good friends Latitude in November", reports Captain Jimmy Blee of Asia Pacific Superyachts Indonesia.

"After an amazingly successful Komodo and region expedition in August, the Owner, who is a keen wildlife and underwater photographer, wants more!"

The plan for the boat's November trip will be Jimmy Blee's signature exclusive 'Orangutan Viewing Expedition'.

This is a life changing adventure where AP takes the boat to anchor in the Sekonyer River adjacent to the town of Kumai. From there over a period of three days tenders are taken up the tiny water courses to enter some of the last jungle areas where these magnificent creatures have been forced to habitat after the cruel and massive deforestation of the Kalimantan jungles.

The Tanjung Puting National park, a semi-protected area overseen by a dedicated group of Indonesian rangers, is the location where the Orangutans can be viewed and one of the last bastions to see these engaging animals in the wild within Indonesia.



"Bringing our clients to see the Orangutans in this location has a threefold effect", explained Jimmy Blee, visiting this special area for the past 10 years: "We raise awareness of the plight of diminishing habitat for the Orangutans and bring revenue into the local economy and into the local rangers' station. This will hopefully allow their good works to continue and leave our guests with an everlasting memory imprint they will never forget. To see these human-type animals up close and personal is a truly moving experience", said Captain Jimmy, clearly passionate about the subject.



"The timing of these potential trips are crucial" continued Capt Jimmy, "The area is not conducive accessing in Summer [NW] or Winter [SE] monsoons times. The best and really only time of the year to visit the great apes is in April and November. Southern Kalimantan is a quick run down from Singapore; or, easy trip across from Bali if the boat is in the country already", expanded Blee when quizzed on ideal access timing to the area.

After the Kalimantan Orangutan adventure the good ship Latitude will continue on the Raja Ampat for a months of cruising and diving.

For further information or trip planning advice for a potential Kalimantan Orangutan viewing adventure those interested may contact Captain Jimmy Blee at [jblee@asia-pacific-superyachts.com](mailto:jblee@asia-pacific-superyachts.com)

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**CHEURAM connects Europe and Asia**

Hong Kong-based and long-time member CHEURAM Consulting Group is regarded as a true legal and business link between Europa and Asia. With law offices in Hamburg, Germany and Antibes, France, Henning Schwarzkopf, licensed as a lawyer both in Germany and France and founder/managing director of CHEURAM connects its offices in Hong Kong and Singapore.

The company's well-established Asian partner, Mr. Teck Wee NG of Singapore with his extensive experience in commercial shipping and ship finance compliments the firm's maritime expertise in Asia.

Together, CHEURAM Consulting Group and Henning Schwarzkopf advise Asian shipping and yachting clients in China, Hong Kong and Singapore in various legal and business areas, e.g. company formation, partnership and joint venture agreements, marketing, approaching capital markets.

**Nansha Marina: from “Gold” to “Platinum”**

On October 14th 2018, it was officially informed by MIA (Marina Industries Association, Australia) that Nansha Marina had successfully passed the “platinum Gold Anchor” accreditation, and from now on is globally acknowledged as the Platinum Gold Anchor Marina—the highest standard that can be awarded for Marina service. In 2011 Nansha Marina became the first Marina in Mainland China to receive the “Five Gold Anchor” status, which was once again confirmed by the 2015 assessment. In 2018 Nansha Marina reached its new milestone—has become the highest quality Marina according to the “Global Gold Anchor Scheme”

The awarding of the Platinum Five Gold Anchor status means the international acknowledgement of Nansha Marina state-of-the-arts facilities, top operational standards, service quality and team’s high professionalism.

**MIA Chairman Mr. Andrew Chapman stated:**

“The awarding of platinum Gold Anchor accreditation to Nansha Marina is a reflection of the excellence in the marinas facilities and services. Achievement of platinum status has come from a long term commitment by the marinas management team and its owners to continual improvement. The high quality on-shore facilities including dining and boat lifting combined with a modern pontoon system for the safe berthing of vessels are key attributes of this world class marina”.

Though our history isn’t very long, it is full of memorable events and milestones that turned Nansha Marina into what it is now—the quality benchmark Marina.

