



# YACHTING EVENTS

## **REGATTAS**

# CANNES REGATES ROYALES -

From September 20 to 25 2010, a wide range of around 50 classic sailing yachts gather in the Bay of Cannes, France, and compete to win the coveted Panerai Trophy, now in its sixth year. A magnificent show on water set in stunning surroundings, the 32nd edition of the regatta features some yachts that are close to a century old. If you happen to be in Cannes or on the French Riviera at those dates, stroll down to the old port where all these great yachts will be berthed.

www.regatesroyales.com

#### **VOILES DE ST-TROPEZ**

Formerly known as Nioulargue, the Voiles de St-Tropez is one of the largest gatherings of sailing yachts worldwide, with up to 300 vessels taking part. Right after the Régates Royales in Cannes, the classic yachts shift a few nautical miles down the coast to reach the Bay of St Tropez to enjoy another four days of racing and fun. They are joined here by a fleet of modern sailing yachts that also race – on a different course. The sight of hundreds of modern and classic sails filling up the bay is most spectacular and the atmosphere in town, once all the vessels are back in port, is truly amazing. This year's event takes place between September 25 and October 3.

www.societe-nautique-saint-tropez.fr (website only in French for the time being)

## SUPERYACHT CUP ANTIGUA

Created almost 20 years ago in Palma, the Superyacht Cup (SYC) series of races is meant for large, modern sailing yachts above 20m/70' to

enjoy some competition too. The SYC now takes the vessels from Antigua, where the regatta signals the beginning of the Caribbean racing season, to Palma de Mallorca. The event gathers between 15 and 20 spectacular yachts, from performance sailing vessels, such as Philippe Briand's designed *Gliss*, to the exceptional former America's Cup J-Class racers like *Ranger*, and even the likes of *Maltese Falcon* or *Mirabella V* have taken part before. Next year's edition runs from January 26 to 29 2011.

www.thesuperyachtcup.com

#### ST BARTHS BUCKET

From March 24 to 27 2011, a fleet of 30 modern and classic sailing yachts will gather in Colombier, St Barths, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of a race known as 'the Bucket', which originated in 1986

when a group of three yacht owners decided to race an informal regatta in Newport, Rhode Island - where the summer Bucket is still held today. The event has since met with so much success that the organizers had to limit the number of entries and register the event as an official regatta. However, as stated on their website, "The primary reason for the success of the Bucket Regatta is that the emphasis is more upon wholesome fun than about winning. The stated goal is to 'win the party'. The over-riding conundrum for the Bucket Race Committee is to convince the most competitive owners on the planet (demonstrated by the fact that they own these things in the first place) that winning isn't important!" So much so, that the winner's trophy is indeed, a bucket!

www.bucketregattas.com/stbarths/index.html





# **YACHT SHOWS**

#### **CANNES FESTIVAL DE LA PLAISANCE**

Held between September 8 to 13, the Cannes International Boat and Yacht Show features the largest on-water display of floating vessels in Europe, with over 500 yachts and close to 200 of them above 70'/20m, up to 165'/50m. There are two sections to the show: new yachts, with more than 150 new models on show in the old port, near the Palais des Festivals; and the brokerage display of pre-owned yachts in Port Canto, across the bay along the Croisette. It is also the only yacht show where you can take the boats to sea for test rides.

www.salonnautiquecannes.com

# MONACO YACHT SHOW

Deemed the most exclusive luxury yacht show in the world, the Monaco Yacht Show celebrates its

20th anniversary from September 22 to 25 2010. A must-attend event for all that have a keen interest in buying, building or chartering superyachts above 100'/30m, the show features 100 yachts from shipyards and brokers worldwide, with many new and unique large yachts exhibited for the first time ever. As appointments to visit the yachts are mandatory and traffic is massive, it is recommended to contact the exhibitors prior to the show to arrange for viewing.

www.monacoyachtshow.com

# FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW

Once the Mediterranean season is

over, many yachts sail to the west and reach the shores of North America and the Caribbean for the winter season. The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, (FLIBS) signals the start of it and gathers almost all that floats, from small dinghies to the largest superyachts, making it the definitive showcase of the yachting world and the world's largest boat show – covering more than three million square feet of exhibition space, indoor and outdoor. This year's 51st edition runs from October 28 to November 1 and promises to attract the crème de la crème of superyachts presented both by shipyards and brokerage houses and tied to long lines of floating pontoons.

www.showmanagement.com



## **MIAMI YACHT SHOW**

From February 17 to 21 2011, this is the second main yacht show in Florida for superyachts.

www.miamiboatshow.com



#### **ABU DHABI YACHT SHOW**

The third edition of the Abu Dhabi Yacht Show is set to take place next spring at the Yas Marina. This is the Middle East's version of the Monaco Yacht Show, and it will be dedicated to some of the world's largest superyachts.

www.abudhabiyachtshow.com

# **DUBAI BOAT SHOW**

Held between March 1 to 5 2011, the Dubai Boat Show gathers a wide range of yachts and superyachts and has a dedicated Superyacht Boulevard for yachts above 100'/30m.

www.boatshowdubai.com

# PALM BEACH BOAT SHOW

More bespoke than Fort Lauderdale and Miami shows, the third Florida yacht show showcases a number of large brokerage yachts. Next year's dates are March 24 to 27.

www.showmanagement.com/palm\_beach\_ international\_boat\_show\_2011/event