- July 2011: Official establishment of Nansha Marina.
- July 2011: Nansha Marina—the 1st Marina in Mainland China to be awarded with the “Five Gold Anchor” status by The Yacht Harbour Association, UK (TYHA).
- Oct 2012: the premier launch of Yacht CN—Nansha Bay International Boat Show and China Yachting Conference, that became annual anchor event on the Marina’s calendar and opened a new chapter of NM’s history.
- Oct 2013: the 2nd Yacht CN 2013—Nansha Bay International Boat Show.
- Oct 2014: the 3rd Yacht CN 2014—Nansha Bay International Boat Show.
- Jul 2015: Nansha Marina confirms its status of the “Five Gold Anchor” marina after the MIA assessment.
- Oct 2015: the 4th Yacht CN 2015—Nansha Bay International Boat Show.
- Sept 2016: the 5th Yacht CN 2016—Nansha Bay International Boat Show & 2nd China Yachting Conference.
- Jul 2017: premier launch of the 1st Guangzhou Nansha International Sailing Regatta & Yacht CN 2017 Boat Show, the 1st international sailing event ever organized in Guangzhou. Also known as the “Nansha Maritime Silk Route Challenge Cup”, it brought together teams from the countries along the ancient Maritime Silk Route.
- Feb 2018: the legendary Volvo Ocean Race comes to GZ. Nansha Marina becomes the host venue for the Volvo Ocean Race
- 2017-18—China Guangzhou Stopover and is evaluated as one of the most successful stopovers in the edition by VOR organizing committee.
- Oct 2018: Nansha Marina is awarded the top quality status for the Marinas by MIA and becomes the platinum Gold Anchor Marina.
- Dec 2018: the 2nd Guangzhou Nansha International Sailing Regatta & Yacht CN 2018..Get ready to be impressed.

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Nansha Marina’s members and guests are our main treasure, and to deliver the best of service to them is our staff’s prime objective. It’s their support and trust that encourage us to continuously improve our service. With customer’s satisfaction as the ultimate goal, Nansha Marina will continue to work hard to ensure its services and facilities are up to and even beyond our guests’ expectations.

### Quintessential Australia

**T**ropical North Queensland boasts a diverse landscape with an array of authentic Australian experiences from deluxe outback retreats and intimate Indigenous tours to helicopter pub crawls over the rolling Atherton Tablelands.

Escape to the outback for a few nights of secluded paradise at the exclusive Gilberton Outback Retreat. Arrive via helicopter to the ultra-luxurious twist on the iconic tin shed with uninterrupted views over the Gilbert River. Unplug, unwind and experience the tranquillity of the outback. Watch mustering in action, take a guided bushwalk, go kayaking or take an epic 4WD adventure. Uncover the rich Aboriginal and gold mining history of the area.

Another heli-transfer to Crystalbrook Lodge offers unique outback luxury with an infinity pool overlooking the stunning lake. Fine-dining meets authentic Australia with exquisitely crafted meals focusing on local and seasonal produce. Reel in the elusive barramundi or watch the sunrise from a paddleboard. Voyage to Chillagoe for a privately guided tour of prehistoric limestone caves. Return to a chilled champagne by the campfire, finishing the night relaxing under the milky way before retiring to your elegant suite.

### Indigenous Connection



Discover true connection to country just north of Cairns at Jarramali Rock Art Tours. The landscape will take your breath away, perched atop a sandstone escarpment overlooking steep cliff-faces and a deep gorge filled with eucalypt forest. A gourmet spread of seafood or a classic Aussie damper cooked over hot coals is to be savoured whilst chatting with the local Traditional Owner. Reflect on the deep history of the ancient landscape and its people as your Kuku Yalanji guide teaches you about the local bushfoods and medicines on your way down to the 20,000-year-old Magnificent Rock Art Gallery exhibiting approximately 450 separate paintings. This intimate experience is guaranteed to stay with you for life.

### Plateau Pub Crawls

Experience a favourite Aussie pastime, the pub crawl, with a twist like no other. Discover the highlights of the Atherton Tablelands from a helicopter between touching down at various iconic pubs. Fly past the highest freestanding natural pyramid in the world, across the pristine Crater Lakes National Park, over the almighty Barron falls and through the oldest living rainforest on earth. Stock up on your favourite flavours of the day at Mount Uncle Distillery, including the signature Botanic Australis Gin and enjoy cold beers overlooking the water and eucalypt woodlands.

**By Super Yacht Group Great Barrier Reef**

### Welcome to Queensland and the world's iconic Great Barrier Reef!

**A**t 2,300 km long, the largest living organism in the world is still a place of incredible beauty, a place to explore and enjoy but it's future is in the balance.

Coral reefs worldwide are under extreme pressure due to increasing water temperatures and yes, the GBR has been through two bleaching events in 2016 and 2017. "But, it ain't done yet" as the "Godfather of Corals" Dr Charlie Veron said after surfacing from a dive on the most diverse coral reef ever found on the GBR while on the GBR Legacy's Search for the Super Corals expedition in Nov 2018.

Even though some reefs have been badly degraded, they are also regenerating and there are still many wonderful areas to dive, snorkel and explore. It just means you will have to pick where you plan to go. Fortunately, super yachts are built for just this purpose and with the expertise of local guides your best reef experience is assured.

If you want a truly unique experience, Super Yacht Group Great Barrier Reef in association with the not-for-profit, Great Barrier Reef Legacy ([www.gbrlegacy.org](http://www.gbrlegacy.org)) and Dive Addiction create unique, custom made itineraries with knowledgeable marine biologists/guides to swim with Minke Whales, Sharks, big fish, coral gardens, deep sea nautilus or bespoke indigenous cultural experiences.

To preserve healthy coral reefs into the future, new and innovative opportunities exist to harness philanthropic investments. By becoming a "vessel of opportunity" access and important research can be conducted from super yachts.

A few tips: The GBR is the size of Italy so to get the best out of your reef experience you may want to:

1. Hire a quality guide with experience in the area of operation (speak to Super Yacht Group Great Barrier Reef - a complimentary service).
2. Consider the calendar of natural history events:  
Eg: In June and July the northern GBR is host to one of the world's most incredible wildlife experiences...swimming with Dwarf Minke whales. This is a special permitted activity so you will want to hire a whale guide and permit to snorkel/dive with the friendliest mammals on the planet. or Turtle nesting in Nov-December.
3. Take advantage of the various regional airports such as Hamilton Island, Lizard Island, Lockhart River or Horn Island to rendezvous with your vessel and access the best reefs and wildlife experiences.



We hope you truly enjoy the wonders of the reef when you come down under.

**By Super Yacht Group Great Barrier Reef**

### Discover Aboriginal Experiences

**A**trip to Australia isn't just a visit to the land down under: it's the modern home of an ancient people. Multi-faceted and imbued with ancient wisdom, Australia's Aboriginal people are warm, welcoming and extremely generous of spirit; getting to know their approach to life may well be one of the richest travel experiences available.

Australia is often thought of as a young country. After all, it was colonised by the British as recently as 1788. But Aboriginal culture is older than Roman ruins. It predates the Pyramids and existed long before Stonehenge; estimated to stretch back at least 60,000 years, it is the oldest continuous living culture in the world.



Yet you won't find grand monuments dotted around Australia's vast outback. What you'll discover is a rich culture that has always lived softly. Deeply connected to nature, its historical footprint exists through rock paintings that date back tens of thousands of years; through dancing grounds used for generations; and through stories laden with acute wisdom, which continue to be told today.



Discover Aboriginal Experiences collective is a carefully curated selection of Australia's signature Aboriginal tourism experiences. Recognised not just by stringent official selection process but by peers, competitors and the industry at large, each member of this collection is considered world class leaders in Aboriginal tourism, representing local Aboriginal culture with integrity and authenticity – a responsibility indeed.

Importantly, each of these experiences also involves the use of Aboriginal guides. For who better to show you around than a traditional custodian of the land? Aboriginal guides don't just afford a unique means of bringing Australia's landscapes to life. As the owners of the stories they share with you, they offer a means of connecting with Australian places and cultures quite unlike anything else you'll find.

From adventure seekers and cultural enthusiasts to foodies and nature lovers, there really is something everyone. No matter where you choose to go, you'll be sure to find a meaningful, memorable experience.



Discover Aboriginal Experiences collective is part of Tourism Australia's Signature Experiences of Australia program that promotes outstanding tourism experiences within a variety of special categories.

We look forward to welcoming you.  
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**Compass Fresh would like to announce some exciting news for this cruising season in Raja Ampat.**

While the Komodo season was in full swing we did a lot of work in organising a dry goods storage facility in Sorong for all vessels and businesses to access. We would like you to know that we have a big supply of Indonesian export grade Milk range, Greenfields, as well as many dry goods stores including fruits(dried), nuts, seeds, oils, vinegar, pulses, flour & sauces and many more for you to purchase from Compass Fresh.

We all know the use of plastics has to decline particularly in this region if not throughout all of Indonesia and the world so we are delivering your goods purchased from our Sorong warehouse in plastic crates which we will collect and reuse to reduce waste. At Compass Fresh we are excited about this new green way of transporting your non-perishables in the region. If we do not contribute to using less plastic and trying to reduce our waste; our businesses and vessels will, unfortunately, seek to exist. No one wants that, do they?

Please contact us at Compass Fresh to join the revolution and help us start reducing waste by keeping Raja Ampat pristine and beautiful. The ordering procedure is still the same, just state in your purchase request which items from Sorong you would like. Your invoices will be a lot cheaper as your landing and packing costs of these Sorong purchased products has been significantly reduced due to the processes and procedures we at Compass Fresh have put in place.

Contribute to saving the environment and your wallet at the same time through purchasing your dry goods for the Raja Ampat season through Compass Fresh.

We wish you all a happy and busy Raja Ampat season and look forward to seeing you soon.

By Compass Fresh

### Yachtside Solutions, tailor made tools For Central Agents Charter, use Yachtside Solutions to reach new partners with the Yachtside Charter license

**Y**achtside Asia, the Singapore based startup, which launched the yachtsidecharter.com web-app in July 2017, enabling users to book their private cruises in real-time anywhere in the world, has launched YachtSide Solutions on the 1st of October 2018.

#### This department and service offers the 2 following solutions:

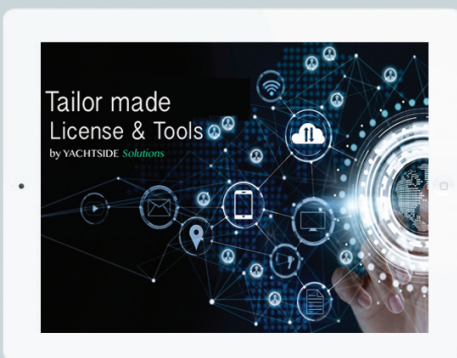
1. Dedication to Yacht Charter Agencies wishing to benefit from Yachtside Charter 3.0 Technology in the form of an exclusive license to distribute their white label services to their local business providers. This evolution enables Yachtside Asia to consolidate their position as the provider of: "Tech Solutions" catering to Yacht Charter Agencies.

The advantages for these agencies are the following:

- access to innovative technology which is constantly being updated
- tools that facilitate: easy communication, daily fleet management and the boosting and efficiency of their business result.
- Digital marketing support and a unique White Label distribution tool to consolidate and grow their network of business providers, guaranteeing that they will become a leader in their sector and grow their charter fleet.
- An expanded presence of their fleet in their international White Label network and to the 27'500 members of Yachtside Charter.

2. The management and the development of their international partner network, which takes advantage of Yachtside Asia's sectors of activity (Travel agencies, Family Offices, Private Banking, Insurance, Credit card providers, Private concierges, Real estate agencies, Beach clubs, etc..) among which the ones we already work with: Lufthansa, AMEX, Mijonet, Aditus...

This service accompanies the partners in the creation of their International "Yacht Charter Branch", along with their professionalism to optimize the quality of service offered to their clients, to protect their interests and legal obligations, and to transform this activity from simple service to their clients, into a lucrative service that differentiates them from their competitions. Yachtside Solutions positions itself as a manager and an advisor of their yacht charter activity.



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**By Yachtside**

### Lateral Naval Architects reveal 102-metre Sinot-designed superyacht concept: "Balance"

**L**ateral Naval Architects are proud to present their latest 102-metre superyacht project on the opening day of the Monaco Yacht Show 2018. Developed in collaboration with Sinot and Oceanco, Project "Balance" showcases technical innovation for real-world benefits: more space, increased efficiency and exceptional performance.

British naval architecture and engineering firm Lateral has today revealed their latest 100+ metre superyacht vessel designed by Sinot, engineered by Lateral and enabled by Oceanco. The 102-metre Project "Balance" is based on Oceanco's proven LIFE platform - an optimised, sleek hull delivering fuel efficiency, environmentally conscious solutions and technical innovation.



On board, Project "Balance" accommodates 14 guests across several generous staterooms, including four double suites on the lower deck, two VIP apartments on the main deck and an impressive owner's facilities on the dedicated owner's deck. Her clean, architectural lines come from the drawing boards of Sinot, who has incorporated large glass windows into her profile as well as introduced expansive outdoor spaces to create a perfect balance between indoor and outdoor.

Explaining the engineering design philosophy behind the project, Lateral's Managing Director, James Roy, states that as the name implies, balance is, indeed, at the very heart of the vessel. "We do not live in a linear world," Roy explains. "The world is in balance, our earth and its ecology act as a coordinated system to maintain the balance of nature and a state of equilibrium. A small change in a seemingly benign parameter is balanced out by another to ensure the complex system remains in balance. Balance, then, is the inspiration for our project. Project "Balance" is a yacht with a natural balance of proportion, form and space - achieved by taking inspiration from the laws of nature and asking new questions."

Oceanco's LIFE platform is developed in collaboration with Lateral, and leverages fundamental naval architectural principles to deliver a design which operates in a virtuous circle; less weight, less power and less technical space in turn driving the need for a lower overall gross tonnage and afford a better balance of technical and luxury space on board. This virtuous circle results in being able to select a lower engine block series, which in turns means a significant reduction in the vertical height required in main machinery spaces. At the centre of the virtuous circle is the result; a single tier engine room.

Lateral's Principal Naval Architect explains the immediate benefits of a single tier engine room, Alex Meredith Hardy: "Where conventional designs of this size would employ a full height engine room, Project "Balance" can utilise a single tier design to deliver more benefits to the owner. The single tier engine room at the heart of the LIFE platform delivers greater accommodation and lifestyle space, more flexibility in layout, and, ultimately, a yacht of perfect balance."

Coupled with a hybrid propulsion system featuring twin 16V2000M72 engines @ 1440kW, Project "Balance" delivers exceptional performance and is configured to offer multiple operational modes, each matched to the variable operating profile of a yacht designed to adventure autonomously across the world's oceans. She boasts a range of 5,300 nm, a cruising speed of 16 knots, and a top speed of 18.5 knots.

Speaking of the exterior design, Sinot states: "With a 102-metre length and nicely balanced superstructure, the yachts' appearance lives up to her name. Teak detailing in the ceilings, the stern and on the side grills offer a warm and pleasant demeanour. From the beach club up to the observatory, the five decks provide vast space for outdoor activities, lounging and dining - with the main deck featuring a 10-metre pool and an outside cinema found on the bridge deck. On the lower deck, the efficient single-level engine room creates a very spacious area for the stunning open beach club, the lagoon lounge, a large gym and a fully equipped spa with sauna. In short, Project "Balance" is the perfect family yacht; her innovative layout and design will set the new standard for future generations."

Lateral's Business Development Coordinator, Matteo Magherini, will be attending this year's Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, which is held from October 31st - November 4th. If you wish to schedule a meeting with Matteo, please contact him via email - [mmagherini@lateral.engineering](mailto:mmagherini@lateral.engineering).

**By Lateral Naval Architects**

At the same time, both offices in Europe, Hamburg and Antibes (with its proximity to Monaco) are ideally located and equipped to handle and serve European clients and their yachting and corporate law issues in Europe and Asia.



In a typical client scenario, a German yacht manufacturer wishes to expand to Asia by either building hulls in China or approaching distributors in Singapore or Hong Kong. Copyright considerations become very important along with practical issues such as setting up a local company or representative office, bank accounts and general business practices.

Similar questions occur when Chinese yards approach European customers and business partners. It is important that nothing is "lost in translation" (and more) which makes CHEURAM'S and Henning Schwarzkopf's local presences such a valuable link.

For more information visit [www.schwarzkopf-law.com](http://www.schwarzkopf-law.com) and [www.cheuram.com](http://www.cheuram.com) or contact Henning at [info@cheuram.com](mailto:info@cheuram.com).

**By Schwarzkopf Law**

**EQUANIMITY: exclusively for sale with Burgess**

We are delighted to announce that Burgess has been appointed as the exclusive worldwide Central Agent by the High Court of Malaya to assist with the judicial sale of the 91.5m (300.2ft) yacht EQUANIMITY, delivered by Oceanco in 2014.

The judicial sales process will follow strict guidelines, but essentially shall be by the submission of sealed bids by qualified potential buyers, to be opened by the Sheriff of the High Court of Malaya in November/December 2018. We are advised that in accordance with Admiralty law, the judicial sale will provide the buyer with an internationally recognised ownership title free of mortgage, attachment and all encumbrances.



Please click [here](#) to view the Central Agency announcement. For more information please contact Mark Woodmansey [mwoodmansey@burgessyachts.com](mailto:mwoodmansey@burgessyachts.com).

**By BURGESS**

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**By BURGESS**

**The Islands of Tahiti, home for Bravo Media's Below Deck Season Six**

The stunning environments of The Islands of Tahiti, specifically the islands of Tahiti and Moorea, are the home for the sixth season of Bravo Media's hit TV series "Below Deck" which premiered on October 2, 2018. Below Deck follows the young, hardworking crew members who live, work and play onboard a multi-million dollar mega yacht, giving viewers a rare glimpse into the elusive world of yachting. This season marks the first time Below Deck has set sail for The Islands of Tahiti, and features the beloved Captain Lee and Kate Chastain (Chief Stewardess), along with a new crew, chartering the 185-foot custom motor luxury M/Y Seanna yacht for an array of clients.



The series features some of the top attractions on the islands of Tahiti and Moorea, including hiking trails, waterfalls, aquatic sea life, restaurants, land excursions, and more.

The Islands of Tahiti, an ideal cruising and yachting setting, offers a seamless transition from the deep rolling waves of the South Pacific to the serene crystal clear water of the destination's dreamlike lagoons.

Just eight hours by flight from Los Angeles, The Islands of Tahiti offer various cruise lines that sail around the islands, as well as a diverse variety of luxury catamarans, yachts and sailboats to fulfill the needs of any dream voyage. Rich with life on land and in the water, The Islands of Tahiti is home to abundant coral reefs providing diverse aquatic life and is one of the world's top scuba diving locations. The destination's warm waters are ideal for activities such as jet skiing, windsurfing, paddle boarding, snorkeling and also idyllic experiences such as enjoying a classic Polynesian picnic on a motu (islet). When docked on land, travelers can explore lush jungles and mountainous terrain by 4x4 or ATV, visit local villages to experience Polynesian culture, roam UNESCO-designated cultural sites, and enjoy an array of local and fine dining restaurants, cafes and bars.

**About The Islands of Tahiti**

Located in the South Pacific, The Islands of Tahiti are just eight hours by air from Los Angeles, California. Surrounded by pristine, crystal clear blue waters, the 118 islands and atolls offer natural beauty, authentic island culture, and unique French Polynesian style. The Islands of Tahiti are world-renowned for their white-sand beaches, stunning turquoise lagoons and varied landscapes ranging from coral atolls to volcanic mountain peaks. Each island offers a variety of accommodation experiences from luxurious resorts with overwater villas, to Tahitian Guesthouses, to sailing via private charter or scheduled cruise. Privacy comes naturally in The Islands of Tahiti and offers visitors the space to relax and reconnect and to be Embraced By Mana. Mana is the life force and spirit that connects all things in The Islands of Tahiti. Tahiti is halfway between California and Australia, on the same side of the International Date Line as North America and in the same time zone as Hawaii. For further information, visit [www.tahititourisme.com](http://www.tahititourisme.com) or call (310) 414-8484.

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